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Lt. Gov. of B.C. Iona Campagnolo greets the veterans on her visit to the museum May 12, 2005, one of the many highlights of 2005. ♦

Photo by Larry Wong

What a Year of the Veterans it was!

By Larry Wong

Welcome to this belated issue of the Chinese Canadian Military Museum Society's newsletter. We apologize for our absence but this past year or so have been filled with special occasions and events. Our museum was graced with the visits of Lt. Gov. Iona Campagnolo and former Lt. Gov. David Lam, Major Soucy and his staff from National Defence Headquarters, and Lt.(N) R. Byrne from the Naden Band of Maritime Forces Pacific, and visitors from the joint sponsored tour of the Vancouver Historical Society and the military museum.

The museum was also honoured by the Chinese Cultural Centre with a special award at a banquet held at the Bayshore Inn December 11 2005.

We have also been busy embarking on a Veterans Oral History Project in partnership with Claudia Ferris, film maker and founder of Production Magic Ltd. Our Veterans Oral Project is funded by Canadian Heritage and a number of private foundations such as the Tong and Geraldine Louie Family Foundation. Our goal is to contribute to Chinese Canadian history by producing a DVD set with the sight and sound of the veterans' own words of their experience as an educational package to schools and universities.

Executive Director is Howe Lee with Producers Larry Wong and Claudia Ferris. Associate Producers are Wes Lowe and Ramona Mar with Gloria Leung as Graphic Designer.

We also participated in two events of the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the End of World War II. The first was in Vancouver on August 14 in several commemorative activities starting at the Victory Square Cenotaph, reception at the Chinese Cultural Centre and the Veterans Dinner Dance at the B.C. Regiment Drill Hall.

The second was a special occasion held August 15 at Government House in Victoria as guests of the Lt. Gov. Iona Campagnolo thanks to the efforts of Captain Marius Nooten who, as a teenager, was a POW in Indonesia.

We ended the year at the First Nations Summit as honoured guests along side with the Aboriginal vets.♦

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Dr. David Lam is shown with Howe Lee on a tour of the museum in July 2005. Dr. Lam was the 25th Lt-Governor of B.C. from 1988 to 1995. ♦

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Congratulations to the 2006 Museum Board

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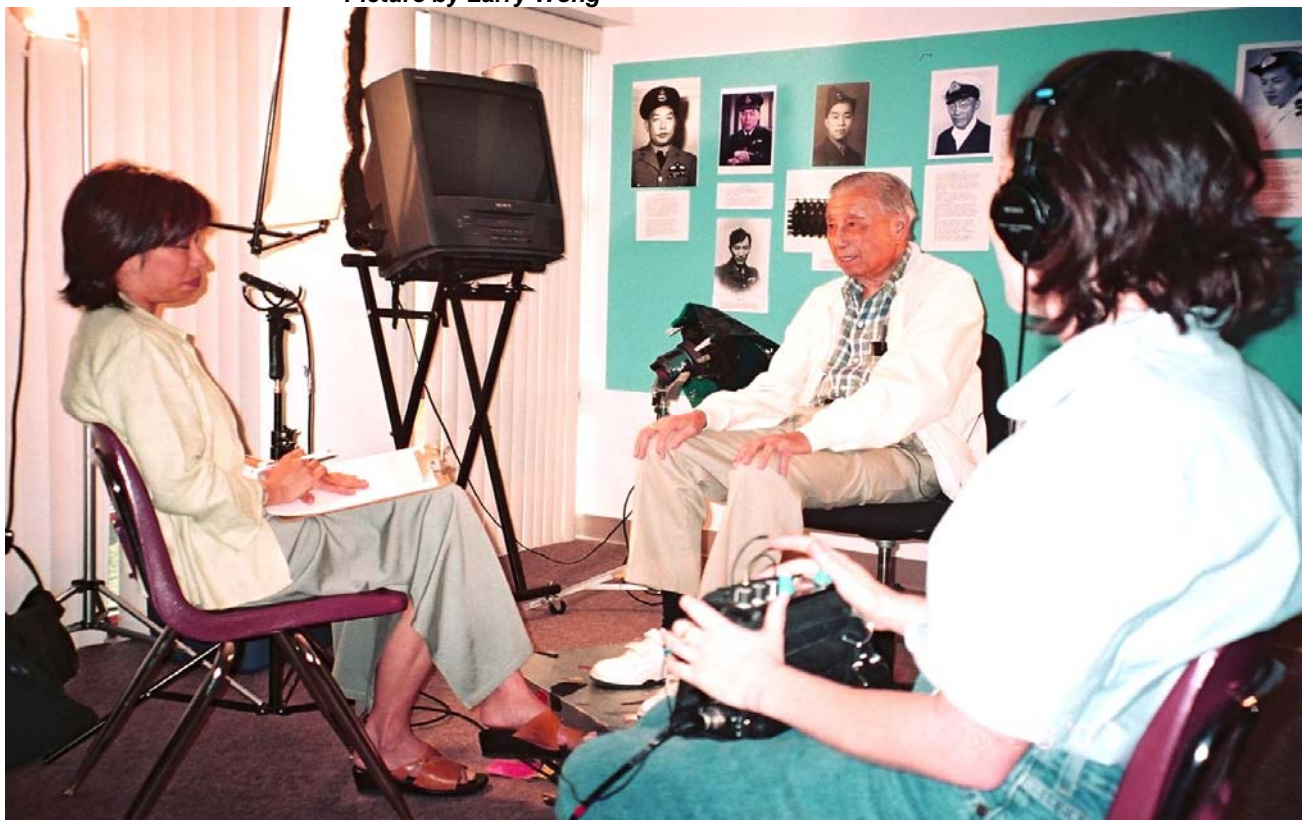
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Ramona Mar is interviewing her uncle, Roy Mah at the museum for the Veterans Oral History Project with Claudia Ferris looking on. Roy was a number of elderly Chinese Canadian veterans interviewed for the Veterans Oral History Project. Roy's career has been remarkable from the time he was a union organizer for the International Woodworker Association to his war contribution to the publishing of a bi-weekly English language newsmagazine Chinatown News which ran from 1951 to 1993. ♦

Photo by Larry Wong

Howe Lee Appointed as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel

A surprise announcement from the Minister of National Defence in June confirmed Howe Lee to the appointment of Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion for a period of three years.

The practice of honorary regimental appointments in Canada dates back more than a century. The role of the Honorary is to serve as a link between the community and the Canadian Forces.

Howe is the only Chinese Canadian officer to be so honored. Congratulations, Howe! ♦

More tributes...

The Naden Band of Maritime Forces Pacific, under the command of Lt.(N) R. Byrne, paid homage to the Chinese Canadian vets with a special and memorable concert at the Gateway Theatre Saturday November 5.

Angela Kan from the Chinese Canadian Missionary invited the Vets to be presented with special badges from the Boy Scouts November 12.

A special recognition ceremony for the vets was held at the Chinese Canadian Evangelical Church in Burnaby Sunday November 13. ♦



Howe Lee is addressing the First Nations Summit in North Vancouver December 1, 2005. The summit was an important gathering of First Nation Chiefs from across the country attended by the Lt. Gov. of B.C. and representatives of the federal and provincial governments. The Summit paid tribute to the Aboriginal and Chinese Canadian veterans. ♦
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The photograph on page 4 is of a dinner held Remembrance Day 2005 at the Foo's Ho Ho restaurant. In the front row from left to right: Willie Chong, Thomas Wong, Ed Lee, Victor Louie, Quan Lim, John Ko and George Chow. Second row from left to right: Dan Lee, Robert Kent, Neill Chan, Frank Wong, Paul Schmidt, Marshall Chow, Tommy Wong, Raymond Chang, Charlie Lee and George Wong. Back row from left to right: Kelly Kwong, Paul Tsui, Michael Chow and George Ing. Many thanks to Patrick Tam the photographer. ♦



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