

# The Torch

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

## CWM Celebrates 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of New Museum Building

On May 8, 2005 – the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day – the splendid new Canadian War Museum Building opened its doors to the public.

The CWM is celebrating this anniversary on **Saturday May 8 and Sunday May 9**. Please see the flyer enclosed with this newsletter for full details of events and schedules.

The Museum was originally established in 1942 in an annex to the Public Archives Building. In 1967 the CWM moved into the main Archives

Building on Sussex Drive, where it remained until the move to the current site. The Sussex Drive building provided limited exhibition and office facilities, while a former streetcar repair depot known as Vimy House held the conservation, curatorial and historical research divisions and the library. Much of the museum's collections were stored there, including major holdings of war art, heavy equipment, tanks, artillery and historical vehicles.

We've come a long way!

## Vimy Ridge Day Fundraiser Ed Storey

The Friends of the Canadian War Museum held a fundraising \$10.00 'all you can eat' BBQ at Cartier Square Drill Hall on 9 April, 2010 from 1130 until 1400. The fundraiser fell on the same day as Veterans Affairs sponsored an 'End of an Era Parade' at the National War Memorial which not only commemorated the 93rd Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge,

but also the passing of Canada's last Great War veteran, John Babcock.

The fundraiser was organized by Ed Storey, Sandy McQuarrie and Irene Lythal with Mike Bedford recruiting the necessary

Friends' volunteer support. The food was cooked by well-known Ottawa Restaurateur Dave Smith. Stephen Dunne was also on hand to sell donated second-hand military books.

Despite the weather business was brisk with over 200 people purchasing tickets. The Chief of the Defence Staff took time to stop in after attending the parade at the NWM and gave a speech on the important work that the Friends do in preserving history. Lewis MacKenzie also showed up to provide his support. The military attache from the British High Commission, local executives from HP Canada and representatives from Les Suites Hotel also were on hand to support the event.

Thank you to everyone from the Friends who volunteered and helped organize this event.



Sandy McQuarrie of the Friends with Gen Natynczyk at the BBQ. Photo: Ed Storey



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**President's Message**  
**Bill Leach**

Time flies when you're having fun! The time since our last edition has been full and eventful, with many positive aspects, with promise for much to look forward to.

We are just finishing off the wrap-up of the last fiscal year and are now finalizing the budget for this fiscal year, 2010/11. It has been somewhat more complicated than it normally is because we had to account for time and production lost to the strike of 2009 - we have squared ourselves with the War Museum for completed work and we have agreed to carry our commitments forward, to allow projects to be completed this year. You will hear about this in detail at our Annual General Meeting on 10 June, 2010.

The last few weeks have been very full with many of you coming forward to help with some "firsts"! We finally got the Fordson Food Van unveiled and there has been much talk about it, both during and after the roll out. Just last week, on Vimy Ridge Day, we held our first fund-raising BBQ - there will be more of them, you can be sure.

The entire month of May is full of significant events that commemorate moments in

history that we can all relate to - the fifth anniversary of the move into the NEW Canadian War Museum, the twenty fifth anniversary of the Friends, the sixty fifth anniversary of the end of WW II in Europe, and the Centennial of the Navy in Canada. We have a role to play in all of these celebrations and with your help we will. Sunday, 30 May will be "Friends Day" at the museum and we have much planned - it is intended to be fun for us and for our many guests! You will be seeing a flood of information on all of this soon ...

Lastly, we need to have some long range plans, some lofty goals to aim at. We have already been in discussions to mark the Centennial of the of the Great War in Europe - 2014 - 2018/19. This period will also mark the 150th anniversary of our great country and deserves to be well celebrated and we intend to do our part. Again watch for more information on our long range perspective.

Enjoy the Spring - watch for information on all that will be going on over the next two months - let's all try to recruit one "New Friend" during this period.

Bill

**Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Friends!**

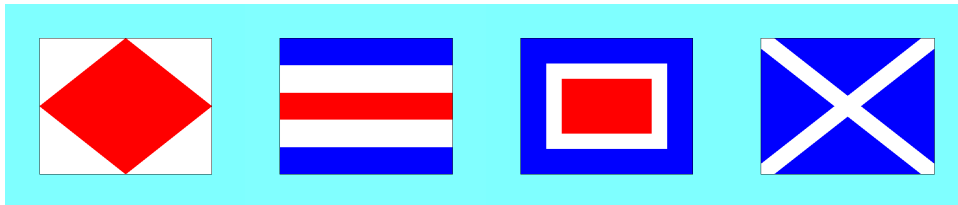
On **Sunday May 30** come to the Museum to celebrate Friends Day. It coincides with the Ottawa Children's Festival and will feature events for military history fans of all ages. Details will be sent out by E-Bulletin (see p. 5) and will be posted on the web site.

## Our Final Salute to the Navy's Centennial

This edition of The Torch contains the fourth and last of our special naval supplements in celebration of the Navy's centennial on May 10 of this

year. In this series we have attempted to pay homage to the proud history of the senior service, and to highlight the ways in which this history is

preserved and honoured in the artefacts and displays of the Canadian War Museum.



## Fordson Van Unveiling Chris Hughes

February 17, 2010 was a fitting conclusion to 10 years of effort on the part of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum in financing the acquisition and restoration of a van that was well known to British civilians during the Second World War. In a joint ceremony between the FCWM and the Museum, the Fordson Van was unveiled, bringing to a successful conclusion the Friends' investment of \$15,000.

In 1941, 450 Fordson Food Vans were donated by Henry and Edsel Ford to Britain for the purpose of delivering relief to the

victims of the German air raids.

The very first of these "Ford Emergency Food Vans" was acquired by the Canadian War Museum in 1999, from a private owner in Michigan. It has been lovingly restored over the past 10 years to its original state, as parts became available. The team included one Friend, Neil Johnstone.

The van is painted in the traditional colours of light grey over dark grey with a red stripe running around the body. In addition to being "number one" the van also carries a plaque signifying that it was inspected by the King and Queen on September 16, 1941. Another sign signifies that it was "Maintained Voluntarily by R.H. Paterson & Co. Ltd., Forth St. Works, Newcastle on Tyne" because it was primarily used in that area of England.

A highlight of the ceremony was provided by Mike Hind, another Friend, whose mother worked as a volunteer in just such a van. While he was very

young at the time, the knowledge of his mother's work inspired his interest in the Food Van and its restoration.

Following the formal remarks, the restorers, accompanied by Bill Leach and Mark O'Neill, officially unveiled the van, dramatically revealing the fruits of labours over the years. Many of the audience, the media representatives and visiting school groups clustered around to get a closer look. Good coverage in both newspapers and on television was also obtained for this auspicious event.

Additional photographs of the van and the ceremony can be found on the Friends Web Site ([www.friends-amis.org](http://www.friends-amis.org)) under the Photo Galleries section.

A more detailed article about the van's specifications and one man's experience with the CWM vehicle can be found at the B.C. Old English Car Club web site at [www.oecc.ca/vcb/Resources/Archives/RA\\_2009\\_14\\_6.pdf](http://www.oecc.ca/vcb/Resources/Archives/RA_2009_14_6.pdf).



Mike Hind serves the traditional "cuppa" to Bill Leach from the restored Food Van. Photo: Hellmut Schade.

## Board Member Violet Parker Receives DND Award



Violet Parker with Robert Fonberg, Deputy Minister of DND, receiving her Commendation Award.

For more than 15 years Violet Parker has served on the Board of Directors of the Friends as the representative of Veterans Affairs Canada. She also

served as our Treasurer for many years.

The Board was delighted to learn recently that Violet was singled out by the Deputy Minister of National Defence, Robert Fonberg, supported by the Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Walter Natynczyk, for a Commendation Award for her achievements in her role as VAC Liaison Officer to DND/Canadian Forces, a position she has held since 1998. The Award recognizes her critical role in the integration of programs and services between the two departments on behalf of CF members, families and survivors.

DND's DM Commendation normally recognizes meritorious achievements by employees of

the Department of National Defence. This may be the first time that a non DND/CF member has been so recognized and this is a rare tribute to Violet's dedication and skills.

Mr Fonberg noted that Violet's deep understanding of policies, outstanding mediation skills and loyalty to Veterans and the DND/CF alike have enabled her to intervene on behalf of Veterans and their families, avert public relations crises and ensure improved linkages between the two departments. Her compassion and creative problem-solving skills have been applauded by senior executives at VAC and the DND/CF, and have brought immense credit to both organizations.

## On-Line Payments to the Friends



Do you recognize this logo? Dozens of your fellow Friends

do. CanadaHelps is an online fundraising service that allows the Friends to accept credit card donations over the internet.

Many Friends have asked me why we do not accept credit card payments for membership fees and donations. The an-

swer is that the transaction costs for a modest organization like the Friends would be too high. CanadaHelps provides us with a safe, secure and low-cost facility for receiving credit card donations. We are now in a position to invite all Friends to use CanadaHelps for future membership renewals and donations.

To learn more about CanadaHelps please visit the

Friends' website at:

[http://www.friends-amis.org/donation\\_e.html](http://www.friends-amis.org/donation_e.html)

and click on the CanadaHelps "Donate Now" logo for more information. Or leave a message for me at the Friends office: 819-776-8618

Mike Bedford

Chair – Membership Committee

## Adopt-a-Book 2010

Please see the insert with this issue of the *The Torch* for full details of this year's campaign in support of the Military History Research Centre.

Our sincerest apologies to Carole MacFarlane, whose name was omitted from the list of adopters in the February issue.

## Upcoming New Temporary Exhibits

Two new temporary exhibits will take over the McCrea Gallery this fall, following the closure of the current Camouflage exhibit on September 6. Both have previously appeared in other venues across Canada.

**The Navy: A Century in Art** marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Canadian

navy. A selection of paintings, from many of Canada's leading war artists, demonstrates how geography, history and war have shaped the navy through its first century of service.

**A Brush with War: Military Art from Korea to Afghanistan** explores the two military art programs that started more than

twenty years after the Second World War. Initially influenced by the art of the First and Second World War programs, over the past sixty years military art has moved gradually in new directions, with current works expressing artists' more personal rather than documentary responses to their subjects.

## FCWM Support of the Military History Research Centre

Support for the Library of the MHRC is provided in part by our annual Adopt-a-Book campaign. Titles that the Library would like to acquire are published in the May issue of The Torch and interested Friends may select those that they wish to sponsor.

Donor's names are published in the following issues of The Torch and their names appear on a bookplate in the book(s).

From 1998 to 2009 the Adopt-a-Book programs and financial grants have provided the Library with 719 titles adopted by

the Friends and 301 titles and additional items purchased with the Friends' grant for use by the Library. This amounts to more than \$17,500.00 in Adopt-a-Book purchases and more than \$12,200.00 in grants to the Library during this time frame.

## FCWM Web Site Updates

The Fordson Food Van refurbishing (to which FCWM contributed) was completed and a formal unveiling was held in the War Museum on February 17. Look at a video of this event along with a longer version of the Torch's article at:

[www.friends-amis.org/fordson\\_van\\_unveiling\\_e.html](http://www.friends-amis.org/fordson_van_unveiling_e.html)

We have also added new Fact Sheets and Research Papers (currently only available in English) under the "Pub-

lications"/"Facts & Research" link. The latest Fact Sheets include:

"RCN Beach Command 'W'"  
 "Landing Ships & Landing Craft."  
 "William Hall"  
 "Charles Best"  
 "Battle of the St. Lawrence"  
 "The Cold War"  
 "The Diefenbunker"

The new, longer Research Papers include:  
 "Newfoundland in Two World Wars"

"20<sup>th</sup> Century Canadian Artillery"  
 "The Cold War Timeline of Major Events"

To celebrate the Navy's Centennial we have added new content to the "Photos and Artwork" area of the Centennial section.

Finally, remember to check the "Future Events" link to see notices brought to our attention of upcoming museum or military events.

All this and more at: [www.friends-amis.org](http://www.friends-amis.org)

## Are You Receiving Your E-Bulletin?

FCWM is now producing an email bulletin (E-Bulletin) to provide Friends with current information about upcoming events of interest. The E-Bulletin is edited by Victor Vaivads and sent out at least monthly - more often if there are enough events

to be publicized.

Note that the events listed do not need to have any connection to FCWM or the CWM, and they do not have to take place in Ottawa. We will publicize any event relating to military history (within reason), and are happy to

receive input from across the country.

If you are not receiving our E-Bulletins, or have an event to be included, send Victor an email at [fcwm.notes@gmail.com](mailto:fcwm.notes@gmail.com).

## New Friends

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between December 15 2009 and March 31, 2010:

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum which will be held in Ateliers C and D of the Canadian War Museum, 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa on Thursday 10 June 2010 commencing at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Business will consist of:

- Approval of the minutes of the 22nd AGM
- The President's Report
- The Financial Report
- Appointment of Auditor
- Election of Directors

- Confirmation of Board Rules
- Appointment of Honorary Life Members
- Volunteer of the Year
- Review by Director-General CWM
- Other business

Friends who wish to have other items added to the agenda should notify the Secretary (tel 819 776-8618) or by e-mail at [sec-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca](mailto:sec-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca).

Nominated to fill a vacancy that exists on the Board of Directors is Duane Daly. Four

directors' appointments expire: Bill Leach (President); Jerry Holtzauer (former President); Marie-Josée Tremblay (Deputy Treasurer) and Mike Bedford (Chair, Membership Cttee). All have indicated their willingness to stand for re-election as directors.

Other nominations are invited and should be sent to the Secretary.

The Board Rules are posted on the Friends' website and a hard copy will be provided on request to the Secretary.

## FCWM Group Friends

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## Upcoming Events

Sun. May 30 Celebration at the Museum of FCWM's 25th Anniversary

Thurs. June 10 FCWM Annual General Meeting. 7:00 for 7:30 in Ateliers C and D

For upcoming CWM events, please visit the web site at [www.warmuseum.ca](http://www.warmuseum.ca). On the CWM home page you can also subscribe to an electronic newsletter highlighting events at both the CWM and the Museum of Civilization.

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