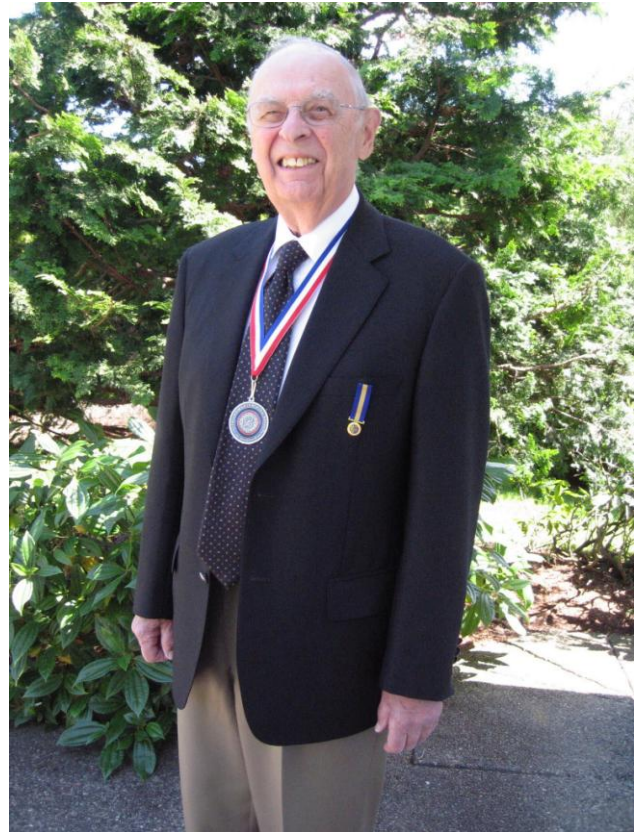


## ALVIN DONALD HUFFMAN UE

**A**lvin Huffman UE was born 02 May 1924 in Windsor, ON. He graduated from Sandwich Collegiate Institute in 1942 and joined the RCAF that same year. As Flying Officer Pilot he was with 415 Squadron 6 Group, Bomber Command, at East Moor, Yorkshire in March 1945 flying Halifax bombers. After the peace in Europe he volunteered for duty in the Pacific theatre and returned to Canada and trained at Dartmouth Nova Scotia until the war ended on 02 September 1945. He enrolled in University of Toronto and graduated B.A.Sc. (Hons.) 1949 in Chemical Engineering and married Joyce Smale of Sault Ste. Marie, ON. He joined Domtar Ltd. and worked at different times in its sodium chloride, lime and limestone and converted paper divisions. He attained the position of general manager and in 1977 he left Domtar to become President of Prairie Malt Limited which was a new company starting up a plant that it was building in Biggar, Saskatchewan. Prairie Malt prospered with markets developed in Asia and the Americas and following the completion of the first of the company's many expansions he joined CSP Foods Limited in 1985 as CEO. It was Canada's largest oilseed crusher with three crushing plants and vegetable oil refineries. It also had a flour mill.



Al served as director of several industry associations. He was also a director of Neptune Terminals (Canada) Ltd, North Vancouver; Prairie Margarine Inc., Edmonton and Prairie Malt Limited. From 1984 to 1990 he was a member of the Senior Grain Transportation Committee, Western Canada. He retired from CSP in 1991.

He is a life member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) as well as the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan and the Chemical Institute of Canada (CIC).

Al has been active in Lions Clubs and was Commanding Officer of an Air Cadet Squadron while he worked for Domtar in Goderich, ON. He has served on the executive of the Vancouver Island branch of APEGBC as well as the Vancouver Island Branch of the CIC. He also served for three years as a judge for the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair.

With the Victoria Branch of the UELAC Al served as Vice President during 2003 and President during 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. In November 2007 he became the Membership Chairman and Past President. During his tenure as Vice President, President, and Membership Chairman and Past President he did the following:

- In 2003 set up a system for giving the members notice of meetings two weeks in advance.
- Starting in 2004 brought in outside speakers on a regular basis for a large portion of the meetings in order to create more interest. Used the University of Victoria Speakers' Bureau to obtain some of these.

- Starting in 2004 he, assisted by his wife Joyce, carried out the duties of Social Convenor.
  - He arranged for the meeting rooms and supplied the food and refreshments. In September 2007 he was able to arrange with the Traveller's Inn City Centre to provide the room, food and refreshments on a regular basis.
  - In 2004 restarted a newsletter. He authored it and included coloured pictures. It was sent out twice a year. Fran Rose VE took over this newsletter in 2007.
  - Early in 2004 created a basic web site and acted as its web master until Harold Morgan VE took it over during late 2006.
  - Starting in 2004, on a regular basis has written and submitted the Branch's report, with pictures, to the Loyalist Gazette.
  - In October 2004, with the branch executive, created a branch brochure. This was used until superseded in early 2008 by an older branch brochure that was found and reworked by Joan Clement UE.
  - Led the executive in rewriting the branch's Constitution and Bylaws. Assistance was given by Doug Grant UE and other senior officers of the UELAC. This was completed 18 November 2006. This Constitution and Bylaws opened all branch offices to all types of branch members. This has increased the number of members who are interested in serving in branch offices.
  - Started a Loyalist garden project and worked with Paul Servos to create it on the Lower Causeway of the Inner Harbour, Victoria. This was completed in the summer of 2008.
  - In 2003 started a Loyalist Booth and each year has entered it in events such as the Senior Celebration, the Highland Games, the genealogy seminar of The Family History Centre of the Latter-Day Saints and Black Heritage Day during Black History Month. He recruited members to assist in staffing this booth.
  - In 2008 led the distribution of 46 copies of "THE LOYALISTS, Pioneers and Settlers of the West" to public secondary schools in 10 school districts on Vancouver Island. A new printing of 25 of these booklets is about to be made. This will allow the distribution to public secondary schools to be completed and a distribution made to private schools.
  - Encouraged and assisted members to attend UELAC functions other than just the Victoria Branch meetings.
  - He has been increasing his knowledge and resources of Loyalist genealogy in order to be able to provide some assistance to the Branch Genealogist, Wilma Saville UE.
  - In 2004 the membership was in the region of 40 during the year. Starting in 2004 the branch has received several monetary rewards from the Dominion Office for surpassing the number of members of the previous year. In 2008 membership reached 64 but as usual dropped down to 50 at the start of 2009. It is now 51 with a number of prospective members.
  - Attendance at meetings has been in the range of 50 percent of the membership that resides in the region from Victoria to Qualicum. This is an improvement from a former level of 35 to 40 percent.
- **Honours or Awards**
  - France and Germany Star
  - Defence Medal
  - Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp
  - War Medal 1939-45
  - U.E.
  - B.A.Sc. (Honours)
  - P. Eng.
  - Desmond Clark Trophy, Course No. 85, September 3, 1943 (Head of Course No. 85 at #11 Elementary Flying Training School, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec)