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## Merchant Navy Veteran's Day of Remembrance

It is with great honour that I welcome you to the Merchant Navy Veteran's Day of Remembrance.

Our Merchant Navy played a critical role during World War II, as they risked their lives to safely transport much-needed supplies and men across the Atlantic Ocean. Their actions ensured the success of our military in the fight to preserve democracy and freedom in Canada and around the world.

Today, we gather to recognize the unimaginable sacrifices of the Merchant Seamen who lost their lives to protect Canada and the many thousands more who courageously carried out the extremely dangerous work of the Merchant Navy. Their commitment and dedication to the war effort will be remembered and honoured by Canadians for generations to come.

Thank you to the organizers of this amazing event and to all of you who are in attendance tonight to honour our veterans. Please accept my warmest welcome and best wishes for a memorable Day of Remembrance.

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