

# The Torch

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**Friends of The Canadian War Museum**  
**Les amis du Musée canadien de la guerre**



## FCWM BOARD VOTES TO SUPPORT PLAY AT CWM

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum recently voted to give financial support to the production of a one-man play at CWM in October.

The Friends will donate up to \$13,000.00 to subsidize the play, "...and Silk Stockings for the Ladies." The play recounts the efforts at the end of the Second World War of RCAF Squadron Leader Ted Alpin to assist Jewish refugees in rebuilding their lives after their internment in the concentration camp at Bergen Belsen.

The play, by Attila Cleeman, has been produced over the past year in both Toronto and Montreal and, in addition to good reviews, won the Montreal Centaur

Theatre's Best English Production award.

There will be 14 presentations of the production over 10 days during the period 21 October to 2 November in the Barney Danson Theatre. A number of presentations will be during the day to accommodate school groups while evening productions will cater to the general public.

Admission will be: Adults \$15, Seniors \$12 and Students \$10. Reduced group prices are also available, as are combination tickets for both the play and general admission to the CWM. Tickets are on sale at the box office. Play schedules will be on the Friends web site.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



**Jack Dunn Receives Volunteer of the Year Award at AGM.** Jack (right) receives a plaque from Angus Brown, President of the Friends. For many years Jack has been an enthusiastic and faithful Guide (in the old museum) and Volunteer Interpreter (new museum). Recently he has been enlightening visitors regarding the Last One Hundred Days exhibit in Gallery Two. Photo: Hellmut Schade.

## CWM ARCHITECTS WIN GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDAL

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) and the Canada Council for the Arts have announced the recipients of the Governor General's Medals in Architecture for 2008. Prominent among them are Moriyama & Teshima Architects, Griffiths Rankin Cook Architects, the lead design architects for our new Canadian War Museum, which was described by the jury as "a building for war that conveys a sense of peace."

The medal, which recognizes outstanding achievement in recently built projects, will be presented by Her Excellency at Rideau Hall on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Our congratulations have been expressed to the architects and, in particular, to Raymond Moriyama and Alex Rankin.

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Angus Brown

Hopefully, this issue of TORCH will find you enjoying a lazy, hazy summer. Producing four issues per year, instead of three, has been a recent innovation to improve our communication with Friends. The fourth issue has only been made possible by the hard work of our editor, Bob Margeson, various contributors and, of course, the mailing team who give up their sunny days to labour away to get this and all the other issues out to you.

Although it may be the summer doldrums for some, the Friends continue to work to support the Canadian War Museum. As you will see elsewhere here, your donations are still supporting a myriad of activities and volunteers from the Friends are working diligently with the public and behind the scenes at the Museum. We have allowed ourselves one indulgence, however, by putting the Friends office on summer hours and closing during the afternoons of July and August.

The Board of Directors, while not meeting during the summer, is still active. I recently asked the Directors to consider how they each could best assist in committee work and in recruiting new blood for the organization, both as general Friends and as potential Directors with a view to putting flesh on a succession plan. In response to a suggestion at the 14 May Board meeting that we consider long-term planning, I have asked Directors to provide their thoughts by 15 September on what they might

like to see the Friends doing in future and how. The same challenge is open to all Friends. Simply send your suggestions to the office by mail, email or telephone if you have ideas on what the Friends should be doing and, most importantly, how we should be doing it. The Executive Committee will be considering the matter early in the autumn.

Occasionally, we are asked how the Friends' work can be relevant to those of us outside the local Ottawa area. There is no doubt that the location of the Museum makes our organization a bit Ottawa-centric. However, the recent FCWM funding of the Gunter History Awards to students across Canada is one way we reach out to a more national audience. We are working on improving our website and this newsletter to keep you better informed of Friends and Museum activities. As well, we are instituting an area on the website that will, we hope, give you a listing of an assortment of military history activities across the country, not just in the National Capital Region. The aim is to develop this eventually into the "go to" place for notices of upcoming Canadian, and other, military history events. And, of course, our work to support CWM contributes to an internationally-recognized, national-level institution that deals with the Canadian military experience. We are proud of what we and the CWM staff here have accomplished and we hope you are, too.

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION DONATES \$5,000 TO FOOD VAN RESTORATION

The Royal Canadian Legion has donated \$5,000 to assist FCWM in funding the restoration of the Fordson Food Van.

BGen (Ret'd) Duane Daly, Dominion Secretary of the RCL and an appointed Director on the FCWM Board, presented the cheque at a recent Board meeting in Ottawa.

Work on the food van is currently being done in the CWM maintenance area. The project is one of two restorations being

funded by the Friends this year.

Total cost of the restoration of the food van is expected to be approximately \$25,000. Last year FCWM donated \$10,000 and this fiscal year up to another \$15,000 will be given to the Museum for the project.

Jim Whitham, Collections Manager (Transportation and Artillery) at CWM, hopes to have the restoration completed by autumn of this year.



The Food Van undergoing restoration in the CWM workshop.

## FCWM AND LE MUSÉE DE L'ARMÉE

During a recent visit to France, LCol (ret'd) Jeremy Mansfield, visited the Musée de L'armée at Les Invalides (the site of Napoleon's Tomb) and on behalf of The Friends contacted our fellow organization in Paris, La Société des Amis du Musée de L'Armée (SAMA). FCWM has maintained a warm relationship

with SAMA over many years and he was warmly welcomed by M. Gérard Mialle the Administrateur.

Following an extensive tour of that splendid museum given by Col Gérard Bieuville the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, and a most enjoyable luncheon, LCol Mansfield presented a Friends' plaque to SAMA to mark the occasion as

well as individual presentation pins to the hosts.

An exhibit recently opened by President Sarkozy is dedicated to the memory of Charles de Gaulle, tracking his life through St Cyr cadet, World War I cavalry officer, commander of the Free French Army in World War II, and on to President of France.

## SUCCESSFUL TIMES FOR CWM

Afghanistan: A Glimpse of War, the exhibit that closed at the end of April was seen by almost 190,000 visitors. It also won the 2008 Canadian Museum Association's Award of Excellence.

A companion temporary exhibit, Tony Blair At War: Decision Iraq, was seen by approximately 14,800 visitors before it closed in early May.

Plans are for the Afghanistan exhibit to travel to Newfoundland and possibly Toronto later this year or early next.

School and educational visits were popular. A total of 69 programs were delivered to 1,835 participants and 43 Group Orientations were offered to 34,529 participant students since April.

Not only school children and the general public were interested in the CWM. Recently, the museum hosted groups from the US Military Academy at West Point, a delegation of Russian parliamentarians and embassy officials, 15 German parliamentarians and

embassy staff, 150 NATO Defence College students and spouses, 40 guests from the National Defence University of the People's Republic of China, assorted Canadian Forces group tours and various individual VIPs from Ottawa and abroad.

It was not all work and study, however. A lucky 22 people held their birthday party at the CWM hosting 264 guests over the past three months.

## NEW INTERNET EXHIBITION: CANADA AND THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Dr. Tim Cook



*Canada and the First World War* is the largest internet resource ever developed by the Canadian War Museum. The goal of this site is to provide visitors across the country and around the world with the most comprehensive and authoritative site for the history of Canada and Canadians in the First World War.

Visitors and educators will find unique resources, including over 700 rare artifacts. These artifacts, drawn from the CWM's collection that spans over half a million items, include weapons,

equipment, and naval, air force, and soldiers' kit; letters, diaries, and published material; medals, commemorative items, and grave markers; recruitment posters, works of art, and photographs. Each artifact is supported by interpretative text, and is linked to thematic subjects ranging from battles and campaigns, to the home front and postwar commemoration. The site also allows access to over 6,800 of the newly-digitized official Canadian Expeditionary Force photographs held in the museum's Military History Research Centre.

Educators, youth, and researchers will find outreach resources, such as primary source materials, lesson plans, and suggested reading lists. The site does not require flash or high speed access, however, a unique zoom feature enables visitors to access the artifact images and archival material at an

incomparable level of detail.

This project, funded by Canada Culture Online, a federal program sponsored by the Department of Canadian Heritage, is the first exhibition of its kind for the Canadian War Museum. The First World War site involved, throughout the course of the project, most of the Canadian War Museum staff, including members from the collections, interpretation, education, project management, historical staff, and management.

A second online exhibition has begun production, and will explore the history of the Royal Canadian Navy. Like the First World War project, the RCN exhibition will involve significant digitization of artifacts, images, and material culture from the CWM's holdings. This project is expected to launch in June 2009.

[www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar](http://www.warmuseum.ca/firstworldwar)

## WINNERS OF 2008 GUNTER HISTORY AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2008 Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards have been announced. These awards are sponsored by FCWM as a way of encouraging interest in Canadian military history among high school students. Entries are accepted from across Canada from students in their final year of high school.

This year's winners, each of whom will receive \$1,000 are:

- Kelsey Boorman (Victoria BC) –

*Cling to Hope*

- Rita Cheng (Vancouver BC) – *Front Line: Life in the Trenches*
- Brett Clifton (Lethbridge AB) – *The Cap Badge*
- Margaret Brittany Faux (Red Deer AB) – *Why, Grampa? Why?*
- Maria McDonald (Derwent AB) – *St. Crispin's Eve, 1916*
- Kyle Ritchie (North Vancouver BC) – *Choice*

Since 1998 the CWM has sponsored history awards to

secondary school students and over \$44,000 in prizes have been distributed across the country for projects in various disciplines. The program was renamed the Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards in 2006 as the result of a bequest from him to the Friends. The Friends decided not only to administer his bequest but to perpetuate this donation and assumed funding responsibility for the annual awards.

## 2008 NIJMEGEN MARCH SEND-OFF

On Wednesday, July 9 the formal send-off for this year's Nijmegen March was held in the Lebreton Gallery of the Museum.

The Nijmegen Marches are an annual set of four 25 mile (40Km) marches to be completed over four consecutive days. Military marchers are required to march both in formation, in uniform and carry at least 10kg of dry weight. The 2008 March will be the 92nd since it began in 1909.

During the march, Canadian

military participants will pay their respects at the Groesbeek Commonwealth War Cemetery, the final resting-place of more than 2,300 of the more than 7,000 Canadian soldiers and airmen who died fighting to liberate Holland in 1944 and 1945.

The Royal Canadian Legion and CWM/FCWM presented wreaths to the Nijmegen Contingent to be taken to and laid at Commonwealth military cemetery at Groesbeek, Holland.



Mark O'Neill, DG of the CWM (left) and Angus Brown, President of FCWM (right) present the wreath to Major Tom Norris on July 9. Photo: Hellmut Schade.

## FRIENDS ASSIST RCAF WD VISIT TO CWM

On Saturday June 7th some 250 veterans of the RCAF Women's Division touched down at the Museum for a full morning's tour, a luncheon and a plaque unveiling, as part of their 67<sup>th</sup> and perhaps final, annual reunion.

Two days before the event, the Friends received an SOS

from General Paul Manson: 40 wheelchairs were being provided for the visitors, but there were insufficient Air Cadets to push them. Could we help? Friends were rounded up at the last minute, Jerry Holtzauer mustered a few more from the Peacekeepers Association and the gap was filled.

The Air Cadets and volunteers escorted the grounded ladies on a two-hour tour of the galleries and returned them to base at the Barney Danson Theatre for the luncheon and formal unveiling of the Women's Division Memorial Plaque, which is to be installed at the Museum.

## CONTINUING SPECIAL EXHIBITS

**DEADLY MEDICINE: CREATING THE MASTER RACE** continues until **November 11, 2008**.

This exhibit explores Nazi eugenics and the tragic path that utopian ideas about perfecting human genetic makeup took under Hitler's dictatorship. From 1933 to 1945, Nazi Germany carried out a campaign to "cleanse" German society of individuals viewed as threats to the nation's "health".

**TRENCH LIFE: A SURVIVAL GUIDE** continues until **April 13, 2009**.

From the harsh world of the trenches of the First World War, Canadian soldiers created and relied upon a distinct and vibrant culture. This exhibition explores the history of the First World War in its most personal dimension: the words, images, art and sounds created by the front line soldiers who were closest to the war.

### NEW FRIENDS

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between April 1 and June 30, 2008.

Lt. Col. And Mrs. John and Sharon Chandler  
 Mr. Robert F. Collins  
 M. Maurice J.S. Gauthier  
 Mr. Edward Lawson  
 Mr. David S. Parr  
 Veterans Hall of Valour

## BOOKS BY FRIENDS



Long-time Friend Bruno Friesen delivering a lecture at the Museum in conjunction with the recent launch of his book, *Panzer Gunner*. Photo: Hellmut Schade.

**Geoffrey Bennett** has published *The Pepper Trader*, true tales of the German East Asia Squadron and the man who cast them in stone.

**Bob Ringma** has published *MLBU – Full Monty in Korea* about his experiences with the Mobile Laundry and Bath Unit. This book provides an inside view of a side of war not often written about.

*Shock Troops*, the

second volume of **Tim Cook's** work on Canadians in the First World War, will be published in October. This volume covers 1917 and 1918.

Further details on these books, including discounts for Friends, are available from the Bookroom at the FCWM office. ([books-fcwm-amcg.magma.ca](http://books-fcwm-amcg.magma.ca)). Books purchased through the Friends are signed by the authors.

## NEW FCWM DIRECTORS NAMED

At the AGM in June, three new directors were named to FCWM Board.

CWM with war art research. She was named CWM Volunteer of the Year in 2006.

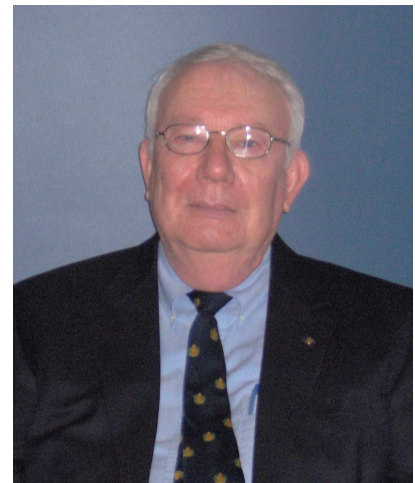
ern Ontario District Soccer Association for 30 years.



In her career **Ms. Mai-yu Chan** has been a school teacher and, more recently, a free-lance musician (conductor, composer, arranger, instrument maker), and has served on the executive of many national and local music associations. Since 2003 she has assisted Dr. Laura Brandon of the



**David Parr** is the new Treasurer of FCWM. David is a Certified General Accountant (CGA) and has held senior financial management positions in the federal government, primarily with DVA and Energy Mines and Resources. He retired from the public service in 1996. He also served as Treasurer of the East-



**William (Bill) Reed** has a law degree and was in private practice prior to joining the forces. He then pursued a military career within the Office of the Judge Advocate General, where he served for 37 years in Canada and internationally. Bill retired from the Forces with the rank of Capt (N). He was awarded the OMM.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 5	<b>Witness to History:</b> Holocaust Survivor Testimony, Barney Danson Theatre. Noon, 1.30 and 3 pm.
Oct. 14 – 24	International Festival of Military Bands. Place George V, Palais Montcalm, Collisée Pepsi. Quebec City
Oct. 21 – Nov. 2	<b>Theatre Performance</b> "...and Stockings for the Ladies." Barney Danson Theatre, Day and Evening Performances
Oct. 22	<b>Lifelong Learners:</b> discussion and viewing of the play "...and Stockings for the Ladies." (English)
Oct. 29	<b>Lifelong Learners:</b> discussion and viewing of the play "...and Stockings for the Ladies." (French)
Oct. 30	<b>Lecture: Holocaust by Bullets</b> by Father Patrick Desbois, 7 p.m. (English and French)
Nov. 11	<b>Deadly Medicine</b> Temporary Exhibit closes, CWM

DETAILS OF CWM EVENTS AT [WWW.WARMUSEUM.CA](http://WWW.WARMUSEUM.CA)

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 21<sup>ST</sup> FCWM AGM

The 21st Annual General Meeting was held at the Canadian War Museum on 5 June 2008, attended by 34 members and chaired by the President, Col (Ret'd) Angus Brown.

- Major Donations to CWM last year: Research and Education, \$6,322.23; Acquisition, National Collection Fund, \$5,000.00, Restoration, \$47,000.00
- Total Revenue: \$137,053.26. Expenditures: \$79,013.04, most of which being contributed

to the Museum in the form of special purpose or directed gifts.

- Total number of paid-up Friends: Individual, 948; Group, 9; Corporate, 2.
- Volunteer hours c. 6,833.
- LCol (Ret'd) Terry Payan was appointed auditor for fiscal year 2008-09.
- Directors: Mr David Parr, Ms Mai-Yu Chan and Capt (N) (ret'd) Bill Reed elected for a three-year term. Angus Brown, Charles Gruchy, AD McQuarrie, Gordon Parker and

Ed Storey re-elected for a three-year term.

- Volunteer of the Year LCol (ret'd) Jack Dunn
- Mr Mark O'Neill, Director General CWM outlined his vision for the future of the Museum. His five major priorities are: Activating Highlights; Special Exhibitions; Outreach; Conservation; and Special Events.

**Minutes of the AGM can be found on the FCWM web site ([www.friends-amis.org](http://www.friends-amis.org)).**

## VIMY AWARD DINNER

The Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI) will hold its Vimy Award dinner on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 in the Canadian War Museum. Her Excellency the Governor General,

our Patron-in-Chief, has been invited to present the award. The Friends are again sponsoring a table at the dinner, which will be paid for by each individual attending. Tickets, at \$150 per

person, and more details, can be obtained by contacting the Secretary of The Friends. (819) 776-8618.

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 Canadian Intelligence & Security Association  
 Korea Veterans Association of Canada

(National Capital Unit)  
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 Veterans Hall of Valour

## DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS

The following donations which were made to the Friends during the period Apr. 1 through June 30, 2008 are most gratefully acknowledged. 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 the Newsletter.

### IN MEMORIAM DONATIONS

BGen Edward A.C. Amy in memory of **Major Generals Jim Tedlie and Gordon Kitchen, and Major E.C. Brumwell (RCAC soldiers)**  
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