



UELAC Members Honoured with The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal Part II

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



On May 12, 2012, **Marilyn Branch UE** was presented with The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario at Queen's Park. The award was in recognition of her volunteer service to the Vice Regal Office. Following in the footsteps of her mother, Doris Wilson UE, Marilyn is a Past President of the Grand River Branch UELAC. She is also a former Trustee of the UELAC.

Marilyn was an elementary school teacher for several years before joining the staff of Burlington Public Library and later the Regional Library System based in Hamilton. Her next career move was to the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation as an Area

Consultant and later, a secondment to the Ontario Bicentennial Program. When the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture announced a new program called "Ontario Volunteer Service Awards", Marilyn became Manager of that program and moved to the head office in Toronto. Her years of involvement with the official recognition of volunteers from communities across the province was immensely rewarding and something she treasures still. Following her retirement from Public Service in 1997, Marilyn has participated in a number of volunteer activities. She was a member of the executive of Grand River Branch for several years and in 2002, she chaired the Dominion Conference in Waterloo Ontario. She is a Past President of the Burlington Women's PROBUS Club and Past President of the Burlington branch of Retired Women Teachers of Ontario. She remains on the executive committee of that organization. Marilyn continues to enjoy her volunteer work with the Lieutenant Governor's Office which she regards as a great honour.



Presented at Cobourg, Ontario September 13, 2012, by Northumberland Quinte West MP, Rick Norlock)

A retired teacher and a member of the New Brunswick Branch UELAC, **Peter Bolton UE** continues to serve his community in a number of thoughtful and proactive ways. He continues to utilize his teaching skills through consultation with parents of children requiring extra assistance. Mr. Bolton received Port Hope Civic Awards for Service (2000, 2002, 2005) and the Ontario Volunteer Award (2012) for volunteering his time selflessly for the Cameco Capitol Arts Centre, the Port Hope Public Library, and the Port Hope Archives. Mr. Bolton's most recent achievements include chairing the Port Hope Cemetery Board, where he was instrumental in replacing the main gates in 2005, as well as securing a grant from Veterans Affairs Canada to help in the establishment of the new Veterans Memorial Gates in 2012 to create a fitting tribute to all of the area men and women who have served their nation in time of conflict.



Jacqueline and Alan Kennedy UE

George Bealeu, Dominion President of [ANAVETS](#) – the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, received his Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from Mrs. Anne Marie Smart, Associate Deputy Minister, Veteran's Affairs Canada at the 51st Dominion Command Biennial Convention of the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans in Canada, held in Winnipeg in September. He was recognized for 47 years of work with veterans, their families and service to the community as well as his leadership as Chairman of the Board, Chairman of Finance Committee and Chairman of Executive Management Committee. A member of the Little Forks Branch since 1991, George presently serves as the vice-president. ANAF is the oldest Veteran's Organization in Canada founded in 1840 in Montreal, Quebec.

Allan E Kennedy UE received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal at a regular meeting of the Vancouver Naval Veterans Association at HMCS DISCOVERY in Stanley Park in 2012. His citation alluded to his service to veterans, particularly helping many apply for and receive medical benefits due them for their service to Canada. However, Allan also feels it was for his service as a sailor in the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in The 2nd World War. He sailed on three different ships in three different War Zones. He is equally proud of his 2X great grandfather, Andrew Moore Kennedy who crossed the Detroit River in 1812 as a soldier in the 3rd York Regiment under Captain Cameron and under the full command of General Brock. Later in 1812 he fought at the Battle of Queenston Heights. Allan is a member of the Chilliwack Branch of UELAC.



L-R Brittany Loomis, Abbigael Loomis, Bev Loomis, Tristan Loomis, Milt Loomis & Mrs. Jean Rousseau, - wife of Jean Rousseau, Member of Parliament for Compton-Stanstead.

Milton Loomis UE of the Little Forks Branch UELAC received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal following the Remembrance Day Ceremony 2012 in Lennoxville PQ in recognition of all the work that he has done in saving the Little Hyatt One-room Schoolhouse. At the same event, Milton and Bev received a congratulatory certificate on their 60th wedding anniversary from Jean Rousseau, MP for Compton-Stanstead.



Mark Strahl, MP for Chilliwack – Fraser Canyon honoured **Shirley Dargatz UE** with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on January 2013 at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre. Her citation stated that *Shirley Dargatz has been an active volunteer in the community of Chilliwack for decades. Her involvement has stretched from her time as a favourite teacher at Sardis Secondary School; to helping to plan the BC Summer Games in Chilliwack; to volunteering at events throughout the community. She has been a member of*

the United Empire Loyalists since 1990, and now serves as President of the local chapter. Though she is now retired from teaching, Shirley works hard as a volunteer to continue to educate the public on Canadian history and is on the executive council of the Retired Teachers Association. It is indeed a pleasure to present Shirley Dargatz with this Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal for her continued service to her community.

As her church, [Carmen United](#), acknowledges, Shirley is no stranger to awards bestowed in recognition of her boundless energy and volunteer work with UELAC and her community.



Darrel Kennedy, a life member of the Sir Guy Carleton Branch UELAC, received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal “in recognition of his skills as a herald at the Canadian Heraldic Authority and his lengthy involvement with networking and promoting heraldry within Canada’s citizenry and governmental community.” This honour

was bestowed on him by Kevin MacLeod, Canadian Secretary to the Queen at the annual meeting of the society in Nanaimo, BC in May 2012. Darrel has held the position of [Assiniboine Herald](#) in the [Royal Heraldry Society of Canada](#) since 2002.

At the same meeting in May, the Honorary Lt. Col. of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, **Robert D. Watt** received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee in recognition of “his continuing services to the development of heraldry in Canada, the Canadian Heraldic Authority and leadership in promoting First Nations and multicultural symbols as part of the Canadian symbolic lexicon.” Robert continues to serve as an [Honorary Vice-President of UELAC](#).



President of the Abegweit Branch UELAC, **Peter Van Iderstine**, received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in the fall of 2012 “for his contributions to Canada’s Veterans and the Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping.” ([CAVUNP](#))



Hon Jean Augustine pins the medal on Dr. Dorothy Duncan.
Picture by Alex Beetham

Dorothy Duncan, Honorary Vice-President of UELAC, was honoured with the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal on 6 February 2013 at the Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto. In the presence of the [Hon. Jean Augustine](#), the citation read stated “Dr. Dorothy Duncan, for your long and dedicated leadership with the Ontario Historical Society, and your valued contributions to the preservation and promotion of Ontario’s heritage.” [Dr. Duncan](#) received the Order of Ontario in 2004.

To refer back to QE2DJM Part One biographies of earlier recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond, Jubilee medals, [click here](#).