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ON REMEMBRANCE DAY HONOUR THOSE KILLED IN ALL CONFLICTS

The deaths of another three Australian soldiers in Afghanistan in the past week reinforce the true meaning of Remembrance Day, says Don Rowe, the NSW State President of the Returned and Services League of Australia.

“People throughout the world acknowledged the 11th of November 1918 as Armistice Day, and prayed that never again would we suffer a conflict as savage as World War I had been,” said Mr Rowe.

“Sadly in the 93 years that have followed there’s been hardly a year in which there hasn’t been some type of warfare.

“With the Australian death toll in Afghanistan now standing at 32, we have not been immune from the suffering and sorrow that must always follow conflict.”

Mr Rowe said he hoped that on Remembrance Day this Friday Australians everywhere would follow the tradition of observing a minute’s silence at 11 a.m. to acknowledge the sacrifice of so many lives in so many wars over the past century.

“It only takes a moment for us all to stop what we’re doing, to pause, and to reflect on the lives that have been lost and to honour those whose lives are still at risk in the service of their country,” said Mr Rowe.

“We can also show our respect by wearing a red poppy with pride.”

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“Lest We Forget”*