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### **Federal Government Renews Funding for The Memory Project**

The \$450,000 Commitment Will Connect Veterans with Young People Across Canada

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008** – The Dominion Institute is proud to announce that the Federal government has renewed funding for The Memory Project, a national educational program that connects Canadian veterans with young people in classrooms across the country.

The Honourable Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs, announced today that funding of up to \$450,000 will be provided to the Dominion Institute over the next three years. This funding supporting The Memory Project is provided jointly through Veterans Affairs Canada's Community Engagement Partnership Fund and through the Canadian Studies Program of the Department of Canadian Heritage.

“Over the seven years of The Memory Project's existence, the Dominion Institute has had no better supporter than the Federal government.” Said Marc Chalifoux, the Dominion Institute's Executive Director, “Today's announcement builds on previous contributions from both Veterans Affairs Canada and Canadian Heritage who have enabled the creation and expansion of the project.”

“The Memory Project enables Veterans to visit classrooms and community groups to share their story with over 175,000 young Canadians every year. By making Canada's military history come alive, they are helping to educate a whole new generation of Canadian citizens” remarked Mr. Chalifoux. “Today's announcement ensures that this essential activity will continue for at least another three years.”

Since its creation in 2001, The Memory Project has become a national institution that plays a vital role in ensuring veterans share their valuable experiences with young Canadians. A committed group of 1,500 veterans volunteer visit classrooms and community groups in all ten provinces each year. For more information, visit [www.thememoryproject.com](http://www.thememoryproject.com).

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