Subject: Successful Speaker Series Events with Tim Cook!

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Happy New Year 2024! Your ongoing support made 2023 an incredible year for Valour Canada. Let's build on this success - together we will make this year even more remarkable.

December Presentations: Schools & Girl Guides

December was a busy month! Valour delivered educational presentations to 381 students at local high schools and 15 Girl Guides over the first two weeks of December. In the fall semester of 2023, we proudly engaged 2,633 youth, culminating in a recordbreaking year with a total engagement of 3,751, tripling our 2022 numbers and showcasing our dedication to educating youth about Canadian military history, peacekeeping, and service.



Don Bosco School students engaged in group activities on December 6, 2023.



A heart-warming thank-you card addressing Valour Lead Educator by a student of the St. Martin de Porres High School on December 11, 2023.

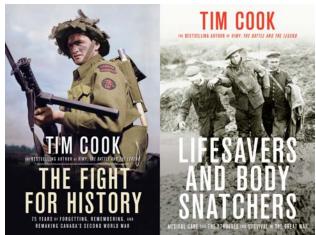
"Speaker Series": Huge Success!

Despite the freezing weather, Dr. Tim Cook captivated audiences at several venues on January 11 and 12.

In total, almost 200 event attendees had the opportunity to personally meet Dr. Cook, engaging in lively discussions and receiving books signed by Dr. Cook.



Dr. Cook being interviewed by CTV at The Military Museums. Watch the interview here



These two books authored and signed by Dr. Cook were given out to event attendees

Plains Midstream Lunch & Learn (January 11):



Over 50 Plains Midstream staff attended the Lunch & Learn



Dr. Cook presenting to Plains Midstream staff



Dr. Cook signing books for an attendee

"Forgetting, Remembering and Remaking Canada's Second World War" (The Ranchmen's Club | January 11):



Valour's Board Vice Chair Dan Reinbold giving an introduction to Dr. Cook



Dr. Cook answering questions of an event attendee



Dr. Cook engaged in a discussion with two attendees

"Lifesavers and Body Snatchers" (The Military Museums | January 12):



Dr. Cook presenting at TMM on the evening of January 12



An impressive crowd of nearly 80 attendees listened to Dr. Cook's presentation.



Dr. Cook (M) and Valour's Board Chair Dr. Wilkinson (R) interacting with a young attendee

We extend our deepest appreciation to Dr. Tim Cook for sharing his knowledge and insights. Our immense gratitude also goes to our corporate sponsors Plains Midstream, Manteo, and Walrus Investments Ltd. And last but not the least, thank you to all those who braved the cold and helped us make last week remarkable. Your enthusiasm and participation made each event truly special. Your ongoing support is vital to Valour Canada's mission of educating Canadian youth about Canadian military history, peacekeeping and service.

Explore Canadian Military Medicine:

TMM's New Exhibition "Blood, Sweat and Tears" and Lecture Series

The new exhibition - "Blood, Sweat and Tears: Canadian Military Medicine" at The Military Museums (open until March 3, 2024) explores Canadian military medicine from the 19th century through to Afghanistan. From January to March, the TMM

Perspectives Lecture Series presents a diverse range of engaging discussions tied to this new exhibition. To purchase tickets and participate in the lectures, please click here.



Our <u>military history library</u> contains over 240 compelling and educational stories from Canada's military history, including:



Bluebirds

Affectionately referred to as "Bluebirds" for their blue and white uniforms, the Nursing Sisters of Canada have a long and impactful history with Canada's military forces. Over the centuries, thousands have served at home and abroad, redefining the landscape of military service. Today, Nursing Sisters fill the role of Nursing Officers who continue to provide patient care to members of the Canadian Armed Forces.



Nursing Sisters in Sicily

On the night of July 10th, 1943, the 1st Canadian Infantry Division and 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade would commence their role in Operation Husky, the Allied invasion of the Italian island of Sicily. Canadian soldiers faced a light but determined defence that proved difficult to overcome. As a result, medical staff, including Nursing Sister Elizabeth Lowe, were kept very busy.

Our <u>YouTube</u> channel hosts over 170 short, Canadian military history documentaries. Check out these videos today:



Russell Boyle



Chinese Labour Corps, First World War



Casualty Clearing Station, with Andy Robertshaw

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