

Decoration Day Cadet Project

20 Apr 22

Dear Cadet Leaders,

The Hamilton Veterans Committee and the Hamilton Military Museum invite cadets to earn volunteer hours researching the fallen. Our "Research a Grave" project was a resounding success in 2021, and we are offering it again.

WHAT: In honour of Decoration Day, cadets perform biographical research on a veteran. Each cadet prepares a one-page research paper on their selected veteran. The veteran-subject can be provided to the cadet by military museum staff, or cadets may choose their own. (The latter is well suited if a cadet wishes to research someone in their own family history.) Online research sources will be provided, however cadets are not limited to these. Cadets gain research skills and volunteer hours, while the Military Museum benefits by expanding its database of Hamilton veterans.

WHEN: Online virtual orientation for cadets Wednesday 4 May 22, 1900, WEBEX, repeated Monday 9 May, 1900. Interested cadets should notify the Admin O prior to that date to receive an invitation. Leaders are more than welcome to attend.

The one-page research papers are to be returned Monday, May 30. The research will be used in social media posts leading up to the City of Hamilton Decoration Day Memorial ceremony, Sunday, June 12.

Details about research content are below. For more information, cadets and leaders can contact Christopher Redford, Veterans Committee Staff Liaison, at 905-973-4005.

Where possible, the following information should be included about each researched veteran:

- Where were they born?
- When did they move to the Hamilton area?
- Where did they live in the Hamilton area?
- The details of their military service, including dates
- Did they do anything of interest in their civilian life?
- Where are they buried?

If possible, include:

- An image of the personality the cadet has been assigned or chosen
- An image of themselves in their cadet uniform
- One or two sentences on what doing this project meant to them

Note: It may not be possible to answer every question for every personality. Each cadet should

do their best, and contact us if you need any assistance.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them.

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