

One Hundred Years and Still Much to Do

The War Amps Celebrates a Century of Service



A hundred years ago, amputee veterans returning from the First World War started The War Amps to share concerns and assist each other in adapting to their new reality as amputees. They never dreamed that this unique Association would become a household name to Canadians and that it would still be profoundly changing the lives of amputees, like Rob Larman, a century later.

Larman lost his right leg at the age of 14 after friends dared him to jump onto a moving train. Enrolled in The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program and later working at the Association's Key Tag Service, he was taken under the wing of war amputee veterans who shared their lifetime of experience with amputation. "It moves me greatly to think of how these remarkable First and Second World War 'amps' enabled me to overcome my amputation, and I have been proud to, in turn, help the younger amputees who have come after me," said Larman, now Director of The War Amps PLAYSAFE/DRIVESAFE Program.

Although the Association has developed many innovative and unique programs over the past 100 years, there is still much to do to ensure amputees



Left: Larman and a member of The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program lay a rose at the grave of Curley Christian, the only quadruple amputee to survive the First World War.

have the artificial limbs and devices they need to lead independent and active lives. "With the public's support of the Key Tag and Address Label Service, our commitment remains to improve the lives of amputees long into the future," said Larman.

For more information, or to order key tags, call toll-free 1 800 250-3030 or visit waramps.ca.



The War Amps

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"Barbara knew the many ways that The War Amps helps child and adult amputees. She felt strongly that her gift would make a positive difference in their lives." – Family friend

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