

C&E Memorials Project **Search for a 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 Signals Club of Canada, the work was assumed by the then C&E Heritage & Museum Committee in 2015 and in 2019 came under the auspice 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 particulars of the project and the Lead’s activities.

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Description	<p>Our memorials commemorate many of the people, places and events that define C&E history and heritage. This is a project to find our C&E memorials world-wide, build an inventory, research their history and fund repairs. Its scope encompasses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • monuments, cairns, plaques (e.g. Wegner Point, Vimy Gate, Blandford UK); • memorial lakes, natural features, buildings (e.g. Flt Sgt Leiven, 17 Wing); • assist unit displays (equipment, restoring vehicles, artefacts); and • consulting on opportunities to create new memorials (e.g. Hill 70, RCAF Station Clinton).
Desired Outcome	<p>An online database of all C&E Memorials that records their location, type, purpose, condition, ownership/sponsor and related information/pictures. An online capability that anyone can use to submit additions, deletions, amendments, etc to the database entries. Municipalities, military installations, governments, organizations, etc are aware of the memorials within their jurisdiction. Owners/sponsors 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>
Success Measure	<p>An ongoing and dynamic program that identifies, records, creates and oversees the life of all C&E Memorials.</p>

Lead's Activities. The day to day activities of this voluntary position are determined by the Lead and are readily balanced with the incumbent's other responsibilities. 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 online 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 . (Note. This arrangement is subject to any changes resulting from Joe Costello's (the webmaster) untimely passing).
- 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 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 and/or John Leech john.leech@cmcen.ca .

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