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Mr. Tony Patrick Trigiani
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Dear Mr. Trigiani,

Thank you for your letter of 17 September 2012 and the latest edition of the "*Never Forgotten National Memorial*" booklet. I regret the tardy response; however, your letter arrived amidst the handover period between me and my predecessor General Natynczyk.

I wish to congratulate you and the Norstar Corporation for the progress achieved to date in informing all the major stakeholders of this very worthy private initiative. As Chief of the Defence Staff, I am strongly supportive of any and all initiatives that promote the continuing commemoration of our fallen soldiers.

I consider the memorial booklet a mature and poignant document that provides sufficient detail in terms of the purpose, site design, and planning milestones envisaged for this national memorial. The Canadian Armed Forces will assist the leading federal department (Veterans Affairs Canada) wherever possible and practicable.

I wish to thank you for the personal drive and determination that you have demonstrated in bringing this project to its current status, and I wish you every success in bringing it to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

T.J. Lawson
General



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