



Writing Contest!



HKVCA CROSS CANADA WRITING CONTEST 2010/2011

SENIOR CATEGORY (gr. 11-12):

1 st Prize:	\$200.00
2 nd Prize:	\$100.00

JUNIOR CATEGORY (gr. 9-10):

1 st Prize:	\$150.00
2 nd Prize:	\$ 75.00

Objective:

The Hong Kong Veterans Commemoration Association invites all students to submit a piece of writing in honour of the brave Canadian soldiers who fought for the defense of the Island of Hong Kong during World War II.

5 selected personal stories will be showcased on the HKVCA website (www.hkvca.ca) and students are to use the website to research information on their selected veteran before writing their submission.

The lesson plan, student handouts including research organizer and a rubric are included for you.

The Rules:

- Students must be in high school to be eligible
- The written piece must be a minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 1000 words
- All written pieces must follow the criteria written below
- The written piece can be in any format so long as criteria and word length requirement are met. Examples include: diary entries, reports, essays, letters etc.
- All entries need to be legibly written or word processed

Criteria:

All written submissions must contain the following elements:

- Authenticity of research and organization of material
- Empathy is demonstrated
- Demonstration of knowledge
- Creativity

Deadlines and Submission:

Entries should be submitted no later than Friday May 20th, 2011

All entries should include a cover letter containing the following information: the student's name, grade, teacher's name, school name, course, date submitted and title
They should be sent either by regular mail or electronically to:

<u>Electronically:</u>	<u>By Regular Mail:</u>
Pat Turcotte, Chair Education Committee HKVCA Ontario Region Email: petsask@sympatico.ca	Gordon Coyne, Vice Chair Education Committee HKVCA, Ontario Region 14-1905 Broad Hollow Gate Mississauga, Ontario L5L 5X2

Entries will be judged by a highly respected panel of writers and historians. Winners will be notified before the end of the school year, and winning entries will be published on the HKVCA website.

The following are the 5 Hong Kong veterans from which you may choose:
Rifleman Alfred Babin, Royal Rifles of Canada Rifleman Bruce Cadoret, Royal Rifles of Canada Captain (Paymaster) Edward L. Terry, Winnipeg Grenadiers Kay Christie, Nursing Sister Private Tom Forsyth, Winnipeg Grenadiers

To Access these personal stories:

- 1) Go to the HKVCA Website: www.hkvca.ca
- 2) Click on Historical/Personal Accounts found on the left margin of the HKVCA home page to get the 5 individual stories – the link will come up
- 3) Click on Personal Accounts – it is here that you choose one of the five names listed above

Do not hesitate to use material from outside sources as well as the soldier's own story, but be sure to acknowledge them in your bibliography