

# Tales of Animals in War



## The Invictus Games

Hi everyone! The Remembrance Club animals are very excited. We are working up a sweat in the gym. The Invictus Games have inspired us to play sports. The Games are amazing! Injured Veterans and military members compete in cool sports. It's awesome to see how they overcome challenges and never give up.

Canada looks forward to welcoming the world for the Invictus Games in February 2025. When we heard this exciting news, we wanted to support them and show our appreciation. We decided to form a basketball team in honour of Team Canada. We don't like to brag but we are pretty good!

We are going to get some exercise and have fun. But we will also learn from each other.

At half time, we are going to talk about some important things. We will learn about Veterans, remembrance, war, peace, the military, memorials and lots more.

After reading this newspaper, you may want to do something special too. Hey! You could organize a remembrance and recognition sports tournament in your own school. Now, keep your eye on the ball and let's get going!

### Some Team Canada athletes at the Invictus Games



Photos courtesy of Soldier On





## A memorial to remember

I am a sheep. Sheep are gentle animals.  
Sheep have a good memory.  
A good memory is important for remembering.  
Do you have a good memory?

My human friends have good memories too!  
Humans have a lot to remember.  
Humans build memorials to help remember important people.  
Humans build memorials to help remember important things.

Humans build memorials to remember wars of the past.  
Humans build memorials to remember people hurt during war.  
Humans build memorials to learn about wars.



## A Veteran on my street

Simone



Meow! I am Simone the cat. I enjoy slowly walking in my neighbourhood on a sunny day. There are nice people on my street. I like to stop at the yellow house on the corner to meet Caroline. She gently pets my fur.

Caroline is a member of the Canadian Armed Forces. She works on a navy ship. Caroline is a sailor. Sometimes, she is away on her ship for many months. I miss her when she is away from home.

Caroline will retire from the military next year. A person who leaves the Canadian Armed Forces becomes a Veteran. So next year, she will be a Veteran. Then I can stop more often at the yellow house. Caroline will give me extra scratches behind my ears!



## Our heroes

Hello! I'm Win the bear. Let's meet some Canadian Veterans.



George Chow was from British Columbia. He served as a gunner during the Second World War. George trained other soldiers after the war.



Claude "Ollie" Cromwell is from Nova Scotia. He served for 40 years with the Canadian Armed Forces. Ollie took part in lots of missions in Canada and other countries.



Natacha Dupuis is from Quebec. She drove big military vehicles in the army. Natacha also competed in the Invictus Games.

## Let's remember and recognize



Howdy! I am Gandy the dog. They say that dogs are people's best friends. I love that saying!

Dogs have served with humans during wars. One place where Canadian Armed

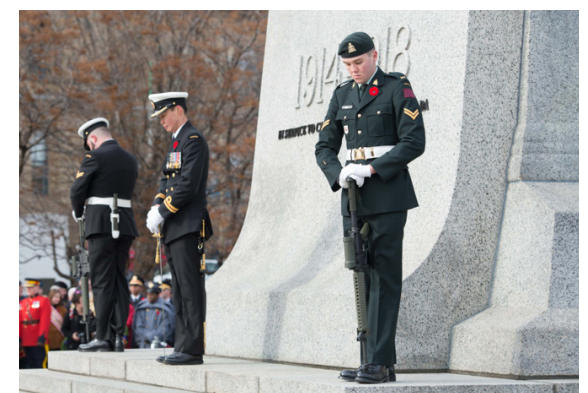
Forces members had dogs was Afghanistan. Dogs have sensitive noses. They helped find dangerous explosives. They also saved human lives.

I was at a solemn ceremony in March. People were there to remember and recognize Canadians who served in Afghanistan. The mission lasted from 2001 to 2014. More than 40,000 members of Canada's military took part. Sadly, 158 of them died.

The Canadian Armed Forces members wore poppies on their uniforms at the ceremony. The Veterans and guests wore poppies on their jackets. When you wear a poppy, you **remember** someone who served and died in the military.

After the ceremony, I saw school children give cards to Veterans. I also saw adults shake hands with them. These are ways you can **recognize** a person who protected peace and freedom.

Remembrance Day is on November 11. How will you remember and recognize someone who served?



Canadian Armed Forces members at a Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa. Photo: Department of National Defence



## What is war?

Bonfire Jr.



Hi, I'm Bonfire Jr. the horse. Wars happen when big groups of people fight. Sometimes whole countries fight each other.

Wars are scary. People can get hurt. Animals can get hurt too. No one who has been in a war wants to see more of them. But sometimes Canadians have to fight to protect us. They have also protected people in other countries.

The Second World War is one example. This huge conflict happened a long time ago. Many Canadians had to travel across the oceans to fight.

D-Day was a very important moment in the Second World War. That day, many Canadians and soldiers from other Allied countries landed on the coast of France.

They were there to help free people who were suffering a lot. Many service members died. The people of France are very thankful that Canadians came to help and so am I. We will never forget our heroes.



A Canadian soldier helps patch a young boy's ankle in France. Photo: Library and Archives Canada

## Peacekeeping in Africa



A Canadian Armed Forces medic helping a child in Rwanda. Photo: Department of National Defence

Hi, I'm Ellie the elephant. If a war means that people are fighting, peace is the opposite. Peace means people live together and get along. They respect each other's differences.

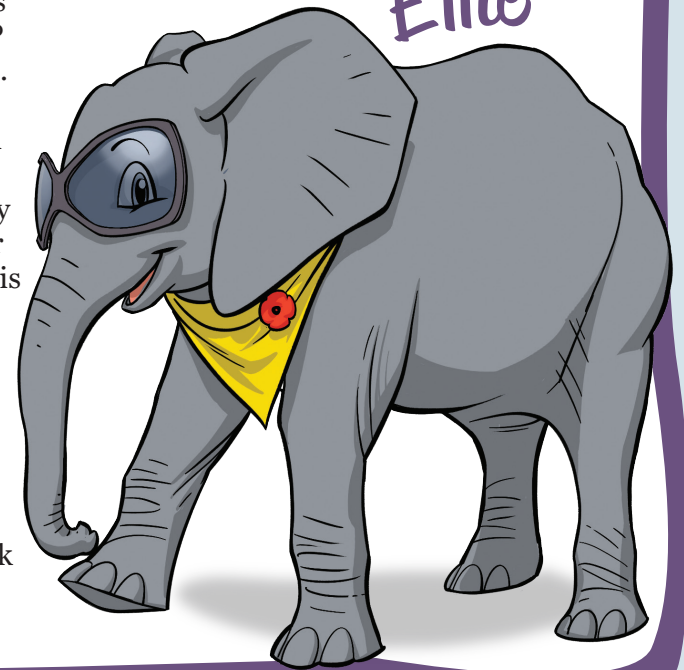
Your school tries to create a peaceful place. It works to prevent bullying. But what happens when an entire country tries to bully others? Peace breaks down. This can lead to conflict.

Canada has had peacekeepers for more than 75 years. Peacekeepers are soldiers who go to troubled places to calm things down. They are sort of like referees in a hockey or soccer game. Peacekeeping is not easy. Once peace is lost, it takes time to regrow.

When Canadians go to other countries to keep the peace, it's called a peacekeeping mission. One place they have gone many times is Africa. Africa is a big continent far away from Canada. It has lots of elephants, so I think it's an interesting place! If you look on a map you will find countries there like

Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Sudan. Imagine going all that way to try and help other people be safe and free. Thank you, brave peacekeepers!

Ellie



## Flying high

You know about police officers, firefighters and school crossing guards. Their job is to keep our communities safe and watch out for problems. The Canadian Armed Forces is our country's military. The brave people who



A Canadian warplane during the Gulf War in February 1991. Photo: Department of National Defence

serve in our military work together to protect all of Canada. They help others around the world too!

Our military has different parts. The Royal Canadian Navy patrols the oceans. The Canadian Army serves on land. But I must admit my favourite is the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) that soars across the sky. What can I say? Pigeons love to fly!

The RCAF is 100 years old in 2024. Members of our air force do many important things. They have fought in battles during wars. They also serve far from home on peacekeeping missions. RCAF members do big things here at home too. They patrol Canada's borders. They help when planes crash or ships sink. Sometimes they even rescue people in remote towns if forest fires are getting too close.

We should do something for their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Let's make remembrance paper airplanes! We could draw red poppies and a big "thank you RCAF!" on the sides of the plane.

Squeaker



## Did you know?

A brand new woolly friend joined the Remembrance Clubhouse animals this year! Pax the sheep is from France. Pax is part of the flock that keeps the grass trimmed at the Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France. As you can imagine, Pax cares a lot about memorials.





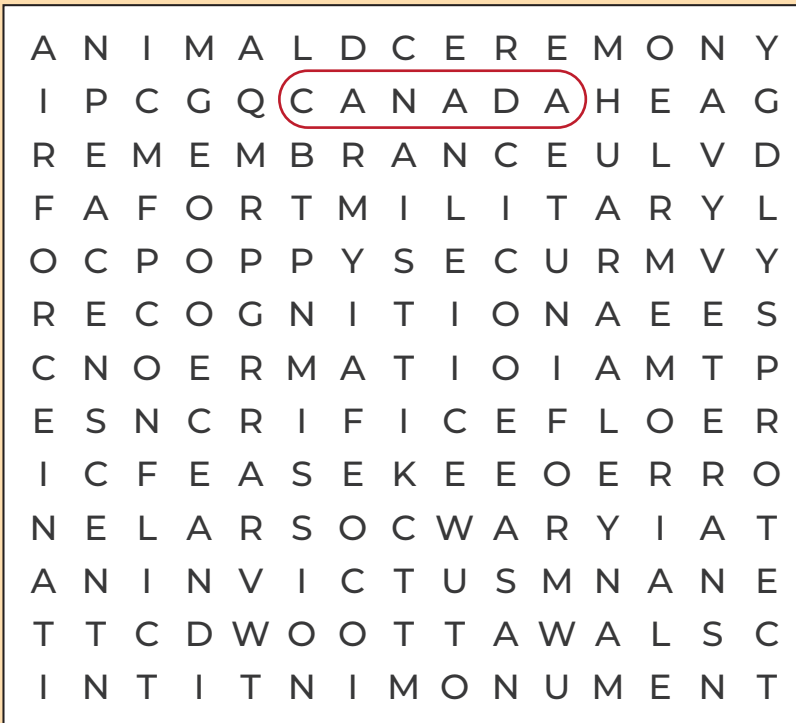
# Newspaper activities



## WORDSEARCH

Find the words from the list. You can find words placed forward and down.

- ANIMAL
- AIR FORCE
- ARMY
- ~~CANADA~~
- CEREMONY
- CONFLICT
- INVICTUS
- MEMORIAL
- MILITARY
- MISSION
- MONUMENT
- NAVY
- PEACE
- POPPY
- PROTECT
- RECOGNITION
- REMEMBRANCE
- UNIFORM
- VETERANS
- WAR



## Code talkers

Some Indigenous soldiers used code during the Second World War. Charles and Peter Tomkins from Alberta used the Cree language to keep messages secret.



The Tomkins brothers during the Second World War. Photo: With permission of Historica-Canada

## BREAK THE CODE

Code key		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	R	E	K	U	A	Y	P	L	F	S	J	V	B	M	W	Z	Q	C	T	H	N	D	O	X	G		

People use coded messages in wartime. Using codes keeps important information safe. Use the code key to reveal the message. Try writing your own secret message!

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## Did You Know?

Nine Canadian peacekeepers died on August 9, 1974. Their military plane was shot down during a mission in the Middle East. This sad event happened 50 years ago. Because of it, August 9 is now National Peacekeepers' Day in Canada.



"Reconciliation" – the Peacekeeping Monument  
Photo: Department of National Defence

## ARE YOU READY TO CHEER ON INVICTUS GAMES ATHLETES?

Connect the image with the sport it represents!



- Alpine Skiing
- Indoor Rowing
- Wheelchair Curling
- Sitting Volleyball
- Wheelchair Rugby
- Swimming
- Wheelchair Basketball
- Snow boarding
- Skeleton
- Nordic Skiing

## WHAT IN THE WORLD IS IT?

The Canadian War Museum is in Ottawa. It has an amazing collection of objects related to Canada's military history. You can explore them in person or online. Look at the image then unscramble the letters to write the name of each item. Try to guess how people used it!



Vowels	Consonants	Words	Guess what this object was used for
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AEEI	CFJKLT	<input type="text"/>	
EI	HLSTW	<input type="text"/>	
EE	HLMT	<input type="text"/>	