

Editorial

Heroes all

Words like bravery, valour and honour have become synonymous with the thousands of Canadians who volunteered to stand up against Adolf Hitler's madness during the Second World War.

Veterans of that proud period in our nation's history have crossed the Atlantic this week to remember the 60th anniversary of VE-Day, the end of the war in Europe. Many more of these men and women who left home as teens and witnessed the horror of war thousands of miles away will celebrate the historic day's anniversary in communities across Canada.

They are the primary reason today's Canadians live in a free society where citizens can speak out against their leaders without threat of persecution. Canadian war veterans are also the reason generations of Europeans have enjoyed the same freedom.

The selfless actions of thousands of Canadian men and women— many of whom were practically boys and girls when they volunteered for duty— are remembered far beyond Canada's borders.

It is because of them that Canadians are still so highly-regarded by generations of Europeans.

In the Netherlands, seniors and schoolchildren alike have not forgotten the sacrifice made by the people of a country not even 75 years old when war erupted in 1939.

The valour of our soldiers, sailors and airmen in wartime is legendary. While their legacy lives on in monuments, headstones, surviving family and our history books, it's not enough.

We have all benefited from their sacrifices and each of us owes it to their memory to teach the next generation and newcomers to our country why VE-Day, VJ-Day, D-Day and Remembrance Day are such important periods in our country's heritage.

We owe it to them to keep their heroic deeds with us, always.



Letters to the editor...

Support after accident was appreciated

Dear editor,

On the morning of April 14 a terrible accident occurred on the 10th Line involving Tom

Desmond and Shane Rego. This letter is to publicly recognize a few amazing individuals.

First, the staff at Christ the King Catholic High School: Ms. Vaitonis, Mr. Harris, Ms. Lozowsky and Mr. Bourque for their genuine concern, care, support and well-wishing. We were truly amazed at how the staff was handling the crisis at hand and the support they were offering. We can't thank you enough for all that you did on that day and the days following, from handing out Kleenex, drinks, food and offering to drive us to the hospital, as well as keeping everyone concerned at the school informed about Tom. All we can say is WOW; you are all wonderful people. God bless.

Thank you to the paramedics and firemen who helped at the scene and for taking quick action and making sure Tom and Shane had the best of care. Thank you.

Thank you to a very special

unnamed man- the retired police officer who came upon the accident before anyone else. We only hope we may meet you in person to thank you for saving Tom's life.

Last, but not least, thank you to Const. John Pepler. You are truly an angel. We will be sure to tell Tom of everything you did for him. You talked with him at the scene, made sure he was comfortable in the helicopter, supported his family waiting at the school and for the time you spent going to St. Michael's Hospital and waiting for his status in surgery.

On behalf of Tom, Dan, Alex, Suzanne and Dave Desmond, we greatly thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts for your compassion, understanding and utmost concern.

Ken and Kristen Robinson,
Georgetown

'Why the double standard?'

Dear editor,

I am outraged at the self-righteous right-wingers who have recently been writing in regarding the issue of gay marriage.

Apparently the "young people" would be better served by a cookie-cutter idea of what's "normal" and what's "abnormal"? Speaking as a young person myself, I believe we'd be better off learning tolerance and acceptance from our families and communities rather than growing up with the idea that some people are "sinners" because of their sexual preference.

The hypocrisy is mind-boggling to me, when I hear about how it's against "God's will" for two people of the same sex to marry while at the same time, the divorce rate climbs. What does God say about divorce? Perhaps the same intolerance should be shown to people who are divorced, since we seem to be taking the Bible so literally. Why the double standard?

Maybe if you do-gooders spent more time doing good at marriage and less time worrying about what sex other people are attracted to, the divorce rate among man/woman couples wouldn't be so high and a lot of us "young people" would be "better off".

Jeff Evans, Georgetown.

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