



**YOUTH
AMBASSADORS
OF REMEMBRANCE**

Speak Out About Remembrance

"...to you from falling hands, we throw the torch..."

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WELCOME

BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion welcomes you as a Youth Ambassador of Remembrance!

Young people have an instinctive respect for Veterans and members of the Canadian Forces, which often goes unheralded. Through the Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance program, we wish to give voice to your sentiments and your actions.

Your Efforts Have Meaning... A special Legion's Legacies Website www.legionlegacies.org is hosting the Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance program. You can post pictures and descriptions of what you have done to honour Canada's service in the cause of humanity. Let us all learn from what you think and what you do to respect the sacrifices of Veterans!

Your Understanding is Important... Seize every opportunity to learn about Remembrance. Your country, Canada, is respected throughout the world as a great humanitarian nation and this is attributable to the sacrifices of generations past.

Your Leadership is Inspirational... Your friends and your teachers will look to you to be involved in planning Remembrance events or speaking about its meaning. Be an inspiration to others. Be confident in your ability to share your thoughts and beliefs.

Pass the Torch of Remembrance... As a Youth Ambassador of Remembrance, you have accepted the responsibility to pass the Torch of Remembrance onto your generation. Be profound.

Your Youth Ambassador Mantra

"...to you from falling hands, we throw the torch..."

This is a sacred passage from the famous poem, "In Flanders Fields", written during the First World War by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McRae. The symbolism of the mantra, is the passing of the Torch of Remembrance from one generation to the next and your acceptance, as a Youth Ambassador of Remembrance, to carry this proud and stellar legacy forward.

Your Youth Ambassador Speaker's Kit

Inside you will find a host of information and promotional material to assist you in speaking about Remembrance and The Royal Canadian Legion and why they are important for your generation.

Listen, Learn, Lead

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Video Contest

Videographers... through your eyes and your creative thought, visually create a **Remembrance Video** why Duty, Service and Sacrifice are important to your generation!

Great Prizes
Flip the Page



Artists...

Dramatize your artistic expression by painting or drawing a **Remembrance Masterpiece**.
Color or Black and White

Writers...

Share your profoundly written sentiments by scribing a **Remembrance Essay** about your generation's gratitude for freedom



Poets...

Engage your readers with poignant poetic **Remembrance Verse** about the meaning of sacrifice

Let the magic happen

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Cool Prizes



Remembrance Video Contest

BC/Yukon ONLY
Grades 10, 11, and 12

- 1st Prize ~ Apple MacBook (2.1 GHZ Intel Core 2 Duo)
2nd Prize ~ Sony CamCorder (Handyman Bundle)
3rd Prize ~ Apple Ipod Touch (32 GB)

BCAA Youth Membership Awards

to learn more visit www.legionlegacies.org



Poster, Essay & Poetry Contests

BC/Yukon Judging

National Judging

Senior	Grades 10, 11, 12
1 st Prize	\$100.00
2 nd Prize	\$75.00
3 rd Prize	\$50.00

Intermediate	Grades 7, 8, 9
1 st Prize	\$100.00
2 nd Prize	\$75.00
3 rd Prize	\$50.00

Junior	Grades 4, 5, 6
1 st Prize	\$100.00
2 nd Prize	\$75.00
3 rd Prize	\$50.00

Primary	Grades 1, 2, 3 (poster only)
1 st Prize	\$75.00
2 nd Prize	\$50.00
3 rd Prize	\$25.00

Trip to Victoria

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Senior	Grades 10, 11, 12
1 st Prize	\$100.00
2 nd Prize	\$75.00
3 rd Prize	\$50.00

Intermediate	Grades 7, 8, 9
1 st Prize	\$200.00
2 nd Prize	\$125.00

Junior	Grades 4, 5, 6
1 st Prize	\$125.00
2 nd Prize	\$100.00

Primary	Grades 1, 2, 3 (poster only)
1 st Prize	\$100.00
2 nd Prize	\$75.00

Trip to Ottawa for 1st Place Senior Winners

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video contest

technical stuff:

- Your video must be in mpeg, avi or mov format
- All submissions must be in DVR or DVD files on disc (keep a backup for yourself)
- Don't forget to include the application & release form with your parents signatures and return information

application & release forms
available at www.bcyuk.legion.ca
under the **Youth** menu

contact info:

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BC/Yukon Command
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who's eligible? Students Grades 10-12 throughout British Columbia and the Yukon.

what do i have to do? Create a 3-5 minute video of Remembrance in honour of Canadian Men and Women who served and are serving in the cause of peace and freedom.

what is the deadline? Video submissions will be accepted up to May 1st, 2009.

i won what?!?

- 1st prize - Apple MacBook 2.1 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
- 2nd Prize - Sony Camcorder DCR DVD Handyman Bundle
- 3rd Prize - Apple iPod 32 GB

Forward Submissions to:

BC/Yukon Command, The Royal Canadian Legion
3026 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC V6J 4P7

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I, _____ (name of parent) _____ consent to have my child's, _____ (name of youth) _____ Remembrance Video submitted for consideration in the Remembrance Video Contest sponsored by BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion. We agree to allow BC/Yukon Command to use the Remembrance Video in non-profit promotional programs and to have it posted on the Legion's Legacies Website. **Signature:** _____



YOUTH AMBASSADORS OF REMEMBRANCE

The year 2008 marks significant military milestones as Canadians join in brotherhood to commemorate the 90th Anniversaries of:

-  the end of the First World War;
-  the birth of Canada as a Nation; and
-  the founding of Remembrance Day.

As a tribute to these historic cornerstones, and the Canadian men and women who served and sacrificed for the greater good of mankind, BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion introduced a Youth Ambassador of Remembrance Program.

Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Mantra

The commemorative mantra of the Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Program is, "...to you from falling hands, we throw the torch...". This is a sacred passage from the famous poem, In Flanders Fields, written during the First World War by Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae. The symbolism of the mantra relates to the passing of the torch of Remembrance from one generation to the next.

Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Profile

A Youth Ambassador of Remembrance is defined as a young person between the ages of 10 to 19, who takes a leadership role in planning inspired commemorative activities and Acts of Remembrance. BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion recognizes these creative and socially responsible young people, by profiling their commemorative endeavours and providing them with tailored educational material, to further their interests in Canada's military history and the significance of duty, service and sacrifice.

Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Program

Commemorative promotional and educational material designed and created for the Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Program to include:

- a thirty second Public Service Announcement about the Legion and Youth
- a three minute tribute DVD in honour of the 90th Anniversaries
- a Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Speakers Kit
- a Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Lapel Pin
- educational learning modules will be created and available on BC/Yukon Command's commemorative social networking website, The Legion's Legacies www.legionlegacies.org

Youth Remembrance Video Contest

BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion introduced a Youth Remembrance Video Contest as an integral aspect of the Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance Program. Prizes include: Mac Laptop; Cannon Camcorder' Apple iPod Touch; BCAA Youth Membership.

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THE LEGION'S LEGACIES WEBSITE

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The Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance program is hosted on the "*Legion's Legacies*" Website which is a new, exciting, social networking commemorative website introduced by BC/Yukon Command of The Royal Canadian Legion in 2007.

It is designed to create an on-line community of Remembrance, engaging citizens of all ages to share in Canada's military history, heritage and heroes. Viewers are invited to post stories, tributes and family military history about Canadian men and women who served in the cause of peace. It is a wonderful opportunity for citizens, youth and family members to share in preserving this sacred legacy of Canadian honour and valour.

As the development of the "*Legion's Legacies*" Website evolves, it will become an interactive community of Remembrance, connecting children of Canada with veterans and members of the Canadian Forces, in a meaningful and profound way. With the growing volume of connected stories, pictures, songs, educational resources and videos, it will become a living history.

You Can Be Part Of Creating This Meaningful Legacy!

Veterans	Have your family post your experiences
Educators	Post your Remembrance Day Programs
Children	Post your family member's military history
Youth	Post your creative Acts of Remembrance
New Citizens	Post a tribute to Canadian Forces
Everyone	Post tributes of gratitude for freedom

The first educational component of the "*Legion's Legacies*" Website for the Youth Ambassadors of Remembrance program is on-line. Youth Ambassadors can post pictures of their commemorative initiatives and their Remembrance school programs.

Give Voice to your Commemorative Initiatives

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90th COMMEMORATIVE ANNIVERSARIES

The year 2008 marks significant military milestones as Canadians join in brotherhood to commemorate the 90th commemorative Anniversaries of: the end of the First World War; the birth of Canada as a Nation; and the founding of Remembrance Day.

As the considered, **Guardians of Remembrance**, the Legion is entrusted with the sacred mandate of preserving the memory of Canada's Fallen and enshrining this proud legacy within the fabric of community history, heritage and heroes. These 90th Commemorative Anniversaries therefore bear poignant significance for The Royal Canadian Legion.

First World War Armistice

The Great War lasted four ravaged years. Mobilization exceeded 65 million from 30 nations with every continent and every ocean of the world engaged. Military deaths were recorded as 8.5 million with 21 million wounded and 7.7 million prisoners of war or missing in action. The guns on the battlefields fell silent at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when the Armistice Treaty came into effect. The Armistice Treaty was signed on the railway carriage of Allied Supreme Commander, Ferdinand Foch. It was supposed to be the war to end all wars.

Birth of Canada as a Nation

"...in those few minutes, I witnessed the birth of a nation..." stated Brigadier-General A.E. Ross, referring to Canadian victory at Vimy Ridge in France, during the First World War. As Canadians distinguished themselves throughout the war, Sir Robert Laird Borden, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada, played a crucial role in transforming the international status of Canada. He persevered to have proportional representation at the Paris Peace Conference which led to Canada being a signatory on the Treaty of Versailles as well as securing separate member status with the newly formed, League of Nations.

The Founding of Remembrance Day

The sacred Remembrance of the Fallen is historically associated with the silence on the First World War battlefields, at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918. One year later, Armistice Day became officially recognized and observed by the British Commonwealth. King George V proclaimed a two minute silence, "...all locomotion should close, so that, in perfect stillness, the thought of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead..." Following the Second World War in 1945 this sacred day became universally observed as Remembrance Day.



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ARMISTICE DAY - REMEMBRANCE DAY

Armistice Day

🕒 Armistice Day represents the anniversary of the official end of the First World War at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when silence fell on the battlefields on the Western Front in Europe and the Germans surrendered calling for an armistice (suspension of fighting).

🕒 This sacred time in history became universally associated with Remembrance of the War dead, recognizing the mobilization of 70 Million people leaving approximately 13 Million deceased, with one third having no graves.

🕒 On the first anniversary of the armistice in 1919, a two minute of silence observance was instituted as part of the London, England Armistice Day ceremony. All citizens were requested to suspend activities for two minutes to honour the War dead.

🕒 Historians disagree on the origin of the two minute silence observance. Many believe it was to honour the last soldier killed who was a Canadian, shot by a German sniper, two minutes before the Armistice came into effect.

🕒 On the second anniversary of the Armistice in 1920, a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (funeral ceremony) was instituted as part of the London, England Armistice Day ceremony. Full military honours were performed as an unidentified soldier was interred at Westminster Abby.

🕒 A Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was replicated at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, France and adopted by most allied countries.

🕒 In May 2000 The Royal Canadian Legion was the leading initiator in creating a Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for Canada.

🕒 On May 28th, 2000 an unknown Canadian Soldier, repatriated from a cemetery near Vimy France, was interred with full military honours, in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the base of the National War Memorial in Ottawa, Canada.

Flip the page to find out how Armistice Day became Remembrance Day



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Armistice Day Becomes Remembrance Day

- 🇨🇦 From 1921-1931 the Armistice Act established Armistice Day as a legal Canadian holiday, however it was observed to coincide with Thanksgiving Day.
- 🇨🇦 In 1926 at the founding convention of The Royal Canadian Legion, a resolution was passed to advocate the Government to establish Remembrance Day as a sacred and independent Canadian holiday.
- 🇨🇦 British Columbia Member of Parliament, A.W. Neil (Comox-Alberni) made a motion to establish November 11th as an independent legal Canadian day of Remembrance.
- 🇨🇦 British Columbia Member of Parliament, C.H. Dickie (Nanaimo) made a motion to change Armistice Day to Remembrance Day.
- 🇨🇦 November 11th, 1931 was the first official Remembrance Day in Canada.
- 🇨🇦 Following the Second World War many nations changed the name of Armistice Day to Remembrance Day to honour the Fallen of all wars.
- 🇨🇦 In Canada Remembrance Day falls under the Federal, “The Holidays Act” which is observed as a general holiday in Western and Atlantic Canada. Ontario and Quebec do not observe this as a general holiday.



“Lest We Forget”