

Royal Canadian Legion, West Vancouver Branch 60

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NEW LEGION WEBSITE MEMORIALIZES WEST VANCOUVER MEN

West Vancouver, BC – A “living” memorial, honouring the West Vancouver men who lost their lives in the two world wars, was announced as a gift to the citizens of West Vancouver by Valerie MacGregor, President of the West Vancouver Legion Branch 60.

The living memorial is located under ‘West Vancouver Memorial Arch’ on www.westvan60.com. Clicking on a name opens a memorial page offering information about who this soldier was. “We hope the citizens of West Vancouver old and new, along with generations to come, will enjoy reading about their home town heroes.” says Valerie MacGregor.

Unfortunately, some men have very few details and Branch 60 needs the public’s assistance. Do you have photos and other background information about these men? Send your information: Attn: Julie Clements, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 60, 580 18th Street, West Vancouver, BC V7V 3V7 Email: TheTorch60@shaw.ca

Julie Clements did the research on these men and was motivated to start this project one Saturday in July.

“I was at the West Vancouver Memorial Arch taking pictures for the photo gallery on our website. As I stood in front of the West Plinth, I was overcome with emotion, tears started rolling down my face and a chill went down my spine. I stood there looking at these names carved in granite and realized I knew nothing about them. An intense feeling came over me – I needed to know who these men were.” said Julie Clements.

Julie urged the President to give her permission to start this project; she wanted it to become a gift to the citizens of West Vancouver and her contribution to the 80th Anniversary of the West Vancouver Legion. The project was approved immediately and the target date for completion was set for this year’s Remembrance Day.

“Julie has put hundreds of hours into this project,” said Valerie MacGregor “and it is very nicely done. Julie honours the Legion motto ‘Lest We Forget’ with this project; we thank her for all her hard work.”

Background info:

Branch 60 launched their website www.westvan60.com in June of this year.

Julie Clements, who works full time at The West Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, is one of many dedicated Legion volunteers. She is Branch 60’s website content developer and the editor of “The Torch”, the branch’s newsletter.

The West Vancouver Memorial Arch, located across the street from the West Vancouver Memorial Library at 20th and Marine Drive, honours twenty one men from West Vancouver who gave their lives during WW I and seventy names of men who lost their lives in WW II.

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