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### **THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMAND at SUNNYBROOK HOSPITAL for Veterans**

TORONTO, ON - The unveiling of 'The Veteran's Living Tribute Wall' at Sunnybrook Hospital for Veterans on Monday, August 22, 2016.

The Veteran's Living Tribute Wall project began several months ago with a vision to extend the Veterans Honour Wall.

Since the very early days of Sunnybrook, The Royal Canadian Legion has been there for the Veterans leading by example in serving Veterans at Sunnybrook and across Canada.

Sunnybrook recognized the long standing relationship with the Royal Canadian Legion as well as other Organizations who have dedicated time and energy to make the Sunnybrook Veteran Community what it is today.

Focus points description on the Wall are:

- Stain glass Poppies and colourful Maple Leaves flow across the panel depicting the change in seasons; and the Royal Canadian Legion Crest is set within a large Maple Leaf being the centre point of the wall.
- With the Legion Crest within the Maple Leaf a description provides a summary of the history of the Royal Canadian Legion.
- Below the Maple Leaf are two digital monitors that showcase Sunnybrook Veterans' life stories through profiles and photos
- Another feature of the wall includes six large frames with coloured photos of Veterans that can be changed throughout the year. These photos highlight the Veterans in action enjoying activities and events at Sunnybrook.
- At the very bottom of the wall, placed at eye level for those Veteran's in wheelchairs, is the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.
- Above the Maple Leaf it states "This wall honours the legacy of giving of the Royal Canadian Legion and many other Individuals and Organizations who have directly enhanced the lives of our Veterans. Please take a moment to reflect on and explore the many ways we can sustain their legacy of giving."

Words from the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command President, Brian Weaver included, "It's a fitting tribute to those Veterans that have gone on before us and are going to be living beyond, past us when we go".

For further information about the "Veteran's Living Tribute Wall", please contact Pamela Sweeny at the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command Office 905-841-7999.