



JUNE

On **June 5th**, the Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific hosted a cocktail party on the **HMCS Calgary** for the Royal visit. Attendees included Howe Lee, Judy Maxwell and Kelly Kwong.

June 27th was a big day for the CCMMS. For the 3rd year, the CCMMS took part in **Enoch's Culturalthon**. This cultural competition challenged participants -- all immigrant youth -- to discover as much as possible about Chinese Canadian history in one day. Bing Wong, Dan Lee and Judy Maxwell were at the Museum to answer questions.

The Museum also had a presence at the **Richmond Public Library**. Kelly Kwong and Paul Tsui took charge of the Museum's display and outreach, which included Richmond's Mayor. And last but not least, the Museum also participated in the **Chinese Cultural Centre's** afternoon of cultural activities. Capt Gary Gratrix brought the 609 Air Cadet Band from Steveston to perform at this event.

NB: Our President attended all 3 events on Canada Day!!!



JULY 1st — CANADA DAY at CANADA PLACE

Although King Wan, Kelly Kwong, Judy Maxwell and Paul Lee helped out at the CCMMS booth for the Canadian Armed Forces annual Canada Day event, it was **Dan Lee** and **Paul Tsui** who were the stars. Both vets worked a full day, answering questions and posing for photographs. This year, it was outdoors along Cordova Street and great weather brought record-breaking crowds to the site.



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July 8th was a very special day. Five of the Chinese Canadian veterans from Victoria commuted to Vancouver to take part in a celebratory luncheon with the Vancouver vets. Victoria President Victor Wong made arrangements with LCol Lee to present our Museum with the Golden Mountain Pioneer Award. This award was originally presented to Victor Wong and Dan Lee at the **Inaugural Golden Mountain Achievement Awards, 9 Aug 2008** to commemorate 150th years of Chinese Canadian history. The Victoria veterans thought that the best home for this award was at the CCMMS, and thus there was need to celebrate this occasion together.



(L-R) Marshall Chow, Victor Wong, Dan Lee, Howe Lee, George Chow and Frank Wong. Marshall, George & Frank are our local surviving D-Day veterans.



Reunion luncheon photographs
courtesy of Frank Wong.

At our **July 9th** monthly meeting, we



were honoured to have guests Filmmaker Alison MacLean and The Honourable John Yap, MLA for Steveston-Richmond. Both guests, plus Cmdr King Wan, updated us on their respective projects and plans: Alison spoke to us about **Outside the Wire**; John discussed his appointment as the first-ever **Minister of State for Climate Action**; and King explained that he would be in charge of organizing Vancouver's part in the RCN's 2010 Centennial.

This was our last meal at Foo's Ho Ho just before its closure due to James Sam's ill health. Chef and owner of the restaurant, Sam passed away on July 19 after a short battle with cancer. His wife, Joanne, re-opened the restaurant a few weeks later.

Happy Birthday, Bing!

Veteran Bing Wong celebrated his 85th birthday with old friends and family at **Le Soleil** on **July 23rd**. Organized by his kids Glen, Lisa and Darren, the party was festive event with excellent food at an exceptional restaurant, and it was fun to hear reminiscences from. Guests included Howe Lee (pictured giving a toast) and many of the CCMMS and Unit 280 vets, many close friends, and Bing's siblings Frank, Tommy, May and Frances.



Best wishes!



AUGUST

Members of the CCMMS took part in the 2008 Abbotsford Airshow on August 7, 8 and 9. There were almost two dozen CAF planes displayed, in addition to an army presence by the 39 Canadian Brigade Group and the 12 Service Battalion. Pictured here are two Chinese-Canadians members of the 12 Service Battalion: Cpl Chu at the top, and 2Lt Victor Chian on the ground. Victor is also the Museum's Recording Secretary.

(Photo courtesy of Lt Robert Quinn)



The CCMMS will host a celebratory dinner on Nov 7th at the Pink Pearl Restaurant. Please join us to commemorate our 11th anniversary. For tickets, contact Paul Lee at pklee1616@yahoo.ca.