

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2020

Governor Sununu's "Stay At Home 2.0" order and guidelines remain in effect through May 31, 2020.

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

This poem was written during the First World War by Canadian physician Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae and is often recited as part of Memorial Day commemorations.