

Valour Canada & Calgary Salutes Korean War Letter Writing Contest

To commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong, [Valour Canada](https://valourcanada.ca), in collaboration with Calgary Salutes (City of Calgary), 4 Brigade, and HMCS Tecumseh, is proud to announce a letter writing contest open to students from the Calgary Public (CBE) and Calgary Catholic (CSSD) school boards. This initiative aims to engage students in reflecting on Canada's efforts in the Korean War and its impact on people, Canada, and the world.

Contest Details:

- **Letter Writing Topic:** The diary entry prompt will relate to Canada's efforts during the Korean War.
- **Diary Entry Writing Instructions:** Students will read about Canada's efforts in the Korean War with a focus on the Battle of Kapyong (<https://valourcanada.ca/military-history-library/korean-war/>). Students will then write a **letter to a fictional Canadian soldier** serving in Korea. The letter should be written as if it was from the early 1950's; at least two references to that period in Canada's history should be included in the letter (e.g., I heard Louis St. Laurent on TV . . .").
- Submission Deadline: **Saturday, March 28, 2026, by 11:59 PM (MST)**
- Open to: Gr. 7 – 12 students within the CBE or the CSSD.
- Word Count Requirements:
 - Junior High (Grades 7-9):** 300-400 words
 - Senior High (Grades 10-12):** 450-550 words
- Submission: Diary entries must be emailed to contact@valourcanada.ca in .doc or .pdf format.

Prizes and Recognition:

- One winning diary entry will be selected from each category (Junior High & Senior High from each school board for a total of 4 winners).
- The winning student from each category will receive recognition for their achievement alongside veterans and Korean dignitaries at The Military Museums on **April 8th**. Acknowledgement on social media and an invitation to share their letter at TMM (8Apr) will also be provided. The winning letters will also be published on Valour Canada's website.
- Each winner's class will be rewarded with a pizza lunch and refreshments on Friday, April 24, 2026—the official 75th anniversary of Kapyong. If April 24th is not feasible, the pizza lunch will be arranged for another day.

This contest is an excellent opportunity for students to explore Canada's role in the Korean War, develop their writing skills, and gain a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by those who served. We encourage students to participate and teachers to support their students in engaging with this meaningful historical event.

For further details, submission guidelines, and inquiries, please check online at <https://valourcanada.ca/events/2026-kwlwc/>