# H.A.R.T.

## *Honouring Allies Remembering Together*

**November 14, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.**
Vimy Ridge Armory
Lethbridge Airport
337 Stubb Ross Road

Now in its 16th year, the H.A.R.T. Ceremony is an annual gathering of Royal Canadian Air Cadets from across Alberta, held on the Saturday following Remembrance Day. They are joined by Civil Air Patrol Cadets from the Rocky Mountain Region of the United States, with Sea Cadets and Army Cadets will also take part, bringing the total to approximately 250 cadets and officers who will participate in the ceremony and enjoy the activities planned throughout the weekend.

The ceremony honours Memorial Cross families of Canada and Gold Star Mothers of the United States. This year, we will be honouring the seven families who will be attending the ceremony.

**The purpose of the H.A.R.T. Ceremony is threefold:**
**To Remember, To Honour and To Teach.**

**TO REMEMBER** the men and women of the Armed Forces of Canada and the United States of America who so faithfully served their countries in times of peace and conflict, and who now rest in cemeteries across our two nations and around the world.

**TO HONOUR** their dedication, service and sacrifice on behalf of the nations they so faithfully served.

**TO TEACH** our youth, and all generations, about the tremendous cost of preserving freedom and democracy, ensuring that future generations understand the sacrifices made so they may continue to thrive.

Those who understand the importance of honouring our veterans also recognize that teaching our history and national heritage as a nation is essential to preparing the next generation. We must ensure that the stories of those who served, and the sacrifices they made, are never forgotten.

As expressed by General Rick Hillier,
one of Canada's best-known military leaders:

*"We must never forget the sacrifices made by those who served because the freedoms we enjoy today were earned by their courage and commitment."*