

Last living veteran to receive Victoria Cross dies at 91



Ernest "Smoky" Smith, the last living recipient of the Victoria Cross, died in early August, 2005 at age 91. Smoky earned his cross capturing and defending a vital bridgehead across Italy's Savio River on October 21, 1944. The Seaforth Highlanders had been chosen to spearhead an attack on the Germans to secure the bridge. The Highlander's right forward company was counter attacked by a troop of three Mark V Panther tanks and approximately 30 infantry. Smokey and his comrades found two anti-tank guns. An approaching enemy tank opened fire on them, leaving the operator of one of the weapons wounded. Smokey, left to fend for himself, disabled the approaching tank. Immediately, 10 German Panzer-

grenadier troops moved in. Smoky shot and killed four of them with his Tommy gun, causing the remaining six to retreat. Smoky carried his wounded comrade to safety amidst further enemy fire. He continued firing and the opposition eventually yielded. The bridge was won. "That's why I got the VC. It changed the whole picture of the front," he said in an interview with Maclean's magazine. "It made it so the rest of the army got through." Governor General Adrienne Clarkson said of Smoky, "His courageous acts in 1944 at Cesena, Italy were extraordinary and stood out against the dignity, bravery and perseverance of our Canadian forces... Smoky Smith, Canada's last Victoria Cross hero, is no longer the enthusiastic and smiling presence among us, but his spirit carries on."

MADD launches drugs & driving campaign

On August 29th, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) Canada launched a new drug impaired driving awareness campaign aimed at youth and post-secondary students. "As students start back to school, and colleges and universities begin their frosh weeks, we want to urge young Canadians that if they're drinking or taking drugs at their parties, don't drive," said Karen Dunham, National President of MADD Canada. "Drugs like marijuana are popular with students, and there is a myth out there that it is alright to take and drive. It isn't. Drug impairment is as dangerous as if you're drinking alcohol," she said. The program features a number of media releases and online materials dedicated to awareness and prevention. Also, new public service announcements focused on drug impaired driving will be released this fall. The "If you're high, you can't drive" ads will speak directly to young people and debunk general misconceptions about drugs and driving.

Shifting trends have pressed MADD Canada to become more involved in the awareness and prevention of drug impaired driving. "The trends show that drug impaired driving is a growing concern. MADD Canada wants the public to know the risks and what can be done to combat drug impaired driving. We also want to help the police with this new challenge and ensure the judiciary understands the disturbing impaired driving trends," said Andrew Murie, Chief Executive Officer for MADD Canada. In May, MADD Canada, in partnership with national police groups, released a classroom video, "Not Ready to Go." The video features footage of the horrific drug-related crash that killed five teenage students from Kanata, Ontario. "Young drivers need to realize the dangers of drug impaired driving, just as this generation of drivers has understood the dangers of alcohol and driving," said Mrs. Dunham. "We need young Canadians to get it: if you're high, you can't drive."

Canada Post commemorates the expulsion of Acadians



August 15, Acadian National Day, brought with it the issue of a 50-cent commemorative stamp marking the expulsion of the Acadians from their homeland. In 1755 there were 16,000 Acadians living in the east coast of Canada. Living peacefully, they were not concerned with the mounting hostility between France and England. Troops from New England launched a strategy to expel French-speaking Acadians from Nova Scotia. Villages were burned. Families were separated; thousands perished. Those who escaped fled to the forests, only to face brutal guerilla resistance. In all, approximately 6,000 Acadians were deported. Another 4,000 hid in the woods and later

made their way to Quebec or Prince Edward Island. Following the Seven Years' War, Acadians were allowed to return. Rather than settling in their old (and now English-speaking) villages, they moved on to settle in places such as Yarmouth and Digby. Many ended up in Louisiana or Texas and approximately 3,500 eventually returned to France. Canada Post commemorates the 250th anniversary of 'Le Grand Derangement' this year with a "stamp on a stamp": it features the 1930 Grand-Pre stamp superimposed on the Acadian flag. The 1930 stamp portrays the statue of Evangeline (a fictional heroine made famous by the American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow) and the Acadian church at Grand-pre National Historic Site.

News Events

Freddy Beach Party
September 8 - 6pm
Fredericton High School

Sexuality Awareness Week
September 12 - 16

Fredericton Exhibition
September 4 - 10

Fredericton AIDS Walk
September 10 @ 2pm
St. Thomas University

Feast in the Field: The Ultimate BBQ Challenge
In support of the Canadian Paraplegic Association
September 11 @ noon
19 yrs+ call (506) 462-9555 for tickets

Talk Sex with Sue Johanson
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SUB Cafeteria
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Faculty of Computer Science Bake Sale
CIBC Run for the Cure fundraiser
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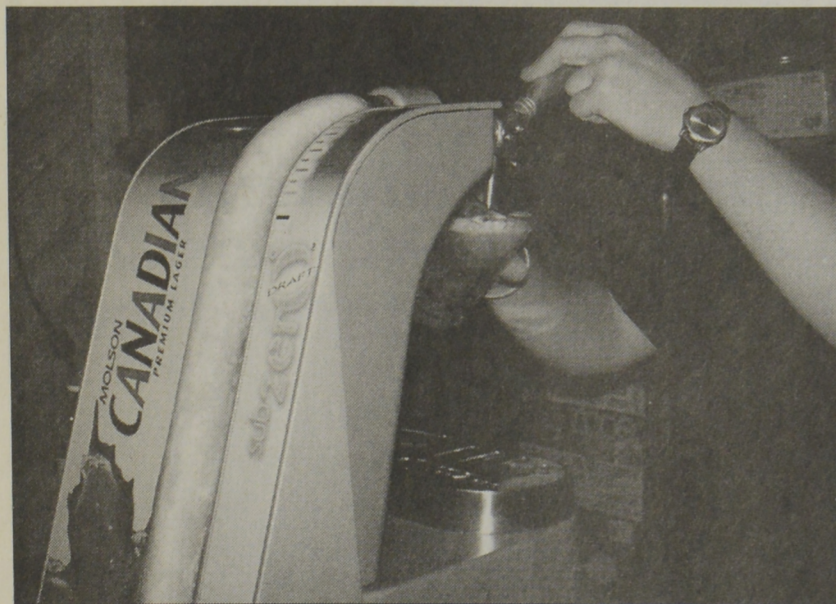
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What have you got to lose?



Ice cold beer is now available on tap at the Cellar



Ever complained about how warm your beer gets by the time you finish the glass? Well, complain no more. The Cellar Pub and Grill is the second pub in New Brunswick to host Molson Canadian Sub-Zero draft, and the first on-campus bar in the Maritimes. Sub-Zero draft is actually poured at freezing temperatures, and that's cold! Crafted by a team of beer-loving scientists in both Canada and the UK, Sub-Zero is the first reli-

able beer pourer to keep its draft as cold as ice. "We are very excited this year to be working with Molson to offer this incredible product," says Mike Babineau, General Manager at the Cellar. "Students at UNB and St. Thomas will be very happy to see something new at the Pub that offers an entirely different beer drinking experience." So, think this is too good to be true? Think again. Go to the Cellar and find out for yourself how tasty cold beer really is.

Fredericton Police Chief honoured in Ottawa

Fredericton Police Chief Mac Carlisle was inducted into the Order of Merit of the Police Forces this summer. 45 Canadians were honoured at a ceremony in Ottawa on June 28th. The Order of Merit was created in October 2000 to "recognize conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members and employees of the Canadian police forces whose contributions extend beyond protection of the community." "Most of us cannot truly understand what it means to embrace a profession that always holds the possibility of danger or death," said Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, who presided over the ceremony. "We count ourselves blessed, though, that dedicated men and women take on this challenge, sustaining the peace, the order, and the freedom that we cherish." Chief Carlisle retired from the force in July as one of Canada's longest serving police officers. After 47 years, "you have the respect of Canadians," said Clarkson. On behalf of students at UNB and residents of Fredericton, you have our thanks.

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