

# Chalk Talk

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Veterans' Week

**PLEASE SHARE CHALK TALK WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES !!!****Letter from the Editor**

Dear Educators:

*Our two countries have always been prepared to bear the burden and pay the price to make our world safer and defend our whole way of life. The Peace Tower in this building commemorates the 67,000 Canadian lives lost in the First World War alone. Britain owes an incredible debt to Canadian armed forces, and I want to pay tribute to them today.* — UK PM David Cameron address to Parliament of Canada - September 22, 2011

Two notable events occurred on Thursday, September 22 that remind us of the vital role played by the Canada's Armed Forces. The first was the unveiling of a memorial in Toronto's Mount Pleasant Cemetery for WWI flying ace, Lt.-Col. William Barker. Barker flew with Billy Bishop, who called his fellow pilot the 'best' he'd ever known.

In his very short 35 year life, Barker's list of accomplishments, during and after The Great War, is long and meritorious. ([News article, click here](#))

The second event took place in our House of Commons where UK Prime Minister David Cameron addressed a joint session of MPs and Senators.

Quoting Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, he praised the accomplishments of Canada's Armed Forces and the impact they have had on Britain and on the World, acknowledging their courage, commitment, and sacrifice, past and present. ([To read the entire address, click here.](#))

This November, how will you encourage your students to remember our veterans? This week's **Chalk Talk** features a variety of classroom resources from Veterans Affairs. In addition, check out a special virtual classroom opportunity from the NFB and The David Suzuki Foundation.

CoEd Communications is dedicated to supporting the important work of Canadian educators and invites you to visit [www.4edu.ca](http://www.4edu.ca) to view the many free teachers' resources on offer.

[Your comments are welcome.](#)

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## Imagine

**David Suzuki in your classroom!**

[For [details](#) on how your high school class can take part, see sub-feature, below. Register by Oct. 1/11]

**Remembrance Resources for the Classroom**

Veterans Affairs Canada offers educators a wide selection of **free, bilingual** resources about Remembrance and Canada's military history, from the South African War to today.

**Veterans' Week 2011 Resources**

Each fall, Veterans Affairs Canada distributes hundreds of thousands of copies of our Veterans' Week learning resources across Canada.

The [Tales of Animals in War](#) newspaper is aimed at youth aged 5 to 11. It introduces concepts of remembrance to a young audience in a non-threatening manner through the six Remembrance Clubhouse animal characters. This year, they visit the Peace Tower in Ottawa and explore the various roles played by animals in wars.



The [Canada Remembers Times](#) newspaper is aimed at youth aged 12 to 18. It explores Canada's contributions in the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War and in more recent Canadian Forces efforts, as well as the sacrifices and achievements of those who served.

We also offer [Postcards for Peace](#), an activity where youth write messages of personal gratitude on postcards and send them to Canadian Veterans and Canadian Forces members. Our **bookmarks** and [poster](#) help youth think about Remembrance during Veterans' Week and year-round. The on-line [Teacher's Guide](#) offers lesson plan ideas to complement our resources.



**Order your [Veterans' Week resources](#) today and engage your students in Remembrance!** [For more information on these and other resources, see *below*.]

**Month**  
July 1, 1916  
Remembrance Day  
From  
D.E. Smyth

**Newfoundlanders at Beaumont-Hamel**

July 1st is known as Canada Day but for Newfoundlanders it's Remembrance Day. There is a close bond between the province and the battle of Beaumont-Hamel.

On the day in 1916, approximately 800 men from the 1st Newfoundland Regiment were sent to the battle of Beaumont-Hamel. They were the only Canadian unit to be killed in action during the war.

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The [Canada Remembers Times](#) is aimed at youth aged 12 to 18 and explores interesting chapters from Canada's military heritage, from the First World War to today. The **Canada Remembers Times** includes stories on Canada's Engagement in Afghanistan, the Korean War, WWI's Battle of the Somme and Newfoundlanders at Beaumont-Hamel, as well as the activities of modern day Canadian Forces' around the world and much more. **This bilingual colour newspaper (shown left) comes in sets of 30. An online teacher's guide is also available.**

**The Black Pit**

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**Canada's Engagement in Afghanistan**

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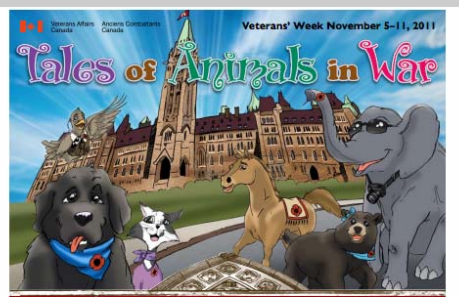
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**'Read All About It' — News That's Made For Kids!**

[Tales of Animals in War](#) is aimed at youth aged 5 to 11 and introduces concepts of remembrance to a young audience in a gentle manner using the six Remembrance Clubhouse animal characters: Simone the Cat, Ellie the Elephant, Bonfire Jr. the horse, Gandy the dog, Squeaker the pigeon and Win the bear. These bilingual colour newspapers (shown right) come in sets of 30, ideal for use in a classroom setting or for distribution in a school library. **Order your class set today! Downloadable teacher's guide available.**



In addition, educators can order colourful [Veterans' Week posters](#), (shown, left) available in 8.5" x 11" or 18" x 24" sizes.

To request these free materials, you can call Veterans Affairs Canada toll free at 1-877-604-8469 or use our convenient on-line [Veterans' Week ordering system](#). This easy-to-use system allows you to make your order instantaneously.

If you order by the October 22 you will be assured of receiving your materials prior to Veterans' Week, November 5 to 11.

**Archway of Remembrance**

Each year, the Remembrance Clubhouse members meet to talk about remembrance. This year, they gathered in Ottawa to explore the Peace Tower in the Parliament Buildings. "It is an architectural landmark in Canada but it is also a memorial," said Squeaker the pigeon, whose coop is in Ottawa.

"We learned today that a decision was made in 1917 to build a tower as a memorial to the Canadians who fought in the First World War," Simone the cat said.

"There are lots of symbols of remembrance inside the Tower, but Squeaker made the coolest discovery." Gandy the dog said. "He was flying through the doorway when we heard a loud squeak. We turned and he was pointing with his wings at a magnificent stone arch carved with images of animals!"

"Yes, it's awesome!" Squeaker agreed. "It's a memorial to animals who served in war, just like our relatives!" It has carved images of carrier pigeons and a rindler, pack mule, horse and dog. The words THE HUMBLE BEASTS THAT SERVED AND DIED are inscribed below. There are also images of canaries in a cage and mice above the words THE TUNNELLERS' FRIENDS.

"Animals served in wars in a variety of roles such as transporting supplies, delivering messages, helping the wounded or just being a soldier's companion," said Ellie the elephant.

"Thousands of animals contributed in times of war. We felt proud and thankful that they helped save lives. This archway memorial is a unique way to remember them all," said Bonfire Jr. the horse.

Walking home from the Peace Tower, the animals paused along the Rideau Canal to have one of Ottawa's famous beaver tail pastries. "Our paws and wings are tired after such a long day of discovery," Win the bear reflected. "But we are excited to go back to Squeaker's coop and design our own Archway of Remembrance!"

[www.veterans.gc.ca](http://www.veterans.gc.ca)

**Website of the week**

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**Other Veterans Affairs Canada Learning Materials**

Our multimedia learning kits on Canada's participation in the First World War and the Second World War are now offered electronically on a convenient data disc, while our Korean War learning kit is available in a printed format. Our numerous [historical sheets](#) and [historical booklets](#) cover

many chapters of our military heritage. Go to our [On-Line Ordering System](#) to learn more and order these useful free and bilingual resources.

[Veterans Affairs Canada](#) Web site also offers a variety of on-line [Learning Modules](#) and a [History](#) section to learn more about Canada's rich military history. Explore our dynamic [Web features](#) today!

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## Attention High School Teachers: Unique Virtual Classroom Opportunity

The National Film Board of Canada and the David Suzuki Foundation are pleased to present the [David Suzuki Virtual Classroom](#) on November 1st and 2nd, 2011. Don't miss this amazing opportunity for you and your **high school students** (age 13+) to connect with the famous environmentalist, live and in real time, from your classroom.

For the first time ever, students from across Canada will have an opportunity to ask David Suzuki questions about the issues raised in the NFB documentary *Force of Nature: The David Suzuki Movie*. During the online session, Dr. Suzuki will talk intimately and candidly about his rich life experiences and compelling vision for the future of our planet.



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For more information about the [David Suzuki Virtual Classroom](#), the film, registering your school or downloading our comprehensive study guides, please click [here](#). Please send any questions you may have about this event to [suzukivirtualclassroom@nfb.ca](mailto:suzukivirtualclassroom@nfb.ca).

**Deadline for Registration is October 1, 2011!**

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