

Subject: Annual Report 2023 Now Available, Outreach at "Coding for Veterans", "Barn Burner", Spruce Meadows "North American", and more!
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January - June 2024 Educational Programming Summary

In the first half of 2024, Valour Canada achieved significant milestones, educating 2,257 youth across two provinces, with 1,828 from Alberta and 429 from Ontario.

Among these, 539 youth were educated during field trips to The Military Museums, 742 from visits to Calgary schools, 127 at CFB Edmonton, and 44 at the Bomber Command Museum in Nanton. We also educated 191 cadets and 53 girl guides..

The educational program at TMM received high praise with 87% of students rating it 4 or 5 stars out of 5.

One student said in the survey *"I had so much fun, the artifacts were beautiful, amazing way to commemorate the history"*, and another said *"Thank you for a meaningful field trip!"*

Cotaught Lesson



Shell holes at Vimy



Participation Padlet



Vimy Ridge with Valour Canada

Photo: On June 24, Valour Canada reached an estimated 350 Calgary Catholic Middle-School Students during its first online (co-taught) Vimy Ridge presentation. We are very thankful to CCSD's Anna MacEachern and Scott West for organizing this opportunity!

2024 Annual General Meeting

On June 21, Valour Canada held its Annual General Meeting at Plains Midstream's office in downtown Calgary. 14 members attended the meeting in-person, while 2 others participated online. The retirement of two Board Directors was announced - James (J.R.) Cox and James Morton.

Looking towards the second half of 2024:

- Our educational program is expected to continue its significant growth; we are on track to reach over 5,000 young Canadians in 2024!
- “Hot Chocolate at the Crosses”, a collaboration with Field of Crosses, will be expanded, and the “Ship-to-Shore” program (HMCS Calgary) will be revived.



(L to R) Glenn Wilkinson, Aaron Curtis, Robert Neufeld, and John Q Adams

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Valour Canada Attended "HMCS Calgary Barn Burner"

On July 3, Valour Canada was invited to participate in the "Barn Burner" event hosted by Friends of HMCS Calgary. John Q Adams, President of Valour Canada, attended on behalf of the Valour team. At the event, John engaged with many event guests, shared Valour's mission, and highlighted our educational programs.



John Q Adams (L) and Andy Paschke (R),
Commanding Officer at HMCS Tecumseh, RCN



Dave Peabody (L), Manager, The Military Museums,
and John (R)

Valour Canada Attended "Coding for Vets"

On July 5, John, President of Valour Canada, attended an event hosted by "Coding for Veterans" at Charbar. Through this opportunity, John connected with several attendees from like-minded organizations that support veterans, shared information about Valour Canada's mission, and introduced Valour's educational resources, programs, and initiatives. [Coding for Veterans](#) offers an online training program designed to prepare qualified military veterans for careers in software development and cybersecurity.



Outreach at Spruce Meadows

On July 5, 6, and 7, Valour Canada hosted an information display in the Founders' Plaza at Spruce Meadows' "North American" Tournament.

Approximately 200 people browsed Valour Canada's booth and learned about our mission, educational programs, and military history resources. Around 70 young Canadians handled the artifacts on display, including the Second World War helmet and the Gas Mask from the Korean War. Below are some photos from the three-day event:



A boy trying on the Gas Mask from the Korean War



An event attendee entering the draw to win *The Fight for History*, signed by the author Dr. Tim Cook



John (L) and Captain Phil Webster (R) from the LdSH (Royal Canadians) Museum

2023-24 Scholarship Contest Closed

The Valour Canada History & Heritage Scholarship 2023-24 closed on June 12, 2024, having received 18 entries from students across Canada.

Each student submitted a short video educating viewers about their chosen memorial, monument, or place. Examples include the South African War Memorial in Toronto, the Hugh Cairns Memorial in Saskatoon, the Air Force Garden of Remembrance in Vancouver, and the Calgary Cenotaph.

We have decided on the winners and will announce them in the fall. Stay tuned!

Upcoming Event:

The 2nd Annual Stand Up for Vets Comedy Event (September 6)

[Canadian Legacy Project](#) will be presenting the 2nd annual Stand Up for Vets comedy event in Calgary on September 6 at 8 PM at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. There will also be a celebration with Veterans, military, and first responder communities, following the final comedian's routine. If you are interested in joining, please fill out [this form](#) to reserve a complimentary ticket.

Live FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

STAND UP

for VETS

IN SUPPORT OF
CANADIAN LEGACY PROJECT

8PM JACK SINGER CONCERT HALL AT ARTS COMMONS

5 STAND-UP COMEDIANS
STANDING UP FOR VETS



Nigel Lawrence Steve Patterson Erica Sigurdson

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CANADIAN
LEGACY PROJECT

Our [military history library](#) contains over 260 compelling and educational stories from Canada's military history.



1960: Canada in the Congo

Following its independence from Belgium in 1960, the Congo faced significant turmoil, prompting the UN to intervene. Over 300 Canadian peacekeepers joined the 20,000-strong UN force to help restore order.



Nursing Sisters in Sicily (1943)

In July 1943, Elizabeth Lowe and her unit, the No. 5 Canadian General Hospital, arrived in Sicily, and then faced German air attacks while tending to wounded soldiers.

Our [YouTube channel](#) hosts over 180 short, Canadian military history documentaries. Check out these videos today:



John Pattison, V.C.



**Calgary Highlander Lt. Col.
Russell Boyle**



Captain Nichola Goddard, MSM

Please subscribe, like and share our videos [here!](#)

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