

Marcel and Thérèse Lavigne Awarded Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers

On 24 April 2017, Marcel Lavigne, a Friend and Volunteer Interpreter at the Canadian War Museum received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers from the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston at a ceremony held at Rideau Hall.

Making the event doubly memorable was the fact that Marcel's wife, Thérèse Hélène Lavigne, also received the medal for her volunteer activities. Their medal citations are shown below. Congratulations to Marcel and to Thérèse for these well-deserved awards.



Thérèse Hélène Lavigne

Thérèse Lavigne is a dedicated volunteer with the Orléans-Cumberland Community Resource Centre, where she works at the food bank and has taught computer skills to seniors. Her commitment to helping others was underscored when she sewed protective arm bands for patients undergoing chemotherapy, all while dealing with her own health issues.



Marcel Lavigne

Marcel Lavigne's first-hand knowledge of war allows him to serve as an indispensable interpreter at the Canadian War Museum, where he helps to keep Canada's military history alive. He also contributes to his community by volunteering at the local food bank on a weekly basis.

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President's Message

Robert Hamilton

In this my initial message in the *TORCH*, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the honour of having been appointed President of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum. Permit me also to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary contribution made by Linda Colwell over the past 3 years. Her leadership and dedication have been exemplary

The fine work of the Friends has always been a function of the commitment and dedication of its membership, its supporters, its volunteers and its leadership. At the annual general meeting in June, the membership established its Board of Directors and then, in its first formal meeting, the newly constituted Board selected its officers. These, the leaders of the Friends, will steward the initiatives of the not-for-profit corporation throughout the way ahead. In its composition, the Board enjoys a broad range of talent, experience and perspective all of which bode well for the challenges ahead.

Consistent with past practice, the work of the Board and its officers will continue to be anchored in an established practice of strategic planning in the context of a governance structure charged with oversight, management and program delivery. Fundamentally, the strategic plan establishes that the work of the Friends is to be governed by its mission of supporting the Canadian war Museum and to be guided in so doing through building constituency and strengthening financial position.

Just at this moment, we find ourselves enjoying the height of summer and the Board of the Friends will not formally reconvene until the month of September. Nevertheless, in its most recent meeting it set out to consider the work ahead and the manner in which business will be conducted. Building on the lessons learned from the success of the Vimy concert in April, the Board was informed on the merits of a project management approach to initiatives and gained insight into how this may contribute to efficiency and effectiveness as we plan and deliver or programs.

Moving ahead, we look to strengthening the contribution of existing members, reaching out and building relationships with like-minded organizations and broadening our constituency of support throughout the country. We will continue to co-operate closely at every level with the Canadian War museum and in every respect we will continue to draw upon the energy, enthusiasm and contribution of our members, our supporters and our volunteers.



30th FCWM Annual General Meeting

The 30th meeting of the FCWM Annual General Meeting was held on 22 June 2017 at the Canadian War Museum with ... members in attendance.

At the meeting, the President, Linda Colwell presented Liliane Grantham of Ottawa with a Silver Membership Certificate recognising her 25 years of membership. Also recognised but unable to attend the meeting were:

Robert F. Brett	- Victoria, BC
Arthur G. Buskas	- Edmonton, AB
John N. Courtney	- Ottawa, ON
Joan Dunn	- Ottawa, ON
William F. Kline	- Nepean, ON
Joseph B. Pighin	- Parksville, BC
John P.O. Saunders	- Nepean, ON

Helen McKiernan was selected as FCWM Volunteer of the Year for fiscal year 2016/17, in recognition of her outstanding work on behalf of the organisation, including



revitalization of the Events Committee, leadership of the FCWM's participation in Awesome Sundays, stewardship of the FCWM strategic planning process, mentorship of other volunteers, and much more.

The President presented a Special Achievement Award to the Vimy Event Team (Tom Burnie, Bob Argent, Robin Nelson, Andrew Ager), in recognition of their efforts in planning, organizing, and executing the very successful "Vimy: A Commemoration in Words and Music" event held 9 April 2017.

In his report, Stephen Quick, Director General of the CWM, provided highlights of the CWM programs including special recognition of the FCWM support. He concluded his presentation with an appreciation for outgoing FCWM President, Linda Colwell, with whom he had developed an excellent working relationship.

In her report to the membership, the President outlined FCWM highlights from the 2016/17 fiscal year, including:

- The contribution of more than 15,000 FCWM volunteer hours in support of the CWM;
- The contribution of \$33K to specific CWM initiatives;
- The generation of \$29.3K in revenue from FCWM Book Room sales, far exceeding the budget target.

The President noted the FCWM's declining membership, and the need to attract more young people to join and participate in FCWM activities that are relevant to them.

The Treasurer's report advised that the overall financial position of the FCWM was healthy. While membership revenues were down, direct and in-memoriam donations were significant. The Treasurer also complimented the Book Room team for their particularly strong effort .

J. Jensen, H. Mace, L. Robinson, and L. Siew were elected as new members to the BOD. The BOD memberships of R. Hamilton, W. Primeau, D. Rowland, and B. White were renewed. The meeting also acknowledged the valuable contributions of retiring members: H. McKiernan, J. Muckle, and E. Storey.

Correction

In our Feb issue of the Torch "Medals, Decorations & Orders Project" it states that there is an option for someone to loan their medals, have them cleaned, digitized, and catalogued before being returned to the owner. This is not correct, the Project is just for the medals that are in the collection of the museum. We apologize for any misunderstanding.

Photo Credit

In our May edition we neglected to recognise Joy Morrow as the photographer in the article about Harry Hardy, and submit that credit in arrears with our apologies.

Ottawa Military Memorial Tours

by **Larry Capstick**

How many military memorials exist in what is considered to be the downtown core of Ottawa? Like most capital cities, Ottawa has always been a natural site for recognizing Canada's military contributions both individually and collectively. How many of you are familiar with the memorial which recognizes the work by scientists and volunteers in the area of chemical warfare between the wars?

The idea behind this project to document Ottawa's military memorials grew out of cycling around the city

and looking at sites that we see every day but seldom stop to investigate. In discussion with fellow Volunteer Interpreter, Rob Collins, I mentioned that it might be a good idea to produce a pamphlet locating and identifying the many memorials which could be shared with Museum visitors. In keeping with Ottawa's focus on fitness, we also felt that it should appeal to runners, walkers or cyclists. Rob's enthusiasm for the idea led him to begin searching out these sites and photographing them. As a result we have initiated a project which will

hopefully be available to the public for the many anniversaries being celebrated in the capital this year.

The Ottawa Military Memorials Tours is intended for both visitors and local residents. We have divided the tours into three routes which all start at the National War Memorial. The sites are all accessible to public transport and can be completed in a reasonable amount of time. We believe that the tours will be of particular interest to teachers and students who visit Ottawa each spring; to cycling, walking and running clubs in the city; to people interested in Canada's military history; tourists; and, to local residents interested in their community.

The original idea of a pamphlet has been discarded as too expensive. Instead, the user will simply rely on their cell phone. Each site will be identified by location, a photograph, and all the other pertinent information. To stimulate some discussion and feedback, we have included a question or topic associated with each memorial; for example, why do so many memorials here and elsewhere incorporate an "arch" or a "gate" in the design of the memorial?

All levels of Government were approached to see if they would be interested in assisting with the funding of the project but alas, no monies were available for a memorial tour. Fortunately, Rob was able to find a different route and the project is going to be located on a local website: escap bicycletours.ca. Other tour groups and websites will have access as well and, through them, it is hoped that the project can reach a broad public audience. Users of the site will have an opportunity to communicate directly with us about their experience, if they find new memorials that we have missed, and whether or not they enjoyed their virtual tour.

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A Visit by Maureen Jennings

In addition to the other ongoing Awesome Obstacle activities at the War Museum on 21 May, the Friends were graced by a visit from well-known Canadian author Maureen Jennings and her husband, Iden Ford.

Ms. Jennings is a prolific, award-winning crime novelist, perhaps best known for her Murdoch Mystery books, upon which the popular television series of the same name is based.

The couple stopped at the Friends' table in the main concourse of the Museum and then visited our used military book room where Ms. Jennings purchased several books. In the photo, taken by Iden Ford, she is shown with Gordon Foster, Mai-yu Chan and Nick Kerr, the Book Room custodian.

Their visit was capped off when Ms. Jennings enrolled as a member of the FCWM.

Photo by Iden Ford



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The goal of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum in its support of the Canadian War Museum is to preserve, educate and commemorate our military history. It is our hope that this project reflects these goals and that we have extended the reach of the Friends a little distance beyond the Museum itself.

Donations

The Friends are grateful to the following who made general donations during the period 1 April – 30 June 2017

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Vimy - A Commemoration in Words and Music

by 23780 Kris Hjalmarson, RMC Class of '07.

Upon winning tickets to the Vimy Concert at the RMC Club – Ottawa Chapter luncheon in March, my wife Teenasha and I attended to 100th Anniversary Concert for Vimy at the Royal Canadian War Museum. This event was hosted by the Friends of the Canadian War Museum, for which RMC ex-cadets are a significant donor (as was also advertised in the event's Program).

The crowd at this sold-out event was seated under the barrels of tanks past resting in the LeBreton gallery. Seated facing towards Parliament, was a small orchestra pit of woodwinds, brass, and strings accompanied by a choir of about 30 men and women.

Commencing at 7pm sharp in the dwindling daylight, two Order of Canada recipients gave readings on the History of Vimy Ridge. And then, the orchestra begun to play for the next hour as the sun slowly dipped below the horizon, ever darkening the Gallery into a hallowed dim-lit glow...merely lit by blue LED lighting bringing out the sharp grey cuts of metal making up the museum's shell. This, sharply contrasted with the smooth, gentle and touching sounds of all performers in symphony - bellowing curious, deep, and sombre music as if taking us through the stages of the Battle itself...Music broken only momentarily with the reading of letters of Soldiers who fought at Vimy, who had "no choice to run along until they fell"

This spectacular performance was not overdone, and was not grandiose. It was magnificent, planned, measured, and humble – a once-in-a-lifetime single event only to be remembered by those who attended.

Similar sentiments, albeit on a more harrowing scale, must have been felt by our boys at the battle of Vimy Ridge.

The evening ended with a two-minute-long round of applause for the performers, with the sun fully nestled into the evening's darkness...At the going down of the sun (and in the morning) – We will remember Them.

Thank you to the RMC Club – Ottawa Chapter for this wonderful experience we will never forget.

Ms. Maureen Jennings
LCol. Thurston Kaulbach
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In Memoriam Donations

The following is a list of donors making in-memoriam donations during the period 1 April – 30 June 2017. The tributes are recorded in the language in which they were provided.

Mr. William Abbott, In Memory of Mr. Russel Morey

Mr. Michael Bedford, In Memory of Maj. William Smith,
former FCWM Director, Volunteer, Mentor and long-time coordinator
of the Friends' Adopt-a-Book program

Mrs. Janet Belzile, In Memory of LGen Charles Belzile

Mr. Larry Capstick, In Memory of Maj Tom Dent

Mr. Larry Capstick, In Memory of Maj Bill Smith

Ms. Mai-yu Chan, In Memory of Maj Bill Smith

Cdr John Chow (Ret'd), In Memory of Major William Smith

BGen Linda Colwell (Ret'd), In Memory of Major Ret'd William (Bill) Smith,
a long time Friend, a man who served with commitment
and quiet dignity

BGen Linda Colwell (Ret'd), In Memory of Mr. Thomas (Tom) Dent,
a Friend, volunteer and former member of the FCWM Board.
His commitment to education lives on.

Mrs. Diana Dewar, In Memory of Lt (N) G. (Hal) Halikowski and
Capt (N) John Dewar. Lt Halikowski served in the RCN from 1943
to 1974. His wartime service included the North Atlantic, Normandy
and Korea. Capt Dewar served in the RCN from 1969 to 2000.
Both officers died from their shipboard exposure to asbestos.

Mrs. Janet Drayton, In Memory of Lt. Richard Hurley,
CANLOAN, W.I A. 1944, Normandy

Mrs. Joan Dunn, In Memory of LCol J.S. Dunn

Mr. Stewart Elder, In Memory of Maj Bill Smith

Mr. Gordon Foster, In Memory of Maj Thomas Dent

Miss Elsa Lessard, In Memory of CPO Francia (Frank) Lessard RCN -
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Mr. Leslie Peate, In Memory of Major Lloyd Swick, CD

LCol Patrick Read (Ret'd), In Memory of Tpr Alfred Ward,
WW II Vet BCD & RCAMC

Mrs. Ida Schjelderup, In Memory of Col V. Roger Schjelderup,
DSO, MC Canadian Scottish and PPCLI

Transitions

New Friends

From 1 April – 30 June 2017
the Friends of the Canadian War
Museum have welcomed the follow-
ing new Friends:

Mrs. Joan Abbott
Mr. Adam Belyea
Mrs. Janet Belzile
Mr. Shane Carter
Mr. Robert Clauson
Ms. Patricia Courtney
Mrs. Diana Dewar
Mr. Stuart Doyle
Dr. Jonathan Epstein
Ms. Camille Hamilton
Mr. Andy Huang
Ms. Maureen Jennings
Ms. Gail Kostash
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Mr. Gerald Pope
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Ms. Helen Shea
Mr. Francis Trepanier
Ms. Livia Ullrich
Ms. Lucy Van Olden Barnaveld
Mr. Terrence Welch

In Memoriam

Since distribution of the last
Torch in May 2017, the Friends have
been notified of, and mourn, the
passing of the following colleagues:

Gen. Robert Heitshu (Ret'd)
Mr. Robert J. LeBlanc
Mr. G. Jackson MacKenzie
Maj. William Smith (Ret'd)
Maj. Thomas Dent (Ret'd)
Maj. Pierre Garneau (Ret'd)

Canadian Normandy Veteran and FCWM Member Awarded France's Highest Decoration for Service

The following is an abridged version of an article by Keith Doucette for the Canadian Press and appearing in the Halifax Chronicle Herald on 9 June 2017.

Fred Turnbull was only 19 when his landing craft approached the beaches of Normandy as part of the greatest amphibious assault in military history.

Now 92, Turnbull, who was a Royal Canadian Navy bowman-gunner, said he still vividly remembers the confusion of the D-Day landings on June 6, 1944. ...

Born in Montreal, Turnbull was just 17 when he joined the navy in the summer of 1942. Serving aboard landing craft, he took part in several Allied operations including landings in Sicily, Normandy, southern France and Greece.

His job was to drop the ramp of the landing craft and then jump over the bow to help steady it with a rope as the soldiers it carried disembarked and headed ashore.

It was a dangerous job with little protection from enemy snipers, mortars, aircraft and minefields. Turnbull said there was little time to be afraid.

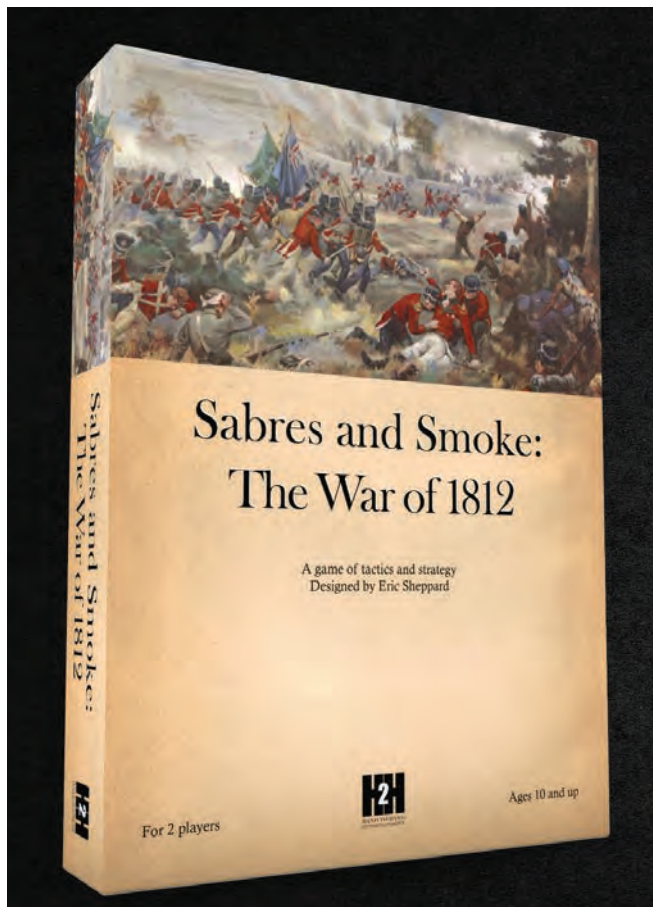
... Turnbull was presented with his medal by Laurence Monmayrant, France's consul general for the Atlantic provinces. He is one of over 600 Canadian veterans who have been awarded the five-armed cross created by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. ...

Turnbull said he was proud to receive the honour, which he dedicated to his comrades in arms. ...

Turnbull recorded his wartime memories in a diary, which at the time was forbidden by Allied authorities. The diaries eventually formed the basis of a book that was published in 2007 entitled "The Invasion Diaries." ...

After the war, Turnbull studied history and economics at McGill University and eventually worked for Montreal Trust, retiring as an assistant vice president in 1989.

Fred Turnbull has been a member of the Friends of the Canadian War Museum since 1999.



Eric Sheppard Launches a Board Game

Eric Sheppard, a Friend of the Canadian War Museum and a recipient of the Colonel Douglas H. Gunter History Award in 2016, has created a board game about the War of 1812.

Sabres and Smoke: The War of 1812 is a two-player light strategy board game that allows players to fight 16 different battles from the War of 1812. Eric did extensive research on these battles to bring a high degree of historical accuracy to this game. He visited many battle sites across southern Ontario, including Queenston Heights, Fort George, Fort Erie, and Fort York, to learn the details of those battles and to incorporate them into the game.

Eric's company, Hand 2 Hand Entertainment, launched Sabres and Smoke: The War of 1812 on Kickstarter on May 9, 2017. If you are interested in learning more about Sabres and Smoke: The War of 1812, visit Hand 2 Hand Entertainment's website at <https://www.hand2handgames.com> or Sabres and Smoke's kickstarter page at https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1571172287/1404170637/edit?ref=user_menu#the-basics.

Soldier: The Life of Colin Powell

by Karen DeYoung

Alfred A. Knopp, New York, 2006 (ISBN 1-4000-4170-8)

Reviewed by John Anderson

Thirty years ago, Colin Powell was arguably the most powerful military leader in the world. Yet today, Powell seems to have largely slipped from the public consciousness, notwithstanding that, as Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff working directly for President Bush (Senior), he masterminded the planning for the First Gulf War.

But, notwithstanding these accomplishments, he was a remarkable figure in his own right: he was a formidable leader of men, very well-spoken, very intelligent—and he was black. Therefore, for me Powell has always been a fascinating historical figure.

Then, to add to the fascination, after retiring from the U.S. Army he agreed to come out of retirement to become Secretary of State in the administration of President Bush (Junior). This always seemed strange to me: a man with a stellar military reputation agreeing to become a political figure, especially because President Bush (Junior) and his colleagues seemed to be ideologically very different from Powell.

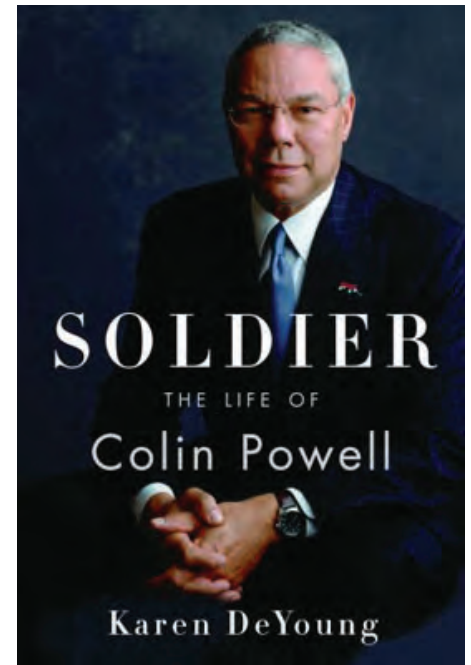
Powell's career in the U.S. Army was largely covered in his phenomenally successful autobiography published in 1995. But DeYoung's book is still helpful because a biographer can bring in sources and viewpoints other than those provided by the subject himself. DeYoung's book focuses on Powell's "political" career including his military appointment as National Security Adviser to President Reagan, as JCS Chair to Presidents Bush (Senior) and Clinton, and finally his political appointment as Secre-

tary of State in the administration of President Bush (Junior).

The key question that has always bothered me is how Powell managed to reconcile his ideological differences with the other members of Bush Junior's cabinet. At the risk of giving away a large part of the book, the answer seems to be that Powell always considered himself, first and foremost, a soldier: when asked about apparent ideological differences, his answer was always something along the lines of, "I serve the President," in effect his commander-in-chief.

But the book also makes clear that Bush Junior needed Powell in his cabinet more than Powell wanted the job. Powell was an immensely popular public figure following his tour as Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, far more popular than Bush himself. His presence in the cabinet was seen as a moderating influence among the other more hawkish cabinet officers. Therefore Bush went to considerable lengths to make sure that Powell stayed on side. But the low point was Powell's speech to the UN Security Council on 05 February 2003 wherein he attempted to lay out the evidence that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. Of course we know now that that evidence was largely fabricated -- flimsy at best, definitely suspect -- but Powell at the time pointed out that everyone, including U.S. allies, was working from that same intelligence.

Then, as a measure of how much value Bush actually put on Powell's contribution as Secretary of State, at the end Powell was simply



discarded without even the courtesy of a proper passing-out interview with the president, an incident highlighted in the first few chapters of the book.

A long book, 520 pages, written by a newspaperwoman. But it is not a telegraphic disjointed compilation of facts; it is a detailed narrative that reads well, albeit slowly. A very interesting book documenting one of the more important episodes in recent world history.

And there is a Canadian connection: the author, Karen DeYoung, is the widow of Henry Champ, a prominent and highly-respected Canadian Washington-based commentator for both CBC and CTV, who died in 2012.

John Anderson is a Volunteer Interpreter with the FCWM

Well Deserved Recognition

At the annual FCWM Board of Directors' luncheon, held at HMCS BYTOWN, three members were recognized for their contributions to the Friends.



With her term as President nearing completion, Linda Colwell was lauded for her outstanding leadership during her time in office. The Vice-President, Robert Hamilton, is shown here presenting her with a plaque in recognition of her contribution to the organisation.

Douglas Rowland was also presented with a plaque recognizing his service as Past President and honouring his contribution to the BOD and to the executive committee. Bob Hamilton is shown here presenting Doug with his well-deserved recognition.



Finally, Helen McKiernan who was a member of the Board of Directors from 2015-2017 and who has been a busy member of the Friends from 2012 thanks to then President Doug Rowland's penchant for volunteering his wife to take on various activities to support the Friends. She completed several stints as Acting Secretary for the Board and became the primary organizer and source of knowledge about organizing Friends AGMs from 2012-2017.

As an Events Committee member and later the Committee Chair she was the catalyst and engine of activity for organizing the Friends support to the CWM-hosted International Military History Symposium of April 2015, the Friends contributions to Awesome Sundays and Friends Forums. She was a mainstay of the Friends Strategic Planning process, leading us through the first round of planning and all reviews and updates since 2013.



As a member of the Governance Committee from 2012-14 she held the pen on writing updated EXCOM and Committee Chair TORs and worked on our application for continuance. Her work on refining our new bylaws and other elements of the process that required skilled writing was a key aspect of our successful application.

She is shown here receiving a plaque from Linda Colwell for her outstanding contributions.

Well Done to all!