

WINSTON CHURCHILL

80th Anniversary of D-Day

Help us commemorate the **80th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy, D-Day**, with the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary and Randolph Churchill III

HOW

On Thursday, June 6, 2024, the Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary along with his great-grandson will unveil a new statue of Sir Winston Churchill in Calgary followed by a spectacular event to commemorate D-Day, June 6, 1944.



About June 6, 1944:

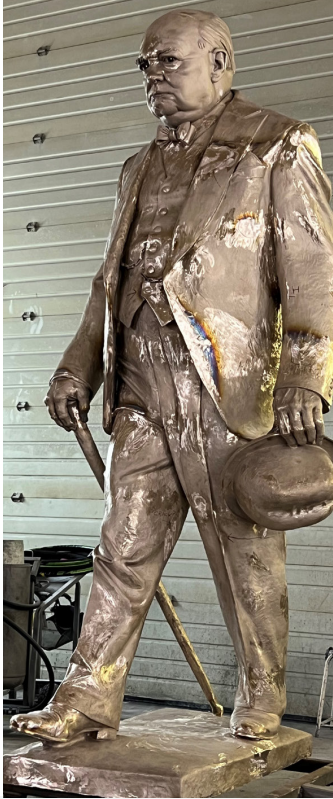
- On the early morning of June 6, 1944, over 156,000 Canadians, Britons, Americans and allies from ten other nations invaded the Normandy coast of France to establish a beachhead in the war against Germany.
- 15,000 Canadian soldiers were part of the invasion of Normandy in which 960 were killed or wounded. In addition, thousands of Canadian Navy and Air Force personnel served with distinction that terrible day.
- The invasion was critical to finally defeating Germany in the Second World War. Thursday, June 6, 2024 will be the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

THE CHURCHILL STATUE PROJECT

Why it's important:

Sir Winston Churchill was one of the greatest political leaders of the twentieth century.

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary wishes to keep his legacy alive with a statue and in commemoration of his 1929 visit to Alberta.



We wish to:

- Honour the hundreds of Calgarians, other Canadians, and allies from the Commonwealth and beyond who fought in the Second World War, including those who died.
- Recall Churchill's contribution to human flourishing, freedom, and human progress. That included opposing anti-Semitism worldwide and proposed anti-black segregation in the United Kingdom during the Second World War.
- Remember Churchill as an early social reformer whose work included advocacy for those he described as the "left-out millions." Churchill's earliest political advocacy included lobbying for pensions, unemployment insurance, and a minimum wage for the "sweated trades."
- Remember Churchill's lifetime and leadership, especially as an early critic of tyranny and as a war-time leader.

Edmonton sculptor **Danek Mozdzinski** has created the statue of Sir Winston Churchill and his previous work includes sculptures of the late Alberta Lieutenant Governor Lois Hole; the jazz musician and blues singer, Clarence Horatio Miller; Alberta suffragist Nellie McClung, Brock University's \$1.2 million monument to Sir Isaac Brock, and the Lester B. Pearson monument on Parliament Hill.

Relevancy to Canada and Alberta:

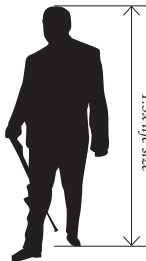
In 1929, Churchill visited Alberta. His tour included the Turner Valley oil fields, the Prince of Wales ranch, Calgary and the Canadian Rockies, where Churchill created several paintings. While in Calgary, Churchill gave a speech at the Palliser Hotel, and was given an off-white Stetson hat, a hat that he would keep for his entire life and often wear while painting. At Lake Louise, Churchill described it as a "truly enchanting scene". Churchill said that in any of his travels over four continents, the comfort and beauty of Lake Louise had "never been surpassed".

SPECIFICS

The Churchill statue will be 1.5 times Churchill's actual size and is bronzed.

LOCATION

McDougall Centre is situated in the core of Calgary in an historic building that first served as a school. With grounds open to the public, it is an ideal location for the statue as visitors to the grounds will be able to view this new work of art along with another existing memorial to the Second World War - the Airmen's statue. Located on the south lawn, the statue will face southwest to symbolize Churchill's love for both the vistas of southern Alberta and to the west, the Canadian Rockies.



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My great-grandfather loved your country. He recorded the beauty of Alberta in his paintings during his 1929 visit, and spoke warmly of its grandeur. In September 1941, speaking in London at a dinner to honour Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, he memorably said: 'Canada is the linchpin of the English-speaking world.'
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On behalf of the Churchill family, we are grateful to you all for continuing to keep alive the memory of Churchill and for

— With my very best, RANDOLPH CHURCHILL III



THE SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL SOCIETY OF CALGARY

Founded 1966

Patron: Randolph Churchill III

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary is a registered charitable society, founded in 1966 by the then-publisher of the Calgary Herald, Frank Swanson, a former war correspondent, and Vera Swanson, whom the journalist met in in Great Britain during the Second World War.

The Society is the sponsor of the annual Sir Winston Churchill High School debates, and awards annual bursaries to winners of the Mount Royal University Moot Court debates, and to promising student painters at Alberta University of the Arts.

The Society's mission statement:

The Sir Winston Churchill Society promotes students' facility in the use of the spoken and written word emphasizing oratorical and communication skills as exemplified by the debates, speeches and writings of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.

The Society also exists to preserve and promote the legacy of Sir Winston Spencer Churchill, including his achievements in the face of tyranny and the preservation of freedom, and in so doing commemorate his leadership and achievements.



THE ASK

What we accomplished so far:

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary has raised \$300,000 for the design and sculpting of the finished bronzed statue including payments to the sculptor.

We now seek \$150,000 for:

- Annual statue maintenance and insurance costs
- Multiple replications of the sculptor's original Churchill bust to be given to large-dollar contributors
- Gala sponsorship including tickets for students and volunteers

DONATE

The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary is a registered charity and is seeking only donor (and not taxpayer) funds for this Churchill legacy project. We welcome donations in any amount. All donations will receive a charitable receipt and all donors will automatically be enrolled as members of the Society.

If you wish to donate to the Churchill Leadership Initiative and Statue Project:

- Please go to www.churchillcalgary.ca/statue.html to donate,
- Fill out the form below and send by mail.
- Or mail a cheque directly to
The Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary
287 Discovery Ridge Way S.W.
Calgary, AB T3H 5S8

Donation levels:

For those who donate \$2,500 or more, donors will also receive either a framed, artist-signed picture of the statue (for donations between \$2,500 and to \$4,999), or a Churchill bust replicated from the actual statue itself, that is progressively larger with each donation level:

The Churchill bust, cast in bronze, is an original creation by the Churchill statue sculptor, Danek Mozdzenski. The Bust will be gifted to significant donors at the following levels:

- **Bronze - \$2,500 to \$4,999:**
A framed, artist-signed picture of the statue
- **Silver - \$5,000 to \$9,999:**
6 inch Churchill bust
- **Gold - \$10,000 to \$24,999:**
8 inch Churchill bust
- **Platinum - \$25,000 and above:**
12 inch Churchill bust



Find more info at
www.churchillcalgary.ca