

Canadian National War Memorial “The Response”

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The National War Memorial, also known as “The Response” is a statue symbolizing the sacrifice of all Canadian Armed Forces personnel who have served Canada in time of war in the cause of peace and freedom.

The memorial is the site of the national Remembrance Day Ceremony on November 11.



The National War Memorial is the focal point of Confederation Square in Canada's capital city, Ottawa, Ontario. There are several other commemorative buildings and monuments nearby, including the Peace Tower at the parliament buildings, the National Aboriginal Veterans Monument, the Animals in War Memorial, a Boer War memorial, the Peacekeeping Monument, the Valiants Memorial, and the War of 1812 Monument.

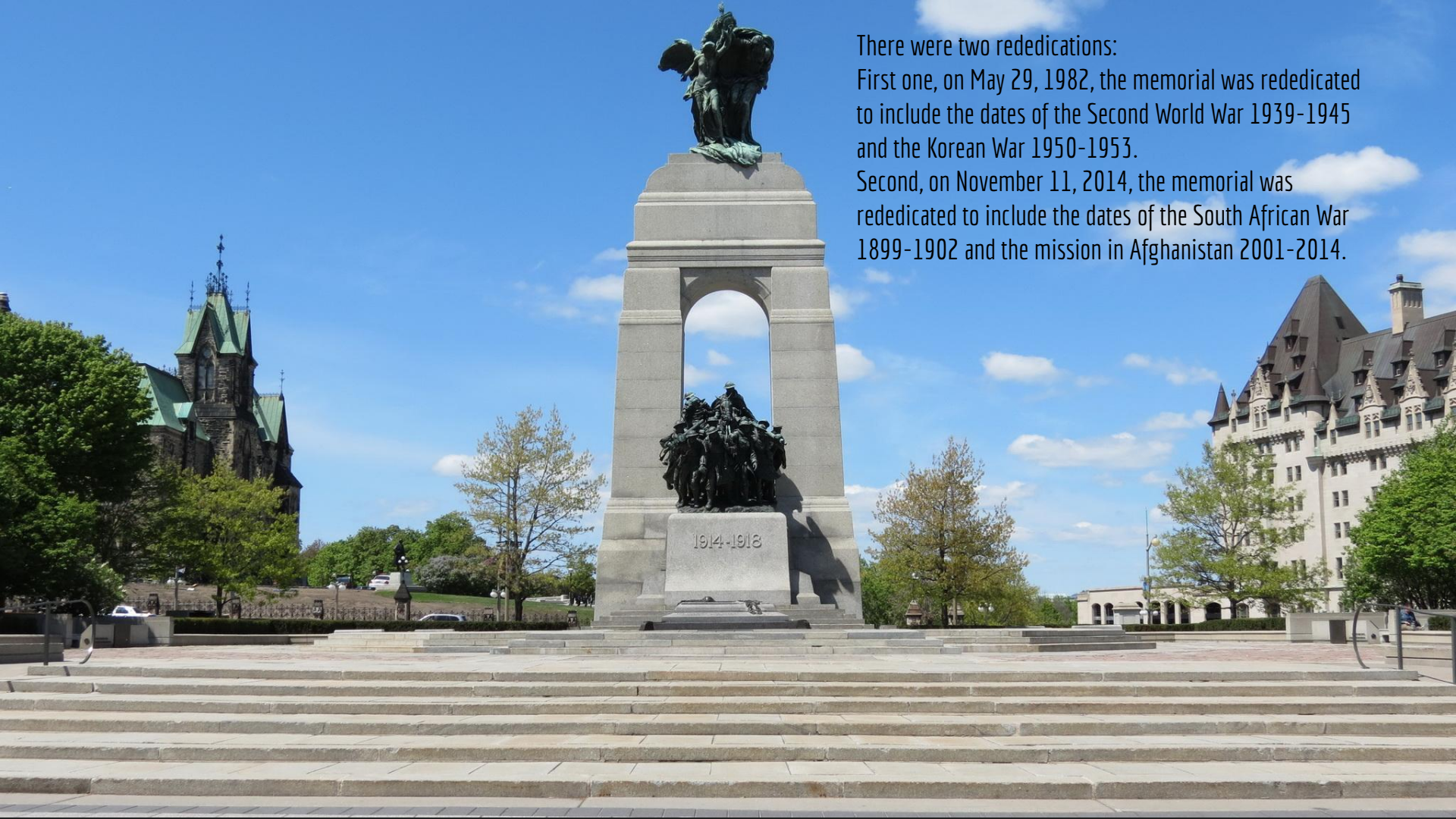


'Sacrifices and Heroism'

A national memorial in Ottawa was proposed by the government of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King in 1923.

The opposition supported of the idea but criticized the cost. In response to his opponents, King said: "When a nation loses what is signified by its art it loses its own spirit, and when it loses the remembrance of the **sacrifices and heroism** by which it has gained the liberty it enjoys, it loses all the vision that makes a people great."





There were two rededications:

First one, on May 29, 1982, the memorial was rededicated to include the dates of the Second World War 1939-1945 and the Korean War 1950-1953.

Second, on November 11, 2014, the memorial was rededicated to include the dates of the South African War 1899-1902 and the mission in Afghanistan 2001-2014.

In May 2000, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was added to the memorial.



Remembrance day.







1914-1918

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