

FALL FLEET COMMEMORATION – VANCOUVER BRANCH

It was not staged as a mini-conference or a regional but with over 62 UELAC members representing the four Pacific Region Branches, the Fall Fleet Luncheon hosted by the Vancouver Branch certainly felt like one. Participants from both Vancouver Island and the mainland gathered at the [Bessborough Armouries](#) to commemorate the Fall Fleet of 1783. Even [Robert D. Watt UE](#), Citizenship Judge and UELAC Honorary Vice-President, was able to attend this special event.



Honorary Vice-President Robert D. Watt and Dominion President Frederick H. Hayward

Following the welcome by Branch President Dr. Warren Bell, fellow Branch member and curator of the 15 Field Regiment Museum, Dr. Peter Moogk, Maj (Retd.) gave a brief account of the [regiment's history](#) and answered many questions about the room as well. Prior to the opening of the buffet, Pacific Regional Councillor Mary Anne Bethune gave the Grace, Past President Wendy Cosby presented the Toast to the Queen and Newsletter Editor, Linda Nygard toasted UELAC. Dr. Peter Moogk opened the Regimental Museum during the extended luncheon.

Dominion President Frederick H. Hayward gave his review of recent progress towards his goals of “Recognition, Resolution and Relevance.” Achievements this year included the development of the Dominion Website folder – *Honours and Recognition* which included information regarding the *Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Award* to be given later in the afternoon. Progress is being made on the accessibility of UELAC history with the transcription of the *Branching Out* reports to *The Loyalist Gazette*. The challenge continues with “Relevance” in the exploration of such concepts as Loyalist Refugees, Service to Country, and Constitutional Monarchy and our relationship with Canada’s government.

The Fall Fleet Luncheon was also a time to present Certificates of Loyalist Lineage. Chilliwack Branch member, Al Kennedy accepted his certificate for Isaiah Millard, and on behalf of his nieces Barbara Collier and Laurie Hopson, he also received their certificates for Thomas Millard. Vancouver Branch member Lynne Charles accepted her certificates to two Loyalists, Donald (Daniel) Campbell and John Murray. Victoria Branch member Catherine Fryer was presented with her certificate for David Embury.



Rebecca Fraser 2009; Alvin Huffman 2009; Shirley Dargatz 2007; Peter Moogk 2008; Wilma Saville 2010; Mary Anne Bethune 2010

Before the official announcement of the recipients of the 2010 Award, Carl Stymiest introduced the history of the Phillip E.M. Leith Memorial Award. This year the two honourees were Wilma Saville of Victoria Branch and Mary Anne Bethune of Vancouver Branch who each received a certificate, the Phillip E.M. Leith Award medallion and had their name inscribed on the trophy. (The history of the award and the biographies have been posted to the [Dominion Website](#).)

With the singing of “O Canada” and the Retiring of the Colours by Marvin Millis, Dr. Gerry Brown and Diane Farris, the Commemoration of the Fall Fleet concluded.



Chilliwack President Shirley Dargatz, Jackie and Al Kennedy



Gwen Dumfries, Linda Drake, Marvin Millis, Audrey Viken



Al Huffman, Wilma Saville, Catherine Fryer, Bob Ferguson, Karen Borden and Joan Clement of Victoria Branch.



Dr. Warren Bell, Mary Anne Bethune, Wilma Saville, Frederick H Hayward



Lynne Charles & Evelyn Anderson of Vancouver



Fall Fleet Raffle



The contributions of many candid photographs are greatly appreciated.