

Those Who Served

Sport and the Military has a very long and distinguished connection. So far, we have uncovered 124 inducted athletes, builders and team members who gave their services to the Armed Forces including the RCMP. We are sure there are many more. We remember.



Grade focus:

4-12

Objective:

Using the information provided, students will investigate the military men and women who served our country, focusing on those connected to sport and the SSHF.

Educational Outcomes:

CR4.2	CR5.1	CR6.1	CR7.1	CR8.1	CR9.1
CC4.1	CC5.1	CC6.1	CR7.2	CR8.2	CC9.1
IN4.1		IN6.1	CC7.1	CC8.1	IN9.2
IN4.3		PA6.1	DR7.3	DR8.3	DR9.2
			IN7.1		

Lessons:

- Make sure children are familiar with the vocabulary attached, abbreviations, some military awards and military rankings.
- Several of our inductees on the Armistice Day panels fought in major battles.
 - Pick one battle and tell us more about it: dates, who was involved, lessons learned and any other important facts.
 - o Some may include the Battle of Somme, Vimy Ridge, Battle of Ypres, Hill 70, Amiens and Passchendaele.
 - o Pick one inductee involved in the battle you chose and tell us their story.
- Hockey and the military have a very strong and long-standing bond. During the First and Second World War,
 players were encouraged to enlist and it is said "more than 30 Canadians who perished in that war (WWI) had
 significant ties to hockey." https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/those-who-served/hockey-canadian-military/history.
 - o Pick one of these very brave men to do a research report on.
- Indigenous Soldiers played a key role in serving our country. Three of these brave men are highlighted on the blue Sportsmen banners: Claude Petit, David Greyeyes and Tony Cote, and one on the orange banner Alex Decoteau.
 - Research one of these brave men and the role our Indigenous soldiers played in any of Canada's military efforts.
- We often think Remembrance Day is to remember those who fought in the two World Wars but there were many other military efforts Canada was involved in and so too were our inductees.
 - Pick an example of this mentioned on the banners and someone involved in the effort. (ex. Korea, Afghanistan).
- Students can map where many of the battles or sporting tournaments mentioned took place. Countries would include France, Belgium, Germany and England.

Vocabulary:

occupy

expeditionary

battalion

detachment

seconded

squadron

Canadian Black Watch

prisoner of war

inter-allied

Victoria Cross

artillery

field artillery

trench

posthumously

engagements

intervention

enlisted

stationed

gunner

torpedo

deployment

escalate

amphibian aircraft

allies

regiment

mortar

minesweeper

discharged

armistice

Abbreviations:

ΚIΑ

PPCLI

RCAF

KIS

RCN

HMCS

Awards:

Military Cross and Bar

Victoria Cross

Greek Military Cross

Korea Voluntary Service

Distinguished Flying Cross

Special Service Medal

Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal

Order of Canada

Ranks	Royal Canadian Navy	Canadian Army / Royal Canadian Air Force
General/Flag Officers	Admiral (Adm)	General (Gen)
Officers	Vice-Admiral (VAdm)	Lieutenant-General (LGen)
	Rear-Admiral (RAdm)	Major-General (MGen)
	Commodore (Cmdre)	Brigadier-General (BGen)
Senior Officers	Captain(N) (Capt(N))	Colonel (Col)
	Commander (Cdr)	Lieutenant-Colonel (LCol)
	Lieutenant-Commander (LCdr)	Major (Maj)
Junior Officers	Lieutenant(N) (Lt(N))	Captain (Capt)
	Sub-Lieutenant (SLt)	Lieutenant (Lt)
	Acting Sub-Lieutenant (A/SLt)	Second Lieutenant (2Lt)
Subordinate Officer	Naval Cadet (NCdt)	Officer Cadet (OCdt)
Warrant Officers, Petty Officers and	Chief Petty Officer 1st class (CPO 1)	Chief Warrant Officer (CWO)
Senior Non- Commissioned Officers	Chief Petty Officer 2nd class(CPO 2)	Master Warrant Officer (MWO)
	Petty Officer 1st class(PO 1)	Warrant Officer (WO)
	Petty Officer 2nd class(PO 2)	Sergeant (Sgt)
Junior Non- Commissioned	Master Sailor (MS)	Master Corporal (MCpl)
Members	Sailor First Class (S1)	Corporal (Cpl)
	Sailor Second Class (S2)	Private (Trained) (Pte (T)) / Aviator (Trained) (Avr (T))
	Sailor Third Class (S3)	Private (Basic) (Pte (B)) / Aviator (Basic) (Avr (B))

 $\underline{https://www.canada.ca/en/services/defence/caf/military-identity-system/rank-appointment-insignia.html}$

LEST WE FORGET, ARMISTICE DAY, **100 YEARS LATER**

November 11, 1918 at 11:00 in the morning. The eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month. So came to an end "the war to end all wars." The guns finally fell silent, bringing to a close four long years of unspeakable war. The Canadians will suffer gas attacks, infested trenches, misery. Yet through it all the Canadian Expeditionary Force will prove to be the fighting force which will earn them the nickname Shock Trops as they achieve important victories at Vimy, Hill 70, Passchendaele, Amiens and more. And Canada will earn its place as a signatory to the Treaty of Versailles.

As the world prepares to observe the 100th anniversary of the Armistice in 2018, there is an opportunity to explore the relationship between sport and military service. The Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame presents those brave sportsmen who served in World War I (WWI) and some of their personal accomplishments and contributions to the war

1914 REGINA VICTORIAS (Allan Cup Champions)

Frederick McCulloch - hockey





1915 MELVILLE MILLIONAIRES





Donald Sinclair Moynes - hockey

D'Arcy Smith - hockey

1925 REGINA PATS

William "Bill" Griston - hockey

1934 SASKATOON QUAKERS (World Hockey Champions)







Captain Edward Lyman "Hick" Abbott, MC/Bar of Regins was KIA August 14, 1918 near Amens and is buried at Roye New British Cemetery, Somme, France. Abbott had been wounded in action twice before being killed, and received the Military Cross and Bar for bravery at Vimy Ridge. Regina's Abbott Street and the Abbott Cup, were named in his honour. The Abbott Cup was awarded from 1919-99 to the Junior A Western Canada hockey championship



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Private Alexander "Alex" Decoteau was KIA by a sniper at Passchendaele October 30, 1917 and is buried at Passchendaele New British Cemetery northeast of leper, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium, Born in Battleford, SK he grew up on the Red Pheasant reserve and was a well-known distance runner. After moving to Alberta, Alexander was the provincial champion in the half-mile, one-mile, two-mile, three-mile, five-mile and ten-mile events, once winning four of them in a single day. He joined the Edmonton police department in 1909, the first abordjanal policeman in Canada, and was a sergeant when he enlisted in 1916. He was a member of Canada's team at the Stockholm Olympics in 1912 in the 5,000 meters.

Ernest Wynne "Joe" Griffiths - athletics

y "Cap" Harrison - equestrian



Lieutenant George Hay + served in WWI for 3 years, part of that time with Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry. He re-enlisted in World War II to serve as a flight lieutenant and instructor with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Rollin Henry "Roly" Howes - multi sport

Henry Daniel MacDonald - hockey +

Charles McCool - hockey

Allan Wilfrid Pickard - hockey

William Beatty Ramsay - hockey





Neil J. "Piffies" Taylor was discharged from the Canadian Army in 1916 to take a Commission with the British Army. In 1917 while serving with the Royal Air Force, his plane was shot down behind enemy lines in Germany. He was badly injured which included the loss of an eye. Taylor and the remaining crew were captured and made prisoners of war for one year. As a member of the Saskatchewan Roughriders following the war, his glass eye popping out on the field mid-game became the stuff of legend.

Earl Thomson - athletics

H.J. "Pete" Wilken - curling

Frederick Wilson - football

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A CALL TO ARMS: **HOCKEY INDUCTEES OF THE** SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Known first and foremost for their contributions to hockey, both behind the bench and on the ice, 34% of the hockey inductees (to date) in the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame have answered the call to serve their country. In an effort to explore the relationship between sport and military service, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame presents those honoured members (as of 2018) from the sport of hockey who also served in a branch of the armed forces.

1914 REGINA VICTORIAS **Charles Otton**

Frederick McCulloch

Arthur Austin Creswell

1915 MELVILLE MILLIONAIRES Harry Stuart MacKenzie **Robert McCutcheon Donald Sinclair Moynes** D'Arcy Smith

1923 UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN HUSKIES HOCKEY TEAM

(Inter-Provincial University Champions)

Group Captain Ernest "Ernie" McNab was the commander of a Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) fighter formation in the Battle of Britain, 1940. He was the first member of the RCAF to take to the skies against the Germans and also the first to bag a German Dornier bombing plane. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of



1925 REGINA PATS (Memorial Cup Champions) William "Bill" Griston Alvin "Al" Ritchie

1928 REGINA MONARCHS (Memorial Cup Champions) **Alfred Whittleton**

1930 REGINA PATS (Memorial Cup Champions)





Edward "Eddie" Wiseman served with the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII out of Saskatoon while also playing senior hockey with the Air Force team.

Gordon Pettinger

Alvin "Al" Ritchie





Alex Motter was a member of the Royal Canadian Navy Coast Guard Cutters in WWII. Following the war, he went on to play 265 games in the National Hockey League, winning a Stanley Cup with the 1943 Detroit Red Wings.

Murray Armstrong

Alvin "Al" Ritchie

1934 SASKATOON QUAKERS (World Hockey Champions)
H.J. "Johnny" Walker (manager) Albert Myles "Ab" Welsh

1935 NORTH BATTLEFORD BEAVERS

Victor Myles

1941 REGINA (Allan Cup Champions)





Pliot Officer James Stanley Bladon was KIS on July 24, 1942. He was one of two airmen who lost their lives when their Cessna Crane aircraft crashed, in bad weather, 2 1/2 miles west of Dauphin, Manitoba.

Angus "Scotty" Cameron enlisted in 1943 and joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, despite a very successful start to his National Hockey League career. He remained in the military for the next three years before returning to the New York Rangers organization.

James "Jim" "Sugar" Henry

Frank Mario

Alex Sandalack

INDIVIDUALS:

Edward Lyman "Hick" Abbott, MC/Bar Sidney "Sid" Abel **Murray Armstrong** Maxwell "Max" Bentley **Garth Boesch**



John William "Johnny" Bower enlisted, under the name Johan William Kiszkan, in the Canadian Army during WWII at 15 by lying about his age. He was stationed in England as a gunner with the 2nd Canadian Division from 1940 to 1943. His unit was supposed to take part in the 1942 Dieppe Raid, but a few days before the attack, Bower and eight others in his unit came down with a respiratory infection that required hospitalization. Following the war Johnny went on to become one of the greatest hockey goales of all time, earning 4 Stanley Cup championships with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Norman "Heck" Fowler

Sergeant Emile Francis rose through the ranks quickly and becan sergeant in charge of 36 soldiers of First Nation ancestry during WWII. The troops were crack shots and won every competition on the grounds. As a result, they were penned the "Francis Highlanders". Following the war Emile resumed his hockey career joining the National Hockey League as a player. His true impact was made as a coach in the League where he spent ten years behind the bench, most notably with the New York Rangers.



Frank Germann



William "Bill" Hunter flew Spitfire and Beaufighter aircraft with the Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force from 1940-1944, Following the war Bill pursued his interests in hockey leading to the establishment of the Western Canadian Hockey League (now the Western Hockey League) and the World Hockey Association.

Dick Irvin Sr.

Major Gordon Juckes enlisted in the Royal Canadian Artillery during the first few months of WWII and rose to the rank of Major. Juckes was later awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1946 for his exemplary wartime



Major Michael "Mike" Kartusch started as a cadet instructor in 1932. From 1941-43 he served with the Auxiliary War Services. He was promot Major in 1952 and served as commander of the #155 Regina Rifles Regin from 1953-68.

Victor "Vic" Lynn

Able Seaman John "Jack" Maddia tried to enlist at 15 years but was turned away. He successfully tried again in 1943 when he turned 18. During his service Jack was onboard a ship torpedoed off Norway and was then stationed on the HMCS Peregrine, Hallfax, NS in 1944.



Charles McCool

Donald "Don" Maurice Metz

Nicholas "Nick" John Metz



Stanley "Stan" Obodiac was a Bomber Pilot in early 1944, stationed at Pennfield Ridge, NB. Following the war Stan returned to his hockey roots. H is perhaps best known for his 26 years as Director of Publicity for Maple Leaf Gardens and the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Allan "Al" Wilfrid Pickard

William Beatty Ramsay

Claude "Chuck" Rayner rode the seas of the Pacific and Atlantic in WWII aboard 'bucking bronco' Corvettes on patrol duty. Corvettes were very durable, almost unsinkable it was said, but being that they rode the waves, it was like sitting aboard a bucking bronco horse. Returning to hocky following the war, Chuck played with the New York Rangers from 1945 to



Lieutenant Colonel Edward "Ed" Staniowski served in the Canadian Force after retiring from a ten-year career (219 games) in the National Hockey Leaguin 1995, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Primary Reserve. His military career has included numerous deployments including Africa, the Middle East, Bosnia, Egypt, Israel, Cyprus and Afghanistan. Ed retired from active service in 2014.

Harold "Harry" Watson interrupted his National Hockey League (NHL) career to join the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) as WWII escalated. While in the military, he played for the Montreal, Winnipeg and Saskatoon RCAF teams during the 1943/44 and 1944/45 seasons and in 1944 helped the Saskatoon RCAF win the Western Command Senior Hockey Championships. After the war he returned to the NHL for 14 seasons winning 5 Stanley Cup championships.



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A CALL TO ARMS: SPORTSMEN RECOGNIZED IN THE SASKATCHEWAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

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Robert "Bob" Adams - athletics

Calvin Bricker - athletics

Alexander "Alex" Decoteau - athletics

William "Rover" Forsyth - athletics

Ernest "Joe" Griffiths - athletics

Harold Mitchelmore - athletics

Earl "Tommy" Thomson - athletics

Peter "Pete" Prediger - baseball

Stanley "Hub" Gutheridge was in the Reserve Militia Service - Canadian Army and Cadet Services of Canada for 21 years. Following the war, Hub was appointed Supervisor of Physical Education for the Moose Jaw Public School Board and is credited for the growth of basketball, in particular, in the city.



Anton "Red" Glasser - bowling

Gaston "Gas" Eichel - boxing



Pilot Officer Ernest "Ossie" Herien enlisted at Saskatoon in 1940. He was a successful boxer while serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Ossie was KIS June 9, 1944 when his Canso amphibian aircraft crashed at Ucluelet, British Columbia while returning from ocean patrol. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Saskatoon.

Able Seaman Claude Warwick was KIS March 1, 1945 and is buried in the Able Sealman Claude Warwick was KLS March 1, 1945 and is buried in the soldiers' plot at Regina Cemetery. He was stationed with the HMCS Donnacona, at Montréal, Quebec. Warwick was fatally injured in a bus/train collision at Sydney, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, and died in the Navy hospital there. He was the Canadian featherweight boxing champion when he enlisted at Regina late in 1942.



Private Claude Petit enlisted at just 15 years of age in 1951. Claude was a paratrooper with Princess Patricias Canadian Light Infantry, in Alaska, Canada, Germany and Korea. He was injured in Korea and shipped home but he rejoined again in 1957. While enlisted Claude was a five-time Canadian Army heavyweight boxing champion and the only Canadian to win the British Army Heavyweight Boxing Championship.

Glen Campbell - curling

Alfred Hill - curling

Arthur "Art" Knutson - curling

Elmer Knutson - curling

Ernest "Ernie" Richardson - curling

H.J. "Pete" Wilken - curling

Stanley "Cap" Harrison - equestrian

Lou Hough - equestrian

Bert Penfold - figure skating

Roy "Sandy" Archer served in the Canadian Army Medical Corps for five and a half years (1941-45) as an operating room technician. Following the war Sandy trained as a physiotherapist and became the head trainer for the Saskatchewan Roughriders, a position he would hold for 30 years.



E.H. "Robert" Arn - football

Kenneth "Ken" Charlton - football

Gordon Currie - football

Paul Dojack - football



Gordon "Greg" Grassick, was a player/coach with the Regina Roughriders from 1927-1932 when the team made 5 appearances in the Grey Cup, and lost them all. He tried to enlist in WWI but was too young and was discovere Greg did manage to enter WWII and was mainly posted in England. At one point he was to find food for the mess hall and found a field filled with com-He brought it back and with the other Chanadians posted with him, cooked it up. It was corn for the cows so it made everyone terribly sick.

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ROBERTSON

R.C. "Scotty" Livingstone - football

John "Jack" Stewart - football

Neil "Piffles" Taylor - football

Frederick "Fred" Wilson - football

Leonard Bath - multi sport

Rollin Henry "Roly" Howes - multi sport



Lieutenant Tom "Scotty" Melville fought at Dieppe, Aug 19, 1942, where he was captured and held in a Bavarian prison camp for 30 months. While a prisoner of war he passed the time by writing poetry, which was later published under the title Barbed Wire Ballads. Following the war, Scotty was credited with being a builder in a number of different sports.

Major Robert Reid entered into 6 years, 2 months of active service with the Royal Canadian Allied Medical Corps in 1940 and was the first Allied dentist in France. A golf champion before the war, Robert played on the Canadian Army Team in 1945, and then returned to golf following the war. All told, Robert played on six Willingdon Cup teams



Edgar Wallace "Wally" Stinson - multi sport

George Ward - multi sport

Ernest "Ernie" Albert Greenley - golf

John "Jack" Leddy - golf

Dr. Robert Reid - golf

Tom Ross - golf

Jack Adams served 30 years in the Army. Wherever his travels took him he produced or maintained the horseshoe pitches everywhere he went.



Harold Clayton - lawn bowling

Eldon Elliott - media Lloyd Saunders - media



Antoine "Tony" Cote joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1952 at just 17 years of age and served with the 81st Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. His unit was shipped to Korea on March 22, 1953 and remained there for 14 months. Upon returning from Korea Tony re-enlisted for another three years and was stationed in Utopia, New Brunswick Canadian Forces Base until his unit was sent to Germany in October 1955. He was awarded the Korea Voluntary Service medal, Special Service medal and Canadian Peacekeeping Service medal. Tony's lifetime of service to his community, his province and his country is reflected in his development of opportunities in sport, particularly through the establishment of the Saskatchewan First Nations Summer Games, which are now known as the Tony Cote First Nations Summer Games.

Joseph Austman - shooting

James Harry Girgulis - shooting

Peter Imaeff - shooting

Ronald "Ron" Woolgar - shooting

Dennis Adkins - skiing

Julien Audette - soaring

First Lieutenant David Greyeyes from the Muskeg Lake Cree Band in Saskatchewan joined the military in 1940. He served in seven European countries in many military roles, including commanding a mortar platoon in Italy. During the Italian Campaign, he earned the Greek Military Cross (third class) for valour in supporting the Greek Mountain Brigade. In 1977 he was appointed to the Order of Canada "for long and devoted service to his people, often under difficult circumstances". David was the only treaty Indian to be commissioned as an officer overseas. A talented soccer player, David played in Inter-Allied games during the war, and was a member of the Canadian team that won the Overseas Army Championship.

David "Dave" Pearce - softball

Robert "Bob" Van Impe - softball

Dr. Sam Landa - sport medicine

William "Bill" Orban - sport medicine

Harry Bailey - swimming



William "Bill" Ebbels joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1942 and served as a Gunnery and Navigation Officer. He was onboard the minesweeper H.M.C.S. Canso, the ione Canadian ship with a British flotilla in the Normandy Invasion. Following the war Bill picked up the sport of tennis and went on to win the Saskatchewan men's singles championship a record 8 times.

"Kirk" Kirkpatrick - tennis

John Leicester - tennis

David "Ironside" Pyle - wrestling

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