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2016 FCWM Annual General Meeting

The FCWM Annual General Meeting, presided over by President BGen (Ret'd) Linda Colwell was held at the Canadian War Museum on 16 June. Among the agenda items discussed was an overview of upcoming Museum activities by the Director General, Stephen Quick who was attending his first AGM.

Silver members (those with 25 years of service as a Friend) were honoured. They are as follows (Those marked with * were in attendance.):

Col. (Ret'd) Angus Brown
Mr. Lloyd Brown
LCol (Ret'd) Donald Carrington
Mr. Charles Crowder
Mr. Michael Fancy
Mr. Gordon Foster *
Mr. Christopher Gagnon
Mr. Michael Gough
Lt. (Ret'd) Sidney Irwin
Mrs. Margaret Kohler-Milledge
Mr. Frank Milledge
Maj. (Ret'd) Harold Needham*
Maj. (Ret'd) William Smith*

The annual Volunteer Award was announced and this year's recipient was Jean Morin, Chair of the Research Committee and the creator of the First World War day-by-day Twitter feed.



Silver Friends Gordon Foster, Harold Needham and Bill Smith flanked by Past President Doug Rowland and President Linda Colwell

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The following changes to the Board of Directors were also announced.

Retiring are Colonel Nigel Shaw, William Smith and Charles Gruchy.

Col Nigel Shaw served on the Friends Board of Directors for more than two years during which time he focused on establishing links between the Friends and the Canadian Armed Forces. Col Shaw was recently consecrated as bishop ordinary of the Anglican Military Ordinariate and will retire from the military chaplaincy later this summer to take up his new duties.

Bill Smith served as a director for almost 14 years during which time he volunteered in the Friends' Office, managed the Adopt-a-Book project and took on many other volunteer assignments. In addition to his retirement plaque, Bill later received his Silver Friend's Certificate in recognition of 25 years as a Friend of the Canadian War Museum.

Charles Gruchy served as a director from 2002 until 2016. For many years he was part of the Governance Committee serving at different times as Chair and a member. His legacy of a long standing commitment to good governance and most recently his contribution to the drafting of the Board of Directors' Manual will be felt for years to come.

New members elected were Robert Argent, Alan Bacon, Robert Farrell, Thomas Burnie, Jeffrey Chapman, and Jean Guy Perron.

Almost 50 members participated in this well-attended AGM.



left to right, Col. Nigel Shaw, Linda Colwell, Bill Smith & Charles Gruchy

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President's Message

The 2016 Annual General Meeting is behind us; the 2015 Annual Report is published. We are moving forward with the Friends' 2016-17 program.

Before telling you about that program and this year's planned support to the Canadian War Museum, let me say thank you to outgoing Directors, Nigel Shaw, Bill Smith and Charles Gruchy. As directors, Nigel provided a much needed connection with the Canadian Armed Forces and Bill and Charles, with

more than 20 years of combined service on the Board, greatly contributed to our work in areas of governance, Adopt-a-Book Campaigns and general administration. As this threesome retires, we are pleased to welcome new directors, Thomas Burnie, Jeffrey Chapman and Jean-Guy Perron.

On behalf of the Friends I would send congratulations to Jean Morin, our 2015 Volunteer of the Year. The Volunteer of the Year Award recognizes annual outstanding contributions of an individual Friends volunteer. Jean, a hard working Director and the Chair of the Research Committee, has done much for our research agenda and in so doing has made a significant contribution to the Friends' education mandate.

Congratulations and a big thank you go out to Don Allen on the release of his new book, Steel Ladies, The Tanks and Armoured Cars of the Canadian War Museum. The book is available at Amazon.ca. Don has chosen to donate the proceeds from his book sales to the Friends of the Canadian War Museum.

As we enter our fall season, we are working to improve our outreach to new and ongoing members of the Friends. To help in identifying our members' needs and views on the Friends as an organization, we plan to launch, within the next few months, a membership survey. All members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to have a say in the Friends' future.

Finally, let me remind you of this year's financial commitment to the CWM. Thank you to all who contribute to making these Friends' commitments possible.

1. Adopt-a-Book: \$2,000 to purchase selected books for the CWM's Military History Research Centre – Hartland Molson Library.
2. Gunter Awards: \$5,000 (five \$1,000 awards) presented to 2016 graduating high school students.
3. Veterans' Parking: \$5,000 to pay for veterans' parking at the CWM.
4. Military History Conference: \$6,000 to help the CWM with the hosting requirements related to this four day international conference.
5. Awesome Sundays for 2016: \$15,000 to support the CWM's monthly program. You won't want to miss the following at the CWM:
August 28 – Awesome Tanks September 25 – Awesome Flight
October 30 – Awesome Camouflage November 27 – Awesome Forts
6. Medals Stories: \$25,000 to support the CWM's annual costs related to cleaning and preserving its First World War medal holdings, researching, writing and editing the stories of the people behind the medals and preparing for the Museum's on-line display of the individual stories, medals and other collection holdings.

General Donations

The Friends are grateful to the following who made general donations during the period 1 April – 30 June 2016

Jackman Foundation	Mr. Gordon Foster	Mr. Terence Moore	Mr. Douglas Rowland
The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 638 (ON)	Mr. Bob Fowler	M. Jean Morin	Maj. (Ret'd) William Smith
Anonymous	Col. Gary Furrie	Mr. William Pettit	WO W. Edward Storey
Mr. Vladimir Adamec	Mr. Joseph Gambin	Mrs. Geraldine Plomp	Mr. Richard Thorman
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Mr. Allan Bacon	Mrs. H. Carol Hare		
Col. William Bawden	MWO Richard Hem		
Mr. Thomas Burnie	Mr. Douglas Herbert		
Valerie & David Christie	Ms. Sigrid Hough		
Col. John Clarry	Mr. Russell Isinger		
Mr. Robert Cook	Maj. (Ret'd) Frank Jefferies		
Mr. Bruce Corbett	LCdr. (Ret'd) John Kabesh		
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Mr. Fred de Jong	Mrs. Phyllis Kiss		
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Mel and Carol Dillon	Gen. Paul Manson		
Dr. Jonathan Epstein	Mr. William Maxwell		
Ms. Julia Finn	Mr. Ron McGuire		
	Ms. Marilyn Minnes		

Transitions

New Friends

From 1 April – 30 June 2016 the Friends of the Canadian War Museum have welcomed the following new Friends:

Ms. Meriel Beament Bradford	Ms. Wendy Johnston
Ms. Ellen Berlinguette	Cpl. Nick Kerr
Mr. Terry Cash	Mlle. Ariane Lalonde
Ms. Mary Lou Cotter	Ms. Chantelle Masterson
Ms. Nelly de Jong	Robin Nelson
Ms. Erin Donahue-Boyle	Prof. Mike Noble
Dr. Jonathan Epstein	Mr. William Pettit
Mr. Connor Hawes	Mr. Eric Sheppard
Ms. Elaine Herz-Fischler	Ms. Gillian Troy
Ms. Alexa Ishikawa	Mr. Gaurav Varshneya
	Mr. Wilfred Ward

In Memoriam

Since distribution of the last Torch in May 2016, the Friends have been notified of, and mourn, the passing of the following colleagues:

Dr. Joan E. Harrison	Mr. Michael Hind
Mr. Robert G. Kemp	Mr. Abraham Tarasofsky
Mr. Lloyd Martin	Mr. Daniel Bevis Dewar
ERA-PO T. Christie Arnold	

In-Memoriam Donations

The following is a list of donors making in-memoriam donations during the period 1 April – 30 June 2016. The tributes are recorded in the language in which they were provided.

In memory of LCol. Robert Grenier who passed away on 16 June 2015 from the Canadian Army Staff College Class of 1963-65.

Ms. Meriel Beament Bradford, in memory of Brig Gen (Ret'd) G. E. (Ted) Beament, D Day planner, Canadian general staff, NW Europe campaign, President Khaki University in the UK. Hon Col 30th Field Regiment (Bytown Gunners)

Mr. Michael Bedford, in memory of
Lt. Col. Michael Hind

Mai-yu Chan, in memory of Lt. Col. Michael Hind

Maj. (Ret'd) Thomas Dent C.D., in memory of
Sergeant Geoffrey Arthur Dent

Mrs. Janet Drayton, in memory of
Lt. Richard F. (Dick) Hurley, CANLOAN. Wounded
in action Normandy July 1944

Mr. Leslie Paul Jarrett, in memory of
Private John Donald Sutherland, In honour of the
70th wedding anniversary, June 29, 2016 [married 1946]
of John Donald Sutherland and Lillian Fraser Sutherland. John served in WWII in the Royal Canadian Army
Service Corps.

Cpl. Nick Kerr, in memory of Cpl James Arnal, killed July
18 2008 by a roadside bomb while he was on foot patrol
in Afghanistan. He was the 88th Canadian soldier to die
on the Afghan mission.

Maj. William Love, in memory of A/S Ibbs Avery, HMCS
Whitby 1944-45. Minister at City View United Church,
Ottawa, in the 70s and 80s

Maj. Harold Needham, in memory of
Sgt (Pilot) William Angus McLean, RCAF Second World
War and Governor General's Horse Guards

Lori Parent, in memory of Mr. Robert Parent

Friends Receive Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers



In 2015, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada announced that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has approved the creation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. This new medal recognizes volunteers who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad.

As an official honour created by the Crown, the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers is part of the Canadian Honours System and incorporates and replaces the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award (CCA).

Friends and volunteers, Mai-yu Chan and Michael Braham have been selected for this honour

Mai-yu participates in wide-ranging, selfless volunteer activities, not just at the Canadian War Museum, but as the founder of Folderol (an early music group) and of the Ottawa Chinese Choral Society. She has also served as an executive member of the Ontario Registered Music Teachers' Association, and is Past President of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Ottawa Centre and was its first Member of the Year in 2001. She has been a volunteer with the Unisong Festival since its inception in 1997.

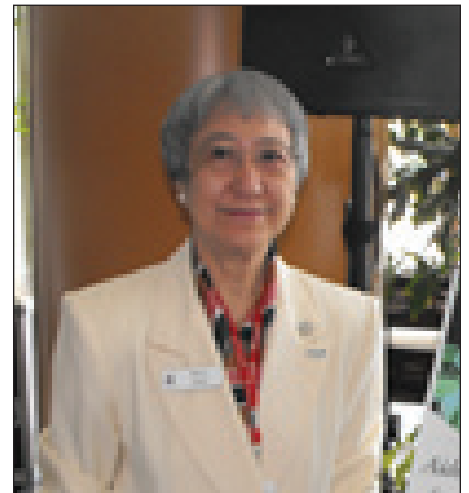
Michael Braham participates in a number of volunteer activities on behalf of the Friends. He is past-Chair and current member of the Communications and Marketing Committee; Contents Editor of *the Torch*; Content Manager of the Friends Web Site; and Translation Coordinator. In addition, he is also a Volunteer Interpreter in the Cold War Gallery

of the CWM and volunteers one day a week in the Friends' Used Military Book Room.

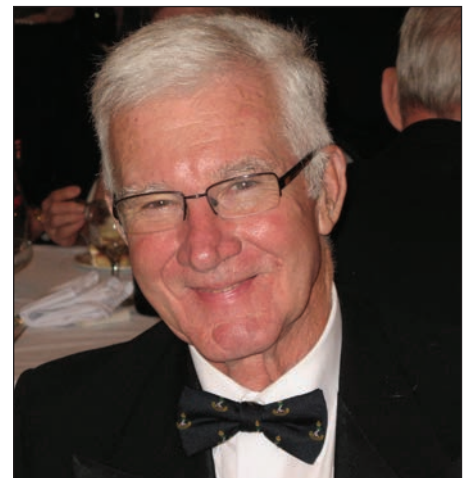
He is also a volunteer at the Diefenbunker, Canada's Cold War Museum where he is tour guide two and a half days a week. As an adjunct to his Diefenbunker responsibilities, he has established an active Alumni Association of former military and civilian members of the facility when it was operational.

Mai-yu and Michael will be presented with the medal by the Governor General at a date to be announced.

The Friends join in congratulating Mai-yu and Michael on this most deserved and singular honour.



Mai-yu Chan



Michael Braham

Go Electronic

The cost of printing the *Torch* is substantial so you are encouraged, if possible, to opt to receive it in electronic form on the FCWM web site rather than in hard copy. If you have not already chosen this option, but would like to, please notify us via e-mail at membership@friends-amis.org or by filling in the appropriate box on your next membership renewal form.

The Paardeberg Monument Picture

by Jean Morin, Chair FCWM Research Committee

The Enquiries team of the Friends' Research Committee are challenged with questions that are addressed by the public to the Canadian War Museum, and require research. Our volunteer researchers are linked by the Internet and such questions are distributed by email so that interested researchers can volunteer to solve the problems.

Most questions addressed to our researchers are on the subject of military history, mostly Canadian military history. But once in a while, a different question comes up that excites the curiosity of researchers, which do not deal with military history per se.

This is the case with the enquiry that Jeffrey Chapman took an interest in, in January 2016.

The CWM received a request from Jean Michel, a citizen of Verdun, near Montreal, who wanted to know if there was any way to find out where the picture of a young boy might have been taken, in the mid-1950s. The only clue to the picture was that the boy stood before a monument that had PAARDEBERG inscribed, under a bas-relief that was only partially seen.



Jeff used his knowledge and technique to research the internet and look for all the monuments that might have been dedicated to the Battle of Paardeberg, in which the Canadians fought in the Boer War.

His patience paid off when he found that the monument called «Canadians in the South African War

(Lord Strathcona) Memorial», on Dorchester Square, in Montreal, had one of its sides dedicated to the battle of Paardeberg, and that indeed, the bas-relief was the exact one for which just the bottom part could be seen. It is clear that the picture was taken on the exact spot, sixty years ago.



Jeffrey Chapman is a member of the Friends who has an interest in Canadian military history and likes to use the FCWM Book Room for good finds. He has been a volunteer researcher for two years and has collaborated in many questions that the Enquiries group of the Research Committee have elucidated over those years. Jeffrey is part of a new generation of Friends who dedicate themselves to the better knowledge of the military history of Canada.



FCWM Treasurer - J.L. (John) Chow

Born and raised in the sub-tropical climate of Hong Kong, John followed his mother and siblings and hopped across the Pacific Ocean



and the North American continent and arrived in Toronto in the middle of a winter snow storm in January 1968.

While a student at Queen's University, John joined the Naval Reserve and upon graduation served for eight months onboard the re-commissioned gate vessel HMCS Porte Dauphin which operated out of Hamilton, ON. He saw the light and transferred to the Regular Force in 1975 as a Sea Logistics Officer which took him to both coasts. Accordingly, he boasts of having been appointed to HMC Ships home-ported at both the "right and the left coasts" and the "middle coast" in the Great Lakes.

In 2010, after a wonderful career and interesting postings,

John retired from the Navy but stayed in Ottawa to continue with the Department of National Defence as a civilian and did a stint of almost five years as a policy wonk doing supply management policy.

John and his wife, the former Hilda Siu of Vancouver, are empty nesters firmly transplanted in Ottawa. But the ties to the West Coast live on as two of their three sons are current residents of Lotus Land.

John's hobbies include volunteering, researching and writing the family history (before he loses his already imperfect memory), travelling in ships (onboard which he does not have to work), and not-too-serious wine tasting (as spitting it out is difficult, and wasteful).

2015/16 FCWM Volunteer of the Year – Jean Morin

At its 2016 Annual General Meeting in June, the Friends of the Canadian War Museum announced Jean Morin as the 2015/16 Volunteer of the Year. Jean's efforts as Chair of the Research Committee and his dedicated production of a monumental day-by-day history of the First World War produced as a daily Twitter feed were deservedly recognised by the presentation of this award.

Jean is a retired Royal 22e Regiment, infantry Major. He is also a former official historian with the Directorate of History (DHH) at National Defence both in uniform and as a public servant. He retired in 2013 after 42 years with DND.

Originally from Sherbrooke, Québec, he joined the Forces in Québec City in 1969, and graduated from the Royal Military College in 1975. He obtained an MA from UBC in 1977 and served with the 3rd and 2nd battalions of the Regiment.

He subsequently served as instructor and teacher in the Infantry School, at RMC and at the Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Center before

becoming the official historian from 1990 to 2013 at the DND Directorate of Heritage and History.

BRAVO ZULU Jean



Jean Morin receives his award from Stephen Quick and Linda Colwell

Honouring Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow

Three significant artifacts from the Canadian War Museum's collection were escorted to Parry Sound, Ontario for the unveiling of a life-sized bronze statue honouring Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow, the most decorated First Nations soldier in Canadian military history. At the unveiling event on June 21, the Museum displayed medals awarded to Corporal Pegahmagabow as well as

the type of rifle and uniform he would have been issued as a sniper in the 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion in the First World War.

An Anishinaabe (Ojibwa) youth born on the shores of Parry Sound, in what is now Shawanaga First Nation

reserve, Corporal Pegahmagabow was one of the first to enlist in 1914. Only a few weeks after he volunteered, he became one of the original members of the 1st Canadian Infantry Battalion. He fought overseas until the end of the war and participated in some of its most horrific battles, including the Second Battle of Ypres, the Battle of the Somme and Passchendaele. A skilled scout and marksman, he became the war's most effective sniper and was honoured with the Military Medal in 1916 for great bravery, disregard for danger and faithfulness to duty. He was one of only 39 members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force to receive two bars to the Military Medal for additional acts of valour.

Following the war, Pegahmagabow became an advocate for First Nations rights and served as chief of his Parry Island band, Wasauksing First Nation.



Medal Set, Corporal Francis Pegahmagabow, CWM20040035-001; Tilston Memorial Collection of Canadian Military Medals, Canadian War Museum

The Ruin of J. Robert Oppenheimer, and the Birth of the Modern Arms Race by Priscilla J. McMillan

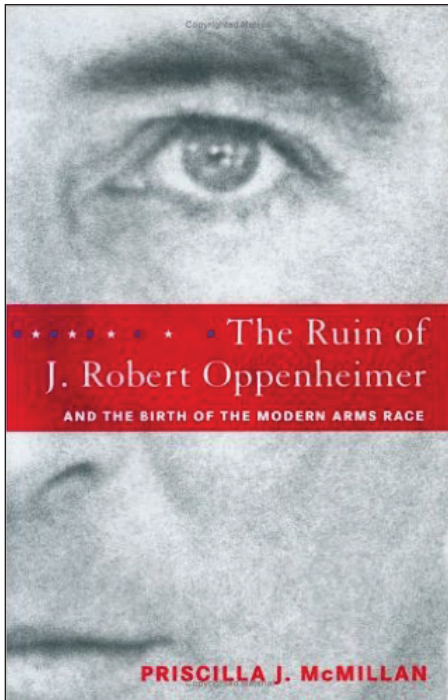
Reviewed by John Anderson

Most of us are familiar with the story of the development of the atomic bomb during the Second World War and the pivotal role played in that endeavour by Dr. Robert Oppenheimer. Much less well known is what happened to

Dr. Oppenheimer after the war. It is a sordid cautionary tale of deceit, intrigue and character assassination, but it is also historically important because it set the stage for the Cold War arms race.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's there was an intense debate

in the United States regarding the future of nuclear weapons. Many of the scientists who knew first hand the power of these weapons, among whom Oppenheimer was one of the leaders, were in favour of limiting further development and trying to set up an arms control regime to



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limit their proliferation. On the other side were politicians and military leaders who advocated continued development and deployment in the interests of maintaining American military strength -- and political power in Congress. In essence the discussion pitted those who knew what was at stake against those who wanted control of the technology for political and military advantage.

All of this debate was conducted in deadly secret because President Truman, and later President Eisenhower, imposed a total blackout on any public discussion of these matters.

This discussion came to a head in early 1954, when proceedings were initiated to have Dr. Oppenheimer stripped of his security clearance. The pretext for these proceedings was Oppenheimer's widely known association with known Communist sympathizers before and during the war. The objective was to remove Oppenheimer -- by any means necessary

-- from any further participation in the ongoing debate.

The "heavy" in these proceedings was Lewis Strauss, a prominent New York-based banker and businessman, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission -- and a rabid Republican politician. The sub-heavy was Dr. Edward Teller, a brilliant scientist who had worked on the atomic bomb with Oppenheimer at Los Alamos, but who was obsessed with being allowed to develop "The Super", or the hydrogen bomb. If Oppenheimer could be removed from the debate, then a major obstacle to his dream would be eliminated. Therefore, in his testimony before Strauss' inquiry, he gave only a lukewarm endorsement of Oppenheimer's character, and this went far toward sealing Oppenheimer's fate. But it also sealed

Teller's fate for, while he continued to be involved in weapons research, he was forever after shunned by the general scientific community for betraying one of America's most respected scientists.

As noted above, all of this debate, with the exception of the bombshell announcement that Oppenheimer's clearance had been revoked, was conducted in secret. It took the author of this book, Priscilla McMillan, literally decades to ferret out the truth. It is an egregious tale of deceit and intrigue and, as the author points out at the end of her introduction, it could happen again.

A truly valuable book, a fitting tribute to a man who did so much during the Second World War. Massively annotated; about one-quarter of the book is notes and references. Highly recommended.

Steel Ladies

"Steel Ladies" is the title of a recently self-published book by Major (Ret'd) Don Allen, a Friend and Volunteer Interpreter in the Lebreton Gallery of the Canadian War Museum.

The book is a richly illustrated volume that provides information about all of the tanks and armoured cars currently in the War Museum. A section on each vehicle looks at its history and technical specifications and provides information on how it was acquired by the War Museum.

Don Allen is a retired Armoured Corps officer with a passion for, and a thorough knowledge of armoured vehicles that are graphically transposed into this excellent and thoroughly readable reference book. Don has earmarked all royalty profits from the sale of this book to the Friends of the Canadian War Museum.

"Steel Ladies -- The Tanks and Armoured Cars of the Canadian War Museum" is available for sale on-line through Amazon and in major book stores. Its ISBN is 978-1532884580.

