

# From the editor's desk Korean War film tribute to bravery of Canadians

After viewing the documentary, "In Korea with Norm Christie," this scribbler has a better appreciation of the part Canadian forces played in the Korean War. Acton veteran Dave Crook played a major part in the film which visited places where many of the engagements Canadians took part in happened, often against formidable odds.



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Canadians bore the brunt of savage fighting in the desolate hilly country. Chinese troops in the hundreds attacked Canadian positions, often only occupied by four or five dozen Canadian soldiers. Fortunately the Canadian positions had been selected judiciously and in most cases the PPCLI, the Royal Regiment of Canada, the Van Doos (Royal 22<sup>nd</sup>) and other regiments were able to defy the odds and beat the enemy back although outnumbered 10-1 or more.

One of the interesting parts of the three hour documentary was the appreciation the South Korean government and people felt for those who came to their aid through the United Nations. Evidence of their gratitude was evident in the care of the cemeteries for our war dead and in the monuments erected to mark battle sites.

Last weekend was a bonanza on television for war films and documentaries. For those who were part of World War 2, the Korean conflict and went down to the seas in ships, it must have brought more than a few tears over comrades lost and the complete devastation that war caused not only to material such as buildings, etc. but to the finer parts of the human heart.

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Now municipal elections are over and the candidates you supported by marking

your X on the ballot are elected, we can all get back to normal. The election in Halton Hills went pretty well as this voter figured with the exception of regional chairman. This scrivener was hoping Brent Marshall could beat the odds and spend the next four years in the Region chair.

Brent was running against a seasoned politician in Gary Carr, a former Halton Liberal Member of Parliament who also served three terms in the Provincial Legislature as well as being the Speaker of the Legislature. A former pro hockey player he is well known across the Region both for his shinny status and political career.

Carr was nosed out for the Halton seat in the last federal election when Garth Turner won the seat for the Conservatives with 2000 more votes. It's ironic perhaps that Turner has now been dumped by the Conservatives and is sitting as an independent. Carr captured a solid majority in the southern end of the Region where he was well known.

Marshall, meanwhile, probably had a name recognition handicap in the south despite the fact he was CAO of the Region for eight years of solid government.

Losing an election is never easy especially if you've put your heart and soul into winning, but the vagaries of the

electorate can't be controlled. Despite the credentials Brent Marshall had for the Regional Chairman's job he couldn't overcome the star factor and the extensive political experience of Carr.

It's a testimony to the faith voters in Halton Hills had in a home boy that got a solid vote for him in North Halton. Milton, though, apparently hobbled by the thought of an EFW facility at the Region dump, failed to deliver the votes needed.

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Still on the election, it would be remiss indeed to fail to recognize the easy victory Rick Bonnette rolled up Monday night for the Halton Hills mayoralty. Rick has been a good solid politician in a town where there's still a good deal of competition for the tax dollar from two towns and the rural community.

Bonnette has been able to create a cohesive council from a disparate collection of individuals from the four wards each eager to represent the ward's interest. He's done this without antagonizing anyone and getting things done. Now he's faced with the job of continuing the good work with a council that's pretty much the same except for the addition of Dave Kentner and John Duncan from Georgetown.

Dave Kentner is certainly going to be a fine addition to council. He's been an active force in Georgetown for decades and since he married an Acton girl someone who understands the complexities of life in Halton Hills. We're not familiar with John Duncan but our spies tell me he is capable and well respected in our lower town. The pair take over the seats occupied by Mike Davis and Ron Chatten who has retired this year. Kentner easily defeated Davis at the polls.



**TOYS WANTED:** Once again, Acton's Monica Galway is using her Profile Beauty Salon as a collection depot for new and slightly used toys for the "Good Bears of the World" program. The first batch she collected - some 300 cute and cuddly stuffed toys - found their way to needy kids in Nicaragua and Afghanistan, some handed out by Canadian soldiers. - Frances Niblock photo

## Back Facts

From the November 17, 2005 pages of The New Tanner.

**One year ago,** three Acton High School athletes finish in the first half of their fields at a recent Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association cross-country championship. Matthew Bigg placed 89th of the 236 runners in the junior boys race, and his older sister Melissa finished 118th of 241 in the senior girls race and Cameron Shortt ran 21:33 to finish 99th of 235 midget boys

In other news:

- A Town building boom means a projected \$929,000 year-end budget surplus - and sparks council debate over how to spend the money already not earmarked for the operating budget and reserve funds.
- The Town searches for a new economic development officer now following the announcement that Al O'Neill is retiring.
- The Acton skateboard committee announces the facility will be known as the 3 Musketeers skate park to honour three Acton teens, all avid borders, killed in a train/car crash

From the November 15, 2001 pages of The New Tanner.

**Five years ago:** The Cenotaph is the site of a well-attended somber ceremony as Acton remembers the 43 local men who died fighting for freedom in WWI, WWII and the Korean Conflict.

In other news:

- Acton skateboarders and BMX riders are invited to a planning meeting for a skateboard park facility in Acton
- Grade eight students at St. Joseph's Catholic School hold an all-night vigil and raise \$1,099 for victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks
- Acton's Gerry Byrne picks up two first place ribbons for his jams and a second place for his zucchini relish at the Royal Winter Fair

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