



Greetings from the Atlantic Region HKVCA.

It has been an honour representing the Atlantic Region of the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association.

It has been a busy year planning the National Convention in Fredericton. It will be held from August 17th until the 20th at the Crowne Plaza in downtown Fredericton. Planned events include a reception at the Fredericton Region Museum, a book launch and a tour of the New Brunswick Military History Museum.

I am pleased to report that the Atlantic Region's Treasurer published a book inspired by his father's wartime diary. Andy Flanagan has spent the last few years working with Goose Lane Publishing and the Gregg Centre for Military Studies to publish his

story. Based on Andrew "Ando" Flanagan's (E30353) diary, "The Endless Battle" explores the Battle of Hong Kong and its aftermath, through the eyes of the soldiers. The ISBN is 9781773100050 and they are being advertised at \$18.95.

In preparation for the Convention, the Atlantic Region created a Twitter account. Our handle is @HKVCAAR and we will be using this account to keep people informed about the Convention and to raise awareness of the Battle of Hong Kong and the men who fought.

We are saddened to report that Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" LaPointe passed away in May. Elizabeth was the wife of Eugene LaPointe (E30338 1st Bn the Royal Rifles of Canada) of Dalhousie.

Respectfully submitted,
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