



Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal

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HKVCA President

- Carol Hadley

Greetings to all our members.

We have had the privilege to award several of our members the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Award. These awards are on behalf of Canada and for their contribution to enhancing our communities. All HK veterans who were living on February 6, 2012 will be given this award and if they have since passed on it will be awarded to their next of kin.

Each region will be holding an event to make the presentations to the awardees and I am sure they will be mentioned in the newsletter.

We are still reviewing suggestions to correct the names on the Wall in Ottawa and still maintain the esthetics that we have. Hopefully the resolution will be soon be found to have the work done this year.

Region Executive on how to continue contact with the members. It has been decided to merge this region with Manitoba and call it the Prairie region. The merge will take place at the end of August.

And finally – I sincerely wish you all a wonderful summer. Take care.

HKVA President

- Phil Doddridge

Greetings again from the Gaspesie, beautiful at this time of year. It helps us forget the sometimes harsh winters!

Word of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee medals dominates our thoughts. By the time this is read some of the medals will have been awarded, and plans are in the works for the ceremonies elsewhere. Derrill, as usual, is the mainspring in all of these events, travelling hither and yon to see the job done.

Citation of Minister of Veterans’ Affairs

I am pleased that three dear friends, comrades-in-arms and fellow ex-POWs are slated to be so honoured. **George Peterson** has already received the honour for his tireless efforts on behalf of fellow HK Veterans. **Ken Pifher** and **Gerry Gerrard** will receive the citation for their work on behalf of their comrades. Congratulations to these three gentlemen for an honour well deserved.

Book of Remembrance

Mr. Real Cyr, Town Councillor of New Richmond and strong supporter of Veterans everywhere, has taken it upon himself to create a Book of Remembrance for the area in which every veteran’s name and record will be entered.

The book will be displayed in a central location and a page will be

DUES INCREASE

2012 dues are \$20 and should be sent to your Region Membership person.

CONVENTION 2013

Place: Winnipeg Manitoba, at the Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Ave

Date : Thursday August 15 to Sunday, August 18, 2013

- Please mark these dates on your calendars, and plan to bring along your extended relations to make this a memorable family event. This will be an excellent opportunity to reunite with family, and enjoy your summer vacation.



Pictures of the Wall a couple of years later with lighting in place.

Due to lack of nominations in the AB/SK Region there would be no leadership in that area, the Board of Directors discussed various options with the existing

turned every day. I think that it is an excellent idea and further evidence that the heroic efforts of bygone days will not be forgotten.

That will be all for this time. Be good to each other and may God Bless.

Philip

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Message for our HK Widows

Through the efforts of Derrill Henderson we have been informed that the War Amps will advocate for our widows now as they do for the HK veterans. They will continue to assist our veterans with their benefits as they are required. The War Amps will be sending you a permission form for them to be able to work with Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) on your behalf and an information package explaining all that they will do for you. Once they have received this letter, a package with the necessary forms to set up your file will be sent to you. Please complete these as best you can and return them to the War Amps.

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal

As many of you have heard, the Queen's 60th Anniversary occurred on February 6th 2012. To mark this auspicious occasion a new medal was struck. This Diamond Jubilee Medal is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country. At the same time, it serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.



During the yearlong celebration 60,000 Canadians will receive this medal. We are very pleased and proud to say that there will be celebrations in all the Regions of the HKVCA where our veterans and members will be honoured.

Our HK Veterans, members of C Force, fought in the defence of

Hong Kong in World War II against overwhelming odds, endured torture, starvation, disease, and slave labour to ensure that Canada remained free. Their return home was to continue to fight for support and benefits from their beloved country because of the lasting effects of the horrific treatment they received from the enemy.

As children and family members and friends of C Force we are extremely proud of the courage and sacrifices the men and women made on our behalf.

Here is a list of the surviving **Hong Kong Veterans on February 6th, 2012** who we will honour with this prestigious medal:

Alfred J. Babin, Robert B. Barter, Eric Batley, William Bell, Graham Boudreau, Bruce Cadoret, Edward Campbell, Les Canivet, Robert (Flash) Clayton, Fred Cooper, George Coutts*, Charles Dallain, Paul J. Dallain, John Dearden, Tom Dewar, Philip Doddridge, L.T.S. Doull, John Dugay, Hormidas Fredette, Horace (Gerry) Gerrard, Harry Hawryshok, Richard Johnson, Reginald Kerr, William C. Krohn, Paul J. Laflamme, Eugene Lapointe, John Lowe, Allison MacDonald, Ralph MacLean, William MacWhirter, Eric J. Maloney, John McGee*, Bill Muir, Jim Murray*, Cornelius Nickel, George Nobiss, Wallace G. Normand, Lloyd O'Leary, George Peterson, Arthur (Ken) Pifer, Allison Pollock, Douglas Rees, Lawrence Ross, John Roussel, Arthur Schwartz, Gerald J. [Sunny] Sunstrum, Dempsey Syvret, Bernard M Thompson, Daniel Thompson.

(* marks the veterans who passed after the date but whose family will receive the medal)

The members and friends of HKVCA took on the task in 1995 to ***to educate all Canadians on the role of Canada's soldiers in the Battle of Hong Kong and on the effects of the internment of the battle's survivors on both the soldiers and their families. We also assist in the support and welfare of Hong Kong veterans and their widows.***

This was done by forming the Hong Kong Veterans Commemorative Association and creating regions to personally service the veterans and widows. These special people continue to work to ensure the Battle of Hong Kong is made known to Canadians as an integral part of our history with its sacrifices for freedom.

Here is the list of the **HKVCA members** who will receive this prestigious medal:

Derrill Henderson, James Trick, Barry Mitchell, Juliet Lafortune, Lucette Mailloux-Muir, Debra Batley Everett, Alan Marshall, Marcel Mondou, Murray E. Doull, Linda Quesnel, Lee E. Naylor, CD; Graeme A. Stacey, Carol-Lynn Hadley, Norma Fuchs, Patricia Turcotte, Rachel Dell, Ronald McGuire, Vincent Lopata, Stanley Lopata, James Martin, Lori Atkinson-Smith, Neil Darrah, Flora Fung, Nancy Hamer Strahl, Nick Brune, Verna Pearson, Helen Wedge.

George Macdonell and Mike Babin were nominated by Senator Vivian Poy.

Heroes Remember Website

We have been in contact with the "Heroes Remember" department of Veterans Affairs who are archiving the video interviews that were done in 1996/97. The following HK veterans have been archived on their website:

<http://veterans.gc.ca/eng/collections/hrp/campaign>:

Agerbak, Knud; Babin, Alfred Joseph; Barron, Reginald; Barton, Thomas; Berard, Leo; Castonguay, Bernard; Chapman, Fred; Côté, Renaud; Cyr, Roger; Dallain, Jean-Paul; Ewing, Ken; Forsyth, Tom; Friesen, Isaac "Ike"; Hunt, Arnold Joseph; Hunt, Hector; Jessop, James Robert; MacLean, Ralph; MacWhirter, William; McGee, John; Moar, James; Murphy, Leo; Peters, Abraham; Peterson, George N; Purse, Ross Charles; Routledge, Ronald John; White, Harry Leslie; Yeadon, Francis Edison; Lowe, Garfield.

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Are You a "Techie"?

We are working on using our web presence to make it easier for our members to renew memberships and for new members to join us. As well, we are attempting to create an online database that will contain all information about the members of 'C' Force. To make all this happen we are looking for some assistance from any of our members who have expertise in these areas. Think you can help? Drop an email to webmaster@hkvca.ca and we'll talk.

Last Post

Howard Bembridge, WG,
L13650, died December 11, 2011

Charles "Bomber" Thompson,
Jamaican POW interned with our
HK Vets, died February 14, 2012

John McGee, L-13489, WG, died
April 7, 2012

George Coutts, WG, H6198, died
March 19, 2012

James Murray, WG, H6755 died
June 4, 2012

HKVCA

Marjorie Florence Moore,
widow of William Moore, WG,
October 26, 2011

Della Parker Bujold, widow of
Ludovic (Vic) Bujold, Feb 2, 2012

Gladys Harding, widow of Frank
Harding WG, died March 27, 2012

Nellie Keays, widow of Richard
Keays, RRC died April 13 2012

Sally Laite, granddaughter of Lt
Uriah Laite, WG chaplain, died
April 22, 2012

Doreen Berry, widow of Harvey
Berry, WG, H6797 died May 31,
2012

***Our thoughts and prayers are
extended to all the families and
friends as we share in your grief.***

We will remember them!

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on most of our pages.

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Across the Nation

BC Banter

We send best wishes from the BC region to our HK vets, widows, members and friends nationwide. We hope your spring weather has been drier and warmer than ours!

The month of June is a busy one for us as we look forward to our traditional luncheons in Victoria on June 16 and Vancouver on June 23. Our gatherings this spring will be especially memorable as our Hong Kong veterans and a handful of HKVCA members will receive the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. We express our appreciation to our HK vets for their courage and sacrifices and to our members for their efforts to uphold the mandate of our association.

In accordance with our bylaws, we are holding elections for the regional executive positions. Nominations will close on June 15 and the election process will be completed by the end of July. The results will be posted in the next edition of the Wasureru-Nai. We are grateful to James McGrath who is serving as our Elections Chair and to Grayson and Marilyn Laite for serving on the Elections Committee.

A gentleman by the name of Randy Young is the president of an organization called The Friends of Veterans Canada. This charitable group has the mandate of videotaping every living Canadian veteran who is willing to share their story. They are building a virtual library of our veteran's stories to pass on to future generations. Their website is located at

www.friendsofveterans.ca



Interview with Wallace Normand
Randy approached Lee Naylor, our regional director, regarding

interviewing a few HK vets. Subsequently, Lee and Randy interviewed Wally Normand (RCCS) on March 24 and John Lowe (RRC) on March 25. Lee was unable to accompany Randy to Vancouver Island to interview Gerry Gerrard (RCCS) on March 31. We look forward to seeing these interviews on videotape. Thanks to everyone involved for their efforts to preserve the history of 'C' Force.



Interview with John Lowe

Lee, who is also our regional Education Chair, will be participating in the 2012 Peace & Reconciliation Study Tour for Educators. The group will be departing Vancouver on July 5 for Shanghai where they will spend 4 days visiting historical sights and Centers related to the Japanese invasion of China prior to and during WWII. They leave Shanghai for 4 days in Nanjing, 3 days in Harbin and 2 days in Seoul Korea.

From Seoul they will depart for 3 days in Hong Kong where they will visit St. Stephens School, Sai Wan War Cemetery, the Museum of Coastal Defense and other historical sights related to the story of 'C' Force. Lee departs Hong Kong with his fellow educators for the long flight back to Vancouver on July 21. We look forward to the many accounts Lee will have to share with us upon his return once he has rested up and we are grateful for his never ending commitment to education.

BC's Aldergove Star reported "Memorial Ride for Afghanistan's Fallen - In memory of the 158 Canadians killed in Afghanistan, there will again be a Memorial Ride for the Fallen this Saturday (June 9).

The Ubique Unit of the 3rd CAV, Canadian Army Veteran Motorcycle Units, are putting on the third annual 3 CAV Ubique Memorial Ride for the Fallen on June 9, from Vancouver to Chilliwack."

I am bringing this to your attention because Lee Naylor is a member of the Ubique Unit of the 3rd Cav and one of the principal organizers of this worthwhile and well attended event.

Lee laid a wreath for the HKVCA at the Memorial Service at the beautiful cenotaph in Sardis located on the site of the former CFB Chilliwack.



Memorial Ride 2012, Lee laying a wreath for HKVCA

The funds from the ride go directly to Honour House in Vancouver and the Silver Cross Family service is always a great success. The Silver Cross families greatly appreciate the recognition and bringing public awareness to their losses. Some of the Silver Cross Mothers rode on the back of motorcycles on the long ride.

Thank you to those members who have kept their membership in the HKVCA current. For those of you that have not had the opportunity as yet to submit your dues for 2012, we look forward to hearing from you to help us keep our association strong. Best wishes to all of you for an enjoyable and safe summer with your family and friends. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the BC region by Murray Doull.

AB/SK Action

- Norm Fuchs

The members of the Alberta/Saskatchewan Region were sent a letter in April asking for nominations for new Board members. When no names were put forward we made the decision to join with the Manitoba branch

to form the Prairie Region. This will take effect as of September 1. We will still have some contacts locally who will report to the National. We think this will be the best solution for all involved. It doesn't mean that we are forgetting about our Veterans and families here in Alberta/Saskatchewan. We just need some help to keep it going. We are looking forward to this new arrangement.

We are planning an event for August here in Calgary. More details will be sent out as they are finalized.

Wishing you all a very sunny summer!

Manitoba Moments

- Barry Mitchell

Each year, the Manitoba Chapter participates in the Red River Heritage Fair in Winnipeg which brings together hundreds of school children from the region to showcase their ideas in displays and various multicultural events. The HKVCA has a booth itself with **Carol Hadley** and **Dennis Bell** in attendance to help tell our story to interested students and teachers. We also provide prizes which are awarded to the students who have created the best displays which depict veterans and their stories. This year three students received the Veterans Award and will be further honoured by an invitation to lunch with the Lieutenant Governor.

The ladies' tea again took place at the St. James Legion on April 21 with **Juliet Lafortune** as hostess. This event is popular with a small group of our regular members and a few widows and will continue to be held in August and December. Those who might be interested are asked to call Juliet to confirm their interest and attendance.

We are a little pessimistic about securing a place in the Canadian Museum of Human Rights as our letters of enquiry have so far gone unanswered. **Dennis Bell** has prepared a significant document on the Hong Kong story as it pertains to human rights and this could act as a meaningful base for the presentation to explain why we think we should be included in this

exciting new building. We recognize that many groups want to have their stories on display and space is limited but we feel strongly that a good case can be made for the plight of "C" Force during captivity and after. We will persist in our efforts as best we can.

Michael Axent of Thunder Bay, son of Private William Axent, WG, sent us an interesting and touching collection of photos and clippings relating to his father's war service. Each year Michael places various Memoriams in the local newspaper to honour not only his dad but all Hong Kong veterans. Mike has also painted a huge HK logo on the side of a shed in his back yard, a bold tribute to all our veterans. Well done Michael!

Our Colour Party has been busy as usual and was in the March Past at the Decoration Day Parade at the Legislative Building on May 6. This was followed by the Winnipeg Grenadier Cadet Corps annual parade at Minto Armoury on May 27 while in June they will be at Brookside Cemetery for D Day Celebration and Lac du Bonnet for their annual Decoration Day.

Those in the Manitoba Branch involved in planning have lots on their plate with the **Reunion Dinner** (as it used to be called) coming up in late October, the **VJ Day** celebration in August at which some awards will be presented and of course the National Convention in 2013. These are all exciting events and we are all looking forward to them—as usual.

I must admit I have some concern about the stragglers who have not yet paid their dues for 2012. These membership fees are due at the beginning of the calendar year and I'm worried that we won't have 150 paid up members this year. We have been able to claim almost 200 regular members for many years but things seem to be slipping in the wrong direction. Also, folks, remember that any donation of \$20.00 or more can get you a receipt for a tax deduction, so let's see a few more cheques in the mail!

Finally, regional elections are coming up and we encourage everyone to participate. It is not too late to put your name forward to be on the executive or perhaps lend your time to a committee. We need your help and look forward to a busy year with as many members involved as possible.

Best wishes from Manitoba!

Ontario Offerings

From our Regional Director, Mike Babin: It takes a group of extremely dedicated volunteers to keep an organization like the HKVCA running. The things we take for granted, such as maintaining our membership lists, seem so simple to do. But someone needs to take the initiative and do the work, and it takes time and perseverance to get it all done and correct.

I'm very pleased that a number of our volunteers in Ontario have been recognized for their very significant and long-term contributions to running the HKVCA, and to ensuring that Canadians continue to hear the story of the Battle of Hong Kong. This recognition is in the form of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, which is a tangible and lasting way to pay tribute to those whose achievements have benefited their fellow citizens, their community, and their country.

And I'm especially glad that all of our living Veterans have been awarded the medal (the rules established by the Governor General's office restrict awards of the medal to living Canadians only). There's no doubt about their having benefitted fellow citizens, community and country, as did those who have died during and since the battle.

Many of Ontario's HKVCA and Hong Kong Veteran medal recipients will have received their medals at a ceremony in Niagara Falls on June 16. Hopefully we'll have a photo or two for you in the next newsletter! Congratulations everyone.

In other news, Mitzi Ross organized an excellent luncheon in Ottawa in April. About 20 attended at a local restaurant, and then most accepted Mitzi and Alan's invitation to stop by their

house for coffee and cookies, and to look at the collection of memorabilia provided by Ron McGuire and others. It was a lovely event!

I wish all of our members an enjoyable and safe summer!

News from West Central – Rep Pam Newhouse

On June 16th we are holding our annual district get together luncheon in Niagara Falls which will include an awards ceremony. It promises to be a very memorable event! The "Queen's Jubilee Medal" is to be awarded by Derrill Henderson to our local Hong Kong Veterans and a few very deserving HKVCA members who are being honoured for their significant contribution to our association and for ensuring that the story of the Hong Kong veterans continues to be told. Be sure to watch your next newsletter for a list of medal recipients.

Education Committee Report, Ontario Region – Pat Turcotte

In the last issue of our National Newsletter, our Regional Director, Mike Babin, urged individuals across the province to step up their involvement in telling the Hong Kong story in various ways. We on the Committee would second that approach - that is, taking a proactive stance in increasing awareness in our communities of what our Hong Kong soldiers have contributed to the history of this country. The purchase of our three banners, as well as our other materials, could provide many opportunities to reach out to schools, service clubs and other organizations. Do consider being part of this outreach.

In Ontario, our typical involvements each year include presentations/displays at the Ontario History and Social Science Teachers' Association (OHASSTA) Conference, the Parliamentary Library Resource Fair in Ottawa, as well as Workshops in schools, and the yearly HKVCA Cross Canada Writing Contest. All of these events have an impact on those who take part, and we could be doing even more with increased numbers of our members participating in these activities.

In 2012, a very successful Workshop was presented in February in Toronto, with Sue MacDonell providing an exciting presentation, and Linda Guglick and Sandra Strom displaying the various publications we have to assist the teachers in increasing the time spent in the classroom on the Hong Kong story. We need even more HKVCA members willing to take the initiative in developing such workshops.

We also have two associations in particular that have goals related to ours in that they want to bring attention to the War in the Pacific, an area in WWII History that has been neglected in the past. The ALPHA organization (The Association for the Learning and Preserving of the History of WWII in Asia) is a very active group which has found many ways to interest the public in many important aspects of that historical period. We have been involved in their conferences, offering presentations in the recent past.



Pat Turcotte and Linda Guglick

The second group, the Asian Heritage group just recently held their 10th Anniversary celebration of Asian Heritage Month which is held each year in May, with many events throughout the city. Our organization was involved in this year's activities on May 26th, the final event of the month, with a special display involving all of our current materials, including our three banners, held at Mel Lastman Square in Toronto. Bud Mann who was responsible for creating the three banners, assisted as did Linda Guglick.



Bud Mann and Linda Guglick



Entertainers



Entertainer



Multicultural Minister Jason Kenney

May turned out to be a rather busy month, as our HKVCA Cross Canada Writing contest deadline was May 25th, and entries were being received during the same time period as our display activities. The judges are currently marking the papers which have come in during the last few weeks, and we now have nearly 60 students vying for the prizes offered in three categories, Junior

English (Grades 9 and 10), Junior French (Grades 9 and 10) and Senior English (Grades 11 and 12). Results will be made available on the HKVCA Website, and students receiving cash awards will receive their prizes by mail before the end of the school year. There are some wonderful pieces of writing, examples of which will be included on the Website as soon as we can make them available.

From Ron McGuire

I thought it was time I let readers know what I have been up to since Mitzi Ross took over the North-East Ontario Regional Rep position from me. To begin, I would like to thank Mitzi for the fine job she is doing, which includes, along with Alan's important help, planning and organizing the special wreath laying at our Memorial Wall last December. It was the first of what is intended to be an annual event; to remember 7/8th December, the date of the infamous Japanese act of undeclared war on Hong Kong and throughout the Far East. Beginning this year, to avoid what could be inclement weather, it is planned for November, during what has become Canada's annual Remembrance Week. Mitzi and Alan must also be commended for arranging those wonderful luncheons followed by a 'show and tell' gathering at their lovely home. I was pleased to be able to provide some of the things that were 'shown'.

On 5 November 2011 I was invited to participate in a special RCAF event at the National Aviation Museum. I had six tables and several easels, one of each concerned "C" Force. The event was a great success and will be repeated annually. Because of my contacts I will be helping to organize it. I already have doubled the number of participants. The Museum also asked that I expand my coverage concerning Canadians at war in the Pacific, so it will be larger this year.

Derrill Henderson and I attend Ken Ewing's [RRC] funeral. Afterwards there was a very nice reception in the church hall. The home-made food is what only folks from Canada's rural areas can still prepare. Ken and Susan's children and family friends gave

their recollections of Ken. They were all interesting and well done, making it clear what a fine man, husband, father and friend Ken had been. It was my privilege to have known him.

On another sad note, Freddie Lalonde, my good friend and fine artist, also passed away in December. In 2001, at my request, Freddie did the life-like pen and ink sketch of Gander DM, which also depicted his brave acts. Fund raising prints are available from our web site. He was always pleased to hear the prints we made to sell were still popular. In the last few years I have authorized several authors to use the work to illustrate their books, which had chapters on Gander, but only on their promise of appropriate credit and reference to the HKVCA and our web site. Freddy was also happy to know his work was giving continued exposure to Gander and benefiting our cause as well.

Basically, I have been very busy doing things I have let 'slide' over the last three decades. Progress is being made, but of course, not as fast as Connie would like! Completing extensive articles for the postal history journals has taken much of my time. Many are on subjects I began researching 20 to 30 years ago and must be finished, before I am! They are on topics that are important to be recorded for posterity, of which I am quite knowledgeable. In the last two years, too many of Canada's prominent military postal historians have passed away, leaving me as one of few left to do it. Newcomers to the field tend to specialize in one or two subjects, so I leave those aspects for them to record.

I continue to do what I can on behalf of our veterans, including keeping in touch with the lads and ladies I know personally. The Nepean Museum's 'change in direction' prohibited me from repeating and updating my extensive 500 square foot plus exhibits of 2001 ["CO" Force---the 60th Anniversary of the Defence of Hong Kong] and 2005 [The 60th Anniversary of the end of WW II , "CO" Force and all Canadians involved with the

Pacific Campaign], for my 2011 Remembrance Month contribution. Many readers will have seen portions of my exhibits at our Reunions beginning in 1997. I was able to show the largest groupings at our 2005 and 2009 reunions in Ottawa. If all goes well, I will be in Winnipeg in 2013 with some of it for you to see. On the positive side, I did manage to convince the Museum management to have a small exhibit to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Defence of Hong Kong. It has a very prominent spot inside the entrance and cannot be missed.



The photograph depicts Eric Maloney [RRC], Nepean's only Hong Kong Veteran, with me in front of the exhibit, which tells some of his 'story'. I was remiss in not sending this photo for the newsletter last October, so this is a classic example of 'better late than never"! It now serves to inform readers they may still see the exhibit; which will remain on display till the end of the summer. Since my first in 1997, this is the longest any of my special annual Remembrance Month exhibits have remained in the museum. For these and my other non-military exhibits, advice and contributions since 1988, the Nepean Museum recently made me one of only six honorary life members. Honourary Life Membership was given me in 2008 by the HKVCA Ontario branch. Before I bore you any further with my activities, I want to assure you I continue to remember and inform anyone I can about Canada's Hong Kong Veterans/POWs and; the work, accomplishments and web site of the HKVCA. Connie joins me in wishing everyone nothing but the best and, a good summer. Be safe."

Quebec Quotes

- Lucette Mailloux Muir, Regional Director
Greetings from Quebec:

Since our last newsletter we have been busy working on different projects and things are looking good.

We have been in contact with some of our veterans and widows.

A "Call for Elections" was mailed to all members and results should be announced next month.

Nominations were made last February for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Presentations of the Jubilee Medal will take place in July in two locations in Quebec, one in New Richmond and the second in Granby. We will have more to report in our next edition of the newsletter.

In the March 2012 edition of the Wasureru-Nai we were looking for lost members. We are happy to say that we did locate our Veteran thanks to a call from a widow of the Atlantic Region. Thank you again.

RRC Nominal Roll



We will have a re-print of the RRC Nominal Roll. Will contact the people that were interested in the Nominal Roll and if more would like a copy, please contact us and it would be a pleasure to send one.

Lucette.mailloux.m@videotron.ca

Have a safe and pleasant summer and will be back in September with more news.

Eastern Breezes

- Emmie Flanagan, Regional Director

Greetings from Belledune, where the Lilacs are finally in full bloom.

A lot has gone on since our last newsletter, namely The Village of Belledune thought they would receive support and funding from the Japanese Embassy for the 'C' Force Memorial. If space permits, I hope Carol can include the reply we received from them. Their reply was disappointing, to say the least.

With heads held high, we also applied to VAC, whereby we are confident \$50,000 will be placed toward our 'C' Force Memorial. The HKVCA Board of Directors has agreed to allow their charity status to be used for fundraising toward our 'C' Force Memorial in Belledune. However, this has yet to pass judgment with new council.

A new Mayor and Council were elected in Belledune on May 18th, which means our Memorial will be placed on hold until the next public meeting of June 25th, where I will give a presentation and plead that they continue with this very special project to its completion. I am confident they will move forward with this, as I've heard positive remarks from all new council members.

Needless to say, the 'C' Force Memorial in Belledune may be moved back another year. Although the memorial may be completed in 2013, it is realized our Dedication day should only take place in September 2014 - because our national reunion is in Winnipeg 2013.

To all HKV's and HKVCA from Atlantic Canada:

Our Annual Reunion will be held in Belledune, NB from September 7 - 9th.

Elections will also be held for HKVCA at this time.

All pertinent information will be sent to you by June 22, 2012. If you have questions, please email me at emmieflanagan@hotmail.com.

Manitoba Joins Other Provinces In Honouring Veterans

Press Release:

Premier Greg Selinger joined representatives of the Canadian Forces and the Royal Canadian Legion today to unveil Manitoba's Highway of Heroes between Winnipeg and Brandon that will permanently honour the contributions and sacrifices of Canada's military and veterans.

"For over 100 years, thousands of Manitobans have

served our country with unwavering commitment, dedication and bravery," said Selinger. "The designation of this highway is one way we honour their legacy and sacrifice, and recognize the pride and profound thanks of all Manitobans to the women and men of our Canadian Forces."

Highway markers located just west of Winnipeg and east of Brandon on the Trans-Canada Highway feature the iconic red poppy at the top and the Highway of Heroes name in both official languages with reflective white lettering on a blue background.

"On behalf of the Canadian Forces, I express our deep gratitude to the Province of Manitoba and indeed all Manitobans for what they are doing to honour and stand with the men and women who serve Canada," said Maj.-Gen. Alain Parent, commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, headquartered in Winnipeg. "Today is more than a designation of a highway sign; it is the dedication of ourselves that we, the living, shall not forget the ultimate sacrifice others have made in the service of Canada."

A simultaneous event was held in the Brandon area on the Trans-Canada Highway near Shilo, which included Drew Caldwell, MLA, Brandon East; Cliff Cullen, MLA, Spruce Woods; Brandon Mayor Shari Decter Hirst; and Lt.-Col. R.W.H. (Richard) Goodyear, commander of Canadian Forces Base, Shilo.

Approximately 425,000 Canadians served overseas in the First World War and over one million in the Second World War. Nearly 117,000 Canadians have died and over 225,000 have been wounded in all conflicts since Manitoba entered Confederation in 1870.

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Humour:

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish Whiskey!' Miraculously, a parking place appeared. Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

The man said, 'I do, Father.'

The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.'

Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

'Certainly, Father,' the man replied.

'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.'

The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die, yes.

I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!' 'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'

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