



# The Maple Leaf and Dragon

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## Presentation to M.K. Wong at Recognition Dinner

The dinner, held at the Pink Pearl Restaurant on November 8, 2006 was a rousing success with 230 in attendance.

Pictured at the left, is Howe Lee, President of the Museum presenting Milton Wong, guest speaker, a certificate in recognition of Mr. Wong's efforts of building bridges between the Chinese and First Nations communities.

Among the evening's highlights, was the presentation to Marshall Chow, Frank Wong and Olivia, the daughter of George Chow, who accepted in his absence the Normandy Campaign 1944 medal.

Door prizes and raffle prizes were given away much to the delight of the winners.

Many thanks to Alfred Woo who was the host and Paul Lee, Committee Head.

It is hoped that the Recognition Dinner be an annual event. ♦

## Free Parking for All Veterans in Vancouver Next 2007 Remembrance Week

Thanks to the presence of Dan Lee, Ed Lee, Kelly Kwong, Thomas Wong, George Ing and seven veterans from difference units, they supported the motion of Raymond Louie, Councillor, at the Vancouver City Hall, on free parking for the Veterans next year during the Remembrance Week. ♦

## Introducing Museum Memberships

Since the museum first opened in November of 1998, membership was \$100 lifetime with no annual membership fees. This summer, a Membership Committee recommended three categories of Membership. **FOUNDING MEMBERS** which is now closed for the original Founding Members; **REGULAR MEMBERS** (Non-voting status) for any active Pacific Unit 280 members who wish to join without charge and has Non-voting status; and **REGULAR MEMBERS** (voting status) for members paying annual dues of \$20.00.

If you are not yet a Regular Member, please fill out the enclosed Membership Form and send in your membership fee. Annual membership is effective for one calendar year.

Donations of over \$20 will be accepted and acknowledged with a tax receipt.

Our mailing address is:  
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## **We Will Remember Them...**

The year 2006 has seen the loss of three Vancouver veterans and one in Toronto.

### **In Vancouver:**

#### **WILLIAM GUN CHONG**

As a civilian who worked for British Intelligence, he was known as Agent 50. His mission was to deliver much needed medicine to injured soldiers and assist escaped prisoners and relaying messages.

He was captured by the Japanese Army three times and escaped three times.

For his extraordinary services, he received the British Empire Medal, the highest award to a civilian and awarded only by the King or his representative, the Governor-General of Hong Kong.

He was 95.

He died October 18.

#### **VICTOR JOY LOUIE**

As a young man, he went to China and fought the Japanese from 1931 to 1938. He returned to Vancouver and joined the Canadian Army where he was assigned to Special Operations Executive. He parachuted into Malaya as part of Operation Tideway to work with the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army.

He was sent to Malacca city as an interpreter to negotiate the Japanese surrender.

He was 89.

He died March 16.

#### **DODSON ARKKAN MAH**

He was initially rejected by the Army when he volunteered. In 1944, he received the call and was trained with the Royal Canadian Engineers in Chilliwack. He was assigned to Force 136 where he was sent to India to train for demolition, small arms and high explosives.

He was 86.

He died September 28.

## **Congratulations to the 2007 Museum Board**

President – Howe Lee

First Vice-President – King Wan

Second Vice-President – George Ing

Secretary – Larry Wong

Treasurer – Frank Wong

Directors: Kelly Kwong, Dan Lee, Paul Lee, Paul Tsui, Bing Wong and Alfred Woo

Executive Committee Member – Alfred Woo

Chief Researcher – Judy Maxwell

Curator, Historian, Newsletter Editor – Larry Wong

Assistant Curator – Dan Lee

Media Reporter – Quan Lim

Advisors: - Chong Joe and John Ko (Jr)

Ladies Auxiliary – Peggy Lee

### **In Toronto:**

#### **LARRY GEORGE WONG**

He was conscripted in 1944 and took his basis training in Halifax.

He was then transferred to the Edmonton Fusiliers and was shipped to Newfoundland until the end of the war.

He was the only Chinese in his regiment.

Larry was eventually discharged in Vancouver in 1948.

He was 82.

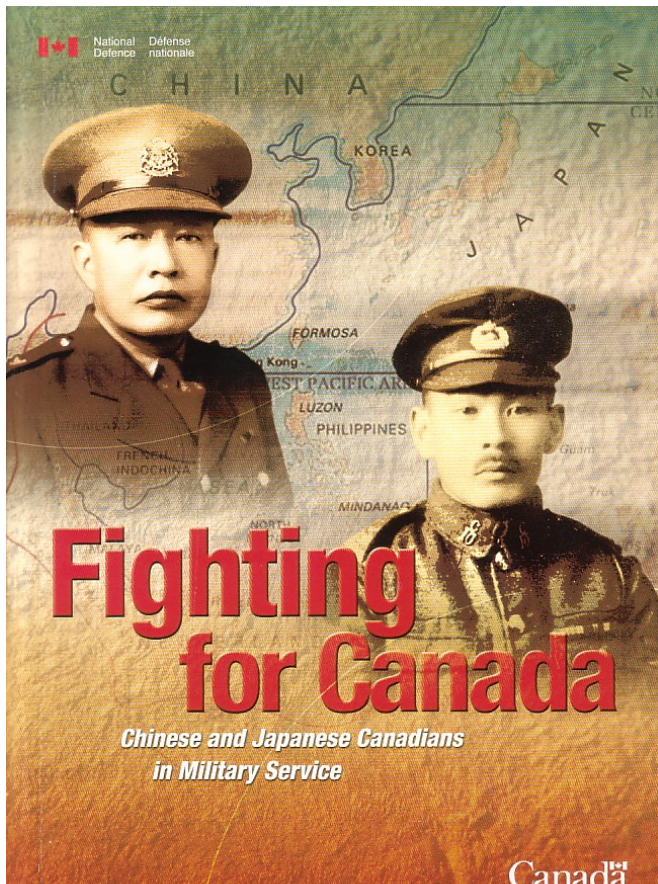
He died May 26. ♦

## **DOCUMENTARY ON DOUGLAS JUNG**

Wes Lowe is putting the final touches on his latest film about Doug Jung which should be ready by Spring. The film is called, "I am the Canadian Delegate."

He has been busy interviewing people who knew Doug in both Toronto and Vancouver. ♦





## Launch of *Fighting for Canada*

The official launch of the Department of National Defence publication was at the Richmond Public Library held Saturday May 13, 2006.

Representatives from the National Defence Headquarters, the local Recruiting Centre and others from the Diversity Program took part in the program.

The launch drew an overflowing crowd of veterans, family members and the general public.

Special Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the veterans.

The Chinese Canadian Military Museum supplied all of the photographs. Both President Howe Lee and Curator Larry Wong provided assistance to Dennis and Leslie McLaughlin who authored the book.

The publication is in a series to encourage members of minority groups to volunteer their services. The first book was on the Aborigines.

The book is available at all recruiting centres. ♦

**The Veterans and the Navy posed for the camera after Remembrance Day luncheon at Foo's Ho Ho**







Picture at bottom of page 3 is a group photograph of the veterans, the Navy, Mrs. Bessie Mah, widow of Dodson and guest Kevin Chow, a PhD candidate from the University of Hong Kong. This photo was taken by **Patrick Tam**.

Picture at left is of John Ko, taking part in the Remembrance Day parade at Victory Square.

Picture below shows the veterans marching down Hastings Street in the Remembrance Day parade.

Many thanks to **Nick Lum** for permission to use his photographs.

## REMEMBRANCE AT CHINATOWN MEMORIAL SQUARE

After the ceremony at Victory Square, another ceremony was held at the Chinatown Memorial Square at 1 pm. Padre Wes Lowe was the officiating M.C. with Mayor Sam Sullivan, City Councillors George Chow and Raymond Louie representing the City of Vancouver. The Chinese Benevolent Association which over the weekend kicked off their centennial celebration was also represented as well as other family associations, the Boy Scouts and Mrs. Bessie Mah. Alfred Woo was the Parade Marshall and LCol. Howe Lee the main speaker. ♦



