

Tales of animals in war



Happy birthday to The Royal Canadian Legion!

This year **The Royal Canadian Legion** is turning 100 years old. That's a lot of birthday candles!

The Legion was formed in 1926 to help Veterans of the First World War. Today, it still helps Veterans and their families across Canada.

The Legion also helps young people remember and recognize those who served. Every year it holds poster, video and writing contests. You can even win prizes! The Remembrance Club is taking part. We want to honour people who served and died for Canada.

What will you do to help others remember those who served?

LITTLE FLOWER, BIG MEANING



The Royal Canadian Legion makes sure we all have a **red poppy** to wear on Remembrance Day. Poppies are an important symbol of remembrance in Canada.

Will you and your friends wear a poppy on November 11?



CHECK OUT OUR VIDEO CONTENT!

Head to our website when you see this symbol.
You will find videos related to the stories in the newspaper.



DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER!



For **Remembrance Day**, we're creating something special for our school. We are writing thank you messages and the names of fallen Canadians on sticky notes. Then, we'll put them all together into a poppy mosaic on the wall.

Remembrance is something we can do together.



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REMEMBERING BEAUMONT-HAMEL

Woof! I'm Gandy. I'm a proud Newfoundland dog and my big paws have helped me travel all around this special province. July 1 is Canada Day across our country. But in Newfoundland and Labrador it is also **Memorial Day**.

This day honours people from my home province who have served in uniform. July 1 was chosen because it is an important day from the First World War.

On July 1, 1916, about 800 soldiers from the **Newfoundland Regiment** went into battle near the village of Beaumont-Hamel in France. Many were badly hurt or lost their lives. The next day, only 68 of these soldiers were available to answer the roll call.

For a small place like Newfoundland and Labrador, almost everyone knew someone who died. Even 110 years later, people still remember the young soldiers who gave so much to help bring peace to others. I am making a poster about them for the Legion contest.

What are some other ways we can remember those who served?



The Beaumont-Hamel Newfoundland Memorial in France.
Photo: VAC



Canadian peacekeeper in 2019.
Photo: DND

BLAZING A TRAIL

Canadian women have a long history of serving in the military. At first, women served as Nursing Sisters helping sick and wounded soldiers. Over time, their roles in the military grew and changed. Today, women can serve in every job in the Canadian Armed Forces. They fly jet fighters and command warships. They serve in infantry units and protect military computer systems. They do it all!

 Check out our new **Her story: Canadian women in uniform** video! Learn about 125 years of women's military service in six minutes!

WHO IS A VETERAN?

Hello kids, I'm Win the bear. I went to a **Remembrance Day** ceremony last year with my friend Simone. There were so many Veterans there!

A **Veteran** is a person who used to serve in the military but returned to civilian life. Sometimes they are young and sometimes they are older. They don't wear uniforms every day—you might even know a Veteran without realizing it! A relative, neighbour, teacher or friend could be a Veteran.

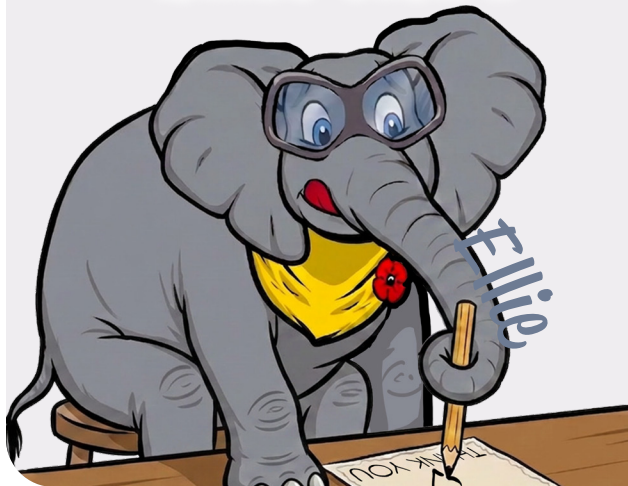


 Watch our new **Who is a Veteran?** video to learn about who might be Veterans in your community!

I AM A VETERAN

					
Robert	Ella	Steve	Cheryl	Josh	Wenshuang
Nova Scotia	Northwest Territories	Quebec	Manitoba	Ontario	Alberta
Air Force	Canadian Rangers	Army	Air Force	Army	Navy

A NEW MONUMENT TAKES SHAPE



Hey, I'm Ellie! Did you know that memorials aren't only for long ago wars? New ones are still being created today. I'm here to tell you that our country is building a national monument in Ottawa to honour Canada's mission in Afghanistan. More than 40,000 Canadians served there. They faced danger, loss and experiences that changed their lives.

Memorials can help us remember people who died or mark an important event. They also tell Veterans we recognize and appreciate what they have done. I'm going to write a postcard to say thank you to them.

How could you show your appreciation to Veterans in your community?



Artist's rendering of the National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan. © Team Stimson



Watch and learn!

Learn about the symbolism behind the **National Monument to Canada's Mission in Afghanistan**.

REMEMBRANCE MATCH

Match each animal to its role helping people during times of war.

Deliver important messages ☐

Sniff out dangerous explosives ☐

Pull artillery guns ☐

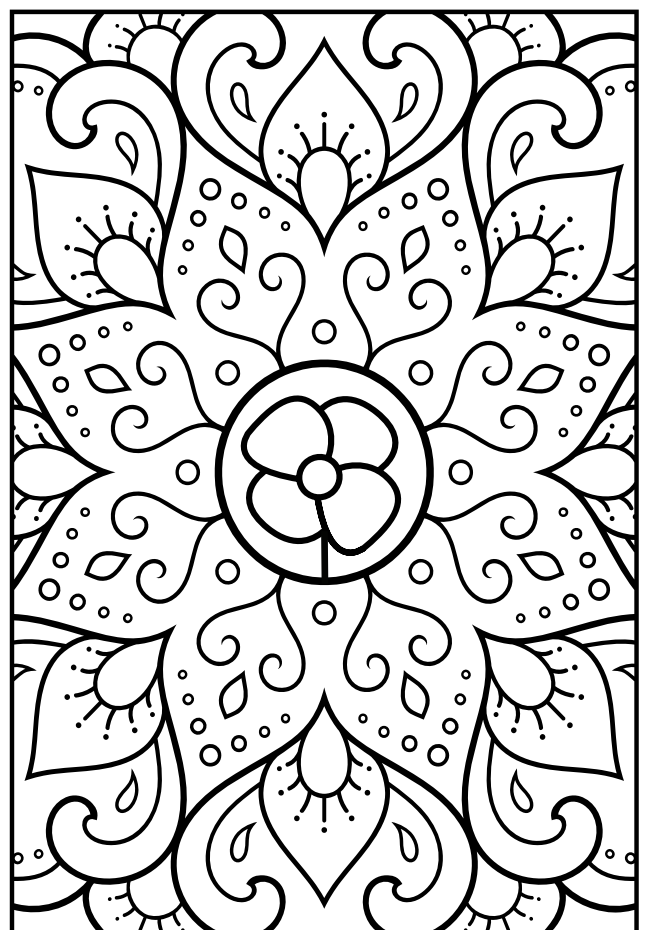
Mascot ☐

Control rodents on ships ☐



REMEMBRANCE MANDALA

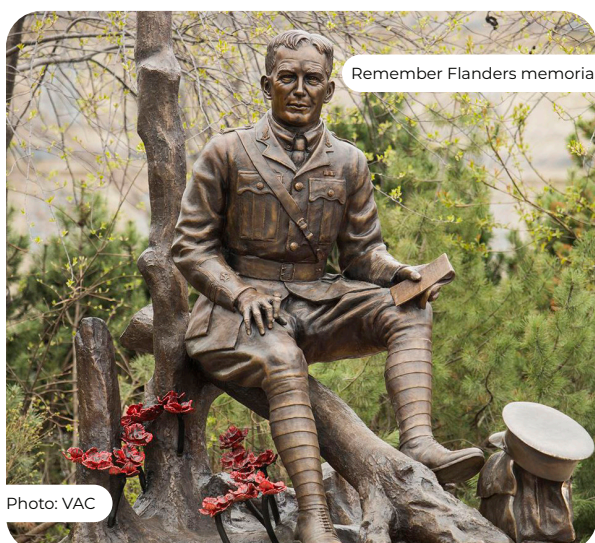
A mandala is a circle with repeating shapes that people create to feel calm. Focus on remembrance while you colour this poppy mandala.



THINK LIKE A HISTORIAN

Memorials can recognize many people or just one. The **Remember Flanders** memorial honours John McCrae, a Canadian poet and army doctor during the First World War. He is the author of the famous poem *In Flanders Fields*.

What symbol of remembrance does this memorial use?



Remember Flanders memorial

Photo: VAC

THE BATTLE OF KAPYONG



I'm Squeaker, here to tell you that some history isn't just found in books—it's carried by people. More than 26,000 Canadians served in the Korean War, which was fought in East Asia from 1950 to 1953.

One of the conflict's most important actions was the **Battle of Kapyong** in April 1951. About 700 members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry were sent to defend the Kapyong Valley. They faced an enemy force that was much larger. The fighting was intense. Our troops were surrounded and began to run low on food and ammunition. Planes had to drop supplies from the air so they could keep going. Ten Canadians were killed and 23 were wounded—but the soldiers held their position and stopped the attack.

A Korean War Veteran once told me about his experiences at Kapyong. It helped me imagine how difficult the fighting must have been. Every Veteran has a story to share.

If you interviewed a Veteran, what questions would you ask?



Wounded Canadian soldier in Korea in April 1951. Photo: DND

UNDERSTANDING THE VIMY MEMORIAL

Baaaa! I'm Pax. My sheep friends and I help keep the grass trimmed at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France. I have learned so much about what different parts of the monument represent.



Friendship

The two large towers stand for Canada and France, brought together by shared loss during the war and remembrance of the people who served.



Sadness

The statue of Mother Canada tells the story of grieving families and communities at home. They missed their loved ones who never returned.



Courage and belief

There are 20 statues on the memorial. They represent special ideas like sacrifice, loss and the values Canadians fought to defend.



People

The Canadian National Vimy Memorial shares 11,285 stories, one for each name carved into its base. The names belong to Canadian soldiers who died in France during the First World War and have no known graves.

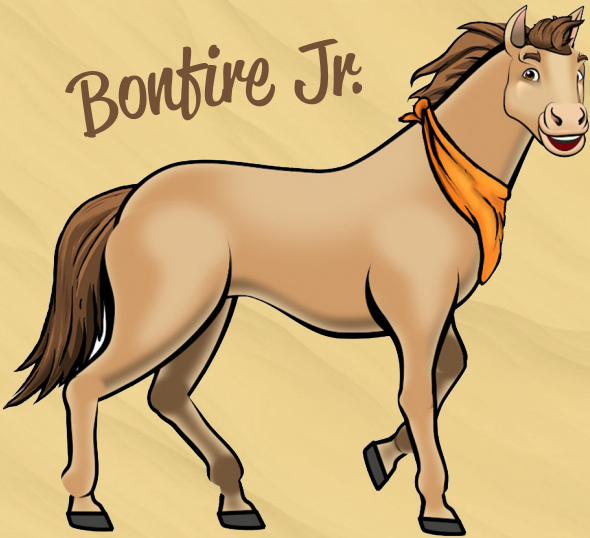


▶ Every memorial tells a story if we take time to look, listen and learn.

If you designed a monument to honour Canadians in uniform, what would it look like?

DRAWING LINES IN THE SAND

Bonfire Jr.

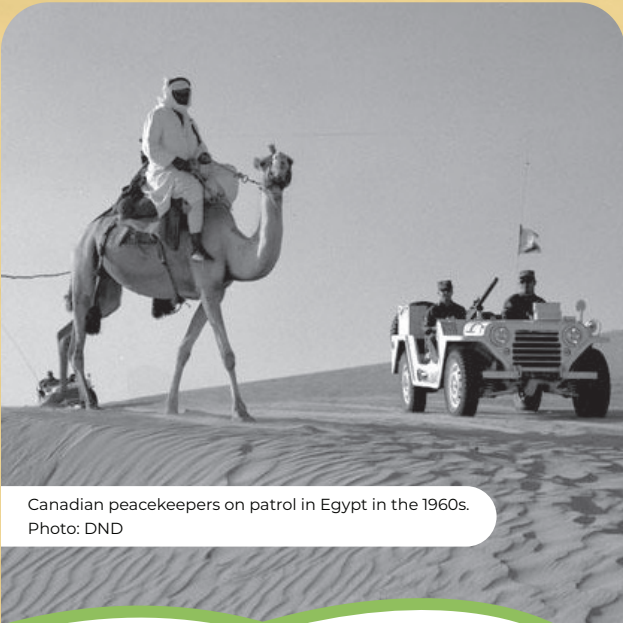


Hi everyone, I'm Bonfire Jr.! Canadian military members have served in many places around the world—from the frozen Arctic to tropical jungles. One of the toughest places they served was the deserts of Egypt.

In 1956, fighting in Egypt made people worry that another world war could begin. Canada's top diplomat at the **United Nations (UN)**, Lester B. Pearson, helped come up with a new idea. Instead of more fighting, soldiers from many countries would work together to keep the peace. These international troops went to Egypt to enforce a ceasefire. They also helped calm the situation. It was the first large-scale UN **peacekeeping** mission in history—and Canadian soldiers were part of it!

Peace can be as hard to hang on to as a fist full of sand... but it grows stronger when we stand up for it like Canada's Veterans have.

What actions can you take to help make your school or community more peaceful?



Canadian peacekeepers on patrol in Egypt in the 1960s. Photo: DND

FIGHTING TO SERVE



Meoww. I'm Simone. Remembering the past—both the good and the bad—helps us better understand our world today.

When the First World War began in 1914, some Canadians who wanted to serve their country were told *no*. Many Black Canadians volunteered to help, just like everyone else. But they were often turned away. That wasn't fair—but they kept pushing for the right to do their part.

Their determination led to the government creating **No. 2 Construction Battalion** on July 5, 1916. It became the largest all Black military unit in Canadian history. About 800 people served in it during the war. These volunteers did tough, essential work overseas. They cut timber needed for the war effort, built roads and even constructed a rail line.

Thinking about their courage makes my fur puff up with pride. They stood firm and refused to give up, helping push our country toward a more inclusive future. That's why I'm writing about No. 2 Construction Battalion for the Legion's essay contest.

What stories of military service do you think are important to remember?



No. 2 Construction Battalion soldiers during the war. Photo credit: Black Cultural Centre of Nova Scotia



Photo: DND

SALUTING MILITARY FAMILIES

When someone serves in the military, their whole family makes sacrifices. They may have to move often or miss being with relatives during holidays. Many also must worry when a loved one is far from home. During Veterans' Week we thank Veterans, but we can also remember their families.

How can you show support to military family members in you class or community?