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Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) offers educators a wide selection of **free, bilingual** learning resources about Remembrance and our country's military history. Teachers can order many of our materials using our [on-line ordering system](#) or access electronic versions using the [VAChttp://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/](http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/remembers/) Web site.

New Veterans Affairs Canada Web Features

VAC has launched new Web features over the past year on various topics such as:

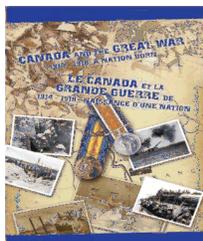
- the [100th anniversary of the Canadian Navy](#);
- the [65th anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands](#);
- the [efforts of francophone Canadians during the Second World War](#);
- [Aboriginal Veterans](#); and
- the work of the [Last Post Fund](#); and much more.



Check out our [anniversaries and features](#) section today for a complete listing!

Multimedia Learning Kits

VAC is in the process of updating its multimedia learning kits on Canada's participation in the First and Second World Wars and the Korean War. The new kits will be bilingual and available on a multi disc format.



The same comprehensive high quality teacher's guide, posters and audio visual resources will still be available, in addition to a host of new materials, including historical publications, additional audio visual resources and learning modules.

The new First World War kit was released in June and contains two discs, a data disc and a video disc, and is packaged in an attractive, compact, easy to carry and easy to store DVD case. The Second World War and Korean War kits will be available sometime later next year.

Go to VAC's ["On Line Ordering System"](#) to learn more about these resources.

New Learning Modules

Two new Second World War online learning modules [“Canada Remembers The Liberation of the Netherlands”](#) and [“Canada Remembers Canadians in South East Asia”](#) are now available. They contain multiple lesson plans, several learning activities for the classroom, as well as information handouts and colourful maps.

Additional learning modules will be available over the coming year on key battles that Canada was involved in during the First World War. Keep an eye out for these and other new initiatives of VAC’s learning unit by visiting the [“Teachers Resources”](#) section of our Web site.

Veterans’ Week Materials

Each year, VAC distributes more than a million copies of our two Veterans’ Week youth newspapers across Canada. These bilingual colour newspapers come in class sets of 30, ideal for use in a classroom or school library.

[Tales of Animals in War](#) (ages 5 to 11) - introduces concepts of remembrance using the Remembrance Clubhouse animal characters. This year, they embark on an exciting cross-Canada road trip. The fun new ‘Which Way to Remembrance?’ game can also be found inside.

The [Canada Remembers Times](#) (ages 12 to 18) - explores interesting chapters from Canada’s military heritage, from the South African War to today, including stories about the end of the Second World War, the Canadian Navy and much more.

[Postcards for Peace](#) - a popular learning activity that allows youth to send postcards expressing their personal thanks to Veterans or Canadian Forces members.

An online educator’s guide for these products, as well as colourful [Veterans’ Week posters](#) and bookmarks are also available. To request our free materials, use our on-line [Veterans’ Week ordering system](#). Order by the second week of October to receive them prior to November 5.