

The War Amps Key Tag Service Celebrates 75 Years

The War Amps Key Tag Service is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. The service has not only been reuniting Canadians with their lost keys, it has been helping to make a difference in the lives of amputees, like Sima Culjak.

The War Amps was started in 1918 by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other in adapting to their new reality as amputees. They then welcomed amputee veterans following the Second World War, sharing all that they had learned.

In 1946, the Key Tag Service was launched so that returning war amputees could not only work for competitive wages, but also provide a service to Canadians that would generate funds for the Association. Today, the Key Tag Service continues to employ amputees and people with disabilities.

In the winter of 1985, Sima and her sister were just teenagers when they were walking from their village, in the former Yugoslavia, to visit their mom in the nearest town.



They got lost in a canyon and after seven days without food or sleep, they were found by hunters. "My sister and I had frostbite and an infection in our lungs. To save our lives, doctors had to amputate both of our legs below the knee," she says.

In 1990, Sima and her husband moved to Canada where she began working at The War Amps Key Tag Service. "As many of my coworkers are amputees, we share a special bond," says

Sima. "We support each other and show each other that the sky is the limit."

War Amps spokesperson Rob Larman adds, "We'd like to thank the public for helping to make the Key Tag Service a success. Your support funds essential programs for children, veterans and all amputees across Canada."

The War Amps Key Tag Service is a free service, but if you find value in it, you can choose to make a donation. Order key tags online at waramps.ca or by calling 1 800 250-3030.



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