

To: ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local Members
From: Craig Smith, President, ETFO Thames Valley Teacher Local (ETFO TVTL)
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Regarding: **Veterans' Week November 5-11**

Found below is a message from Veterans' Affairs Canada regarding Veterans' Week 2021.

November is fast approaching. While our 2021 Veterans' Week learning resources for students aged 5 to 18 are flying off the shelves, it is not too late to order! Visit our [online ordering site](#) today to receive your free, bilingual materials in time for Remembrance Day. Digital versions of all these resources are also available for download from our website at any time.

<https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance>

Veterans' Week 2021

We mark Veterans' Week each year from November 5 to 11. This year's theme is "Service, courage and sacrifice—at home, around the world and across generations." During this special time, we encourage Canadians to honour all those who have served our country in times of war, military conflict and peace.

On November 8—Indigenous Veterans Day—we also recognize the many contributions of [First Nations, Métis and Inuit service members](#) over the years.

In addition to our Veterans' Week learning resources, there are many ways to remember:

- wear a poppy with pride
- [join the conversation](#) on social media and share your thoughts and photos, using the hashtag **#CanadaRemembers**
- explore [stories](#) of Veterans and watch our [Heroes Remember videos](#)
- take part in virtual or in-person [commemorative events](#)

Visit our [Veterans' Week web hub](#) today to learn more!

www.veterans.gc.ca/CanadaRemembers

Faces of Freedom Podcast series

Stay tuned this November for a brand-new edition of our [Faces of Freedom Podcast](#) series, being released just in time for Veterans' Week 2021!

If you haven't had a chance yet, check out our previous podcasts. Your students can hear a wide variety of personal stories from different generations of Canadian Veterans.

www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/people-and-stories/podcasts

Historical publications and learning kits

We offer a variety of print and electronic resources year-round to help students learn more about our country's proud military history. Would you like free, bilingual learning kits, historical sheets and booklets about wars, battles and peace support operations in which Canada has participated? Visit our [online ordering site](#) and get copies for your classroom!

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Valentines for Vets

Making sure our Veterans feel appreciated is not only important in the time around Remembrance Day. Each year, Veterans Affairs Canada invites schools, individuals and organizations to send us handmade "[Valentines for Vets](#)" that we then distribute to Veterans in long-term care facilities across the country in February. Why not get your students involved in this heartwarming initiative?

www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/classroom/valentines-for-veterans

Thank you for helping keep the torch of remembrance burning brightly for our youth!

For more information regarding this *Communique* please contact the Local office by phone at 519-474-3150, or by email at etfotvtl@etfothamesvalley.com

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