

Preserving memories

Veterans work to ensure sacrifices are not forgotten



Dann Bouzide, left, and Ed Ruckle are encouraging teachers to show the Veterans Memories Project video to their students.

(Windsor, Ontario, Oct. 14, 2014) – With so many of Canada’s aging Second World War veterans passing away, a group of local historians is doing everything it can to ensure that their contributions to our liberty are never forgotten.

“We especially need to educate students to not take freedom for granted,” says Dann Bouzide, president of the Windsor Historical Society’s Veterans Memories Project. “We need to recognize and thank all veterans for the price they paid to preserve freedom.”

To that end, the project has produced a special video that’s been made available at no cost to teachers throughout the WECDSB. The video includes a collection of first-hand accounts from veterans who fought in conflicts ranging from the Second World War to Afghanistan, who all recount their personal experiences in the hope that their stories will be remembered by future generations.

With Remembrance Day less than a month away, Ed Ruckle is hoping a lot of teachers will take advantage of the offer.

“These guys are dying off so quickly,” said Ruckle, a veteran of the Vietnam War. “Young people need to always remember the sacrifices that they made, and this is a great resource.”

If you’re a teacher and would like to get a copy of the video for your class, send an email to Bouzide at dann@windsorhistoricalsociety.com