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DIGNITARIES WELCOMED TO MUSEUM!



(L to R) Brantford Mayor **Ken Davis**, MP **Phil McColeman**, Six Nations Councillor **Audrey Powless-Bomberry**, City Councillor **Jan Vandersteldt**, CMHM Chair **Brian Studier**, Brant County Mayor **David Bailey**, County Councillor **Joan Gatward**. Absent from photo Councillors **Greg Martin** and **Josh Wall**. (May)



(L to R) Karen Nagel, Julia Jacobson, Jane Ion, and Giovanna Nortorandrea welcome guests to the High Tea May 11th. honouring world war women.

Giovanna did an outstanding job designing the poster and all related marketing materials related to the High Tea.

Mothers Munitions Matrons

HIGH TEA A GREAT SUCCESS!!!

In keeping with the 2019 theme Women during times of conflict at home and at the front, 96 guests were treated to one of the most memorable and successful events ever hosted by the museum. A first class High Tea was an event to remember. We enjoyed magnificent food from Devlin's Country Bistro and the décor was spectacular thanks to organizer Marilyn Shaver and her talented and enthusiastic corps of volunteers. A memorable event. She's already brainstorming for the next year.



Many interesting displays and storyboards from that theme will be shared and incorporated into an educational kit for use in grades 7, 8 & 9.

Our featured speaker **Meghan Cameron** made a passionate presentation on women in WW1 that was inspiring.



World War II veteran Irene Sobering attended and stood next to her army uniform on display. She wore it when she joined the military reserves (1960) during the period of the Cold War as a member of Canadian Army Ordnance Corps and served for 16 years.

Irene joined the RCAF January 1942 in Winnipeg. A total of 17,038 women enlisted with the Women's Division during World War II but only about 1500 served overseas. It was during her time in London, England that she met her future husband George Sobering. George was an RCAF Lancaster pilot. They retired in Jerseyville.



Guest Master Bombardier Heighly Vanderpost of the 56th Field Regiment, RCA with a few of our volunteers



Susan Howe and her daughter with Susan's Mother's wedding gown. Her Mother sewed parachutes during the war and the dress was made with parachute material



Guests Lt. Col. Hatfield, Don Wilkin & Master Bombardier Heighly Vanderpost.

DISPLAY at CANADIAN WARPLANE HERITAGE MUSEUM

D-DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY GALA



The CMHM was represented by Bob Ion, Neil Hurlbut, and Will Hannenberg in Hamilton.

The gala was attended by 850 guests who had a chance to view our display table of D-Day artifacts. There were many D-Day veterans and supporters in attendance.

A great night to promote the museum to an appreciative group.

DUTCH VETERANS VISIT MUSEUM IN JUNE

Twenty one members of the Dutch Veterans Association and their spouses toured the museum June 11th. The oldest of the visitors was 99 years old.

Chris Kruter representing Dutch Veterans and spouses presents a donation to Brian Studier at the museum. Speaking with guests we heard some memorable war-time stories of a nation trying to survive.

We are going to reconvene and document these stories to share for future reference and to preserve our heritage.



POLISH COMBATANTS ASSOCIATION ARE
HOLDING THEIR NATIONAL CONVENTION ON August 2, 3, 4th.

They will be recognized and honoured at our Open House on August. 4th.

SPEAKERS

We are looking forward to continuing the Speakers Series with some terrific speakers in the bullpen. We have had feedback regarding the lack of availability in hearing the speakers at past events and have addressed that. Our sound system will enable all to hear and enjoy all future events.

Renowned Canadian military artist Scott Waters will be speaking September 4th – details to follow

D-DAY, JUNE 6TH, 1944

2019 MARKS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF The Allied invasion of France. A prominent display will represent this historic event with displays from some prominent Brantford veterans such as Bernard Hoo, Derek Pite and Lloyd Bentley

WWI German Howitzer



The Howitzer is being painted by Ted (Picasso) Abbott in a paint scheme that, although authentic, is unusual and worthy of a lengthy information description when finished.

Our Weapons Carrier is also reaching final stage of restoration.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES

The 'guess the artifact' in emails to members has been a great success in keeping up contact with our membership –Thanks to Don Musson

Our membership has reached record numbers this year. Please provide your email address so we can send museum newsletters and updates. This will greatly reduce mailing costs to the museum.

Please send any changes to contact information to:
don.musson@gmail.com

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Check us out on **Facebook**

Website www.canadianmilitaryheritagemuseum.ca

Sunday, August 4

Annual Open House 10 - 4

**Polish Combatants Assoc. National 3 day
Conference – Fri. Sat., Sun. Aug. 2nd, 3rd, 4th**

SEPTEMBER

September 28- Valour Day

56th Field Regiment, RCA
Military Parade - Open House - Armouries

OCTOBER

Sunday 20th- Brantford Symphony Music Crawl –

Noon to 5pm

Tickets available from BSO

NOTE: Summer hours until Oct. 31:

Wed. to Sundays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Closed Mondays & Tuesdays

Our summer student Hunter Blue is enthusiastically welcoming our guests for the next 2 months. Drop by and say hello to Hunter.

Thank you to all of our volunteers.
The Cadets, Girl Guides and student volunteers were invaluable helpers at the Tea.
Much appreciation and thanks to Marilyn Shaver for her contribution in making the High Tea an overwhelming success and valuable assistance in producing this newsletter.

Any ideas or suggestions for newsletter contact
Bob Ion at jbion@rogers.com

**LOOKING FORWARD TO AN
EXCITING YEAR AT MUSEUM!**

Come for a visit - Bring a friend!

