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## Honouring Indigenous Veterans

Marking the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day, First Nations, Metis and Inuit soldiers served alongside other Canadians in WWI and participated in every major battle in which Canadians troops fought. November 8<sup>th</sup> is Aboriginal Veterans Day and November 11<sup>th</sup> is Remembrance Day. The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls invites you to pay special tribute to First Nations, Metis and Inuit veterans and those currently serving.

Communities across our territories are holding commemorative ceremonies to honour the tremendous sacrifices and contributions of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit men and women who defended their communities and Canada, and supported peacekeeping efforts in war-torn countries around the world. Veterans Affairs Canada estimates that 12,000 Indigenous peoples served in the First and Second World Wars and in the Korean War. More than 500 lost their lives in these conflicts and many more were injured. On returning home, thousands were denied supports and services offered to veterans due to the policies and practices in place.

We encourage all Canadians to honour our relatives who fought and sacrificed for Canada. Collectively let's build a peaceful society where each of us has equal and equitable rights, respect and opportunities.

**In remembrance. Lest we forget.**

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