

About Us

The Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association believes that our heritage, history and tourism are natural partners in growing better communities.

Our relationships with partnering organizations allows us to contribute to the well being of our veterans, youth and families in the communities we live and work in. To that end we built and operate Veterans Memorial Gardens & Interpretive Centre.

Our Committee's Vision Statement:
A Commemorative Garden
Connecting Community

Our Committee's Mission Statement:
To honour, dedicate & interpret the military history of Northwestern Alberta.

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WOMEN OF WAR



Honoring the Legacy of Women in Service

The Women of War Memorial stands as a powerful tribute to the courage, resilience and unwavering service of women in Canada's military history.

Through war, peacekeeping, and home-front efforts, women have continuously broken barriers, proving that service has no gender.

WOMEN OF WAR THROUGH HISTORY

From the Boer War to today, Canadian women have played vital roles in military service.

They first served as nurses and volunteers in the Boer War (1899-1902). Their contributions expanded in First and Second World War to communications, logistics, and aircraft maintenance.

By the Korean War and Cold War, they took on peacekeeping, intelligence, and administrative roles, paving the way for today's leaders, combat soldiers, and UN peacekeepers. Their courage and service continue to shape the Canadian Armed Forces.



In Uniform – Answering the Call to Service

During both World Wars, over 50,000 women transformed military service. They served in roles such as:

- Nurses & Medical Technicians – Providing lifesaving care under enemy fire. Communications Specialists – Safeguarding military intelligence.
- Transport Officers & Pilots – Delivering supplies and aircraft across war zones.
- Mechanics & Engineers – Maintaining and repairing essential military equipment.

Each time they buttoned their uniforms, they weren't just dressing for duty—they were securing their place in history.

The Home Front – Where Victory Was Forged

While battles raged overseas, women on the home front stepped into crucial roles:

- Factory Workers – Producing aircraft, ammunition, and essential war supplies.
- Farm Managers – Feeding a nation at war.
- Business Leaders – Keeping industries running in a time of crisis.
- War Bond Campaigners & Volunteer Coordinators – Mobilizing communities to support the war effort.

Each morning they stepped into workplaces previously closed to them, proving that determination doesn't need a uniform to make an impact.

A Monument of Strength and Sacrifice

Crafted from polished black granite, this 10-inch-thick monument represents the weight of the sacrifices made by female soldiers, volunteers, employees, and business leaders who played essential roles during times of war.

Dual Imagery – One side honors a WWII servicewoman, while the other highlights civilian efforts.

Copper Accents – Honoring Indigenous women in military service, whose warrior spirit shone despite adversity.

Diverse Representation – Women of Indigenous, Japanese, Chinese, Black, and European backgrounds who served are represented, showcasing unity in courage.

This memorial is more than a structure—it is a testament to the legacy of women who shaped Canada's wartime history.

Their resilience, sacrifice, and unwavering spirit continue to inspire future generations.

Visit:
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to learn more about the stories of the women who served Canada, including some of our regional and local women.

“The ceiling isn't glass. It's just an illusion. And illusions shatter in the face of belief.” Renee Charbonneau