

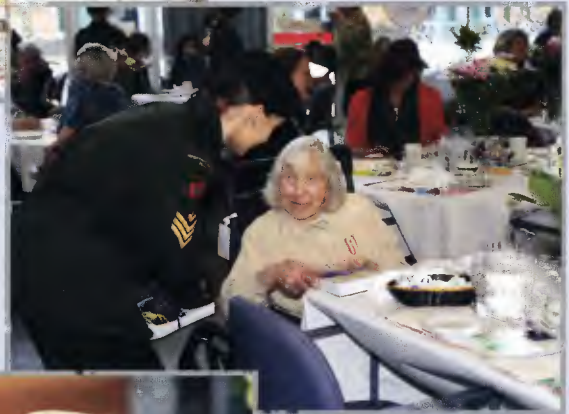
Women and Strength

More than 120 people gathered for high tea in the Perley Rideau cafeteria on March 6th as part of International Women's Day celebrations. The event honoured the 44 female Veterans who live in the Health Centre or in the apartments. Each Veteran was presented with a handmade shawl – described during the event as a Wonder Woman Cape – sponsored by attendees. Members of Cadet Corps 2644, The Hull Regiment served tea at tables adorned with placemats created by students of local elementary schools in partnership with The Memory Project. The event also featured speeches from: Rear-Admiral Jennifer Bennett, Defence Champion for Women; Elizabeth Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Veterans Affairs Canada; and Major (Ret'd) Sandra Perron, Author and Foundation Board Member. The gathering was such a success that it will become an annual event.



◀ Veterans Lt.-Col. (ret'd) Jessie Chenevert (left) and Connie Taylor (right) proudly wear their handmade shawls as they flank Cadet Commandant Chief Warrant Officer Julie Bégin.

A cadet presents a gift from Rear-Admiral Bennett to Veteran and Perley Rideau resident Hilda Bowley.



◀ Longtime Perley Rideau Foundation supporter Grete Hale at the inaugural International Women's Day High Tea.