

## **C&E Memorials Project**

### **Description & Project Lead**

**Background.** The project to Preserve our C&E Memorials was initiated in 2003 by the C&E Branch as a Centennial Anniversary Project. Initially supported by The Signallers Club of Canada, the work was assumed by the then C&E Heritage & Museum Committee in 2015 and in 2019 came under the auspices of the C&E Association. LCol (Ret) Tony Charters has lead it from the start and now advises and reports to the C&E Association Board of Directors. However, having reached a certain age, Tony is looking for his replacement. Following are the latest particulars of the project and the Lead's activities.

### **Description.**

	<b>C&amp;E Memorials Project</b>
<b>Description</b>	<p>Our memorials commemorate many of the people, places and events that define C&amp;E history and heritage. This is a project to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• find our C&amp;E Memorials world-wide, research their history, build an inventory and arrange/fund repairs. It encompasses all types of memorials such as monuments, cairns, plaques, equipment, streets, natural features, buildings, etc;</li> <li>• assist C&amp;E unit displays (equipment, restoring vehicles, artefacts); and</li> <li>• consulting on opportunities to create new memorials (e.g. Hill 70, RCAF Station Clinton).</li> </ul>
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>	<p>An online database of all C&amp;E Memorials that records their location, type, purpose, condition, ownership/sponsor and related information/pictures. An online capability that anyone can access to submit updates to the database. Municipalities, military installations, governments, organizations are aware of the memorials within their jurisdiction. Owners/sponsors are identified to maintain all memorials and financial plans in place to do so. Consulting services available to create new memorials and assist unit memorial displays.</p>
<b>Success Measure</b>	<p>An ongoing and dynamic program that oversees the life of all C&amp;E Memorials.</p>

**Lead's Activities.** The day to day activities of this voluntary position are determined by the Lead in consultation with the C&E Association Board of Directors. The scope is only restricted by the Lead's imagination and initiative. Main activities are:

- Advise, report to and seek guidance from the C&E Association Board of Directors on the Preservation of C&E Memorials.
- Search for, research and document C&E Memorials, currently numbering about 90 both confirmed and suspected, by canvassing members of the C&E Family and available data.
- Manage the data by spreadsheet and related files/photos and input them to the host RCSigs.ca [http://www.rcsigs.ca/index.php/CandE\\_Memorials\\_Project](http://www.rcsigs.ca/index.php/CandE_Memorials_Project) . (Note. This hosting arrangement is in limbo until Joe Costello's (host webmaster) estate decides the future of the site.)
- Update the Project's Business Plan (BP) annually in concert with the C&E Association BP and oversee its implementation.
- Maintain the Preserve Our Memorials page on CMCEN <https://cmcen-rcmce.ca/preserve-our-memorials/> .
- Contribute to the the Despatch, the Military C&E Museum's Newsletter and the C&E Association's Newsletter.
- Recent initiatives include the installation of a plaque at CFS Clinton, the refurbishment of a plaque at Blandford UK and the establishment of a working relationship with CFB Kingston via the Officer Commanding the C&E Museum and CFSCE to identify and maintain the approximately 33 C&E Memorials located on the Base.

**Applications.** The position is open to all members of the C&E Family. Applicants should obviously have an interest in our heritage and a desire to ensure that our memorials are preserved for all to appreciate. If interested please contact Tony Charters [tmcharters@gmail.com](mailto:tmcharters@gmail.com) and/or John Leech [john.leech@cmcen.ca](mailto:john.leech@cmcen.ca) .

VVV