

Special Update Issue

The Vernon Military History Society working towards a larger facility.

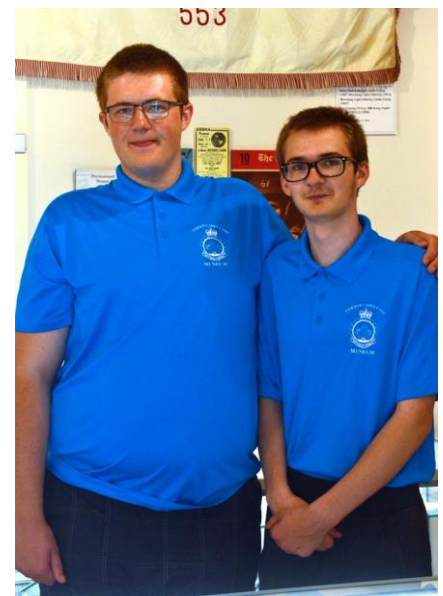
July 2nd Meet-and-Greet

Our season opener event was a great success, with 40+ guests who came out to support us. Of special note were Vernon Mayor Victor Cumming and Vernon-Monashee MLA Eric Foster. We want to thank our donors, volunteers, staff, and board members who have made this endeavour possible.

June and July Fundraising

Thanks to some incredibly generous donors, we were able to raise \$11,000 in under two months! This money has gone to making improvements to infrastructure and the overall quality of our exhibits. As well, we have hired two local army cadets, Andrew Cusveller and Connor Dewhirst, to work for us. They have both demonstrated a keen interest in working with us and we are proud to offer provide them with valuable work experience.

“The Vernon Cadet Camp Museum stands as a monument to the historical journey of the Cadet Program. In order to embrace change and continue to develop, we can never lose sight of where we have come from and the changes that have impacted our lives. Our shared history needs to be preserved and embraced.”
— Brigadier-General K.L. Woiden



Left: Infrastructure and exhibit improvements.

Right: Museum employees Connor Dewhirst and Andrew Cusveller.

We would like to thank you for your generous support and hope to see you at the museum!



Featured Cadet – RSM CWO Sharman Thomas

Chief Warrant Officer Sharman Thomas is the Regimental Sergeant Major at the Vernon Cadet Training Center who began his military journey in 1981 with the Royal Canadian Sea Cadets where he reached the rank of Chief Petty Officer First Class and was one of six cadets in Canada chosen to travel to South East Asia on the Canadian Destroyer HMCS Saskatchewan. In 1986 he joined the Canadian Forces (Army Reserve) with the 44 Field Engineer Squadron in Trail, BC where he gained various qualifications such as demolition instructor, rappel master, basic para and heavy equipment.



In 1992 he served with the United Nations Protection Force in the Former Yugoslavia, with 2 Troop of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment attached to 3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

In 2012 Chief Warrant Officer Thomas was appointed as Regimental Sergeant Major with 39 Combat Engineer Regiment (North Vancouver, Trail and Chilliwack) a position he held from September 2012 to January 2016.

Chief Warrant Officer Thomas was appointed as a Member of the Order of Military Merit in 2010 and received two 39 Brigade Commander Commendations in 1995 and 2011.

As a civilian, Chief Warrant Officer Thomas is employed full time with Trail Transit Services Inc. as the Transit Manager for the Greater Trail and Castlegar areas in British Columbia.



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Next issue coming

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Left: New Sea Cadet exhibit featuring Thomas' uniform.

Right: Thomas in front of the City of Trail Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.