



*The Sir Winston Churchill Society isn't all about the things Winston Churchill did in the past (however profound they may be.) It's about his convictions, his wit, his power to inspire and how those qualities are necessary in the world today. We want to incorporate his values and spread his ways. We want to share what we have learnt and discovered from him, with you.*

## FINDING THE SOLUTION

By David Reed

Winston Churchill, for his entire life, was a problem solver. This was the core of his identity as a politician and a military leader. Some personalities, when confronted with a crisis or obstacle, become lost in the problem before them and drown in a million reasons why the obstacle cannot be overcome. Not Churchill. His fertile mind was always churning, forming countless solutions to the problems he and his country faced. As his Chief of the Imperial Staff (CIGS) Sir Alan Brooke noted, not all of Churchill's ideas were winners; some of them were completely dangerous, as was his suggestion to use poison gas on the Germans in the Second World War. In fact, by Brooke's estimation, Churchill came up with ten ideas a day during the war: usually only one or two of those were further investigated and incorporated as policy. The rest were quietly discarded.

In his earlier political career, Winston Churchill's nimble mind could often antagonize his colleagues. He often produced written memoranda on areas that were not his concern. Churchill was constantly interacting with the world around him, noting deficiencies and then conceptualizing solutions to remedy the problems he observed.

The British Prime Minister's mind was at its most frenetic during periods of war. The disaster of Gallipoli in the Great War was in fact Winston Churchill's attempt to find a way to win the war without relying on the attrition of trench warfare. Landing in Turkey, the British and French could link with the Russians and perhaps force the Ottoman Empire out of the war. Churchill's attempt to outflank the Western Front and find an alternative route to victory ended in complete disaster, but it is an example of Churchill's consistent attempts to find creative solutions to

seemingly intractable obstacles. In World War II, as Prime Minister, Churchill promoted the strategy of invading Italy and perhaps the Balkans as a better choice than landing in France. He referred to Italy as the 'soft underbelly of Europe' and saw the Italian campaign as a less costly measure than D-Day. An invasion of the Balkans held out the possibility of occupying territory in that region before the Russians arrived. Italy was invaded by the Allies in a costly and bloody campaign, which was not given priority over the Normandy landings. However, Churchill's strategies concerning Italy and the Balkans represented the workings of an inventive mind trying to avoid massive casualties.

An example of Winston Churchill's amazing ingenuity was in his conception of the artificial harbours during the invasion of France. He envisioned vessels dragging materials across the channel to build artificial harbours on the coast of France. He issued a memorandum on this to his subordinates and his vision became a reality. He was not always right. His ideas were not always workable or advisable, but the wheels of Churchill's mind were always turning in pursuit of new solutions.



Mulberry Harbour

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What perhaps was the most remarkable instance of problem solving in his career was Churchill's determination to continue fighting against the Nazis in May 1940. It was this moment that distinguished Churchill from Neville Chamberlain and the other proponents of appeasement. Most of the British establishment in the 1930's were trapped in their perceptions of the major constraints facing England. They calculated that the British economy could not sustain major re-armament. The bureaucrats and generals were rightly convinced that England would be hard pressed to face her three potential enemies Germany, Italy, and Japan. Chamberlain distrusted the Americans, the Russians, the French, and the League of Nations. The National Government, in the years leading up to World War II, were almost paralyzed by the perils facing their country. The situation facing Churchill in 1940 was even more immense than the ones the National Government grappled with in the 1930's. England's economy struggled under the burden of full re-armament. Her military forces were stretched to face Germany, Italy, and Japan. The national characters of America and Russia remained the same. Nazi armies had smashed their way through Europe, France had fallen, and England faced invasion. These were the most menacing problems Winston Churchill ever faced. Yet he did not push forward a creative solution to these dangers. He merely refused to become bogged down in the details of the crisis facing Britain, as Chamberlain and others had done earlier. Rather than be overwhelmed by the obstacles in his way, Churchill listened to his heart and responded in the only way he knew how: to push forward, to keep going. It might seem simplistic and even naïve, but the strategy worked, particularly when articulated in Churchill's amazing wartime orations. And once that decision had been made, the British leader's mind went to work on dealing with each problem facing Britain, one by one. The National Government may have

been right that England's economy would collapse under the weight of full re-armament, but Churchill understood there was no other choice and successfully lobbied the Americans for economic help. Chamberlain may have been right about the Americans and the Russians, but Churchill pushed ahead in forming an alliance with Roosevelt and Stalin, recognizing that it was the only way Britain could bring about the defeat of Hitler and the Axis. Together with Roosevelt, Churchill created a master strategy to overcome Germany, Italy, and Japan.

CIGS Sir Allan Brooke wrote how exasperating Churchill was to work with and was somewhat contemptuous about the majority of the ideas Churchill suggested when contributing to wartime strategy. But there were ideas, such as the artificial harbour, that reflected Churchill's brilliant problem-solving skills. Churchill's staff were responsible for fishing out the gold of Churchill's brilliance from his less remarkable proposals. One of the Prime Minister's strengths as a leader was that he listened to his advisors and never forced his ideas on them if they strongly objected.

Many have written about the innovative and inventive nature of Winston Churchill's mind. Politicians and leaders are primarily in place to solve the problems of their people. Churchill's mind was constantly employed to that end. His creativity and ingenuity sometimes meant that his proposals seemed exceedingly radical or foolhardy. But he never gave up, his mind was always at work trying to solve the problems of the world around him.

His natural curiosity and tendency to favour unorthodox solutions made him a frequent annoyance to Brooke and others who had to sift through them for hidden inspiration, but also made him a magnificent leader and strategist.

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*Mr. Reed has earned his Masters Degree in History from the University of Calgary. We congratulate him on his degree, and thank him for this submission. We hope to hear more from him. Ed.*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Best greetings to all. I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.

The summer offered significant challenges as we were called upon to defend the reputation of Sir Winston Churchill. When our City's Churchill Statue was vandalized in broad daylight this summer, the Board of the Churchill Society came together to formulate a moderating response that was broadcast on television and in print as far away as the Wall Street Journal and the London Times. As a happy side effect, a number of people from across the country connected with us to offer support and some memberships were purchased by people in other provinces. Thankfully the egregious vandalism was roundly condemned by most of our political leaders and by many Edmontonians. The issue seems to have fizzled out for the time being, but we must continue to defend the reputation of not only Sir Winston Churchill and his place in our City, but that of Canadians who made great contributions to the peace, freedom and prosperity of the society we live in today.

I am saddened that there is so much anger in my fellow citizens and that protests have become mean, destructive and foul. I call on all readers to continue to defend, vigorously and without anger, the true greatness of the freedom, diversity and peace we are privileged to have in Canada.

I include a reprint (below) of the column I was asked to write for the Edmonton Journal.

### ***"VANDALISM DOES NOTHING TO MAKE SOCIETY BETTER***

published June 23, the Edmonton Journal

*The vandalism of Sir Winston Churchill's Statue in Edmonton's Churchill Square brings into focus the debate: Should we have a statue of Winston Churchill or any historical figures?*

*Legendary Edmontonians founded the world's first Churchill Society in the 1960s. These community philanthropists placed a statue of Sir Winston in the already-named Churchill Square. The Society provides university scholarships in Edmonton and doctoral scholarships at the Universities of Cambridge and Oxford. The Society supports Alberta's premier high-school essay, debate and speech competitions – encouraging discourse. This*



*Churchill by Oscar Nemon*

*ongoing investment in the arts, culture, science and education benefits all Albertans.*

*The statue is more than just a fine work of art by an internationally recognized sculptor. It inspires the values of citizenship, duty, sacrifice, courage, leadership and democracy. These are the very qualities that Churchill embodies. Today's protesters are calling him a warmonger, a racist and an anti-Semite without context or examination of a long and productive life. So, should Edmonton honour Churchill with a statue and a square?*

*Churchill's career of public service and writing covered a period from the height of the British empire in the 19th century to the Cold War and the rise of British pop culture in the 1960s. No historical or modern figures are blameless throughout their entire lives. Human beings are multi-faceted creatures whose characters develop throughout their lives as their societies evolve over time.*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*As a parliamentarian, Winston Churchill was a labour and social reformer, bringing about significant legislation including minimum wage, unemployment benefits, free school lunches, old age pensions and health insurance. Among the first in the world, these pioneering reforms impacted the social fabric of Britain and were modeled throughout the Commonwealth.*

*As Hitler launched his European invasion, Churchill was elected Prime Minister. Under his leadership, certain demise was averted. He unified the Allies to defeat "history's most murderous racist" and fascist dictatorships in Italy and Japan. Post-war, he helped deny the further spread of a Stalinist Soviet Empire and worked to establish the United Nations which was instrumental in dismantling European empires.*

*Churchill's statue is an artistic symbol entwined with the evolution of our national identity. It reflects the sacrifices our elders made for our future, where they won the right for us to express our views freely, to develop an inclusive society where we may practice any religion or none, where people of all ethnicities and sexual identities are free to live their lives in openness and pride and where hundreds of thousands of newcomers from every corner of the world choose to make their homes.*

*Despite Churchill's contributions to our society, there are those who believe his statue should be destroyed, that it may cause pain to those who view it. They might also be pained when viewing the Cenotaph or other civic works of art because meaning is in the eye of the beholder. Poorly informed name-calling, polarizing slogans and wanton destruction will not lead to a better society. To grow and do better, we must learn from our history, both glorious and inglorious. We must stop the vandalism and name-calling and commence with reasoned dialogue if we truly value unity, democracy and moving forward more than the cheap gratifications of anger and destruction.*

*We must really study and own our history, the good and the bad. Trying to paint over it leads to division, doubt and suspicion and undermines our core fundamental values.*

*Churchill Square should remain a place where Albertans can celebrate the hard-won freedoms we cherish."*

**Elisebeth Checkel**  
President

*The Rt.Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Society*

### OUR VISION

The leaders we inspire today will rise to meet tomorrow's challenges.

### OUR MISSION

The Sir Winston Churchill Society promotes leadership, citizenship, and strengthened communities through civil discourse, connecting to history, and encouraging critical thinking.

## WILLIAM STEVENSON

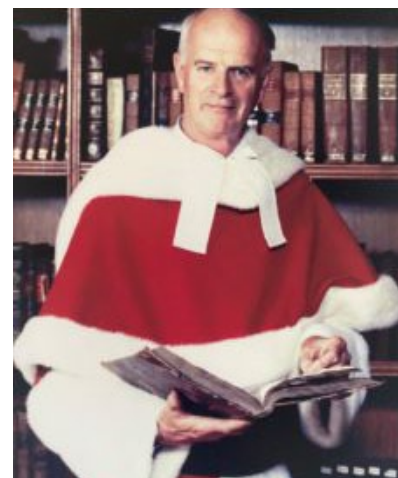
The Honourable William Alexander Stevenson died on July 7, 2021. William was born in Edmonton in 1934 and studied Law at the University of Alberta. He led a remarkable career in the Law as a justice with three Alberta courts and the Supreme Court of Canada, to which he was appointed in 1990.

Some of our readers will remember him as an active member of our society and president in the mid-1970s.

A more complete commentary is available online at Connolly-McKinley Limited, Edmonton, per the following link:

[https://www.connolly-mckinley.com/?s=william+stevenson&post\\_type=obituaries](https://www.connolly-mckinley.com/?s=william+stevenson&post_type=obituaries)

Condolences to his family have been posted there on behalf of our society.



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# CITY CENOTAPH REDEDICATION

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On June 13th, 2021, the Edmonton City Cenotaph in Churchill Square was rededicated with a new inscription in honour of Canadian Armed Forces personnel who were wounded or perished during the Afghanistan War. The cenotaph was originally placed in 1936 and unveiled by Governor-General Lord Tweedsmuir. It bears remembrance inscriptions in honour of our men and women who have served and sacrificed during the First and Second World Wars, the Korean War, and now Afghanistan.

Captain (Ret'd) Richard Dumas, a veteran of two tours in Afghanistan (2 of 3 sons served as well), and a director of our society, served on the cenotaph rededication committee. He recently told an interviewer on CBC Radio Edmonton that the unveiling was an important

recognition of service and sacrifice for Edmonton's large veteran population. In 2014, Churchill Society member and former director LCol William Patton, also an Afghanistan veteran, and his spouse Carolyn (who would serve on the planning committee) proposed to Edmonton City Council that the inscription "Afghanistan" be added to the cenotaph. The City of Edmonton agreed, and the planning went ahead.

The unveiling ceremony marked the 20th anniversary of Canada's 2001 to 2014 mission in the Afghan war. More than 40,000 of our soldiers were deployed; 158 were lost. Many hundreds were wounded, and many more continue to need support. May the new inscription aid in their healing.

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.*



*Cenotaph east view.*

## HISTORICAL EVENTS

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- 1889** Winston Churchill, not yet 25 years old, makes his first attempt at the House of Commons. He runs unsuccessfully as a Unionist Conservative in a July 6 by-election in Oldham, Lancashire.
- 1908** Churchill publishes "My African Journey", an account of his 1907-08 tour of British possessions in east Africa.
- 1919** On July 18, Churchill receives minor injuries – cuts and bruises – in the plane crash that ends his flying lessons. His instructor fares somewhat worse, with a broken leg.
- 1921** On February 7, Winston Churchill is appointed Secretary of State for the Colonies.
- 1945** On July 25, Churchill and Clement Atlee leave the Potsdam conference in progress to attend general election results at home. Atlee will return as the newly elected Prime Minister.



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# EXCITING EVENTS- FALL 2021

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## ZOOM Presentation

### ENIGMA MACHINES:

Fact and Fiction

by

*Dr. Robert Smith*

On September 16, your society hosted a very interesting presentation by University of Alberta Professor, Dr. Robert Smith, an expert in the history of science and technology. A lively question and answer period followed. The event was well attended with 59 participants, including members of the 2051 19th Alberta Dragoons Army Cadets and UofA students from History 296, the History of the Second World War.

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Prince of Wales Armouries

## High School Debate and Speech Competition

**December 4**

Our high school debate and speech competitions will go ahead this year but will be held remotely. We found this to be very satisfactory last year, with 52 debate teams participating. That was a much larger field of competitors than usual for in-person debates in the last few years. The topic for this year's debates will be *"Be it resolved that if Winston Churchill were Prime Minister of the U.K. in 2021 he would support Western withdrawal from Afghanistan."* and the speech topic will be *"If Winston Churchill were Prime Minister of the U.K. in 2021 would he be for or against Western withdrawal from Afghanistan?"* These competitions directly support our society goals of encouraging critical thinking and civil discourse along with speaking and leadership skills – qualities that will strengthen Canada's future.

People wishing to volunteer as judges for the speech competition are invited to respond by email to [edmontonchurchillsociety@gmail.com](mailto:edmontonchurchillsociety@gmail.com)

## COMING SOON

### Remembrance Day

**November 11**

Details are not yet available at this time of publication, but the Churchill Society will be proud to lay a wreath during the annual ceremony at the Cenotaph in Churchill Square. As with other events in these pandemic years, our participation in this important Remembrance will be governed by Department of Health regulations. We will keep you informed by sending an email update in early November.



### AGM

**November 30**

We anticipate that we will finally be able to safely host a delightful event for our members and guests as we gather at the Prince of Wales Armory in Edmonton. Along with the required business (which we will make as pleasant and as possible), the event will feature a tour of the museum collections and a birthday celebration for Sir Winston. Please reserve the evening of November 30<sup>th</sup> for this happy occasion. Details will be included in our November email.

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# ARCHIVES JOURNEY:

## THE ORIGINS AND TRAVELS OF THE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

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By Robert Chaffee

### The Beginning

The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Society – the first of its kind – was formed in 1964 to honour the legacy of a great leader and stage annual gala dinners.

As the operations and goals of the society evolved and grew, so did the volume of documents that were kept. These were routine documents of operation such as meeting minutes and financial records, as well as correspondence with Winston Churchill's descendants and some important twentieth century leaders who spoke at our annual dinners.

Also needing a home alongside our documented history was a collection of artifacts, art, and donated books. One of the society's founders and its first president, Arthur O. Cload, was an antiques dealer and auctioneer whose place of business was in today's Churchill Square in downtown Edmonton. Through Mr. Cload's efforts and from various donors, over time a small collection of artifacts was assembled.

### Locations

Former President, the late Wally Ross remembered keeping archived material in his basement. Others remember that he also had a lockup at his place of business where some items were kept, particularly portraits of Her Majesty the Queen and Prince Philip, and portraits of all past speakers. These portraits were all displayed at annual memorial banquets. Other members also had various items in safe keeping in their homes. Arthur Cload acquired and held most of the artifacts and art and held most or all the business records. Successive society officers maintained their own correspondence files.

By the early 2000s a new location was being sought in which to consolidate this growing collection. That location initially was a space at the Churchill Retirement

Community in Edmonton, near Churchill Square. This was secured by our first official archivist, Chuck Marshall. The society's effects and records were brought together there in return for advertising in our banquet programme booklets. This arrangement proved brief, ending in 2003 or 2004 and necessitating a temporary move to a commercial storage facility. A space was soon acquired in the National Film Board building, at 109 Street and 104 Avenue in Edmonton, across the street from the then Grant MacEwan College. Our records and artifacts were moved there in June 2004.

Artifacts in our possession included the Churchill oil painting "Mimizan", and an original print of the famous scowling portrait by Yusef Karsh, taken in Ottawa. The Karsh portrait, along with a letter from Clementine to Churchill, and copies of Churchill's medals are now displayed in the Churchill Suite in the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald in Edmonton.

The society, with the backing of the Churchill Statue and Oxford Scholarship Foundation, published *The Heroic Memory*, the collected transcripts of fifty years of memorial banquet keynote speeches. Two thousand copies of the *The Heroic Memory* (volume 1) were delivered to the archive in June 2005.

The society received notice to vacate the NFB space effective November 30, 2009. The archive and property were moved to a basement room in the Baker Centre at 100 Avenue and 106 Street in Edmonton. In April 2016, 1500 copies of *The Heroic Memory* (volume 2) were delivered and stored there. This large space contained several cabinets holding our catalogued collection of books and periodicals, filing cabinets of documents, artifacts, and worktables.

### Rent

In 1976 the Churchill Statue and Oxford Scholarship Foundation was established by officers of the Churchill Society. It was created as a charitable arm of the society, for the purpose of raising funds to commission a public statue of Winston Churchill and establish a humanities

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scholarship at Oxford University. The Foundation took over the financial management of our annual banquets, which were profitable, and provided a charitable tax receipt for a portion of each ticket sold. This produced a reserve of non-donated funds which the foundation used pay the rent for the society's space in the NFB Building and Baker Centre.

The Churchill Society obtained its own charitable status in 2013 and resumed funding the annual banquets. By then our membership numbers were decreasing, and the banquets were becoming unprofitable. The society did not have enough income for rent. The foundation's pool of funds for rent, no longer receiving revenue, was dwindling, while the portion of its charitable income available for administrative costs was not sufficient to cover the Baker Centre rent. The foundation continued to pay the archive rent until less than one year's amount remained in the account. They were unable to continue into 2018.

It was time to move; but to where, with our limited ability to pay?

#### Homeless

Two of our past presidents, Dr. Roger Hodkinson and Honourary Patron Robert Dunn, graciously volunteered private space. The Provincial Archives of Alberta agreed to take and process our archived documents and make them available to the public. The materials of public interest were removed by Provincial Archives in December 2017. Current material – up to 7 years old – and donated artifacts, books, stationery supplies, and sundry items were taken in boxes to the mezzanine of Western Medical Assessments, Dr. Hodkinson's place of business. Our stock of The Heroic Memory went to Mr. Dunn's storage pod in St. Albert. Furniture items were donated to Find, and the MDF-constructed book cabinets, not amenable to being moved intact or disassembled, were scrapped.

In 2018, the Churchill Society board of directors decided to sell "Mimizan." It had been stored at the



*Provincial Archives of Alberta Front Entrance*

Art Gallery of Alberta for years, but never displayed. It was sold that June by auction at Sotheby's in London, England, and fetched a good price. This sale helped the society, with a depleted bank account, depleted board, and decreasing membership, to conceive a positive future and begin strategic planning for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

In late summer 2019, Dr. Hodkinson advised that his mezzanine space would be needed for his business. There was no urgency or pressure, but it would be easier for us if we could move before winter. We are grateful for Dr. Hodkinson's and Mr. Dunn's generous donation of space. In September, our archives and artifacts were reunited with our stock of The Heroic Memory in a commercial storage pod in west Edmonton. This was only possible because of the sale of "Mimizan." This was not viewed as the best possible use of those proceeds --- finding less expensive storage was a priority.

#### Jerry Forbes Centre

A friend of the society had recently been a director of the Jerry Forbes Centre Foundation. He suggested we look for storage space at the Jerry Forbes Centre for Community Spirit, which was about to begin operations. The JFC is a charitable operations space occupying the former J. Ennis Fabrics office and warehouse, a 93,000 sq.ft. property at 12122 – 68 Street in Edmonton. It

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was repurposed as a headquarters and support complex for community charities, offering office and event spaces, boardrooms, and indoor warehouse storage at low cost. It was established with support from the City of Edmonton, the Province of Alberta, and generous corporate donors. Its core occupants are 630 CHED Santa's Anonymous and the Edmonton Folk Music Festival. It was named for the late Jerry Forbes, General Manager of 630 CHED Radio, and founder of Santa's Anonymous. The building was renovated in 2018 and began operations in October of that year. There are over 23 non-profit community service organizations working there.

Our application to JFC for storage tenancy was accepted. Our archive and properties were moved into a 10 ft by 10 ft. indoor storage cage there on February



*Jerry Forbes Centre Front Entrance*

14, 2020. Rental cost for this space, plus the required Commercial General Liability insurance, total about half of the typical commercial storage rate.

#### The Future

As well as affordable storage, the Jerry Forbes Centre offers other amenities, for an additional price. These include the afore-mentioned administrative and event spaces. Our board of directors may decide in the future to expand our tenancy to include these, with the possibility of collaboration or partnership with other tenants.

We look forward to seeing our older documentary material available to the public through the Provincial Archives of Alberta. The current archivist inherited a digital inventory of books, publications, and properties, created by former archivist Dru Edmiston, who succeeded archivist Paul Robison in 2009. This has been kept up to date. In the short term, the next task will be to organize our library of donated books -- currently in boxes - and upgrade the digital catalogue to a searchable data base.

Our board of directors was given a tour of the Jerry Forbes Centre before our August 2021 meeting. There was agreement that it is an impressive facility and a great asset for our community, a good place for our archives, and that it has more to offer. Yes, there is also a Jerry Forbes Centre in Calgary.

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*Thanks are due to Former President the late Wally Ross and his daughter Margot Ross-Graham, former President and Honourary Patron Robert Dunn, Honourary Member and former Director, Archivist, and Treasurer Charles (Chuck) Marshall, former Director and Archivist Paul Robison, and Churchill Statue and Oxford Scholarship Foundation Executive Secretary David Checkel; whose comments and memories and notes were indispensable in creating Archives Journey.*

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## CANADIAN VALUES

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As Panjwahi District, Kandahar Province was falling to the Taliban in June of this year, the Edmonton City Cenotaph in Churchill Square was rededicated to our fallen in the Afghanistan war. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, current and former Churchill Society directors who are also Afghanistan mission veterans were involved in the Cenotaph rededication project. One of them, current Director Richard Dumas, was by then active in the campaign to get vulnerable allies out of Afghanistan. Later, as Kabul was falling, Richard helped the family of an Afghan interpreter make their way to Canada, all the while staying one step ahead of the Taliban, with a two-week old baby in tow.

The Sir Winston Churchill Society has from its origins enjoyed a respectful and familiar relationship with the Canadian military. Many of the society's founders and

early members were gentlemen who had served in wartime. That some Churchill Society members who served in Afghanistan happened to be among those involved in the cenotaph rededication and the campaign to help Afghan allies perhaps serves to underscore this relationship, as well as our Canadian values. Active loyalty to fallen and broken comrades, and to trustworthy and trusting Afghan allies and their families, are examples of what we are at our best.

The Sir Winston Churchill Society welcomes new members. Consider joining us in celebration of our Canadian values as we pursue our vision and mission through student competitions in speech, debate, and essay writing. We remind current members who have not already done so to renew soon for 2021. A membership might also be an appropriate gift for a friend or family member.

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## SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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We offer three tiers of membership. You can purchase your membership by visiting our website and following the instructions there:

<https://www.churchillsocietyofedmonton.com/shop>

Or send the form below, with payment, to our Executive Secretary.

**Regular membership:** Annual fee \$30  
*Confers voting privileges at members' meetings and reduced ticket prices for Churchill Society events*

**Student membership:** Annual fee \$10  
*Regular members' privileges for registered students*

**Global membership:** Annual fee \$90  
*Regular members' privileges plus 1 year's membership in the International Churchill Society with 4 issues of their excellent magazine "Finest Hour"*

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## 2021 SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Salutation: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

Street City Prov Postal Code

Type of Membership: ☐ Regular \$30 ☐ Student \$25 ☐ Global \$90

**Privacy and Consent:** By including your E-mail address, you agree to receive future notifications regarding Society activities. Please note, all E-mail messages sent to the membership are sent under the use of the Blind carbon copy (Bcc) tool which means that individual recipients do not see the entire list of addressees. There is no fear of being added to additional mailing lists, etc.

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## OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

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Navya Baradi is leaving the board after a successful and productive turn as Director of Competitions. Thank you Navya, for your great work at a crucial time, in re-joining forces with the University of Alberta Debate Society and coordinating student competitions in routine and pandemic years. Thank you also for your kind and frank voice at our board meetings. We wish you every success in your education and career.

We are pleased to welcome a new member to our board of directors. Lucas Robertson is an Edmontonian currently studying at the University of British Columbia. He was in Edmonton for the summer, working at the Legislature. Lucas will succeed Navya as Director of Competitions. His appointment will be approved at our Annual General Meeting. Welcome, Lucas, to our society and our board of directors!

If you would like to help our society carry out our mission in pursuit of our vision, we should talk. Directors are appointed to terms of three years. **We are seeking a volunteer director with bookkeeping experience, to serve as treasurer. Our treasurer is responsible for keeping our books and accounts in accordance and compliance with our charitable status and its regulations.**

See the contact information for our Executive Secretary elsewhere in this newsletter.

## Current Board of Directors

Elisebeth Checkel	<i>President, Membership</i>
Jill Wright	<i>Vice President</i>
Dianne Sweet	<i>Treasurer</i>
Robert Chaffee	<i>Executive Secretary, Archives, the Churchillian</i>
Navya Baradi	<i>Competitions</i>
Will Randall II	<i>Director Archives</i>
Norman Leach	<i>Director</i>
Richard Dumas	<i>Director</i>

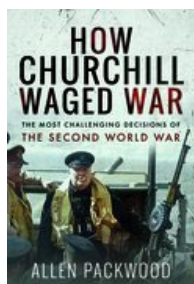


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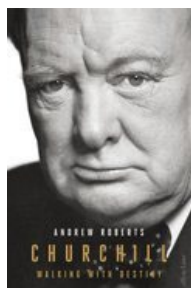
## BOOK LINKS

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These excellent works about Winston Churchill are available for purchase online from Audreys Books. Allen Packwood will be our next memorial banquet quest speaker. Andrew Roberts spoke at our 2019 memorial banquet. The Heroic Memory, published by our Churchill Society, contains the keynote addresses from our first 50 annual memorial banquets.



**How Churchill Waged War**  
Allen Packwood



**Churchill: Walking with Destiny**

Andrew Roberts

'By drawing on many previously untapped sources, Mr Roberts has

produced a more complete picture of his subject than any previous biography.'

*The Economist*

**The Heroic Memory Vol 1 and 2**

Ronald I. Cohen, editor



'We are indebted to the Edmonton Society for reproducing these addresses, which should have a place in all Churchill libraries. Both books are strongly recommended.'

**Terry Reardon,**  
*Finest Hour*



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## CREDITS

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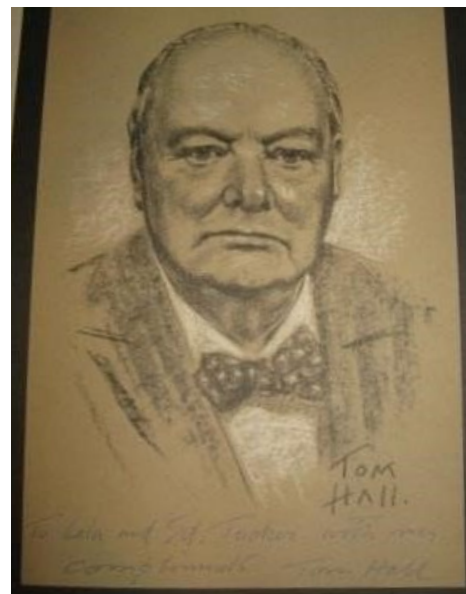
In addition to those credited elsewhere in this issue, we wish to recognize and thank the following contributors to our newsletter and archives.

**Director Richard Dumas, former Director Will Patton, and Carolyn Patton**, for their assistance and consultation in creating *Cenotaph Rededication* and *Canadian Values*. Richard also contributed *Where Churchill History Meets Hollywood*, published in our June edition.

**Sue Currie**, for her donation of 42 volumes of Churchill-related and history books.

**David Schooley**, for his donation of a reproduction of a charcoal portrait of Winston Churchill, by Tom Hall. This print was ordered by his father in 1965.

Our newsletter is not a solo effort. There is a small team involved in producing the Churchillian. Thanks and recognition are long overdue for our proof-reader **Deb Woodcroft**, who makes us look like better writers than we are, and her daughter **Sarah Woodcroft** for our attractive and readable graphic design, through her enterprise **Flutterby Design**. They have been doing this work for us since we revived the *Churchillian* three years ago.



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## CORRECTIONS

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The membership application form in this year's February and June issues incorrectly advertised the price of a Global membership as \$60. We hope that few were fooled by this: the correct price is \$90 and includes 4 quarterly issues of the excellent ICS magazine *Finest Hour*.

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## CONTACT US

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If you would like to comment on anything in our newsletter, or if you have suggestions for future articles or features, we would like to hear from you!

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