

2019 HKVCA Ontario Report

We had a few things happen in Ontario in 2019.

In June, we had our traditional Luncheon in Niagara Falls hosted by Pam Newhouse. Nancy Hamer Strahl, one of the teachers who taught in Durham and had a series of lessons on the Battle of Hong Kong, was asked to speak. Nancy was also part of the contingent who led students on a tour of Hong Kong in 2005 where a time capsule was placed just outside Sai Wan Cemetery.

There was also a display unveiled at the Niagara Military Museum in regards to the Battle of Hong Kong. There was also an opportunity to install a Plaque which was unveiled at the opening of this display in September. We were able to install a plaque in Gravenhurst, ON at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #302 in early 2019. We were also able to install a Plaque in Red Lake, ON at Royal Canadian Legion Branch #102 as part of their Remembrance Day Ceremony in November.

In November, we had a luncheon in Toronto at the Royal Canadian Military Institute. The luncheon was followed by a presentation about Kay Christie, one of the Nursing Sisters who were in Hong Kong. This was followed by a tour of the Institute, which included a permanent display they have to Kay Christie, and the medal set of Brig. John Lawson.

In October, Mike Babin attended a commemorative ceremony organized by the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) and took the opportunity to speak briefly.

I would like to thank Mike Babin and Lori Smith who, along with myself, have served as your Executive for quite a few years. We feel honoured to serve you and represent you in Ontario

Respectfully submitted by

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