

OPERATION LEGACY



A Special Year Commemorated: the 90th Anniversary of the First World War Armistice

Wreath Laying 2008

As the 90th Anniversary of the end of the First World War, 2008 was very important for Operation Legacy. Members from across the country were very active and committed to spreading the NEVER AGAIN! message and preserving Canadian military heritage.

Operation Legacy members of all ages laid a wreath at their community Remembrance Day Ceremony. More than 30 Champs participated this year!



Champs Carla, eight, and Julia, eight, who are matched as part of our Matching Mothers Program, took up the torch together and laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day ceremony in Maple Ridge, BC. Their parents reported:

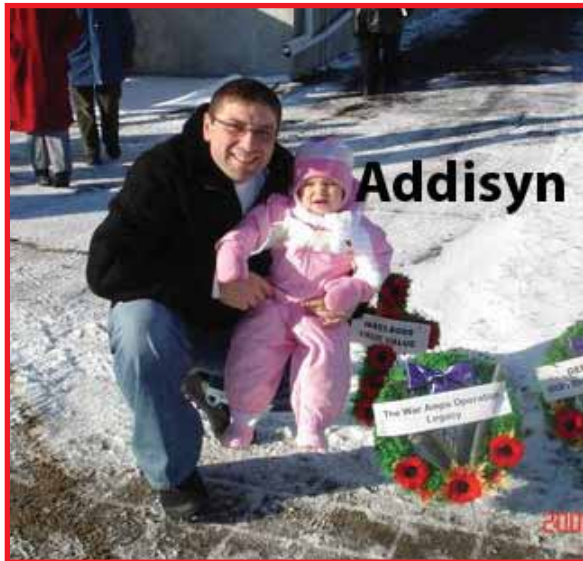
"This was the first time either girl participated in laying a wreath in honour of 'The War Amps Operation Legacy' at a ceremony. It was also, the first time the girls got together outside of a CHAMP Seminar. Despite the rainy November weather, it was a very special moment for them and their families."



Champ Mollie, nine, was very pleased to represent Operation Legacy and participate in the Remembrance Day ceremony in Whistler, BC for the 5th year in a row! Mollie's family wrote in:

"Each year Mollie has a greater and greater understanding of the importance of what she is doing and this year she had a particularly mature approach to the event. It was very poignant for us, her family, to watch as she laid the wreath as a representative of The War Amps, for the fifth consecutive year. The organizers of the Whistler Remembrance Day ceremony are very pleased to have Mollie participate annually. Mollie is the third in line to place a wreath, immediately after the representatives from the Government of Canada and the Veterans Association. Thank you for encouraging the Champs to participate in these important events."

Champs and CHAMP Graduates of all ages paid homage to our veterans this year.



Addisyn, one, with Dad's help, and Jude, one, with Grandma's help were the youngest members to lay wreaths this year.



CHAMP Graduate John laid a wreath at the new War Memorial in his hometown of Conception Bay South, NL. He said:
"It was a great experience and a lot of people turned out this year as it was the first Remembrance Day for this memorial. Thank you so much for the opportunity to lay a wreath on behalf of The War Amps." – John



Champs are active in learning from our veterans and taking up the torch of commemoration and remembrance. Champ and Junior Counsellor Sean teamed up with a War Amps member to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Ceremony in Edmonton, AB.

Cliff Chadderton, CEO of The War Amps, thanked and congratulated all Operation Legacy members who laid a wreath to commemorate this important anniversary. He remarked, *"I cannot begin to express to you how meaningful it is for us, as veterans, to witness young people taking up the torch and laying a wreath at Remembrance Day ceremonies to honour our fallen comrades"*