

The Torch

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Report on Membership Survey Results

Providing volunteer help and supporting research into military history: according to the results of a recent membership survey these are the most important functions which the Friends provide in our support of the Canadian War Museum. The survey was distributed via e-mail to Friends across the country. Mike Bedford, FCWM Director and Chair of the Friends' Membership Committee, was delighted with the quantity and quality of the responses. "We would have been satisfied with a response rate of 10%, but we received over 200 responses – a response rate of over 40%. This reflects a very high level of commitment and involvement on behalf of our members. Their inputs will be invaluable in our future planning activities."

The survey covered three major areas: demographic information on the respondents, attitudes about current Friends' activities, and recommendations for future activities. "We haven't had a chance to analyze the results in detail", says Mike, "but a couple of statistics jump out:

- 99.5% of the respondents read each issue of *The Torch* and most readers share their copy with others;
- Over 60% of the respondents have made donations to the Friends (in addition to their membership fees); and

- 80% of the respondents think it is 'Very Important' that the Friends' planning activities includes programs designed for youths and students."

"Statistics alone don't tell the whole story", continues Mike. "We received hundreds of comments and suggestions on how we might improve our support to the Museum and enhance our membership services. We take these inputs very seriously and will be analyzing them thoroughly."

One of the main beneficiaries of the survey results will be the recently created Strategic Plan Study Group chaired by FCWM Director Sandy McQuarrie: "We haven't had a chance to dig into the survey results yet, but it's our intention to review all of the suggestions and draw from the best of them as we create a map for the future. We will also be relying on the results of last year's survey of the Directors of the Friends."

Friends who did not receive e-mail notice of the survey are invited to complete a paper-based version of the questionnaire and return it via regular mail to the Friends' office. To obtain a paper copy of the questionnaire, call the Friends' office at 819-776-8618 or download a copy from the Friends website http://friends-amis.org/pdf/survey_e.pdf

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President's Message Bill Leach

There is much to cover here and I'll try and do it as briefly as I can.

As I write this, it is the second full day of "business as usual" in the Museum, after the prolonged strike. Thank you all for your understanding and patience. In the midst of the labour disruption, we were able to get the November issue of The Torch out to you; as well, we were able to get the 2010 Renewal forms in the mail. Thanks to those who put in that special effort on these mailings.

We had a Board of Directors meeting and Executive committee meetings to keep us moving forward. The Governance and Communications Committees did some excellent work that you will hear about shortly; and, we have finally convened an ad hoc group to conduct a long awaited Strategic Study, under the leadership of Sandy McQuarrie

I believe that our Remembrance Week activities, including hosting the Silver Cross Mother, were done with our normal class. The Vimy Awards Dinner capped off a very busy November.

In early November we learned that Raymond Moriyama, the architect of this exceptional facility, had been appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada. The Board

agreed to offer Mr. Moriyama an Honorary membership in the Friends.

2010 will be a big year for all of us – 5th year in the new building, 25th anniversary of the Friends, 65th anniversary of VE day; and, the Centennial of the Navy in Canada. We will have a hand in each of these notable celebrations. Ed Storey, our special Events Committee chair, has tabled some plans for our participation in the fifth anniversary of the new building. More detail will be forthcoming – **but** – none of it can happen unless we all get involved. I know you will!

My last point will bring us all back to the reality of the day. We must now assess what impact the labour disruption *may* have had on projects within the museum that we had committed it fund, in whole or in part. As well, we must assess what impact the world and national economic situation *may* have on our subscriptions and donations. These reviews, of course, will affect how we finish off the current year and how we build our budget for 2010/2011. We'll keep you informed.

Stay happy, stay healthy, keep volunteering and remain a "Friend" (and bring some new friends along).

Bill

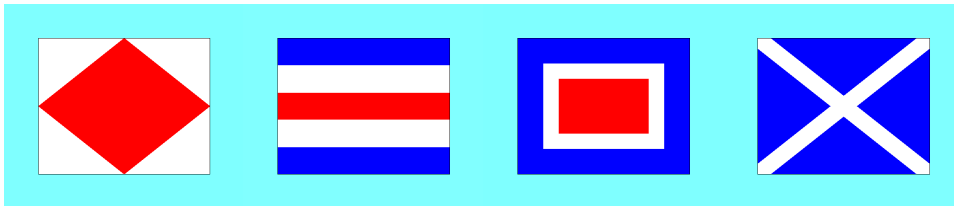
Salute to the Canadian Navy Centennial – Instalment Three

In the centre of this issue of *The Torch* we are proud to include the third instalment of our salute to the upcoming Centennial of the Royal

Canadian Navy in May 2010.

This current instalment covers RCN campaigns of the Second World War other than the Battle of the Atlantic, and

focuses on major displays and artefacts in the CWM relating to those campaigns. The May issue will cover the post-war period.



The Vimy Dinner – A Personal Account

Chris Hughes

The latest annual Vimy Dinner, organized by the Canadian Defence Association Institute (CDAI), was held on November 20 at the Canadian War Museum.

After dinner and accompanying music supplied by the Governor General's Foot Guards Band, attention turned to the presentation of the awards. The first was the Ross Munro Media Award, for which the recipient was Brian Stewart, a longtime journalist with the CBC. Mr. Stewart has specialized in foreign affairs, reporting from ten war zones and most recently, the counter-insurgency in Afghanistan. His award citation said: "Brian Stewart has played a distinguished role in informing Canadians about their military and its actions at home and abroad, particularly the Afghan mission. A uniquely qualified multimedia professional

noted for his personal courage, integrity and balanced insight, he has made issues of security and defence accessible to millions of Canadians and has contributed immensely to informed discussion of these vital subjects. He represents the best in the tradition of Canadian journalism, and is hence worthy of the Ross Munro Media Award."

The second award of the evening was then presented to Warrant Officer William Kenneth MacDonald, a serving soldier with the PPCLI. Prior to this, WO MacDonald had also been awarded the Star of Military Valour for his bravery in rescuing a number of wounded comrades in a engagement in Afghanistan in 2006, despite great peril to himself. This particular Vimy Award is also particularly notable because it is the first time that an NCO has

received it. The citation for the award references this action but then goes on to say that "Warrant Officer MacDonald epitomizes the best of today's soldier and is a living example of one who puts service before self. . . . He has been invited to speak of his experiences in Afghanistan at numerous venues, including a RCMP Detachment Commander's Seminar, at Reserve Force Armouries, high schools, and police seminars on leadership in combat. Warrant Officer MacDonald's personnel file is filled with letters of appreciation from many organizations and grateful parents. He epitomizes the 21st Century Canadian Infantryman. Reliable, knowledgeable, professional, fit and highly articulate, Warrant Officer MacDonald is what every soldier aspires to be."

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The Vimy Dinner – Continued

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WO MacDonald received well-deserved recognition for his personal achievements, showing a courageous sense of service. However, for me, his self-effacing acceptance speech demonstrated the strength of character of this man. In his remarks he accepted the award

on behalf of all NCOs in the Canadian Forces, stating that true leadership means that you accept failure individually but share success as a team. He went on to say that “humility and silent professionalism is and always will be a trait which uniquely categorizes our military”. Those kind of remarks

clearly exhibit for me how deserving this man is in receiving this Award.

For a complete text of WO MacDonald’s acceptance remarks go to:

<http://cda-cdai.ca/cdai/uploads/cdai/2009/04/vimy09-macdonald.pdf>

Visit to Musée de l’armée

Erin Fowler



Left to right: M. Gérard, Erin Fowler, and M. le général Jean Guinard (President)

This past October, while on holiday in Paris, my husband and I had the opportunity to visit with our confreres at the Société des amis du musée de l’armée (SAMA). This group, whose

function is similar to the Friends, has their office in the beautiful and impressive Invalides/Musée de l’armée built by Louis XIV in the 17th century to serve the same function as the Royal Hospital Chelsea in London.

Our guide for the day was M Gérard Mialle, who is in charge of external relations for the group. We were given a warm welcome and a personal tour of several areas of the museum. Our first stop was the Eglise du dôme, wherein lies Napoleon’s impressive tomb as well as the remains of members of the Bonaparte family and notable French military figures. This was followed by a quick tour of the

galleries devoted to both world wars. The immense size of the museum precluded any further explorations, as we were being hosted for lunch by the President of SAMA, General Jean Guinard.

Following our meal, I had the opportunity to present the General with a copy of *Tableaux de guerre*, the book produced in conjunction with the Canvas of War exhibit of Canadian war art. This gift, signed by the President of the FCWM, Bill Leach, was given in token of our continuing friendship as well as in recognition of the SAMA’s centenary (founded in 1909).

Robert Hyndman – In Memoriam

Robert Hyndman, the dashing Second World War pilot who became a distinguished artist and art teacher, died on December 2, 2009 at the imposing age of 94.

Hyndman, whose creativity and talent lasted into old age, died of pneumonia Sunday in hospital. He had a show at

Galerie Mauve in Chelsea last month.

“He was constantly involved in his art, right to the end,” said Jamie Munro, co-owner of the gallery. “He was working on a couple of new paintings, and pretty excited about that.”

The CWM owns 122 of Robert’s paintings, mostly

portraits. Three of them are on exhibit (two on the Portrait Wall and one in Gallery 3.) Two of his works also appeared in the groundbreaking *Canvas of War* exhibit which travelled across Canada in the first half of this decade.

Billings Bridge Book Sale – Veterans' Appreciation Day 2009

Stephen Dunne, Book Sales Coordinator

As part of the lead up to the 11th November Memorial Services, the most recent V.A.D took place on the November 5th 2009, which was the 14th anniversary of the Event. Veterans Affairs, together with the Management of Billings Bridge Shopping Centre, work together to produce a day packed full with activities, reflecting Canada's Military History. Some 20 plus organizations take part.

Enter the Friends of the Canadian War Museum. We are in our 6th year of involvement, and the experience is always positive. Media coverage, pipe bands and continuous entertainment ensure shoppers are well catered to, while the tables with participat-

ing organizations provide a kaleidoscope of artifacts relating to their particular organization: Merchant Marine, / Peacekeepers / various Regiments / Serving units / Nursing Sisters / Royal Canadian Legion / War Amps / Canadian Air Group and many more.

The Friends have progressed to 4 tables, plus our own banners and signage. We start on the Day at 0800hrs; load in all material to our allocated site, set up and prepare for 'Opening time'.

The day's events commence with a march through the Centre, usually led by a Pipe Band. This year it was the Ottawa Police Pipe Band, which sounds great in the confines of a Mall ! A ros-

ter of Friends volunteers staff the tables through the day. The day ends with loading out all material for return and sort out at The Museum at convenient times.



Customers browse FCWM books for sale at Billings Bridge, Nov. 5, 2009.

Notice of 2010 FCWM Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday June 10 at 7:00 for 7:30 p.m.

Location: Ateliers C and D, Canadian War Museum

Adopt-a-Book 2009 – Final Report

Bill Smith

The 2009 Campaign was again a remarkable success and achieved a total of fifty-five titles being adopted plus another eight additional titles after all the titles listed in The Torch were adopted. Friends, you have done it again and once more you have earned a Bravo Zulu for your superb effort.

In all sixty-three (63) were adopted by forty-two (42)

Friends. They are: **Pat Barnhouse, William Bateman, Serge Bernier, Pamela Brunt, June Bushell, William Broughton, Mai-Yu Chen, John Clarry, Walter Conrad, Ernest Creber, Ross and Dorothea Connors, Barnett Danson, Elizabeth DeWolf, John Edmond, David Evans, Gordon Foster, John Gazeley, John Grainger, Charles Gruchy, Ralph Hennessy, Don-**

ald Hook, Frank Jefferies, Peter Kilby, Michael Koch, George Logan, Peter Mace, Terence Moore, Bruce Oland, William Reed, Paul Roggeveen, Hellmut Schade, Pierre Sénécal, Bill Sloan, Barbara Stimpson, Howard Stutt, Lester Taylor, Roy Thomas, Richard Thorman, John Trant, Rollande Vézina, Donna Wakefield and Gerald Wilkes

New Friends

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between September 19 and December 14, 2009:

Darryl Damude

Alan Earnshawe

Deanna Fisher

Brad White

Governance of the FCWM

Some time ago it was decided to establish a Committee to look at the way the Friends are governed to ensure that we are complying with the law as it applies to not-for-profit organisations; and, that we are conducting our business in the most effective and efficient manner.

Over the past year the Governance Committee has developed Rules for the Board and several drafts have been circulated and comments incorporated. A final version was tabled at the 25 January meeting of the Board for approval and the approved Rules will be tabled at

the next AGM in June 2010 for the information of members. Those Friends attending the AGM and those unable to do so will be able to view the approved Rules on the FCWM Web Site or, if required, to order a hard copy in the near future.

In addition to the production of these Rules, the Governance Committee has coordinated the development of a standardised format for Terms of Reference for the approved FCWM Committees: Governance; Membership; Communications; Resources; Special Events; Finance; and, a new Strategic Planning Committee. These

TORs are in various states of development and will be tabled at future Board meetings for approval as they are completed.

Currently, also on the Governance Committee agenda is the development of a comprehensive Guidebook for Directors; consideration of nominees for upcoming Board vacancies; and the review and analysis of a new *Canada Not-For-Profit Act* to determine any impact it might have upon our operations.

Michael Braham
Chair, Governance Committee

Volunteer Interpreters Debate and Visit the Diefenbunker

Marvin Blauer



Mike Braham explains details of the Diefenbunker's structure.
Photo: Marvin Blauer.

FCWM Volunteer Interpreters remained active during the early winter months.

December brought a presentation on the famous (infamous) Ross rifle and related matters from colleague Bob Anglin. Fed and watered by Mai-yu and hosted by her and Gordon, participants left considerably more knowledgeable about the Ross, its history and historical import and determined to continue these sessions.

In January, Mai-yu and Gord organized a visit to the "Diefenbunker" outside Carp - a

chance to review it, its underlying planning and role it played during various phases of the Cold War. This time we were under the guidance of volunteer and FCWM VP Mike Braham, who actually worked in the "bunker". Socializing, in the form of lunch plus animated discussions, comparison of impressions, personal experiences, etc. was again appreciated by the eighteen participants.

Thanks largely to efforts of Gord Foster and Mai-yu Chen

Upcoming Events

Thurs. Apr. 29	Book Launch – Senator Bill Rompkey: <i>St. John's and the Battle of the Atlantic</i> . 7 p.m in the Barney Dansen Theatre
Sat. May 8	5th Anniversary of New CWM Building / FCWM 25th Anniversary Celebration – Details TBA
Tues. June 10	FCWM Annual General Meeting. 7:00 for 7:30 in Ateliers C and D

Contribution Awards



Angus Brown (right) receives his award from Bill Leach, President of the Friends. Photo: Ed Storey

At the November 17 Board meeting, two plaques were presented to Friends who have made significant contributions to the organization. Col Angus Brown served as Vice-President and President for over 4 years. BGen Duane Daley was the Royal Canadian Legion representative on the FCWM Board for over 10 years.



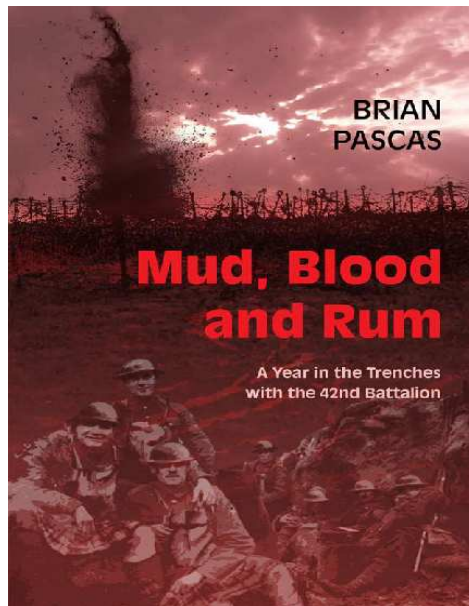
Duane Daley (left) receives his award from Bill Leach. Photo: Ed Storey.

Book by Friend – Brian Pascas

The novel “Mud, Blood, and Rum” presents a factual portrayal of a typical Canadian infantry battalion’s experiences surviving the mud, misery, and mutilation of trench warfare in the Great War, as well as behind-the-lines daily living in rest areas and on leave in England.

The story traces the trials and tribulations of three Montreal-born brothers through the moves and principal operations of the 42nd Battalion, Royal Highlanders of Canada, Canadian Expeditionary Force from January 1, 1917 until December 31, 1917.

Jimmy and George belong to the rifle section of No. 3 Platoon, “A” Company. They are original members of the kilted battalion, having landed in France in October 1915. Billy is a battalion



stretcher bearer. Conflicts abound not only on the battlefield, but also on the home front. Inner anxieties and self-doubts are not easily suppressed even while the brothers become

battle-hardened combatants of the Canadian Corps.

The brothers struggle with the concepts of duty, moral courage, and physical courage as they endure the daily deprivations.

Each of the twelve chapters of this historical fiction book depicts a month in 1917. Approximately 300 sources were referenced to authenticate the battles of Vimy Ridge and Passchendaele as well as raids, patrols, trench life, and leave. Three maps and an extensive glossary are provided to assist the reader.

420 pages softcover – \$29.95

Available on-line from Chapters or General Publishing.

Also available at most local independent bookstores.

Donations to the Friends

The Friends gratefully acknowledge the following donations which were received by the Friends during the period September 19 to December 14, 2009. With your financial help the Friends continue to support the Museum through programs of acquisition, research, conservation and restoration of artifacts, and special events, as well as publication of this Newsletter.

The recent labour disruption at the CWM prevented us from acknowledging the donations received in the latter part of December in this issue of *The Torch*. These donations will be acknowledged with gratitude in the May issue.

In-Memoriam Donations

Larry M. Capstick in memory of Omer J. Capstick
(Essex Scottish) and Elaine Gardner (War Bride)
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