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Reading and Remembrance 2007: Women and War

Read news and make news Fri November 9th!

Pickering – With nearly 20,000 students signed up to read and remember the war efforts of men and women this Friday, it's not too late to sign up for the provincial project Reading and Remembrance at www.dvac.ca Join Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Manitouwadge, École catholique des Pins in Ottawa, Canadian Martyrs in St Catherines and Brooklin Village Public School in Brooklin as they and many other schools make Remembrance Day special.

Teachers have used the Durham West Art Centre's free resource materials to develop lessons, readings, assemblies and presentations. One teacher relates, "We'll be highlighting readings before the day and reading in each classroom November 9th raising awareness of the role women play in our history of supporting military forces- from nursing to peacekeeping."

Thanks to the support of founding sponsor Ontario Power Generation the 2007 materials are bilingual. There are three French school boards participating. Says project director Gary Faulkner, "When you read the Honour Roll, you realize that this project is reaching into all parts of the province."

Participating schools who register on-line receive a special Reading and Remembrance 2007 poster on the theme of Women and War. This year's poster features Wren Olive Henderson and munitions worker, Louise Johnson with some very special guests.

Reading and Remembrance 2007 has the support of the Canada Remembers Program of Veterans Affairs Canada. "We're delighted that two strong champions have come forward to make this project, started with DWAC in Pickering, into a truly provincial project," says DWAC Chair John Sabean. "Thank you Ontario Power Generation and Veterans Affairs Canada."

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www.dvac.ca/press/readingRemembrance.html
List of participating schools: www.dvac.ca/press/readingRemembranceHonourRoll2007.html

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