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WWII “Homeland Stories” Capture the Imagination

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Durham Region – As in the previous five years educators across province have turned to readingandremembrance.ca for resources. Whole school boards have signed on from the Avon Maitland School Board, to the Northeastern Catholic District School Board, to the Simcoe County District School Board. The Georgina Public Libraries, Durham Homeschoolers and Alternative Learning Centre of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board will also use the materials.

With lessons on submarine battles in the St. Lawrence River, Nazi prisoners interned in small town Ontario, the massive Canadian contribution to the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan and the good deeds of women, seniors and children in support of the war effort, there is something for everyone. Most young people in Ontario should be able to find a WWII site that operated within 161km of their community. The “Minutes”, which are shorter readings, are perfect for every day in Remembrance Week.

For visitors new to the site there’s a new User Guide and Minutes Snapshot Page as well as five years of archived materials to draw upon. “The project started in Durham Region with the intention of having as many young people as possible read something historical at exactly the same time on Remembrance Day to remember the significant efforts of our veterans and war workers. We now support using these materials at any time of the year, but, especially during Veterans Week”, says Angie Littlefield one of the program managers. “These materials support Women’s History Month, diversity and character education. They’re a perfect supplement to Ontario curricula such as History, Law, English, Civics, the Arts and Family Studies.”

Founding and supporting sponsor Ontario Power Generation and lead sponsor the Ontario Historical Society once again this year have the support of the Pickering Public Library, MP Mark Holland and the Durham West Arts Centre. New sponsors include Veterans Affairs Canada and SLiC, the journal of the Canadian Association of School Libraries.

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