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History Students Commemorate WWII “Operation Overlord”

Waterloo Region, ON – The *Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies*, *Waterloo Catholic District School Board* and *St Jerome’s University*, are pleased to announce the first semester winners of the *Operation Overlord: Canadians in D-Day and the Normandy Campaign* contest.

This contest was open to all grade 10 students in Waterloo Region as part of the greater national commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Allied invasion of Europe and the liberation of France in 1944.

All entrants were required to describe the experiences of Canadian soldiers, airmen, sailors or medical personnel (including nurses) involved in the Allied invasion of France in 1944 and the Normandy Campaign that followed. Their entries could be expressed as an essay, poem, song, video, diary entries or a work of art. Entries were judged based upon their historical authenticity, originality, creativity and ability to make the judges feel that the author had experienced the event (Operation Overlord and the Normandy Campaign).

A total of 16 finalists will be chosen from all entries received during first and second semester. The 16 finalists will receive a book prize containing a package of LCMSDS’s top Normandy-related publications. The top three entries will receive a cash prize (1st place \$350, 2nd place \$150, 3rd place \$100). They will also receive a free admission to the 25th Military History Colloquium, which will be held from 9-10 May 2014 at Wilfrid Laurier University.

The five finalists drawn from the semester one submissions are:

Ben Faria (Video) – St Mary’s HS
Connor Goliath (Short Story) – St Benedict CSS
Cameron Jakub (Poetry) – St Mary’s HS
Emma Kelly (Poetry) – St Benedict CSS
Areeba Quereshi (Diary) -- St Benedict CSS

The remaining 11 finalists will be determined in April, and drawn from all submissions received throughout the contest. Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes will also be determined at that time.

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