



# *MERCHANT NAVY VETERANS DAY OF REMEMBRANCE*

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## *Media Advisory*

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**Merchant Navy Veterans Day  
Ceremony at Collingwood Cenotaph  
Thursday, September 3, 2015**

**Town of Collingwood** – Members of the media and the public are invited to attend a wreath laying ceremony at the Collingwood Cenotaph to commemorate the contributions and sacrifices of Canadian and Allied Merchant Navy Veterans.

It was on September 3, 2003, in The Town of Collingwood, Ontario, that the first ever Merchant Navy Veterans Day, in Canadian history, was commemorated under Bill C-411. This was after an arduous six year battle and tireless efforts by many townspeople under the leadership of former Simcoe-Grey MP Paul Bonwick. It is also due to The Honourable Senator Joseph A. Day, from Saint John-Kennebecasis, sponsoring the Bill in the Senate of Canada, in June 2003, that made it the law of the land.

The Hon. Dr. Kellie Leitch, Conservative Party Candidate for Simcoe-Grey, Mr. Jim Wilson, Member of Provincial Parliament, for Simcoe-Grey, Her Worship, Mayor Sandra Cooper, Town of Collingwood, and other notable attendees will be present.

**Location:** The Cenotaph  
45 St. Paul Street  
Collingwood, ON

**Date:** Thursday, September 3, 2015

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

For more information on the Canadian and Allied Merchant Navy, please visit [www.alliedmerchantnavy.com](http://www.alliedmerchantnavy.com).

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