



Celebrating 100 Years

The War Amps innovative programs have grown over the past **100 years** from assisting war amputees – whom they still serve – to all amputees, including children. Today, the Association’s commitment remains **to continue improving the lives of amputees** by:

- Providing financial assistance for artificial limbs
- Holding regional seminars for child amputees
- Advocating for fair treatment of war amputee veterans, as well as all amputees
- Continuing as the centre of excellence for living with amputation

There is still much to do to ensure amputees have the artificial limbs they need to lead independent and active lives. With the public’s continued support of the Key Tag Service, The War Amps programs for amputees will carry on long into the future.



At a Glance

- *1918* – The War Amps is founded by amputee veterans returning from the First World War, with the philosophy of “amputees helping amputees.”
- *1939* – With the next generation of war amputees coming home from the Second World War, the Association welcomes these veterans, many returning on hospital ships, and provides an encouraging picture of their future as amputees.
- *1946* – The Key Tag Service debuts, creating jobs for war amputees and generating funds for the Association by providing a valuable service to Canadians. To date, the service has returned more than 1.5 million sets of lost keys to their owners.
- *1975* – The Association starts the Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program, providing financial assistance for artificial limbs, regional seminars and peer support.
- *2014* – The War Amps ongoing work to protect the rights and interests of amputees is formalized in the Advocacy Program. Advocacy provides a voice for all amputees in Canada and helps them access the financial assistance, care and services to which they are entitled.
- *2018* – The War Amps celebrates 100 years!

