



The Dominion Institute announces new Ontario Veterans project
Ontario Trillium Foundation to support community archive initiative

November 6, 2008 – Toronto – To coincide with Remembrance Week and the 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War, The Dominion Institute will launch a province wide initiative encouraging communities to help build a digital archive that will engage young people about the province's proud military history for years to come.

The Veteran Appreciation Project will engage thousands of community members over the next two years, including educators, students, museum professionals, libraries, Legion branches, and veterans associations, encouraging them to compile the important stories of our veterans from their community in order to create a unique online resource for all Ontarians.

"The Veteran Appreciation Project will build a lasting legacy for Ontarians, especially our youth, to help ensure they never forget the accomplishments of our servicemen and servicewomen," said Culture Minister Aileen Carroll. "The McGuinty Government, through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, is proud to support this important and unique initiative and we look forward to working with The Dominion Institute."

"The Dominion Institute is creating a truly interactive project that will help generations of young people understand what it was like for those who fought in World War II," said Robin Cardozo, CEO of the Ontario Trillium Foundation. "The Ontario Trillium Foundation is proud that our grant to the Institute is helping engage so many young people, giving them the tools to better understand and appreciate our country's history."

In Year 1 of the project, the Institute will create resources for community museums and libraries, as well as learning tools for teachers and students, to help prepare them to record and digitize the stories of veterans in their communities. In Year 2, special digitization workshop events will be held in six communities attended by archivists, veterans, community members and local MPPs. Also, young people will be encouraged to enter a contest to research a veteran, who has passed away, by doing research about that veterans' contribution to the service and their community.

This project is generously sponsored by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Government of Ontario. The Foundation has given the Dominion Institute a two-year \$150,000 grant to help cover key program and salary costs involved with the Veteran Appreciation Project. For over 25 years, the Foundation has supported the growth and vitality of communities across the province. It continues to strengthen the capacity of the volunteer sector through investments in community-based initiatives. For more information, please visit www.trilliumfoundation.org.

The Dominion Institute was founded in 1997 and has focused its efforts on conducting original research into Canadians' knowledge of the country's past and building innovative programs - such as The Memory Project - that broaden appreciation of the richness and complexity of the Canadian story. Visit www.dominion.ca

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