



**A Message from the
Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba**

Each year, at services around the globe, grateful citizens come together to honour the brave men and women who serve and have served, in our respective armed forces. A traditional aspect of these gatherings is a shared vow to never forget the tremendous sacrifices made by our soldiers and their families, past and present, in defense of freedom and democracy. Many, like your loved ones, made the ultimate sacrifice in the war effort to protect and preserve the sacred values that are so inextricably entwined with our national identities. They are true heroes.

As the King's representative in Manitoba, I extend my admiration and deep appreciation for your mission to gather in Malta to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II, and the contribution and sacrifice of the 458th Royal Australian Air Force Squadron, which included over 90 Canadians.

Of the many who did not make it home, I am particularly touched that you will recognize by name the six selfless Manitobans who did not return.

I commend all those whose quest to research the backgrounds, histories, photos and family ties of all these esteemed soldiers, keeps them alive. It is such a loving, poignant gesture of remembrance that honours them as they so deserve, and ensures that their bravery, sacrifice and service to country will, indeed, never be forgotten.

Lest we forget.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Anita R. Neville'.

**The Honourable Anita R. Neville, P.C., O.M.
Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba**