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TO: All Branches  
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Bev Croft, Youth Remembrance Contest Committee, BC/Yukon Command

SUBJECT: National Youth Remembrance Contests Update

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Comrades,

It continues to be an honour and a privilege to serve as Chair of the Youth Remembrance Subcommittee. Thank you to all students who participated in the 2026 National Youth Remembrance Contests. The quality of the entries continues to impress each year, and I want to thank all the volunteers who dedicated their time to judging the competition.

BC/Yukon Command is proud to recognize our six National winners:

**1st Place, Junior Colour Poster:**

Ziyu Candice Li, Collingwood Junior School, Branch 60 West Vancouver

**2nd Place, Intermediate Colour Poster:**

Elyn Han, Trafalgar Elementary, Branch 142 West Point Grey

**2nd Place, Primary Colour Poster:**

Eleanor Robertson, Kinnikinnick Elementary, Branch 140 Sechelt

**3rd Place, Senior Colour Poster:**

Chaelyn Han, Lord Byng Secondary, Branch 142 West Point Grey

**3rd Place, Primary Black & White Poster:**

Bowen Shao, Canada X Academy of Art & Design, Branch 291 Richmond

**3rd Place, Junior Poetry:**

Stephanie Sujic, Lighthouse Christian Academy, Branch 91 Prince Edward

Congratulations to these outstanding students, their teachers, and the Branches that supported them. Their achievements reflect the dedication and commitment of everyone involved in promoting this important program.

**New Photography Category**

BC/Yukon Command is pleased to introduce a new Photography category to the Youth Remembrance Contest. This category will be judged at the provincial level only and will be open to students in Grade 4-12, including homeschooled students.

Photographs will be submitted directly to BC/Yukon Command through an online process, similar to the Video Category. Branches are encouraged to help promote this new category by

displaying the promotional materials, sharing it with local schools, cadet corps, youth groups, and community organizations, and on social media.

Additional information about the new Photography category will be included in the School and Branch packages, which will be distributed by email in September. BC/Yukon Command will also be offering virtual training sessions this fall to provide an overview of the contest, answer questions, and share helpful reminders.

### **Important Contest Reminders**

As Branches prepare for the upcoming contest, please remember to:

- Ensure that the current year's official entry forms are used. Only the current forms can be accepted, and every section must be completed, including all required signatures.
- If there is missing information on an entry form, whenever possible, contact the student or teacher to request them to resubmit a corrected form or to provide the missing information.
- Lightly write the student's name in pencil on the back of each entry. Although the official entry form accompanies the submission, forms can occasionally become separated from the artwork during handling.
- Submit your branch **Statistics Form** to Command. These statistics are essential to measuring the success of our program and reduce the need for follow up.

Thank you to every Branch, teacher, volunteer, judge who continues to support this program each year. Your dedication makes it possible for thousands of students to learn about the sacrifices of our Veterans and ensures that their legacy will continue to be remembered by future generations.

In comradeship,

Bev Croft