

# **Veterans' Week 2011**

## **Tulip Fact Sheet**

Each spring, in Ottawa, Canada's capital, millions of multi-coloured tulips burst into bloom. These tulips are symbols of the friendship that blossomed between the people of Canada and the Netherlands during the Second World War.

During the war, Canada provided a safe haven for the Dutch Royal Family to live, and also helped to liberate many Dutch people during the war. Following the war, to thank Canada for being so kind, Princess Juliana of Holland presented Canada with 100,000 tulip bulbs.

Canada continues to receive a gift of 20,000 bulbs from Holland each year.

