



Tkemlúps te Secwépeḿc

(Kamloops Indian Band)

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

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A Message From The Chief: D-Day 80th Anniversary Reflection

Today marks the 80th Anniversary of D-Day – a day when we remember and honour the Indigenous Veterans who contributed bravery and sacrifice as they fought alongside Canadian soldiers. Today and always, we honor all of you and your families. We know that our Veterans overcame many challenges: learning new languages, leaving the place they called home, disenfranchisement, and inequality regarding benefits offered to the Canadian soldiers who served.

We acknowledge all First Nations, Inuit & Métis veterans who are heroes in our communities, families, and Nations. This Anniversary is an important day to recognize the many contributions and sacrifices that Indigenous Veterans have made and continue to make. You are forever in our hearts and we hold you with high respect, sincere honour, and much gratitude.

Indigenous Canadians have been part of our military history for over 200 years. We must never forget the sacrifices and accomplishments of Indigenous Veterans, especially as we move forward in our journey of healing, reconciliation, and a renewed relationship between Canada and it's First Nations Peoples. Let us all take a moment to remember those who sacrificed and fought for the peace and safety for our community, our Nation, and for Canada.

To the Indigenous Veterans of our community, Xyemstsít (we honour you) and hold our hands up to you for your service and bravery.

Yours truly,
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Kúkpi7 Rosanne Casimir (Chief)