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The Vernon Military History Society has now been formed.

“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

We would like to thank you for your generous support and hope to see you in 2019!

Needing a New Home

Getting too popular should not be a problem, but for Vernon Cadet Camp Museum (VCCM) this has become our woe. We have grown to a visitorship that requires a larger space! 2017 was the first summer where the museum was open to the public. In 2018 we were able to offer a 5 day a week schedule and the hope is that in 2019 we will be able to be open 7 days a week with staff and volunteers. The current space of just over 1000sqft only allows 35 people in the building at any given time. Bookings of visitors have had to be rearranged or modified to accommodate this number.



The fundraising has begun to create a state-of-the-art building that will be just over 5000sqft in show floor space with an additional 5000sqft for classrooms, offices, gift shop, commercial kitchen and Archives. This building will be able to achieve all of the museum's requirements and more. The goal is to be able to allow over 100 visitors into the museum at any given time while having staff on site 7 days a week 365 days a year.

The Vernon Military History Society is currently looking for volunteers to assist in the design, management, and funding of this project. The goal is to have a ground-breaking party during the 2020 season.

Waiting for spring

With the 2019 season quickly coming up we have applied for our Young Canada Works Grants and are waiting for word on approval. This season we are hoping to be able to employ 3 fulltime staff. Once the approvals have been announced our job postings will be sent out and the spring cleaning can begin.

Featured Exhibits this summer

Next season will bring new displays while remembering the past. The CTC will have been open for 70 years as a Cadet Training Center and the VCCM will be featuring some key elements of the changes through the years.

As we move forward into the new year we are still looking for names for our rooms. The main room, as you enter the current museum, has had “Mount Sorrel” suggested as its name. When leaving this room you would enter the second room with the suggested name being “Liri Valley”. Once in this room the first room to the left, currently known as the Badge Room, be given the name “LCol T Kopan” room. The barracks room name suggestion is “Cormack” and the last room currently the Band room suggestions is “Demmy”. Each room would have a brief history of the name and significance to the Training Center.

Our Featured Cadet

Colette Morin



Colette “grew up” mostly in the White Rock, BC area. She became a cadet with 746 Cloverdale Squadron in 1979 then later with 754 Squadron in Port Moody, BC. Colette attended VACC for the first time in 1980 for the Air Cadet 2-week basic training then spent the following 8 summers as a Band Cadet, Staff Cadet, and CIL Officer with 2290 BCR(DCO) RCACC, Vancouver.

Her love of flying began as a small child with both parents licensed as private pilots. Despite being an Air Cadet, she didn’t take up flying until 1994. What initially started out as a fun activity to do on weekends developed into a part time job then a new career. Colette began flying as a commercial pilot in Squamish, BC, 1997, as a tour pilot with Glacier Air and then completed her flight instructor rating in 1998. After a number of life altering events Colette took over ownership of the company in 2002 when Glacier Air founder Ron Banner decided it was time to retire.



Since then Colette has shared her passion for mountain flying with hundreds of students and visitors from around the world. One of Colette’s greatest pleasures is holding the Fly it Forward® Women of Aviation Worldwide event each March at the Squamish aerodrome. This event offers free flights to women of all ages who have never flown in a small aircraft and are curious about flight. The event includes guest speakers who speak to the multitude of career opportunities that are available to them in the aviation industry and encourage them to reach for the skies!

Her years with the Cadet program gave her the confidence, instructional techniques, leadership, personnel management, and administration skills that have helped her to succeed as a business owner, role model, and mentor. Whether flying the desk or upside down in an airplane, Colette’s mission remains the same, to always enjoy life and *Fly Above and Beyond!*



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