

**Subject:** "Classroom at the Crosses" and Casino Fundraiser Successfully Concluded, New Directors Joined Valour Board, and More!

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**November is always Valour Canada's busiest month.** Before sharing highlights from our recent Remembrance programs and events, we are excited to announce our new Board Directors:

- Mr. Donald Figol
- Mr. Jared Ross
- Mr. Robert Gray
- Colonel Kyle Clapperton, CD

**Please join us in warmly welcoming them to Valour Canada!**

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**Valour Casino Fundraiser Successfully Concluded:**

### Casino Fundraiser October 29 & 30

Thank you so much for being an essential part of this fundraising event. We are incredibly grateful for your time, effort, and dedication.

The funds raised will go directly toward educating youth on Canadian military history, peacekeeping, and service in 2025 and beyond.



**An inspiring lead-up to Remembrance Day:**

### "Classroom at the Crosses": Huge Success!

From October 28 to November 8, 2024, Valour Canada once again collaborated with Field of Crosses for the "Classroom at the Crosses" program, bringing over 1,800 local students, Cadets, Girl Guides and Scouts together over nine days and six evenings to learn about

Canadian military history, peacekeeping, and service.

Kicking off a week earlier than last year to meet increased demand, the program took place at Field of Crosses, creating a powerful learning environment where young minds engaged with stories of sacrifice, service, and the significance of Remembrance.

This year, a larger artifact-handling tent and an expanded collection of historical items allowed youth to connect with history through hands-on experiences. New volunteers—including veterans and military history experts—joined our team, bringing their knowledge and inspiring personal stories.

Enjoy these highlighted moments. More photos can be found on [our website](#).



Thank you to everyone who made this year's "Classroom at the Crosses" a resounding success:

- The Field of Crosses team and volunteers for their continued collaboration.
- The 41 Canadian Brigade Group for their essential support in setting up and taking down the artifact-handling tent.
- Our dedicated artifact-handling volunteers, especially members of Ypres 3 CAV (Canadian Army Veteran), for guiding students through meaningful, hands-on experiences.
- Valour Canada's Directors (i.e., board members) for volunteering their time, knowledge, tent equipment, and storage space.

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November 7:

## "Lunch and Coffee at the Crosses"

On November 7, Valour Canada hosted a memorable event, "Lunch and Coffee at the Crosses."

The afternoon began with a warm welcome and lunch at the Ranchmen's Club, where 20 attendees enjoyed a presentation by Valour Canada Board Director, Victoria Sotvedt, highlighting the importance of remembrance and education in preserving Canada's military history.

Following lunch, guests were transported to the Field of Crosses for a guided tour led by Major (ret'd) Kent Griffiths, where they learned the stories of several fallen soldiers. The tour included a visit to the "Classroom at the Crosses" artifact-handling tent, offering an inside look at Valour Canada's educational initiatives.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Field of Crosses for graciously providing complimentary hot coffee!



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## Valour Canada Attended Motus Consult Client Appreciation Event

On November 7, Valour Canada was invited by Motus Consult Ltd. to their Client Appreciation event.

John Q Adams, President of Valour Canada, delivered a PowerPoint presentation to a group of engineers, highlighting our mission and the meaningful impact of our "Classroom at the Crosses" program. Using recent photos from the artifact-handling tent and classroom, John highlighted how the program engages youth in learning about Canada's military history.

We look forward to receiving a donation from Motus and their engineer attendees. If you would like Valour Canada to present to your organization, please reach out at [contact@valourcanada.ca](mailto:contact@valourcanada.ca).

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October 21 to 24

## Education in Lloydminster and Maidstone

From October 21 to 24, 400 students from four schools - E.S. Laird Middle School, Maidstone High School, Lloydminster Comprehensive High School, and Holy Rosary High School - participated in Valour Canada's educational programming. Below are photos capturing students engaged in Aaron's presentations.



Maidstone High School (Oct 22)



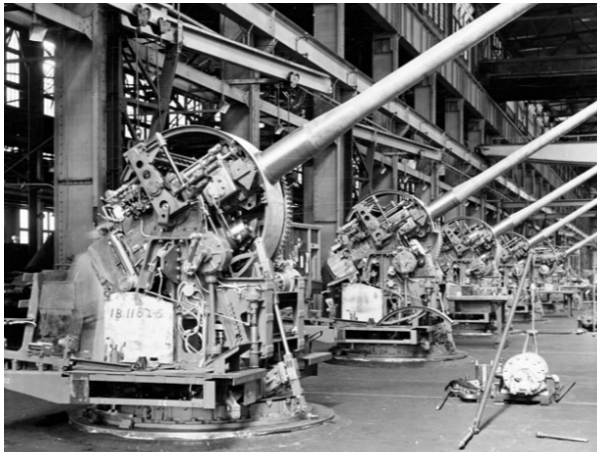
Lloydminster Comprehensive High School (Oct 23)



Holy Rosary High School (Oct 24)

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



### Ogden Shops

Located in the Calgary community of Ogden, the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) headquarters is seen by thousands of people every day. Most will not know that during the Second World War the historic locomotive shop on the site was converted to produce armaments.



### Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

At the end of the First World War, there were too many dead Canadian soldiers to repatriate all those who could be identified, yet there was a growing importance to remember all the men who would not be returning home.

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



[A Good Battlefield Tourist & Life in the Muddy Trenches](#)



[The Calgary Cenotaph: Remembering a Legacy](#)



[Gas Attack - Ypres 1915](#)

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## **WE NEED YOU!**

Your support helps us to continue providing free resources for students and teachers across Canada.

Receive a free 1-year membership for each annual \$50 donation, which covers the cost of bringing 3 students to our in-museum program. Every donation helps us to continue to keep our services offered at no cost to those students.

**Please consider a donation to Valour Canada as part of your annual giving.**



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