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## **NATIONAL TRAVELLING EXHIBITION OPENS AT THE WDM SASKATOON**

### ***FROM VIMY TO JUNO* COMMEMORATES CANADA'S ROLE IN FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS**



A special commemorative exhibition entitled *From Vimy to Juno: Canada in France 1914-45* is currently on display at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon. This national travelling exhibition explores the connections between defining moments in Canadian history and the experiences of Canadians who fought in both world wars. *From Vimy to Juno* was developed by the Juno Beach Centre, Canada's only museum on the D-Day Landing beaches in Normandy, France.

"The exhibit *From Vimy to Juno* quite aptly commemorates the contributions and sacrifices made by the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who fought in the French theatre of war during both the First and Second World Wars." said Jason B. Wall, Manager, Western Development Museum – Saskatoon. "The WDM Saskatoon is quite proud to be hosting this engaging exhibit and commemorating the role Canadian soldiers served during both World Wars.

"In two world wars, hundreds of thousands of Canadians fought in France, where their achievements helped shape our national identity," said Jenna Zuschlag Misener, Executive Director of the Juno Beach Centre. "The Juno Beach Centre is proud to bring this legacy from the sacred ground of Vimy Ridge and Juno Beach to Saskatchewan, a province with a rich military history."

This initiative was launched to commemorate a number of important Canadian anniversaries and milestones, including the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge in 2017 and the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the Normandy Landings. *From Vimy to Juno* is on display at the WDM Saskatoon now through July 17.

*From Vimy to Juno* will also be on display at the WDM North Battleford from July 19 to 24.

**ABOUT THE JUNO BEACH CENTRE:** The Juno Beach Centre was established in 2003 by veterans with a vision to create a permanent memorial to all Canadians who served Canada during the Second World War, and to preserve this legacy for future generations through education. The Centre in Normandy pays homage to the nearly 45,000 Canadians who died during the War, of which 5,500 during the Battle of Normandy and 359 on D-Day. A decade and over 750,000 visitors later, the Centre has been designated a site of national historic significance to Canada. The Association in Canada is a charitable organization which owns and operates the Centre. [www.junobeach.org](http://www.junobeach.org)

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