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Dear Professor Symons,

Please forgive the hurried format. A lockmaster's day is never done. The following is a follow-up to my suggestion regarding our retired veteran lockstaff. I feel this action is long overdue. As a university student, seems like a century ago, I worked as a lock student under the tutelage of many colourful war veterans who operated and maintained the system at that time. A good number of them had returned from the Front in 1945 and immediately started their TSW careers. Men like Lloyd Howard, Garnet Stewart, Wib Grant, Harry Morgan and Jack Hughes..to name a few. Great men. Fun to work with and learn from. Fun to be nearby. War veterans, some of them decorated. All of whom taught us to treat the Flag and Waterway with care and respect.

We have done a reasonable job of remembering our early history. However, our recent history, the history of these men seems to have been totally forgotten. If you visit any of our lockstations or offices, you would never know that these great men passed our way. I feel that we should rectify this in some way as soon as possible. Their photos, War and TSW contributions could be highlighted in most of our buildings, including our Interpretive center in Peterborough. If we intend to re-instate our school programs, the stories of these men could be included. Perhaps our marketing plans could include them in some form. Our Royal Canadian Legions could possibly help us here. I think we owe it to these men to remember their lives and contributions to the TSW. If I can elaborate any further, I am more than willing to do so.

Thankyou for your interest,

Bob Jamieson