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"CMTA announces study to build Col Stone Memorial/Monument in Saddle Hills County"

It is with great pleasure that the CMTA (Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association) announces that it was awarded a feasibility study grant to determine what type of memorial could be built at Blueberry Mountain Alberta in Saddle Hills County to honour Col James Riley Stone.

Col Stone moved to Blueberry Mountain from England as a young man. He resided there making a positive impact in his community until he headed to Edmonton on his saddle horse to join the Loyal Edmonton Regiment in 1939. Over his military career, Col James Riley Stone commended himself in battle, earned the respect of his troops and lead the 2 PPCLI during the Battle of Kapyong. He became the Provost Marshal for the Military Police of Canada and created the only recognized charity of the Canadian Armed Forces, the Military Police Fund for Blind Children.

"Telling the story of Col James Stone in a significant way that connects people to their local and regional history and ultimately then connects back to Veterans Memorial Gardens + Interpretive Centre and to the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and the Regiment's Military Museum is going to make for an incredible tourism opportunity", says Executive Director for the CMTA. "Our history makes an incredible foundation for amazing tourism opportunities and our history was largely made in the little towns, villages and hamlets of Canada." says Charbonneau.

About The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum: The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Military Museum is dedicated to preserving the military heritage of The Loyal Edmonton Regiment and other central and northern Alberta military units. Since 1997, it has been located at the Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre, the building where the regiment was based from 1920 to 1965. The museum is operated by The Loyal Edmonton Regiment Museum Foundation, a non-profit organization. Day-to-day operations are carried out by a small part-time staff and a group of volunteers who work in cataloging, preservation the artifacts and archival material, tasks related to gallery exhibits, and curatorial and public research. "The museum is please to support this initiative to honour Colonel James (Big Jim) Stone, one of the Regiment's most important soldiers." said Don Miller, museum foundation president.

About Veterans Memorial Gardens:

Veterans from all cultures of the Northwestern region of Alberta are being remembered at the Veteran's Memorial Gardens in Grande Prairie. The Gardens, which will be an outdoor, living museum, will be home to some 300 memorials of regional killed in action soldiers. These gardens and their memorials will surround the Afghanistan War Monument which was unveiled in October of 2017.

About the Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association:

The Canadian Motorcycle Tourism Association believes that our heritage, history and tourism are natural partners in growing better communities. Our relationship with our communities, motorcycle & veterans motorcycle organizations and the tourism industry allow us to promote heritage and historical education that encourages motorcycle and military history tourism development.

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