



UELAC Members Honoured with The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

During her reign of six decades as Queen of Canada, Her Majesty has served our country with great dignity and dedication. In homage to Her Majesty's achievement and as a symbol of our appreciation, the new Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal will honour deserving Canadians who have contributed so much to this nation, and who have helped to define our ideal of service. The Queen has dedicated her life to encouraging excellence among Canadians, and this medal is an opportunity to recognize outstanding service to Canada and to see how we are brought together through action.

The Right Honourable David Johnston,
Governor General of Canada and Patron of
UELAC, May 22, 2011



4 July 2012 – Heritage Branch President **Robert Wilkins UE** (right) was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, presented by Senator W. David Angus, at Macdonald Stewart Foundation in Montreal. Senator Angus is a long time practitioner of admiralty law and a past president of the Canadian Maritime Law Association. In addition to serving as the President of the Heritage Branch UELAC since 1996, Robert is a Captain-Lieutenant in the (recreated) 78th Fraser Highlanders Regiment. He belongs to the McCord Museum of Canadian History and the Montreal Branch of The Royal Commonwealth Society. He is also an active parishioner, lector and former churchwarden of the Parish of the

Ascension of Our Lord, Westmount, and serves on the Advisory Board of the English-Speaking Catholic Council, of which he is a former director. In addition, he belongs to the St. Patrick's Society of Montreal and the Ireland-Canada Chamber of Commerce and actively supports the activities of School of Canadian Irish Studies at Concordia University.

In 2002, he was honoured to receive the Governor-General of Canada's Caring Canadian Award from Her Excellency Adrienne Clarkson, for his voluntary community work, and in 2003 was also awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.



Cst Terry Russell, Edward Kipp UE, Senator Poy

23 June 2012 – Senator Poy, Past Patron of the Ontario Genealogical Society awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal to **Dr. Edward Kipp UE** following his nomination by the OGS. His years of volunteerism included his work with the Ontario Genealogical Society Ottawa Branch (treasurer, editor, Gene-O-Rama, conference, etc.), his personal genealogical work on the Kip/Kipp family which is used by researchers around the world, various activities both nationally and internationally with the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada (bus trips to the USA, [King's Name Project](#), newsletter St. Lawrence Branch, webpage Sir Guy Carleton Branch), his activities with the Alumni Association Ottawa Branch of the University of Western Ontario for over a decade, editor of the Directory of Amateur Radio Operators in the Ottawa Area for a number of years, his lectures on genealogy/local history both in Canada and in the United States of America, various roles at Orleans United Church (treasurer, camp coordinator, etc.) and a number of other volunteer activities throughout his life which are not individually itemized.

The ceremony took place at the Croft Chapter House University of Toronto



On 27 June 2012, **Autumn Joan Lucas UE** was awarded the “Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee Medal” in recognition of her Volunteer Services in Heritage. Joan has served the Kawartha Branch as President as well as Genealogist. As the Dominion Advisory Genealogist Support Chairperson, she has also conducted workshops at UELAC conference for many years. A retired Registered Nurse, Joan was a long-time hospital employee in Obstetrics, Education and Administration. During her career she was dedicated to the UELAC and devoted to her family, young and elderly. She volunteered extensively in her community and was a leading force in her church’s summer Bible school program. Today she continues volunteering in all of those areas. Joan is a long-time member of the local chapter of Eastern Star. She joined on 26 September 1966 and worked through the Star point system: Associate Conductress, Conductress, Associate Matron, and then in September 1972 through to August 1973 she was Worthy Matron. In that position she travelled throughout the district to other chapters and selected her choice of project in which to further focus her interests. Her mother, Mrs. Vera Creighton, was Worthy Matron in 1966 to 1967. (LG2012F)



Dr. Jonathan Good UE, a member of Kawartha Branch since 1993, received a Diamond Jubilee Medal this year for his work in heraldry. He became interested in heraldry through his hobby of stamp collecting. Both subjects involve discrete and beautiful designs that signify historical events. When he was a high school student at Trinity College School in Port Hope, Ontario, Jonathan completed a self-study of heraldry and examined the school’s coat of arms. He enjoyed the symbols and aesthetics of a well-designed coat of arms and the fact that this part of the Canadian honours system is a grant of honour from the Queen. As a monarchist, Jonathan appreciates the

fact that we have a head of state to carry out the ceremonial functions of government. He is descended from three Loyalist ancestors, including Eberhardt Wager UE who served in the King’s Royal Regiment of New York. Jonathan joined the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada in 1990 and has contributed heraldic articles to *Heraldry in Canada*, was the Assistant Editor of *Hogtown Heraldry*, the newsletter of the Toronto Branch of the RHSC, and was the Editor of *Gonfanon*, the newsletter of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. In 2006 he received a grant of arms from the Canadian Heraldic Authority and was named a Fellow of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada in 2007. Now an Associate Professor and Co-ordinator of the History Program at Reinhardt University in Waleska, Georgia, Jonathan received a PhD in Medieval History in 2004 from the University of Minnesota. He also serves as faculty advisor to Phi Alpha Theta, the history honour society, and is a co-founder of the Georgia Medievalists’ Group. In 2009 he won Reinhardt’s faculty research award.

His father, Ron Good UE, became the Legal Advisor for the United Empire Loyalists’ Association of Canada in 2005.



14 July 2012 - Toronto branch member **Donald Booth UE** was among 27 people who received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal at a ceremony in Toronto. **John McLeod UE** of the Toronto Branch was also bestowed this medal. Both Donald and John were nominated for the honour by the Canadian Royal Heritage Trust, a national educational organization dedicated to preserving, presenting and enhancing the royal heritage of Canada. Congratulations to John and Donald on receiving his great honour! Donald was specifically nominated for “the work you have done in collecting and disseminating knowledge about Canada’s identity, *Vexilology* in particular, and for the substantial contributions you have made to the King George III Canadian Royal Heritage Library.” (Sept 2012 Simcoe Loyalist)

Mary Beacock Fryer UE is the third member of the Toronto Branch to be honoured with the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal. A noted historian and author, Mary is credited with the brief history of the Toronto branch as found on the Toronto website. Mary is also known for her many books that detail our Loyalist heritage and help us understand our countries heroes, heroines and history. In particular, Mary developed the “Rolls of the Provincial (Loyalist) Corps, Canadian Command American Revolutionary Period “with Col. Wm. Smy for Dundurn Press..



6 September 2012 - The Honourable Gordon O'Connor, MP for Carleton-Mississippi Mills, Minister of State and Chief Government Whip presented **Brian Tackaberry UE** with the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. It was stated that Brian "has helped promote and preserve Canadian culture and heritage through his work in organizations such as his work with the North Lanark Highland Games over the last 28 years and the Perth Citizens' Band for 32 years, of which he served as Bandmaster for 24 years. He has worked tirelessly to preserve Ottawa Valley's history and has promoted the Scottish culture in Lanark County. He has been a member of the Ontario Genealogical Society for 28 years and the United Empire Loyalists for 20 years, including nine as president" of the Bay of Quinte Branch UELAC.

8 September 2012 - Kingston Member of Provincial Parliament John Gerretsen presented the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medals in the Davies Hall at St. Lawrence College. Among the 44 honorees was **Lin Good**, President of the Kingston and District Branch of UELAC 2007-2009. A graduate in diplomatic history and constitutional law, Lin played a strong and helpful role when she was at the Dominion Council meetings. It was noted at this special event that Lin was one of the founding members of the Community Foundation of Greater Kingston and a long-time member of the South-East Community Care Access Centre.

13 September 2012 – At the Award Ceremony Saanich-Gulf Islands, Member of Parliament Elizabeth May O.C., presented **Alvin D. Huffman UE** of the Victoria Branch UELAC with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal. Alvin Donald Huffman was born in Ontario in 1924 and joined the RCAF in 1942, He piloted bombers in the Second World War, attached to 415 Squadron 6 Group, Bomber Command in East Moor, Yorkshire. Al was decorated for his war service. Once home in Canada, he obtained his degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Toronto and embarked on a busy and successful career with a number of industries, including Domtar and Prairie Malt Ltd. He served as director of a number of industry associations. In 1985, he joined CSP Foods Ltd. as CEO. In retirement, Al has been active in Lions Clubs and the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada. As a recipient of the P.E.M. Leith Award in 2009, further information accompanies his photograph [here](#).



L-R: LCol Duda,CD; HCol Murray and Capt Eamer CD UE

04 October 2012 – Colonel Sean Murray, Honorary Colonel of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders presented **Capt. Michael C. Eamer CD UE** with the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal at the Cornwall Armoury. While seven others who received medals that night were non commissioned members of the SD&GH, Michael was the only officer recognized. He had been nominated by the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Duda. Since receiving his certificate for Captain Peter Eamer, one of two wounded at the Battle of Hoople's Creek (Pte KRRNY), Michael has served the St. Lawrence Branch as Treasurer and President. He also contributed to the success of the 2001 UELAC conference in Cornwall.



On October 6, 2012, along with fifty-four residents of Brantford, the County of Brant, Six Nations and Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nations, UELAC Honorary Vice-President **Zig Misiak** was presented with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his work as an author, originator of the Four Directions Youth Project, promoter of First/Native nations history/culture, and other exemplary community service. Over 1200 people attended the ceremony at the Sanderson Centre in Brantford. Brant MP Phil McColeman, Brant MPP Dave Levac and Chiefs from the Six Nations and Mississauga were present.