

About John Sargeant

John P Sargeant is a retired claims adjuster who worked for the Pilot Insurance Company, and others for 37 years -- in British Columbia and various parts of Ontario.

He attended Uxbridge High School and can still sing the school song – Per ardua ad astra. He attended University of Waterloo and Emmanuel Bible College. He married Louise Gordon in 1964. They have three boys, Noel an artist in London, Rob a Corporal in the RCAF at Base Comox, and Jay an industrial designer in Toronto. Three grandsons and two granddaughters complete a third generation.

Over the years Sarge, as he is known, has served on the boards of The Baptist Church of Ontario and has a license to preach.

He compiled the Christmas bird count for the Chilliwack area, besides editing the local natural history society's newsletter, The Pika.

He served on the board of SPEC, an environmental concern group in BC.

He edited The Pachyderm, the newsletter of the London Claims Association for a number of years as well as serving on their board of directors. He serves as the secretary of the General Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Project.

He was a member of The Wally Byam Caravan Club International and has camped all over North America with his wife and dog Logan in their Airstream. He intends to get his model train table up and running, but doesn't seem to have the time.

His most recent interests include compiling stories from the newspapers and other sources about the men of the 21st Battalion CEF. Six years ago he formed a discussion group on Yahoo that deals with this battalion and its men that currently has over 200 members. The members of this group contributed information for a history of the 21st Ordinary Heroes that was

published in September 2008. He is a member of the Western Front Association--- an interest group on Canada in WW1. He authored a pamphlet on How to Find your WW1 Ancestor, Articles on General William St Pierre Hughes and General Sir Arthur Currie's boyhood for The Maple Leaf and has presented to the Military History Society, The Strathroy Caradoc Historical Society, the Central Ontario Branch of the Western Front Association and other groups.

He enjoys taking pictures and posting them on Flickr. Currently there are over 100 sets of cenotaph photos, including Strathroy's, on Flickr. He is the web master of The General Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Project, The Cenotaph at Strathroy and the Dear Old Girl blog. He and a friend journeyed to France and Belgium to tour the battle fields and says that no one feels so Canadian as when he stands on Vimy Ridge.

He also has been working on The Sargeant family history for over 15 years and has recorded multiple interviews with relatives, organized and scanned myriads of family photos and put together the family history using Family Tree Maker.