

***The Fallen*** by Randall W. West

*Fragile is a single life the brave so freely give.  
Bound for immortality, their souls will surely live.  
Death, don't be proud for what you took, they freely gave away.  
Their quest for freedom far outweighed the fear that you convey.*

*They joined the ranks of warriors, staying vigil day and night.  
They often skipped a meal or two, but they never missed a fight.  
God bless the men and women whose fighting days are done.  
Say a special prayer at night for each and every one.*

*Rest assured that you will find throughout the coming years  
These fallen warriors will return in the hearts of all their peers!  
If we forget their sacrifice, their deaths will be in vain.  
Let's stand beside their loved ones as we sing their last refrain:*

*You've come upon our heaven's gate  
You surely won't have long to wait.  
The saints will take good care of you,  
But there is still a lot to do.*

*You've joined the ranks of everyone  
Who fought so freedom could be won.  
Although your job on earth is done,  
Your work in heaven's just begun.*

***Remember*** by Victor C. Kleinschmit

*Someone's child, left long ago,  
A strange land,  
Someone's foe.*

*An unmarked grave, fields of green,  
Resting quiet,  
Just eighteen.*

*Winds of freedom, wash us now,  
Remember him,  
This I vow.*



**Branch 25 (San Francisco Bay Area)  
of the Royal Canadian Legion**

## **Memorial Day Service**

**Saturday, 25 May 2024 – 11:00 am**

***Under the direction of  
President Michael Barbour***



## Order of Service

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### The Star-Spangled Banner

*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
what so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
through the perilous fight, o'er the ramparts we watched,  
were so gallantly streaming?*

*And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.*

*Oh, say, does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave –  
O'er the land of the free  
and the home of the brave.*

### 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.*

### God Save the King

*God save our gracious King*

*Long live our noble King*

*God save our King!*

*Send him victorious, Happy and Glorious,*

*Long to reign over us;*

*God save the King!*

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**"Col. Fredrick S. Rutledge"**

**Charlie Martin, Piper**

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement**

**Michael Barbour, President**

**Invocation**

**Dennis Edmondson, Past President**

**Colours Are Posted/Saluted**

**National Anthem**

Star Spangled Banner

**"The Fallen"**

**Christopher Hogue, Sergeant-at Arms**

**"Remember"**

**Siefken Krieger, Membership Chair**

**Roll Call of Remembrance**

**Margaret Krieger, Treasurer**

### *A Moment of Silence is Observed*

**Act of Remembrance**

**Margaret Krieger, Treasurer**

*"They shall grow not old, as we who are left grow old.*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."*

Response from all: ***"We will remember them."***

**"Amazing Grace"**

**Charlie Martin, Piper**

**Placing of the Wreath**

**Lisa Barbour, Member**

**Reflection**

**Michael Barbour, President**

**National Anthems**

O Canada / God Save the King

**Prayer & Response**

**Dennis Edmondson, Past President**

*"O God, we remember before you those who laid down their lives for freedom and truth. We commend their souls into your gracious keeping and pray that we may be worthy of their sacrifice. Help us to be faithful and true to those ideals for which they fought and died. May we continue to perpetuate the memory of our departed comrades by our service to country, community and comrades, and remembering our solemn obligation, may we ever pray - Lord God of Hosts; Be with us yet." Response from all: ***"Lest we forget."****

**Closing**

**Michael Barbour, President**

**"The Battle's O'er"**

**Charlie Martin, Piper**

## End of Service