

Subject: "Hot Chocolate at the Crosses" a success! School field trips at TMM ongoing. Donate to support Valour's initiatives!

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October and November have been bustling months at Valour Canada! Fresh from the success of the "Scotch & Shoot" fundraising event, and our collaboration with The Field of Crosses leading up to Remembrance, we swiftly plunged into hosting school field trips at The Military Museums. As Giving Tuesday approaches, your support becomes increasingly vital to keep our mission going.

"Hot Chocolate at the Crosses": Huge Success!

Over seven days and three evenings from November 1 to 9, we educated 1,047 youth. Please explore:

- CTV News report "[Valour Canada program teaches Calgary students Canadian military history](#)"
- Global News interview "[New education program looks to share Canada's military history](#)".

Here are some photos highlighting this remarkable initiative:



Aaron Curtis, Valour Canada's Lead Educator, presenting to a full



(L to R:) Valour Canada's President John Q Adams briefing with Ypres 3



Young minds engaged, taking notes at our artifact-handling table for a

classroom of 335 RCSCC cadets.

CAV volunteers, John, Tom and Faron, before the first group of youth arriving at our tent.

school project. (This group was not planned - they just happened to pass by our tent!)



Four Girl Guides independently engaged in the "Battlefield Reconnaissance" activity.



John Q Adams providing an introduction to a group of Girl Guides before they enter the artifact-handling tent.



Valour's Board Director Vicki Solvedt (L) encouraging two high school students to try on helmets.

A big thank you to The Field of Crosses team: Murray McCann, Susan Schalin, Bart Peake, Gail Peake, Major (ret'd) Kent Griffiths, and the hot chocolate station volunteers for making this collaboration a huge success.

Special appreciation to Valour Board Directors Brad Pierce and James (J.R.) Cox for their time and generosity in providing equipment, storage space and more. Another special thank you to the Calgary Curling Club for allowing us classroom space for presentations to students about the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

We'd also like to thank Colonel Christopher Hunt, Captain Simon Li, and the 41 Canadian Brigade Group for their vital support in setting up and taking down the artifact-handling mod-tent.

Our gratitude extends to our dedicated artifact-handling volunteers: members of the Ypres 3 CAV (Canadian Army Veteran) Faron Brown, David Hartman, David Quick, John Sereda, and Tom MacCarl, as well as our own Board Director Vicki. Caroline, our University of Calgary student, also supported. Their efforts guiding students through hands-on experiences were invaluable.

"Coffee at the Crosses" (November 7, 2023)

In the afternoon of November 7, twenty guests invited by Valour Canada joined the "Coffee at the Crosses" for a very special experience made possible with the kind collaboration of The Field of Crosses. James Morton and Mark Illing attended the event representing Valour's Board of Directors. After visiting the Field, event attendees visited Valour's artifact-handling mod-tent. Here are some photos:



(L to R:) Mike Dohy, James Morton, John Q Adams, Major (ret'd) Kent Griffiths, and a coffee station volunteer from The Field of Crosses.



Major (ret'd) Kent Griffiths (L) telling the story of Lancaster Bomber pilot and Victoria Cross recipient, [Ian Bazalgette](#).



(R to L:) David Hartman, one of the volunteers from the Ypres 3 CAV, showing a helmet to Gary Burke and Mark Illing.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Major (ret'd) Kent Griffiths for his captivating storytelling as he led us through The Field of Crosses. His narratives of six fallen heroes were truly powerful. At each story's end, we read the hero's name aloud, saying "Today, we are remembering you."

([Hammer & Chip Coffee](#) graciously provided complimentary hot coffee for this memorable event. We would like to extend our gratitude to our Board Director Brad Pierce, for organizing the coffee and cookies!)

Save The Date:

Giving Tuesday is Coming Soon!



As we gear up for **Giving Tuesday on November 28**, our early-started social media campaign aims to boost engagement and support. Join us by visiting Valour's social media platforms (find the links at the end of this email) and encouraging others to share our posts and contribute. **Your support makes a difference. Thank you!**

Explore Canadian Military Medicine:

TMM's New Exhibition and Valour's Upcoming Speaker Series with Tim Cook

The new exhibition - "Blood, Sweat and Tears: Canadian Military Medicine" - is being explored through three separate events that include a downtown Lunch & Learn, a presentation at The Ranchmen's Club, and an evening experience, and even a presentation at The Military Museums in early January 2024. More details coming soon!
The exhibition explores Canadian military medicine from the 19th century through to Afghanistan. Click [here](#)

for more information.

BLOOD, SWEAT and TEARS
**Canadian Military
Medicine**
On display in
**The Founders' Gallery
at The Military Museums**
4520 Crowchild Trail S.W.
October 20, 2023 - March 3, 2024

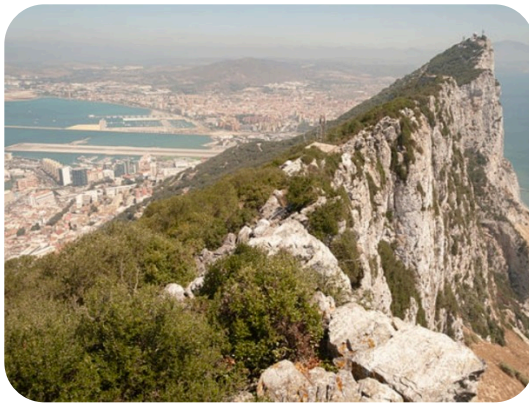
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Louis Riel

Louis Riel was born on October 22, 1844, in the Red River Settlement, a predominantly Métis community situated within what today is called the province of Manitoba. A gifted student, Riel was selected at 13 for priesthood and sent to Montreal for his schooling, but young Louis left priesthood candidacy in 1865 after the death of his father.

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