

# The Torch

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## They Never Came Home - Book by 2008 Gunter Award Recipient

Mr Brett Clifton of Lethbridge Alberta was one of the recipients of the 2008 Colonel Douglas H Gunter Canadian History Award, which the Friends sponsor every year in memory of the bequest of the late Col Gunter, a former Friend.

Mr Clifton has written to us enclosing a copy of *They Never Came Home – The Lethbridge Cenotaph Project*. He writes:

*I have been working on this project for about two years and the book represents Part 1, the Great War soldiers of Lethbridge, Alberta. I have just begun research on Part 2, the Second World War soldiers. I noticed in one of your previous newsletters that you were putting together a book donation for the War Museum. I thought maybe you would like to have this book to include with your book donations. As I was a recipient of the 2008 Douglas H Gunter History Award I felt this might be a way I could give a little something back to your organization, and to let you know that I continue with my interest in Canada's military history.*

The book, which will be presented to the Museum's Military History Research Centre, is a beautifully-produced and impressively-researched volume which relates the stories of the 262 young soldiers from the Lethbridge area who died during World War I. Every one of the soldiers has a page telling their personal story, their military record, and a photograph of their final resting place.

Those pages are supplemented by an account, with drawings, of the construction of the Lethbridge Cenotaph and its unveiling during the depression years in 1931. A gallery of photographs, some elegies and poetry of the time, extracts from letters home, and sad letters of condolence to their comrades' families, add tre-

mendous poignancy to the story.

The President of FCWM has written to Mr Clifton on behalf of all Friends to congratulate him on his dedication in producing such a sensitive and inspiring work, and has offered assistance in completing his on-going project in respect of Lethbridge's World War II fallen soldiers.



### Canada's Answer

Sleep now in peace, ye Flanders dead.  
The Cause for which your blood was shed  
Has triumphed, and the beast of "Might"  
At last has bowed its head to "Right";  
A tortured world, through grief and pain,  
Is bathed in Freedom's light again.  
Fear not, ye have not died in vain  
In Flander's fields.

The torch ye threw and which we caught,  
Has not been held aloft for nought;  
The fight that ye so well begun,  
Is finished now and nobly won,  
So 'midst the poppies, sleep in peace  
In Flander's fields.

Anon.  
Reprinted on p. 301  
*They Never Came Home*

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**A Memorable CWM Visit by Canadian  
Guards Association**



**Canadian Guards  
Association Cap  
Badge.**

Some 100 members of the Canadian Guards Association visited the Museum on 8 August as part of a reunion to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their “Changing of the Guard” ceremony. An unofficial tour was arranged by the Friends and a letter of appreciation has been received from Col Ian Douglas, the Regiment’s last Regular Force commanding officer of the “Public Duties Detachment”.

He writes that “many of the attendees were not from the National Capital and the tour provided them with the first opportunity to visit the Museum. A number of members expressed their pleasure not only of the

magnificent building and the contents but also the expertise and warmth displayed by the volunteer interpreters. The fact that so many of them are experienced servicemen makes their service more personal and helpful. A few individuals said that they had been shown around by no less a personality than a past Chief of the Defence Staff. This says so much for the camaraderie and unity of purpose that exists not only in regimental organizations but in the Forces as a whole. It is requested that the appreciation of all members of the Canadian Guards Association be conveyed to all the volunteers who contributed to a successful reunion.”

The CDS referred to is General Ramsey Withers who along with many other volunteers gave up their Saturday afternoon to make the Guards’ visit such a success. Congratulations to all.

**Keep Your Coordinates Current**

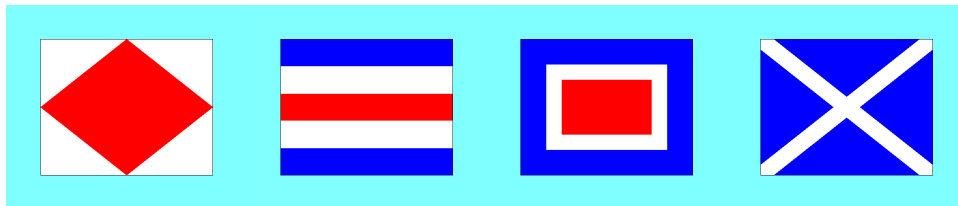
Please make sure the Friends’ office has your current email address. We are sending out email notifications of upcoming events of interest, in the National Capital Region and across the country as they are reported to us.

## Salute to the Canadian Navy Centennial – Instalment Two

In the centre of this issue of *The Torch* we are proud to include the second instalment of our salute to the upcoming Centennial of the Royal Canadian Navy in May 2010.

This current instalment covers the Battle of the Atlantic, and focuses on major displays and artefacts in the CWM relating to that pivotal struggle. The February issue will address

RCN involvement in other aspects of the Second World War, and the May issue will cover the post-war period.



## A Case of Crossed Signals

### Howard Mansfield

An observant former naval person, Friend Capt(N) James Dean, recently informed us of a slight error in the signal flags depicted in *The Torch* Vol. 20, No. 3, August 2009, which has now been corrected. Captain Dean generously went on to say that he hoped we will “continue

to have the signal flags in *The Torch*. A nice splash of colour is eye-catching and draws attention to the article. I enjoy *The Torch* and I think the articles are informative and just the right length for a newsletter.”

We appreciate hearing from Friends whether critical or com-

plimentary and, in endeavouring to correct this error, our own land-based vexillologist has discovered that the flag for the letter “F”, as used in FCWM, also means “I am disabled”. Please be assured that this does not entirely reflect the present situation.

## 2010 Marks the 25th Anniversary of the Friends

Next year the Friends of the Canadian War Museum will celebrate our 25th anniversary of supporting the War Museum. This anniversary coincides with the 5th anniversary of the new Museum building.

The FCWM Executive and Board welcome suggestions from Friends for ways of celebrating this dual milestone.

In 2005, for our 20th anniversary, the Friends

produced a Commemorative Booklet to capture the proud history of the organization to that point. To quote from the opening sentence of that document:

In the course of the last two decades, the Friends of the Canadian War Museum have worked to see this museum transform itself from a state of abandonment to the status

of a national treasure.

Please send suggestions for celebrating our 25th anniversary to the Secretary at:  
[sec-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca](mailto:sec-fcwm-amcg@magma.ca)



## 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)

## Gift Subscriptions to The Friends

What better way to make new Friends than to give someone a Gift Subscription to the Friends of the Canadian War Museum? An annual subscription to the Friends makes a great gift while supporting the Museum in its mandate of educating Canadians

on our military heritage, preserving historical artifacts, and encouraging future generations to reflect on past sacrifices.

All new Friends receive a FCWM pin, an annual subscription card and copies of

the quarterly newsletter, *The Torch*. As a donor, you will receive a tax-deductible receipt for the full amount of your \$25.00 gift. For your convenience, we have enclosed a Gift Subscription Application along with this copy of the newsletter.

## Volunteer Interpreters Off on a Spree – or Two

Recently the Volunteer Interpreters have greatly enjoyed two events organized by the team of Mai-yu Chan and Gordon Foster.

On September 28 over 30 friends of Mai-yu and Gord, who also happen to be volunteer interpreters at the CWM, gathered at Britannia United Church at 11a.m. for lunch and conversation. The invitation was entitled "Mai-yu's blonde hair". Unfortunately, no blonde bombshell showed up to the disappointment of many, but much conversation among friends took place! Everyone

seemed to have enjoyed themselves and expressed pleasure in attending!

On Monday, October 26, 30 VI's and guests paid a visit to the Vintage Wings collection at the Gatineau Airport. They were divided into 3 groups, each with its own guide to take them through all the vintage aircraft in

a cosy hangar with a Swordfish, Corsair, Spitfire and many more exciting aircraft kept in mint con-



Harvard Trainer at Vintage Wings. Photo: Marvin Blauer

dition. Lunch at the restaurant of the Gatineau Executive Airport rounded out the excursion.

## Upgrades to FCWM Web Site

Bob Fowler

In the past few months, we have concentrated on adding new material regarding the 2010 Navy Centennial. A new menu item has been added to the left menu column of the web site. Clicking on this will lead to a series of submenu links:

- **The Navy's Supplements** brings up Special Supplement 1 covering the early years of the navy
- **Photos and Art Work** leads to images of photos, posters and museum artefacts about

the navy

- **Personal Stories** links to reminiscences of naval service by Friends Gerald Bowen and Anthony Griffin which have been posted on the Dominion Institute's Memory Project. These are only the first entries in these categories and we plan to have more up in the near future.

Under our "Photo Galleries" menu item we have now added

some images documenting the restoration of the Second World War Fordson Food Van, for which the FCWM has provided funds.

The PDF of Naval Supplement 2 is also available on the site.

Keep up with Friends' future directions by viewing the 6 October Board Meeting Minutes, following the links from the "Minutes" menu item.

## Two Temporary Exhibits Ending in Early 2010

The following two temporary exhibits will **finish their runs on January 3:**

- **Camouflage: From Battlefield to Cakewalk.** This exhibit explores the patterns and products that hide armies, inspire artists and dominate fashion.

- **1759 – 2009: The Battle of the Plains of Abraham.**

In 2009, the 250th anniversary of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham, the Canadian War Museum offers a new perspective of a historic event.



## Miller Brittain Exhibit at National Gallery of Canada

The exhibit *Miller Brittain: When the Stars Threw Down Their Spears* presents over 70 drawings, paintings and murals dating from 1930 to 1967. Miller Brittain was an important Canadian war artist, and three of

his works were included in the Art and War exhibit which inaugurated the CWM's McCrae Gallery in 2005.

The exhibit includes realist images of the social crises of the 1930s and of his life in the air

force during the Second World War, as well as many of Brittain's religious and visionary post-war paintings and drawings.

**On view until January 3, 2010 at the National Gallery of Canada.**

**Visit the Friends' Upgraded Web Site at:  
[www.friends-amis.org](http://www.friends-amis.org)**

## New Friends

Welcome to the following new Friends who joined between July 1 and September 18, 2009:

Dr. J. Gilles Boulais  
Ms Patricia Cheetham

Mr. Aaron Hynes  
Mr. Ronald Lawruk

## Two CWM Historians Finalists for Ottawa Book Awards

In September the City of Ottawa announced the short list for the 2009 Ottawa Book Awards, and two War Museum historians were listed in the English non-fiction category. The Friends wish to congratulate Dr. Tim Cook and Dr. Peter MacLeod for their respective books: *Shock Troops: Canadians*

*Fighting the Great War, 1917–1918, Volume Two*, and *Northern Armageddon: The Battle of the Plains of Abraham*.

Neither book ended up winning the grand prize, but all short-listed authors received a \$1,000 prize.

The two books were also nominated earlier this year for

the John W. Dafoe Book Prize, which honours the best book about Canada, its people and its place in the world. *Shock Troops* was also awarded the 2009 Charles Taylor Prize for Literary Non-Fiction earlier in the year.

## Adopt-a-Book 2009 Bill Smith

All 55 titles listed in *The Torch* have now been adopted. However, it is not possible to list all adoptions by donor name in this report because access to the

Friends Office where relevant hard copy files are maintained is not currently possible due to labour difficulties.

A final report containing the

names of all adoptees will be published in the January 2010 issue of *The Torch*.

## Undiscovered Treasures – the FCWM Book Room

It has come to our attention that not all Friends are aware of the wealth of pleasure and profit to be found in the FCWM Book Room. It is located in the Friends' office area; the doorway is just beside the coffee machine.

The books on sale have been donated by Friends and other supporters of the Museum.

All donations are reviewed by the Bookroom volunteers and a list is prepared for the Military History Research Centre. The

Centre claims any books which fill gaps in its collection, and these books receive a book plate with the name of the donor.

The other books are shelved in the Book Room, sorted by subject and chronology. A recent addition to the classification system has been a Military Historical Fiction section.

There are literally hundreds of volumes, ranging from large-format art books to booklets and pamphlets. Prices are reasonable, and are often

reduced still further if you mention that you are a Friend.

A preview of the range of books for sale can be found on the FCWM web site. Click on "Books" on the Home Page.

For more information on book donations and book sales, contact the Book Room at:

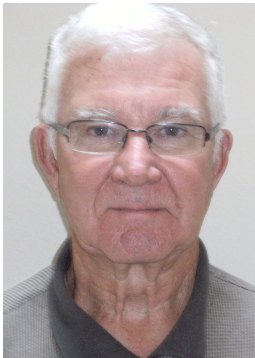
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## Upcoming Events

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

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

## New Vice-President for FCWM



At the Board meeting of October 6, **Michael Braham** was elected to the position of Vice-President of the Friends. He

joined the Board earlier this year.

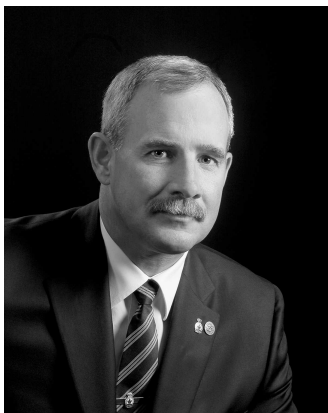
Michael recently retired after almost fifty years of government service. From 1999 to 2008 he was the Director for the DND/CF General Safety Program. Prior to that he spent twelve years in Emergency Preparedness Canada as the Director responsible for national plans, policies and exercises.

His service as a public servant was preceded by twenty seven years as a naval logistics officer. 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.

## New Member of the Board of Directors



**Bradley White** has joined the FCWM Board as the new representative of the Royal

Canadian Legion.

The third generation of his family to serve in the military, Brad joined the Canadian Forces in 1975 under the Officer Cadet Training Program. He was posted to the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's), in Petawawa, Ontario, upon completion of the Armour Officer training. Regimental duty saw Brad serve in Canada, Germany and on a United Nations tour in Cyprus.

Brad retired from the Canadian Forces in 1998 at the

rank of Lieutenant-Colonel when he joined Dominion Command of The Royal Canadian Legion as an Administrative Officer. Five years later, he became the Director, Administration. Brad was part of the organizing committee for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Director of the National Remembrance Day Ceremony and organized the Dominion Conventions. Brad was appointed to his current position as the Dominion Secretary in August 2009.

## Donations to the Friends

The following donations which were made to the Friends during the period July 1 2009 through September 18, 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

Ms Patricia Cheetham in memory of her mother and father, Cathryne (Kay) and Gordon

Armstrong  
Mrs Elaine Granatstein in memory of Adrian Krause

CWO George J. Romick in memory of Cpl Anthony Boneca, LSSR, KIA 9 July 2006

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