

# The Torch

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 CANADIAN WAR MUSEUM

## Volunteer of the Year for 2009



Ted Patrick receives his Volunteer of the Year plaque from Angus Brown at the AGM on June 3. Photo: Hellmut Schade.

Ted Patrick has worked as a Volunteer Interpreter in the new museum since it opened in May 2005 and before that for many years in the old museum, where he was one of the three Friends chosen to lower the flags at the closing ceremony.

He has consistently been a dedicated, conscientious and excellent communicator engaging young and old alike with his enthusiasm and integrity. He diligently works in the galleries on a regular basis and gives extra time to the Witness to History program, where he frankly discusses difficult topics when relating his own wartime experiences.

During World War II, Ted served with the Irish Regiment of Canada in Italy, Holland, France, Belgium, Germany and England.

## Museum Acquires Shankland Medal Set

On May 25 the Canadian War Museum announced its successful purchase at auction of the Robert Shankland medal set, which includes both the Victoria Cross and Distinguished Conduct Medal. The full set consists of nine medals in all, covering the First World War, militia service between the wars, and the Second World War.

“Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Shankland’s story is an essential part of the national heritage of all Canadians,” stated Mark O’Neill, the Museum’s Director General. “The story of this great Canadian and his contribution to our history deserves to be preserved in our national military museum.”

With its successful purchase, the Canadian War Museum now holds in its collections 30 of the 94 Victoria Crosses awarded to Canadians.

The total price of the set was \$288,000. The set was purchased with the assistance of the Museum’s National Collection Fund. The Fund, which is an ongoing fundraising initiative established in 2005 by the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation, enables the Canadian War Museum and the Canadian Museum of Civilization to acquire artifacts that might otherwise be lost to Canadian national heritage.



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## President's Message Bill Leach



It has been just over a month since our AGM. I would like to give you a short report on what I have been doing and what I hope to do before the end of July.

The first item however is to say a very sincere "thank you" to Angus Brown for all that he has contributed over his term as President of the Friends – Angus was able to pay attention to the detail as well as steer us in a strategic sense. He has left much to build on. We will say a more public thank you and make some small presentations in the near future. In the mean time we wish him and his family well.

My aim for my first six weeks or so was to meet with all the Committee Chairs to gain a better understanding of where

each is going – this will enable me to ensure that we are all pulling/pushing together in our goal to support the Canadian War Museum as we always have. I have met with some and the rest are scheduled.

I have started to have scheduled meetings with the Director General of the Canadian War Museum and with his key staff. This is essential to ensure that we are all together.

Looking ahead, I am determined to take a serious look at our strategic direction and organization. We have much to build on and much to do; the world is changing around us and we must stay relevant. I hope to have this strategic review started in the next few weeks.

The Navy, the Canadian War Museum and the Friends all have anniversaries in the year 2010 – you'll be hearing more about how we intend to contribute to and support each of these noteworthy events.

I am pleased to be able to serve you and the Friends – I look forward to meeting you as I work my way into the position of your President.

## The Friends Salute the Navy's Centennial



The ship's wheel of HMCS *Rainbow*, on display in Gallery 2. CWM 19470006-001

As noted in the May issue of *The Torch*, the Friends are proud to salute the Navy's centennial (May 4, 2010) by including a series of four-page supplements in the newsletter, beginning with this issue and continuing until the issue of May, 2010.

These supplements provide an overview of the Navy's history and accomplishments from pre-World War One through the cold war and peacekeeping. Each supplement is structured to highlight the Museum's naval displays for the corresponding

period, and includes related photos from the Museum's collection.

These supplements have been targeted at a broad, non-specialist audience. A limited number of them, printed separately from the newsletter, will be available at the Friends' office for presentation to interested individuals.



## Gordon Jenkins Receives DVA Award



Gordon Jenkins (left) receives the Minister of Veterans Affairs 2009 Commendation from the Hon Greg Thompson, Minister of Veterans Affairs, 21 April 2009.

Friends Volunteer Coordinator Gord Jenkins has been awarded the 2009 Commendation of the Minister of Veterans Affairs for his distinguished work promoting veterans affairs and well-being.

The Commendation is awarded annually to individuals who have contributed in an exemplary manner to the care and well-being of veterans or to the remembrance of the contributions, sacrifices and achievements of veterans. Gord partici-

pated actively in Year of the Veteran events in 2005 and established annual memorial parades and sunset ceremonies at Ottawa's Beechwood cemetery.

He has also led Canadian Veterans' contingents to annual memorial services in Arlington, Virginia. Gord was recently elected President of the national capital chapter of the NATO Veterans Association and is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Friends of the Canadian War Museum.

### Adopt-a-Book 2009 Update

Of the 55 books offered in the insert with the May newsletter, 40 have been adopted to date. Please see the insert in this issue for the remaining titles.

## Gunter History Awards for High Schools – 2009

The Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards are sponsored by FCWM to encourage interest in Canadian military history among high school students. Entries are accepted from students in their final year of high school. This year's theme was The Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

Four students won the award this year - two from British Columbia and two from Nova Scotia. Usually there are five awards given, but the judges decided to present only four awards this year.

This year's winners, each of

whom will receive \$1,000 are:

Ryan Thomas Hartigan –  
Dartmouth, N.S.

Submission: Song – *An Angel  
Without Wings Isn't Apt To Fly*

Lauren Hearty – Surrey, B.C.  
Submission: Text (Poem) – *A  
Day on the Plains*

Lindsay Logie – Sackville, N.S.  
Submission: Text (Non-Fiction)  
*The Battle of the Plains of  
Abraham Lives On*

Meghan Ross – Vernon, B.C.  
Submission: Text (Fiction)  
*Remembering les Plaines  
D'Abraham*

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 media. The program was renamed the Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Awards in 2006 as the result of Col Gunter's bequest 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.

## Friends Support for CWM Projects

As reported at the Annual General Meeting, FCWM continues to provide significant financial support to a wide variety of CWM projects. The following list identifies the approved projects for 2009 – 2010, with the amount for each. The total is \$79,600, something of which we can all be proud.

For more details on all of

these projects, please visit the Friends' web site at:

[www.friends-amis.org](http://www.friends-amis.org).

MHRC Grant  
\$2,000

Hemmingford Colours  
\$10,000

M1917 Tank  
\$15,000

Stephen Thorne Collection Cata-

loguing

\$12,600

Gallery Activity Sheets

\$20,000

National Collection Fund

\$10,000

MHRC Brochure

\$5,000

Gunter History Awards

\$5,000

## E-Mail Notices of Events of Interest

Many of you will now be receiving from the Friends emails with lists of upcoming events related to military subjects. (If you are not and would like to, please send us your current email address.)

It is significant to note that most of the events included are

not connected to the CWM (although these are included, of course.) They are also by no means all in the National Capital area. This reflects a conscious effort on our part to provide as much useful information as possible to Friends, including those not living in Ottawa.

These events are also listed on the FCWM web site under "Future Events" on the home page.

If you know about an upcoming event which might be included, please forward the details to the Secretary at:

[sec-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca](mailto:sec-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca)

## Two New Honorary Life Memberships

### The Honorable James J. Kinley.

In 1995, when the Friends launched the *Passing the Torch* fund-raising program, the Hon James Kinley, the then Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, graciously agreed to give his support by becoming an Honorary Patron of the Friends.

Now that the *Passing the Torch* campaign has ended, the role of Patron is no longer appropriate and Dr Kinley was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Friends at the Annual General Meeting.

The Honourable J James Kinley, ONS, CD, SM, D Eng, P Eng, FCAE, FEIC served in the Canadian Merchant Navy and the Royal Canadian Navy in World War II. He is Grand President and Life Member of the Nova Scotia Command of the Royal Canadian Legion, and a National Past President of the Navy League of Canada. Dr Kinley has also served as Honorary Colonel of the West Nova Scotia Regiment, and Honorary Colonel of 14 Air Field Engineering Squadron, RCAF.

### Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph L MacIntosh

Ralph MacIntosh joined the Canadian Army during World War II and served overseas. He continued his service with the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers until his retirement in 1976 in the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

For the past twenty years he has consistently supported the Friends in all our endeavours; has been a major contributor to the Adopt-a-Book program; and has been a most generous benefactor throughout this period.

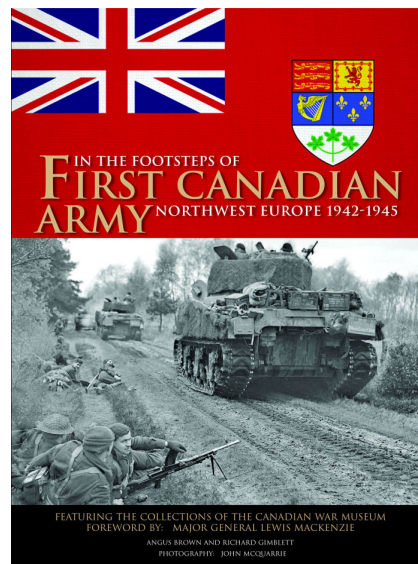
## Book by FCWM Past President

### In the Footsteps of First Canadian Army: Northwest Europe 1942-1945.

By Angus Brown and Richard Gimblett.

First Canadian Army was not only the largest field command of the Second World War for Canada, but also was a major coalition formation with units from different countries under the command of General H.D.G. Crerar.

Through the medium of text, art and photos this book traces the operations of First Canadian Army during the liberation of Northwest Europe: from the long prelude of garrison and training in the United Kingdom, to the beaches of Normandy and the killing fields of France, through the clearing of the Channel



Ports, into the horrible conditions of the Scheldt and the violent fighting in the German Rhineland, to the final freedom of the Dutch people. Through it all, First Canadian Army slogged along in poor weather and

slugged it out with a determined foe. This is the story of the Canadians and their compatriots who took their place in the line with bigger, more glamorous and better-known Allies.

This narrative puts these momentous events of the Second World War into geographical and historical perspective for the general reader and military history buff alike.

This is the second volume in a series, the first having been *In the Footsteps of the Canadian Corps*.

160 pages, 8" x 11", Over 250 photos, maps and war art  
\$25 soft cover / \$35 hard cover

Available in bookstores, Chapters and from the Boutique at the Canadian War Museum.

## New Friends

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between April 1 and June 30, 2009:

Col W.J Aitchison  
Mr Timothy W. Brown

Mr. Len Hedberg  
Mr. Mark Paine

Ms. Cara Louise Pelletier  
Mr. Douglas Charles Rowland

## Upcoming Vimy Award Dinner

The Conference of Defence Associations Institute (CDAI) will hold its Vimy Award dinner on Friday, 20 November 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.

## Racetrack Fundraiser Jerry Holtzhauer

It was a dark and stormy night - whoops wrong night. Actually it was a beautiful sunny evening when 27 of the Friends and their friends gathered at the Rideau Carleton Raceway in Ottawa to enjoy an evening of racing (and slots if they so desired), a buffet

dinner with selections to suit every taste and to raise a bit of money for the Friends— a total of \$650 by the end of the evening.

From all accounts everyone enjoyed themselves, no one won or lost a great deal of money, although I understand a certain

young lady's mother did quite well at the slots. It was a great way to support a cause that is very dear to all of our hearts – the Canadian War Museum.

I hope more of you will join us next year.

## Scenes from the Annual General Meeting



Jim Whitham, Acting Manager of Collections, shows the newly-acquired Shankland medal set to attendees at the AGM. Please see related story on page 1. Photo: Hellmut Schade.



Mark O'Neill, Director-General of the CWM (right), presents books to Angus Brown in appreciation of Angus' assistance and support during his tenure as President of the Friends. Photo: Hellmut Schade.

## Upcoming Events

For current listings of upcoming CWM events, please refer the Museum's web site at:

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

## Highlights of the Annual General Meeting

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting was held at the Canadian War Museum on 3 June 2009 attended by 55 Friends and staff and chaired by the President, Col (ret'd) Angus Brown.

- Total Revenue: \$81,698.71. Total Operating Expenses: \$18,366.08; Donations to CWM: \$100,000.
- Proposed Donations to CWM in 2009-2010: \$79,600.
- LCol (Ret'd) Terry Payan was appointed auditor for fiscal year 2009-2010.
- Total number of paid-up Friends: Individual, 982; Group, 23; Corporate, 2.
- Volunteer hours: 19,581.
- Directors: Marvin Blauer, Howard Mansfield, Alf Rasmussen and Bill Smith re-elected for a three-year term; Michael Braham elected for a three-year term.
- Volunteer of the Year: Mr Ted Patrick.
- New Honorary Life Memberships to the Honourable J James Kinley and Lieutenant-Colonel Ralph L MacIntosh
- Mr Mark O'Neill, Director-General CWM reviewed the year's activities, answered questions from the floor, and displayed the recently-acquired Lt Robert Shankland Victoria Cross medals group.
- A presentation on the exhibition "Deadly Medicine" was given by Mr Glenn Ogden.

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

## New Member of the Board of Directors

**Michael Braham** recently retired after almost fifty years of government service. From 1999 to 2008 he was the Director for the DND/CF General Safety Program. Prior to that he spent twelve years in Emergency Preparedness Canada as the Director responsible for national

plans, policies and exercises.

His service as a public servant was preceded by twenty seven years as a naval logistics officer. In He served in a variety of appointments ashore and afloat. He retired from the navy in 1987 as a Naval Captain.

Subsequent to retirement he

became a Friend of the War Museum where he volunteers in maintaining the membership database and as a Volunteer Interpreter. He also puts his emergency preparedness experience to good advantage as a volunteer tour guide at the Diefenbunker.

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## Donations to the Friends

The following donations which were made to the Friends during the period April 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 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

Mr. Alan W. Armstrong in memory of Sgt G.G. Armstrong, Pilot, Bomber Command	Mr. Gordon Foster in memory of Ms. Carole Munden, CWM Volunteer	the CWM, in honour of Ms Norma Hundert, and in memory of SSgt Charles Hundert	Henry West
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