



The Raven & The Rock

The Glens' Association Newsletter—May 2022

A New Friend of the Glens

Any followers of posts about the Holten Canadian War Cemetery on Facebook will probably be familiar with the name of Wouter van Dijken. Wouter honoured those buried at Holten regularly with as much detail as possible for those who gave their lives for the liberation of his country in 1945.

John Gareau, a member of our Association, was a regular follower of Wouter's posts. He started the process of having Wouter recognized as a Friend of the Glens by the Association's Executive. Once approved, Covid-19 continued to cause problems for our Association in getting our award to Wouter. We were helped by two of our Dutch Friends of the Glens – Harm Kuijper with assistance from Wigger van der Horst. The presentation took place in Apeldoorn – the home of Wouter and Wigger.



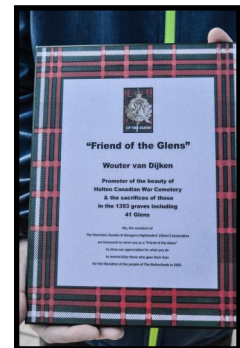
Harm's choice of location for the presentation was at the statue of the Man With Two Hats. It honours the role of Canadians in the liberation of the Netherlands. There is an identical one in Ottawa near Dows Lake (on the right). The two statues symbolize the historic bond between Canada and the Netherlands.



Wouter posted on Facebook after the presentation the following:



"As of today, I can call myself "Friend of the Glens". This morning I was handed this beautiful plaque from Harm and Wigger at the Canadian monument "Man with the Two Hats" (Apeldoorn) on behalf of the Glens from Canada. This is because of my work for the Glens laid to rest at the Holten Canadian War Cemetery. I am honoured to be called a Friend of the Glens."



While we in the Association have had difficulties in remembering the sacrifices of our 1st Battalion members, those in the countries they helped liberate in 1944 and 1945 continue in many ways to remember their sacrifices. One example besides Wouter van Dijken's past efforts is the website created by our Friend Harm Kuijper. It can be seen at <https://ww2memorial.nl> .

Up The Glens!

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