

# Alberta Champion: Mary Dover

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Hi! Paint with me while I tell you about an Alberta Champion. Can you guess who it is? She was born on July 1st, 1905. Her dad Alfred was a wealthy rancher and businessman. He helped start the Calgary stampede. Her mother's name was Nell. She married a guy named Melvin in 1930. They traveled throughout south east Asia, then they settled in a place called Ceylon - that's in Sri Lanka. They had their first and only kid there, a boy named David.

World War II broke out in 1939 and she and David returned to Calgary but Melvin stayed to fight overseas. In 1941 she joined the CWAC also known as the Canadian Women's Army Corps. She traveled with them to encourage women to join the war efforts doing lots of different jobs like answering phones, bookkeeping or typing, but also to become leaders. Women back then were told that being in the army would make them less feminine, which I guess means less of a girl. This champion didn't believe in any of that. She encouraged women to join in and learn new skills. When I researched her in the Calgary Herald Archives, she said in an article, "I'm trying to take those corporals, sergeants and privates and give them the qualities of leadership."

Can you guess who it is? She was a leader, she was passionate, she believed girls could do anything. That's why I chose Mary Dover as my Albertan Champion!! Seeing how Mary Dover championed women in World War Two makes me want to continue to be a supportive friend, student and family member and to continue to stand up for the amazing girls and women in my own life.

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