# KENT REGIMENT CHAPTER IODE

## RECORD OF WWI & II ENLISTMENT

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Kent Regiment Chapter Chatham, ON

#### THE GATHERING OUR HEROES PROJECT

#### WHAT IS THE PROJECT ALL ABOUT?

The Gathering Our Heroes project aims to compile all of the names and stories of the World War I and II veterans from Chatham-Kent, on a website, to make it accessible to everyone through the internet.

#### A LITTLE BACKGROUND...

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The Kent Regiment Chapter IODE was formed in 1913, at the request of the commanding officer of the Kent Regiment to support the

soldiers, their families and the women and children of our community. Creation of the WW I Books of Remembrance was an early Chapter project, in 1917. Members canvassed the community to obtain information on our service men and women and recorded it in these beautiful books. After WW II, IODE members did the same for the service men and women of that conflict. In total, 13 Books of Remembrance were created and given to the Chatham-Kent Museum for safekeeping. The Books have been digitized and the Museum has graciously agreed to share them on the website for increased accessibility as they are a very important and frequently used research resource.

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veterans, again looking for their names and stories. To date, we know that there are at least 10 000 veterans from Chatham-Kent of both conflicts.

Time is of the essence as we are losing our veterans quickly, and with them, the opportunity to preserve their stories firsthand. These are the stories of ordinary young people who accomplished extraordinary things, for their country, during extremely difficult times. The website will preserve the contributions of our local veterans in a way which is technologically relevant today and for the future generations of our community and beyond.

#### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for the names, stories, letters and photographs of our WW I and II veterans from Chatham-Kent. Please contact us with information about your veteran so their story may be documented on the website.

To be included in our data base of the Gathering Our Heroes website the veteran must have been either:

- Born in Chatham-Kent
- · Living in Chatham-Kent at the time of enlistment
- Actually enlisted in Chatham-Kent

Many of the veterans of both conflicts were not included in the Books of Remembrance. Local Historian, Jerry Hind, has researched Chatham-Kent WW I veterans extensively, looking for not only their names but also their stories. He has also begun to search for WW II



### HELP US COMPLETE THE **STORY:**

- Complete the Enlistment Record. -->
- Tell us your Veteran's story
- Include pictures
- List medals and decorations.

\* Please submit your Veteran's story online: www.gatheringourheroes.ca or return completed form to any branch of the Chatham-Kent Public Library.

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