



CMHM NEWSLETTER

2019 - YEAR IN REVIEW

2019 will close as one of the most successful years in our 26 year history!

A jam-packed schedule for tours, meetings, banquets, events and probably the busiest Fall and November ever with bus tours, school groups, cubs, scouts, cadets, Car Clubs, seniors and youth groups and service club meetings for breakfasts and dinners.

CAV Ride – Canadian Army Veterans travelled by motorcycle to the museum.



Service and Sacrifice - As well as commemorating the **75th anniversary of D-Day**, June 6, 1944 the main theme this year honoured the significant contributions of Women, not only at Home but at the Front during times of war.

Several historic restoration projects (German Artillery pieces) were completed and ambitious plans for new displays are planned.

2019-2020

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Newsletter

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Washroom Project

Thanks to the very generous support from the City of Brantford, construction will begin in Dec./Jan. to bring our washrooms up to standard to meet code for universal accessibility.

In 2020 - the museum will commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two with special focus on the Liberation of the Netherlands and how Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations reacted.

The social event of 2019 was the **High Tea**, so successful that on May 9th, 2020 the museum will host a second High Tea and will share the museum's theme of **Liberation '75**, also with emphasis on the liberation of the Netherlands and how Brantford area celebrated the end of the war.

On The Road Again

The museum was represented at: Greenwich Mohawk Lake Area celebration in Mohawk Park * Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum D-Day Gala * Paris Fair * Simcoe Fair * Valour Day (Sept)



Don Wilkin at Valour Day
56th Field Regiment, RCA

Every year, the last Saturday in September, Armouries across Canada open the doors to the public.

Brantford celebrated this year by establishing this day as Valour Day with a full military parade as well as the open house.

Visitors came from abroad – Visitors not only from Ontario and Canada have discovered the museum. We welcomed International guests from around the globe.

Contributors - Thanks to grants, generous benefactors, foundations, assistance from the City of Brantford and our most dedicated volunteers, the museum proudly preserves and display artifacts in an excellent venue for guests.

Community Partnerships - We are reaching out to other heritage and historical organizations to partner with them, share ideas and projects in our similar heritage interests.

Special presentations - historian Norm Christie and war artist Scott Waters made presentations to our members and guests.

2020 - an important work of art will be unveiled by local artist Barbara Sutherland Rusnak – **Details TBA**

Museum Shirts

Anyone who missed out on getting a shirt this year, we now have all sizes (small to 3X) in stock. Tee shirts are \$10 and golf shirts are \$20

If you are interested please get in touch with Don Musson at don.musson@gmail.com

Open House – Successful Day

Great food, displays and a record number of enthusiastic visitors for the annual Civic Weekend Open House !

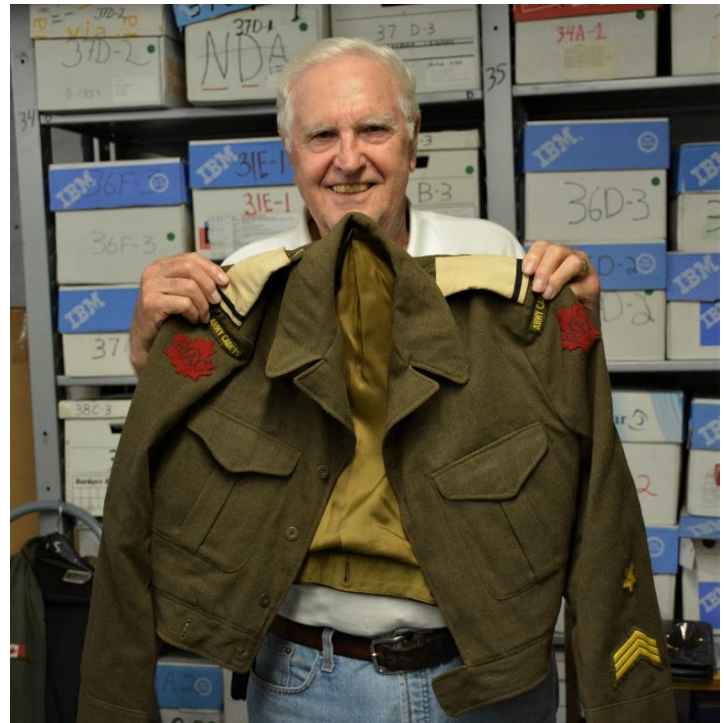


Canadian WWII re-enactors

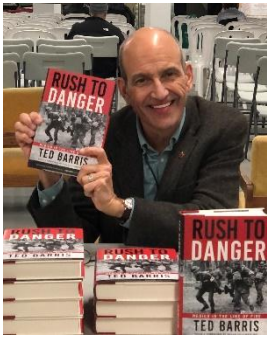
Father and Daughter re-enactors



Neil Hurlbut during re-enactment battle



Otto Heinzl donated his old cadet uniform



November 29th, author Ted Barris gave an outstanding presentation at the Museum on his latest book "Rush to Danger" Medics in the Line of Fire.

The audience heard this dynamic storyteller explore stories of military medical personnel including personal experiences of his father, Alex Barris.

This book and his others would make a great Christmas Gift!

Congratulations to Megan Cameron & Geoffrey Moyer of the Great War Centenary Association. They received commendations awarded at a ceremony in Ottawa by Veterans Ombudsman Craig Dalton in November.

The Association, established in 2013 to commemorate the contributions of veterans from Brantford, Brant County and Six Nations of the Grand River during the First World War was recognized in the local organization category. Megan was the guest speaker at the Museum's 2019 High Tea event.

Expositor Photo



**Tickets to Tea
Make a Great
Christmas Gift.**

Email Marilyn
ms@minotaurltd.com
for gift card for tickets

Don't forget to send
any reminiscences
you may have on VE
day in Brantford and
area.



Canadian Military Heritage Museum

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Women contributed to the war effort in various ways at home and in service



We are seeking submissions of stories and photos

to uncover the unknown or unpublicised acts of bravery of women who lived during wartime and to honour their wartime sacrifices and service.

We are also interested in personal stories and photos of

- wartime weddings (photos for a display)
- what were you doing May 8, 1945?
- life in the Netherlands during the occupation
- life in Brantford during wartime - all for an exhibit at the 2nd year

We have a journalist available to assist you in telling the story if you'd like. 519-755-9800

High Tea of Honour

Sat., May 9, 2020

at the

Canadian Military Heritage Museum

Exhibits Open: 11:00 a.m. • High Tea Served: 12:00 noon
Tickets: \$85 per person • Reserved Seating

Email stories and photos to:
cmhmbrant@gmail.com
write subject title:
Honouring Wartime Women

**VE DAY
Liberation
1945-2020
75th ANNIVERSARY**

WE REMEMBER



Please send any changes to contact information to:
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We were honoured to host Poland's Ambassador to Canada, Andrzej Kurnicki and Polish Veterans Association.

Thanks to **Don Musson** for his periodic 'guess the artifact' contests for members. They'll continue.

Dispatch Rider Project

An exciting new audio-visual project will be presented for display in 2020.

Music Crawl – The strings of the Brantford Symphony Orchestra MUSIC CRAWL was a great success again.

'Small Town Live' magazine enhanced our public exposure with a feature article.

CTV news at 5 gave terrific coverage to the museum with video on Remembrance Day. Can be viewed at CTV news at 5 Kitchener website – go to videos – November 11.

Thanks to assistance from Vincent Ball at the Exhibitor and thanks to the generous support of Marilyn Shaver in promoting the museum in the Remembrance Day Exhibitor.

Volunteers – Many thanks to all our volunteers whose dedication helps keep our museum open and thriving.

Every Member of the Museum Counts. Thanks for everyone's support.

Membership

Adults \$25
Students & Seniors - \$20
Family -\$35
Corporate memberships available

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Check us out on **Facebook**

Website www.canadianmilitaryheritagemuseum.ca

EVENTS

Saturday December 7, 2019
Annual Meeting
Coffee at 9 a.m.
Meeting at 10 a.m.

Service Sacrifice Liberation Victory **High Tea**

Sat. May 9, 2020
Exhibits Open: 11:00 a.m.
High Tea Served: 12:00 noon

The CMHM is closed
November 30th until March 1st
but is subject to availability for

pre-arranged tours in December.

Any ideas or suggestions for newsletter contact
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**LOOKING FORWARD TO AN
EXCITING 2020!**

Come for a visit - Bring a friend!

