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President's Message

It was another fantastic season at Fort Henry! To begin the season, Director **Mike Murphy FHG 2231** and I headed up the hill to attend orientation and meet the new recruits. We were so excited to see a strong contingent of senior NCOs and Officers return, from which the new recruits most assuredly benefited.

Mike and I received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the Guard and Fort Staff. We shared a bit about the Club and were able to offer some prizes for those who successfully answered Mike's quiz questions. It was a great time and a good way to start the season with a strong Club presence!

The Guard did a fantastic job this year! The strong returning Guard presence was evident in the speed with which the new recruits progressed and in the quality of the Guard's drill. This season the Guard returned to a more traditional evening performance with a soldier commentator that engaged the audience from the parade square, focusing on the Guard's drill and military history. The crowds appeared to thoroughly enjoy the format and from all accounts the season was a great success!

The season also began with the appointment of a new Chair of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, the Honourable Bob Runciman. "Mr. Runciman served Leeds-Grenville in the Ontario Legislature for 29 years. During that time, he held a number of Cabinet positions including Solicitor General, Minister of Correctional Services, Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, Minister of Economic Development and Trade and Minister of Public Safety and Security. In January 2010, he was appointed to the Senate of Canada where he served until August 2017." (The North Grenville Times – February 13, 2019) I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Runciman at the Fort this spring and believe his significant experience and enthusiasm for the Fort and the Guard will serve the Commission well.

With respect to Club business, this past March the Board of Directors met to assess the Club's progress in meeting the objectives in our Strategic Plan 2017-2020. Two years in, I am pleased to report that the Club has achieved many of the goals set out in this document. Thanks to Director Tom Little FHG 593, the Club's accomplishments have been recorded in an annotated copy of the Strategic Plan, which has been posted to the Club's website under the "Member" tab, once signed in. Please take a



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Membership Registration Fees

Membership is open to any former Guard, Cadet, or other Fort worker

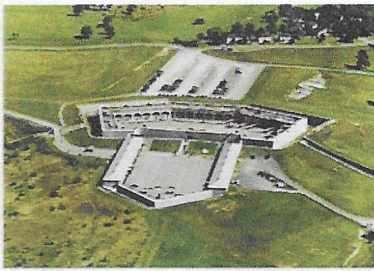
Years	1	1AR**	3	5
Single	\$25	\$20	\$70	\$99
W/ Partner*	\$35	\$30	\$100	\$150

- * Where both worked at the Fort
- ** 1 year with automatic renewal

- All fees are in Canadian Dollars.
- Multi-year rates are only valid if paid at one time.
- Renew online and pay with credit card.
- Make cheques payable to FHG Club of Canada.
- U.S. dollar cheques are acceptable.
- Other foreign currencies please use bank draft in \$CAD.

Changes to personal info can be updated on the [website](#) or emailed to the Registrar.

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Well it's been another great summer up on Fort Henry hill! The Fort Henry Guard accomplished so much with another great season of living history interpretation. I am proud of the grit and determination that the Guard still carries to this day and their passion for breathing life into Fort Henry while sharing it with the many visitors that pass through its gates.

This past summer's Sunset Ceremony saw a return to the more traditional show format highlighting the Guard with narration as a commentary to shed light on the performance. It was a great return to what makes Fort Henry today so great: The Guard!

The esprit de corps of the Fort Henry Guard never ceases to amaze me. Seeing the pride and gratitude from the Guard at Awards Night at the end of August made me proud to be a part of something so great. I am so happy coming in to work everyday with such an amazing group of people who work their butts off both on and off the square. I feel privileged to help shape Fort Henry and the Fort Henry Guard into a better and better unit every year and wouldn't trade it for any job in the world.

I'm looking forward to next year already and hope to see many Guard Alumni for a visit.

Et Nos Meremur.

Alex Mclean
FHG 2100

Curator & Program Support Officer
Fort Henry National Historic Site of
Canada

Strategic Plan. Contact information for the Club can be found in the newsletter and on the Club's website.

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Going forward, the Board of Directors is contemplating our next fundraising campaign. We have been discussing various projects that would benefit the Guard and we have been working with the Fort to determine a cause that both organizations can support. The last big fundraising venture for the Club was the replacement of the Armstrong Gun barrels and the Club would like to tackle another similar campaign. So, please keep your eye on the Club's website and your inboxes as we are hoping to share further information regarding this initiative shortly.

As for the Club's merchandise, sales are strong and we appreciate all your support! The Club now receives a 10% royalty on all merchandise sold at <http://fhgclub.entripyshops.com>. First time orders are still eligible for a 10% off with discount code ENTRIPYSHOPS10 and all orders over \$50 receive free shipping. We have also added a vintage "FORT HENRY GUARD" logo to the site, so be sure to check it out. There are so many design options to choose from! Please be sure to let us know how you like the site or if you have any suggested improvements.

Finally, the Club is in need of some assistance. If anyone has skills or interest in the areas of website design, media coordinating, or managing merchandise, and has a bit of time to dedicate to the cause we would be very grateful for your assistance. Further details about the positions can be found below. I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank **Greg Gouthro FHG 1863**, on behalf of the Club for his hard work and dedication in publishing the newsletter for us over the years. Greg has handed the torch to Director, **Michael Murphy FHG 2231**, who has some fantastic ideas for the newsletter going forward. The Club is very lucky to have such great volunteers and we look forward to bringing more on board!

In closing, I would like to send our sincere thanks to all those who have donated to the Foundation and who have obtained and renewed memberships in the Club! Your interest and assistance helps the Board continue our efforts to support the Guard. Please be sure to encourage any former Guard or employee of the Fort to join the Club, so we may continue our objectives.

Cheers,

Michelle Foxton
FHG 1670
President, FHGCC

Most of them are so at Fort Henry to interpret a 19th Century British Military Regiment with strict historical accuracy, and we sometimes forget that the Fort Henry Guard's history now extends beyond any other regiment ever garrisoned there. Last year, during the 80th anniversary of the Fort Henry Guard, we also celebrated the 25th anniversary of women joining the ranks. In recognition of this, we decided to conduct the first official all-female Armstrong 6 pdr field gun. Every individual on the parade square was a woman in the Fort Henry Guard, right down to the bugler. Recognition of the anniversary of Women at Fort Henry also included new commentary explaining the significance of the occasion for women who are part of the Fort Henry Guard.



While most commemorations of Guard history happen once every 5 years, we decided to repeat the "Women in the Guard Gun" for the 26th anniversary during the 2019 season (even though it isn't a nice round number). Once again, it was a huge success and gone from being a one-time celebration to becoming an annual tradition.



Ensign Kate DuQuesnay
FHG 2248



Tuesday, August 27, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Fort Henry Discovery Centre



The 2019 Awards evening was another successful event for the FHGCC. It was a nice full display of the awards in their entirety, and there was excellent emotion and energy in the room with the current FHG excited about the evening and recognizing their friends.

The evening ceremony was set-up like previous years, catering was provided by Bytown Catering, and the Fort provided the venue (Fort Henry Discovery Centre) at no charge. There was a conscience effort to reduce the amount of food this year, and we were happy to see that it was still more than enough as there was some food leftover.

Invitations were sent out to all SLPC board of directors and the CEO, and the Fort management team. We were happy to have directors Margaret Fancy and Jim Garrah join us again, along with new CEO Hollee Kew. We also invited FHG Honourary Commander Hugh Segal, but he could not attend.

Club Past President **Steve Mccreedy FHG 950** was once again the MC for the evening. We also had Peter Radley as our keynote speaker this year (pictured on right). Peter spoke mostly of his direct relationship with Ronald L. Way, which was very interesting for everyone in the room to hear about this first hand.



Like last year, we gave the award winners the opportunity to speak rather than the presenter of the award. Most gave a few nice words of thanks to their comrades which made a nice connection for those in the audience – both special guests and current guard. Notably, new FHG members who had earned their FHG numbers were awarded with coins engraved with their individual number. FHG 2337 through to 2362, and FHI 19-01 through to 19-05 were assigned.

New this year was the implementation of a sponsorship program which followed the terms of reference developed last winter. Our committee contacted those that showed interest in sponsoring awards at the 80th Reunion in August 2018, and we had great success with it. In total, we raised \$8,550.00 (more than half of this will be ear-marked for future years, and other initiatives as determined by the Board). We are very excited about this sponsorship and our general feeling was that there are many former FHG that would be happy to support an award or the Club, if we simply just ask for help.

With this news, we are happy to announce that we have moved from the Awards evening costing the Club approximately \$3000, to it now costing \$750! This would have been a break even year except we had to order new brass cannon trophies for the award winners and these have now almost doubled in price. We will be evaluating the future of the take-home trophy in the coming year to see what options we may have for something less expensive.

Matt Archibald,
FHG 1826

Director, FHGCC Awards Committee, Chair

Awards, sponsors, the nominees, and the winners (**in bold**) are named below:

Engraved FHG and FHI Coins – for all qualifying new staff.

Annual Sponsor: Mr. Dave Berry FHG 1218

Presenter: Captain Evan McDonnell FHG 2204

Ronald L. Way Interpreter Award - presented to the staff member who best exhibits excellence in guiding and living history interpretation.

Annual Sponsor: Mr. Steve Mccreedy FHG 950 & Mrs. Darlene Mccreedy

Presenter: Mr. Steve Mccreedy FHG 950

Nominees: Private Lexi Davidson, Mrs. Sylvie Lefebvre, **Private Anthony Pacheco**



Lieutenant Colonel Joseph F. Cody - Garrison Artillery Gunner Award -presented to the gunner who best exhibits excellence as a member of a gun crew in the loading and firing of the garrison artillery ordnance at Fort Henry.

Annual Sponsor: Mr. David McClurg FHG 934 & Mr. Wayne Moug FHG 951

Presenter: Lieutenant Adam Copland, FHG 2220

Nominees: **Gunner Scott Gemmell**, Gunner Jake McCarthy, Gunner Keiran Samis

Field Artillery Gunner Award - presented to the gunner who best exhibits excellence as a member of a gun crew in the loading and firing of the field artillery ordnance at Fort Henry.

Annual Sponsor & Presenter: Mr. John Grenville, FHG 705

Nominees: **Gunner Jonah Bactz**, Gunner Cara Funk, Gunner Colin Watts

Fort Henry Guard Support Award - presented to a non-interpretive staff member who provides excellence in customer service which directly enhances a customer's visit to Fort Henry and the Fort Henry Guard.

Annual Sponsor & Presenter: Mr. John Gillis FHG 1746

Nominees: Meaghan Taaffe, **Holly Thompson**, Rudy Udove

Serjeant-Major Award - presented to the Guard Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Drill Squad, for excellence in leadership.

Annual Sponsor: Mr. Mark Downie FHG 1669

Presenter: Mr. Matt Archibald, FHG 1826

Winner: **Serjeant Major Alex Stein**

Colonel Truman W. Crawford Bowl - presented to the Guard Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in charge of the Drums, for excellence in music leadership

Annual Sponsor: Mrs. Lucille Crawford

Presenter: Mr. Rob Hamilton, FHG 1741

Winner: Serjeant Jeff Cato

General Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. Bowl - presented to the senior officer commanding the Fort Henry Guard

Annual Sponsor and Presenter: Mr. Don Cranston FHG 1055

Winner: **Captain Evan McDonnell**

George E.O. Lilley - Drill Squad Recruit Award - presented to the Private in the Drill Squad who best performs his or her duties in their recruit year.

Annual Sponsors & Presenters: Mr. Martin Blaser FHG 1022 & Mrs. Anne Blaser Club Number A-17

Nominees: Private Lexi Davidson, Private Keiran Samis, Private Aubry Williams

Drums Recruit Award - presented to the Private in the Drums who best performs his or her duties in their recruit year.

Annual Sponsor: Mr. Richard Wiginton FHG 1052

Presenter: Drum Major Jacob Drolet

Nominees: Private Shaundra Buelow, **Private Caitlin McAllister**, Private Lucas Sheridan

Drill Squad Infantry Award - presented to the Private in the Drill Squad who best exhibits excellence in the loading and firing of the Snider-Enfield rifle, dedication, discipline, leadership, loyalty, drill, military presence and an appreciation for the historical significance of the Fort Henry Guard.

Annual Sponsor: Mr. Shawn Graham FHG 1711

Presenter: Colour Serjeant Matthew Kennelly

Nominees: Private Scott Gemmell, Private Jake McCarthy, **Private Josh Vivian**

Colonel James B. Ord Memorial - Drums Musicianship Award - presented to the Private in the Drums who best exhibits musical excellence, dedication, discipline, leadership, loyalty, drill, military presence and an appreciation for the historical significance of the Fort Henry Guard.

Annual Sponsors: Former Drum Majors & Drum Serjeants

Presenter: Mr. Chris Dearlove FHG 1692

Nominees: Private Jonah Baetz, **Private Cara Funk**, Private Anthony Pacheco

Daniel C. Cox Memorial Award - Junior Leadership Award - presented to the Junior Leader who best performs their duties in the Fort Henry Guard.

Annual Sponsors: Mr. Chris Goodridge FHG 1645 & Mrs. Jill Goodridge

Presenter: Ms. Hollee Kew, General Manager & CEO of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission

Nominees: Corporal Katie Birt, **Corporal Erika Kelly**, Lance Corporal Jeff McPherson, Lance Corporal Michael Valiquette

Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada Award - presented to the member of the Guard who, in the eyes of their peers, best exemplifies the goals and ideals of the Fort Henry Guard.

Annual Sponsor: Mr. Don Cranston FHG 1055

Bursary Donation: Mr. Mike Murphy FHG 2231 & Ms. Sara FHI 14-02

Presenter: Mrs. Michelle Foxton FHG 1670

Nominees: Serjeant Jeff Cato, **Lance Corporal Brynne Ferguson**, Colour Serjeant Matthew Kennelly, Lance Corporal Nicholas Lafreniere, Ensign Michael McKittrick



2019 award winners

Keeping in Touch

News from current and former Guard.

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Editor's request on the passing of FHG Alumni: Please keep us in mind if you hear of a former guard member's passing by notifying the Registrar at registrar.fhgcc@gmail.com.

AWARDS

A. Britton Smith

FHG 126 has been named a member of the Order of Canada. Smith is well-known as a generous philanthropist, enthusiast of Canadian history, and the owner of Homestead Land Holdings since 1954. Further accolades include honorary degrees from Queen's University and the Royal Military College of Canada, the Military Cross, Canadian Forces Decoration, Queen's Counsel, the Canada 125 Medal, the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal, and a 2014 Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour.



Adrien 'Tie' Langlois FHG 401 and former member of the board of directors of the FHGCC, was inducted into the Kingston and Area Sports Hall of Fame in honour of his community involvement. Langlois, now 81, coached football, volleyball, track and field and gymnastics at Kingston Collegiate during his 27-year career.



DEATHS

Note from the Editor: In our last issue we included a death notice for **Kenneth Stewart, FHG 534**. An incorrect guard number was included with the notice. We apologize for the error. Thank you to **Jim Lapp FHG 553** for the notification.

John William Taylor Judson FHG 510

It is with a profound sense of loss that we announce the passing of John William Taylor Judson on January 7th, 2019, in his 76th year of life, while visiting family in British Columbia. John was born and raised in Kingston, Ontario. He is predeceased by his parents, William and Gladys Judson, and his sister Judith Horsey. He will be greatly missed by his beloved wife and best friend Ann Pavlic. John was the devoted father of Ian (Bernice) of North Vancouver, Taylor (Denise) of Cardiff, Wales, Neil (Laura) of Vancouver Island, and Jack and Ella of London. He was also a loving grandfather to Merlin, Sophia, Maelle, Calla and Naomi. John graduated from Queen's University in 1965 with an Honours BA. He was a longstanding member in the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada, in Kingston. His career included work at the Finance Department of the Governance of Canada, teaching at the Law Faculty at the University of Western Ontario, and thirty years as a partner at Lerner LLP in London. He served on the London city council from 1978-1982.

Donald E. Roy FHG 310

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Don Roy on April 18, 2019 at the age of 85. Don was a loving husband and best friend of Elly Meister. Predeceased by his parents Leo and Marie Roy, his sister Joan Sunderland. Don will be deeply missed by his children Jason, Matthew (Simona), Gavin, Warren (Shannon), Duncan and his sister Lorraine Hernandez Roy (Francisco). Born in Montreal and raised in Ottawa, Don attended Glebe Collegiate followed by Queens University ('58) and the University of Edinburgh ('62). He completed his residency at the Montreal General and obtained his specialist certificate in Internal Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada ('63). A truly warm and caring person,

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Don valued his friendships - childhood friends in Ottawa; colleagues in medicine and classmates from Queen's including his team members on the Queens Golden Gaels football team; the Fort Henry Guard and the University Naval Training Division (UNTD) where he reached the rank of Sub-Lieutenant (RCN) (RA). Don was proud to have been on the team of physicians for the Montreal Canadiens in the 1950s and the Ottawa Roughriders in the 1980s. Don's happiest place was his cottage and friends at 31 Mile Lake in Quebec, where he enjoyed fishing, walks in the woods, sailing, and watching the sunset and sunrise over the lake. His life cannot be briefly summarized as he lived too much of it to tell. But most of all, Don will be remembered for his warm smile, easy going personality and love of people.

David Fawcett Steele FHG 561

David Fawcett Steele passed away peacefully on the evening of Thursday, February 21st. He was a devoted and loving husband to Candace and a pillar of strength and exemplary father to his 2 sons, Robin (husband to Jayme) and Nick (husband to Sherri). To his 4 grandchildren, Teagan, Rhian, Parker and Piper, he will always be remembered as "Goofy Gumpa". He was also an all-around athlete, a craftsman who was a master of a bit of everything and an educator. A lover of good books, cryptic crossword puzzles, Persian rugs, British dramas (and comedies), clocks and day-old tea. A keen intellect with a great sense of humour who could find something silly in just about any situation; even if at his own expense. David was a kind, gentle, ethical and extraordinary man who has touched many people's lives. We loved David deeply. He will be missed greatly and remembered fondly.

NOTES

From Jim Lapp FHG 553:

Until I read the Feb 2019 newsletter, I didn't know Ken (Stewart) had died last year.

After the last reunion Ken and I both attended, Fran and I visited Susan and Ken at their home on the St Lawrence River. Ken's intense eyes twinkled as we recalled events from our Fort days. Ken was an accomplished piper and counted among his friends and fellow pipers the world famous Neigh brothers, Ed and Geoff. When

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guards Ken, Wayne Kilfoyle and I lived on Lower William, Wayne and I banned bagpipe practice completely, allowing Ken to only play his chanter for limited hours. I remember Ken fuelled our breakfasts with his secret percolated coffee recipe that included egg shells and mustard. Guard of our era will remember Ken parading alone on the walls, entertaining tours late in the day with classic ceol mor.

At the 1963 Royal Tournament, the night before the Guard was to be reviewed by HM Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Nehru of India, the fifiers were on the roof of Earls Court Exhibition Centre trying to memorize the Indian National Anthem. Ken was integral to the success of this task on the day of the infamous command by the Guard Captain, "Royal salute, present arms!" We were at Order Arms, but trained to execute the ultimate movement from any position. The BSM, from behind the formation, tried to correct the order. Not a good result.

Ken borrowed my '52 MGTD when courting. Ken's mechanical ability at that time was limited to fingering chanters and fifes, his fingers blackened by tamping his pipe bowl. The TD had a lot going on from the driver's seat . . . electric fuel pump, manual choke, hand brake, clutch, manual transmission, iffy brakes. The car wore the evidence of Ken braking before hitting the wooden gate doors in the driveway. Another poor result.

Ken had an astounding knowledge of history pertinent to our work as guides at the Fort. I learned by following Ken's tours on my own time. He could spin the most intricate tale without cracking a smile. On one tour as he backed into the kitchen, Ken was confronted by a life-size mannequin with a cleaver, poised over a chopping block. He didn't miss a beat as he explained the workings of the kitchen. As soon as Ken ducked to lead the tour to the next room, the mannequin slammed the cleaver into the chopping block provoking screams from the tour. On another occasion, as Ken directed his tour through the Officers Quarters, when he followed the tour into a bedroom, he was confronted by a room with no furniture. Ken described everything that would normally be found in the room, explaining the furnishings were out for spring cleaning, but would surely be returned by the end of the tour if the guests wished to revisit the room.

Jim
Lapp
FHG 553

Archivist's Corner

A special thank you goes to Pat Kirkwood for volunteering to itemize the objects donated to the Fort Henry Guard Club of Canada by her late husband (**Ron Kirkwood FHG 185**). Pat also labelled boxes and organized the FHGCC Storage Area with the help of Fort Henry Museum Assistant, Allison Taylor. Thank you to Pat and Allison for their support!

A Blast from the Past – Vintage Photographs

The enormous task of sorting through the FHGCC Collection is rooted in the original itemized list of the FHGCC Collection prepared by Terry Walker. These items have been assigned accession numbers, but there remains a great deal of work to be done to locate, photograph and garner more information on objects. In an effort to identify individuals and/or events depicted in photographs currently housed in the Collection, and hopefully to encourage a conversation, we are asking readers to help fill in some of the blank spaces.

The following photographs are located in an Album presented to Ronald L. Way on July 27, 1973, on Founder's Day (2018.fhgcc.167 and cross-referenced to the Walker itemized list #291):



Photo #24: Written on the back of the photograph: "Doug Thompson with 'David,' the goat; the visitors are unnamed; Guardsman

Doug McIntosh 2nd from left with rifle and George Post 3rd from left." The three other Guardsmen and the two gentlemen visitors are unidentified.

A search of the Guard Master List confirmed the names **Douglas Thompson FHG 154** (1948); **Douglas Macintosh FHG 172** (1949); and **George Post FHG 226** (1953).

If any readers can identify the Guard or the unnamed individuals in these photos, or would like to share any memories associated with these photos, please contact the FHGCC Club for the Attention of the Archivist at newsletter.fhgcc@gmail.com.

Daniel Rose
FHG 2186
FHGCC Archivist

Call for Volunteers

The Guard Club needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Fundraising Committee members
- Merchandising Coordinator
- Website Designer (Maintenance)

For further information, please email michaelpa.murphy@uottawa.ca.

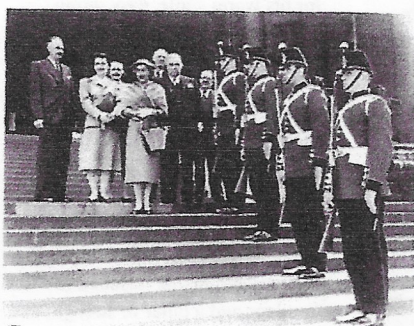


Photo #57: At the top of the stairs on the left are Ronald L. Way and Mrs. Beryl Way, The Princess Royal (sister to King George VI) and The Honourable W. Nickle. The three individuals standing behind the Ways, The Princess Royal and The Honourable W. Nickle, and the four Guard, are unidentified.