



Perley Rideau

The Perley and Rideau Veterans'
Health Centre Foundation

**The Order of St. George Investiture Ceremony at
The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre and
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013 --- On Monday, November 4, 2013, The Order of St. George Investiture Ceremony will be held in Lupton Hall at The Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre celebrating veterans who are residents, volunteers or friends of the Perley Rideau. The one-hour ceremony starts at 14:30.

The Order of St. George was inspired by the Fraternal Society of Knighthood of St. George founded approximately 680 years ago and has remained an important icon ever since with strong links to the New World and Canada. In 1497 during the reign of Henry VIII, of England, the pennant of the Cross of St. George was flown by John Cabot when he sailed to Newfoundland and it was also flown by Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh. In 1620 it was the flag that was flown by the Mayflower when the Pilgrim Fathers arrived in Plymouth Massachusetts. It is also the flag of the Church of England and as such is known throughout Christendom. The Canadian Priory celebrates its 10th anniversary in Canada so it is a special occasion as well. The most important charitable function of the Order is contributing funds which provide support and immediate financial resources to the families of fallen or wounded Canadian Forces personnel.

The following have all served in "harm's way" and have been nominated to become a member of the Order of St. George. Membership to The Order is an honour and privilege as it has acknowledged and recognized one's contributions either to the community or to humanity.

John Robert "Jack" Coghill, age 88

Robert Daley, age 91

Albert Fast, age 94

Dr. Colin Garwood, age 72

John "Rusty" Hughes, age 87

Charles Kelly, age 92

Rene Lalonde, age 90

Albert Martel, age 92

James McCarthy, age 86

Gilbert “Gib” McElroy, age 89
Irene Ogilvie, age 94
John Parr, age 89
Francois Savard, age 88
Alban Violette, age 89
Jon Wadleigh, age 91

See attached for individual biographies.

“We have had an ongoing relationship with The Order and are pleased to be participating in their 10th anniversary celebrations with this special investiture.” says Daniel Clapin, Executive Director of the Perley Rideau Foundation. “This is an exciting time for Perley Rideau, with the opening of our specially-designed apartments for seniors, including a special commitment to Canadian Forces seniors.”

The Perley and Rideau Veterans’ Health Centre has a long and proud military heritage and its Foundation has been raising needed funds for the Health Centre for over 25 years, benefiting both veterans and community seniors. The Health Centre has once again achieved a major transformation by completing a \$44 million capital project to build the Perley Rideau Seniors Village, to meet the needs of a growing seniors’ population including Canadian Forces veterans. The Seniors Village has expanded programs and services with options for accommodation in a safe, nurturing environment. This broadened spectrum of care, anchored by our long-term care programs, makes our Seniors Village a unique hub for seniors in the community.

The Health Centre has designated a minimum of 30% of the 139 apartments in two low rise buildings for Canadian Forces veterans and we are pleased to announce that veterans have enthusiastically taken up nearly 50%. Tenants are now moving into the second apartment building, after a successful opening of the first building earlier this year.

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For interviews or if you wish to attend the event, please contact:

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