

**The Royal Canadian Legion
US Branch 25
San Francisco Bay Area**

O Canada!

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada!
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land
Glorious and free!
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.*

**Commemoration Day
Virtual Service**

Wednesday, 01 July 2021 – 10:00 am

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Ode to Newfoundland (1902)

*Lyrics by Sir Cavendish Boyle
Music by Sir Hubert Parry.*

*When sunrays crown thy pine-clad hills
And Summer spreads her hand
When silvern voices tune thy rills
We love thee smiling land
We love thee, we love thee,
We love thee smiling land.*

*As loved our fathers, so we love
Where once they stood we stand
Their prayer we raise to heav'n above
God guard thee Newfoundland
God guard thee, God guard thee
God guard thee Newfoundland.*



**Under the direction of
President Michael Barbour**

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The Little Blue Forget-Me-Not (2018)

by Bud Davidge

*Better than the best from the beginning,
Since eighteen-twelve with Isaac Brock,
Long before the graves were red with poppies,
They wore the blue forget-me-not.*

*Graveyards full of heroes fallen,
And stones that bear no soldiers' names,
Whose souls to heaven long departed,
Their praises sung at Menin's Gate.*

*Where the words of John McCrea still echo,
In Passchendaele where their blood ran deep,
They had gunfire o'er the fields of Flanders,
They died in droves 'round the town of Ypres.*

*Forget-me-not, wee flower of beauty,
Your royal symbol proudly stands,
blue as the loyal men that wore them,
Far from their homes in Newfoundland.*

*On Hamel's grass the sheep are grazing,
Where trenches overgrown now lie,
In stillness 'round the Tree of Danger,
In France's blue and cloudless sky.*

*Where the Caribou stands ever watchful,
Or Vimy where our young men fought,
In memory of those valiant comrades,
Who wore the blue forget-me-not.*

*Now, days on end, alone they slumber,
In Hamel, Monchy, and the Somme,
Beneath the flowers and the small birds singing,
Rest with their blue forget-me-not.*

*Forget-me-not, blue tiny blossom,
Grows wild where loyalty is wrought;
Undaunted by Atlantic fury,
Bred like the blue forget-me-not.*

*Forget-me-not, blue tiny blossom,
Long may you grow on soldiers' graves;
And with the scarlet of the poppy,
Remind us of the loyal and brave,
Lest we forget the price they paid.*

Order of Service

Welcome Michael Barbour, President

Colors Are Posted Fred Rutledge, Past President

O Canada Newfoundland & Labrador English
School District

**The Honourable Judy May Foote, P.C., O.N.L., the
Lieutenant Governor of Newfoundland & Labrador**

**Hon. Steve Crocker, Minister of Tourism, Culture,
Arts and Recreation**

Gary Browne

“Looking Back to See Ahead”

Danny O'Flaherty

“It's A Long Way From St. John's”

“Sing You Home” – Holy Heart of Mary

**“Little Blue Forget Me Not” – U.S. Naval Sea
Cadet Corps, Arkansas Division**

Allan Hawco and Mark Critch

**Berkley Lawrence, Newfoundland & Labrador
Command – Royal Canadian Legion**

Hugh Donnan, Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra

Ode to Newfoundland Newfoundland Symphony
Orchestra and Chris Andrews

Conclusion Michael Barbour, President

End of Service