



黃嘉勝少校
Lieutenant Commander
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服務國家 服務全世界 加拿大軍方的「親善大使」黃嘉勝

「黃嘉勝」的名字或許在華人社區有少許陌生，但 *Albert Wong* 的大名在加拿大軍方乃至主流傳媒界卻是聲名響亮，這位服役加拿大軍方約35年的少校軍官 (*Lieutenant Commander*)，曾長期擔任軍方發言人、公共事務官、維和部隊策略顧問、國安策劃專家等。如今退役的黃嘉勝仍作為基本後備役被軍方重用，而且還擔任密西沙加華人專商業協會會長，在服務華人社區及慈善公益的道路上繼續著他的風采，並為華裔青年從軍鋪路築橋。

加拿大國安及策略專家

今年暑期，黃嘉勝非常忙碌，甚至連外界與他的聯絡都隔絕了。原來，身為軍方高級公共事務官的他正參與安排軍方北方演習及加拿大總理哈珀訪問北極宣示主權的工作，這已是他的第四度北極圈之行。

在黃嘉勝入伍的1976年之時，在加拿大亞裔從軍人數還很少，而像黃嘉勝這樣達到資深高階的華裔軍官更可謂鳳毛麟角。在約廿年間，黃嘉勝軍方公關形象日益突出，因為他曾擔任聯合國駐埃塞俄比亞及厄立特里亞維和部隊的發言人，以及加軍駐阿富汗策略顧問團成員，直接參與總統及內閣的工作。

他還參與多項聯合國維和部隊顧問團工作，他在加國及國際媒體的發言曝光機會也隨之大增，所以也被主流社會譽為「加拿大軍隊大使」(Canadian Forces Ambassador)。

黃嘉勝是公認的策略聯絡、軍隊綜合訓練及危機處理的專家，有豐富主導加國重要公共事務的經驗，包括作為軍方調查團公共事務顧問，負責處理加拿大索馬里派軍後續餘波，聯絡調查及對外發言；主導處理軍方重大危機事務；為應因Y2K軍方電腦系統危機，參與國內及國際間多項系統相互防護計劃；擔負加拿大國家安全重責，參與加國反恐計劃及年前舉行的G8/G20高峰會議的保安措施等，檢測快速危機反應能力，確保政要安全及社會的安定。

「親善大使」 人道關愛贏得盛譽

黃嘉勝在加拿大軍隊中享有很高的聲譽，不僅是因擔負高層軍方職責，而且還源於他在海外工作期間服務袍澤及對當地貧困民眾的奉獻。

有一項服務非常特別，而且為此黃嘉勝贏得在軍人中的更高聲望，那即是幫助軍人的朋友——「狗犬」由阿富汗帶回加拿大。加拿大派駐阿富汗軍人中有不少收養當地的流浪狗，這是他們在戰爭中的最佳心理慰藉，軍人將這些狗視為戰場上最好的朋友，但在撤離阿富汗時，這些狗就成了軍人難捨的寄

掛。為此黃嘉勝通過各種渠道，疏通進口這些狗犬的環節，使軍人與愛狗能在加拿大家中團聚，令普通軍人感激不盡。

另外，在海外工作期間黃嘉勝看到無數受醫戰爭災難煎熬的難民及兒童，他積極投身於慈善事業中為這批受難者盡一份心力。比如，為幫助阿富汗貧困難民重建家園及兒童就學，他參與及宣傳在加國社會的籌款活動等，以親身經歷鼓勵更多人加入捐助行列。

崇高榮耀 華裔軍中翹楚

黃嘉勝在長期的軍旅生涯中贏得了諸多高尚榮耀，他曾獲得英女皇登基金、鑽禧紀念勳章、加拿大軍隊勳章、加拿大國防部公共事務特別貢獻獎、阿富汗軍隊西南亞服務獎、加拿大維和服務獎、聯合國駐埃塞俄比亞及厄立特里亞使團獎、加拿大建國125周年獎、海軍司令獎等。

由於榮譽卓越，黃嘉勝還獲任安省省督副侍衛長之職，另外擔任加拿大國際軍演會董事，加拿大大西洋委員會董事等職。他自己也開設了AKW環球公司，從事國安及危機處理，策略溝通等特殊業務諮詢，另外還包括中加商貿合作策劃等業務。

近年來，黃嘉勝有了更多時間投入華人社區的公益事業，

包括他出任密西沙加華人專商業協會會長，積極參與「鳳宴」及頤康基金會的「龍宴」籌款活動等，他努力於建築主流社會與華人社會之間的互動互信橋樑，促進華人慈善公益事業的發展，他已經在華人社區建立起親善的形象與信譽。

效忠國家 鼓勵華裔青年從軍

黃嘉勝於1971年隨從教的父母由馬來西亞移民加拿大，如同移民家庭一般，新生活都由艱難創業開始。作為長子他從小擔負起幫補家計的責任，還不到16歲時他就參加了軍隊後備役暑期訓練營，雖通過各項測試，但最後還是因非加拿大公民及不滿年齡而被踢走，直到18歲時才滿足條件重返軍營。在他立志從軍之中還有一個重要因素，那就是入伍加拿大海軍可獲得優厚的4年大學獎學金，使他順利完成滑鐵盧大學的學業。這一點也是說服原本不同意他參軍的父母的最佳理由，全家最後不僅達成一致觀點，甚至父親還向Sudbury Star寫了一封公開信，感謝加拿大，支持兒子從軍回饋社會。

如今，退役的黃嘉勝仍以自己的經歷，激勵華裔、亞裔青年踴躍從軍，報效國家，他稱，當年他入伍時華裔甚至亞裔青年都極少，一步步由低階軍人做起，報效國家。他常感懷在二次大戰中有很多居加華裔青年為加拿大參戰，但他們那時都還不能成為加拿大公民，那時不是公民連醫生律師等專業工作都不能做，但他們甘願為加拿大去犧牲奉獻。如今時代不同了，

華人的貢獻得到加拿大社會的承認及尊重，從軍對新移民家庭的青年是一個很好的機會，而且在加拿大從軍本來就是一種包括退休金在內待遇優厚的職業，只是一般華人社會缺乏對此的瞭解。

黃嘉勝現在經常參與社區入伍宣導工作，常與年輕人交流，以良師益友鼓勵他們報名參軍，尤其是對華人新移民青年，他更用心去開導，使他們有了一條不同的人生選擇道路。

一身英挺軍服的黃嘉勝總是說，無論在世界任何地方，這身軍服就讓他首先想到的是作為加拿大人的榮譽，「服務國家，服務全世界」是他的人生信條，他在軍旅生涯中一貫努力而勤奮的工作，為了服務國家，確實需要犧牲精神，包括家庭生活的犧牲，但自豪於能為加拿大奉獻，為加拿大取得榮耀。



1976年入伍時攝
Enrolment into the Canadian Forces in 1976



與總理哈珀在努納武特特區
Albert Wong with The Right Honourable
Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
in Iqaluit, Nunavut



與父親及繼母合照
Albert Wong with his father, George Wong
and his step-mother, Rose



與同僚堆雪人
Albert Wong building a snowman with
Afghan colleagues in Kabul



與阿富汗兒童在一起
Albert with children in Kabul



在努納武特特區與Walt Natyncyk將軍合影
Albert Wong with General Walt Natyncyk, Chief
of the Defence Staff in Iqaluit, Nunavut



與加拿大國防部長麥凱品嚐海豹餐
Albert Wong with The Honourable
Peter McKay, Minister of National Defence
tasting seal meat in Iqaluit, Nunavut



支持頤康中心發展，向王裕佳致贈協會捐款
Albert Wong presents a CPB donation to the Yee
Hong Centre for Geriatric Care in Mississauga
to Dr. Joseph Wong, Canadian Legend recipient



在公民入籍儀式上演講
Citizenship court speech



2012年與省督在省議會大樓迎接英國Sophie,
Wessex伯爵夫人到訪
Awaiting the arrival of HRH Sophie, Countess
of Wessex to Queen's Park, 2012



與ANDS成員合影
Albert Wong with Canadian and Afghan
colleagues charged with developing the Afghan
National Development Strategy



2012密西沙加華人專商業協會春宴中，
與密市市長麥考蓮合影
Albert Wong with CPB and CPB Foundation
Directors pose with Mayor Hazel McCallion at
the start of the 2012 CPB Spring Banquet



在2012鳳宴上致詞
Albert Wong, CPB Chair
welcomes guests to the 2012
Phoenix Ball

Lieutenant Commander Albert Wong

‘Canadian Forces Ambassador’

‘To serve the nation, to serve the world...’

The name Albert Wong may sound unfamiliar in the Chinese Canadian community, but certainly it is not so in the Canadian Forces or mainstream media. Lieutenant Commander (L Cdr) Albert Wong has served in the Canadian Forces for 35 years, was spokesperson, Public Affairs Officer, peacekeeping strategy consultant, and national security expert. Although he is officially retired from the regular force, he continues to serve in the primary reserve and has been assigned by the Forces to various projects.

L Cdr Albert Wong is currently serving as a Deputy Chief Aide-Camp for the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and is on the Senate of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, a reserve infantry regiment in Hamilton. In addition, he is the Chair of Mississauga Board of Chinese Professionals and Businesses. Not only is he actively involved in charities and the Chinese Canadian community, he also mentors many Chinese youth in the GTA, whether to develop their career paths in the Canadian Forces or to develop their interest in international affairs.

L Cdr Albert Wong had been very busy this summer, unreachable even at times by the outside world. He was the Senior Public Affairs Officer for the military operation in the northern part of Canada (Op NANOOK). One of his responsibilities was planning for Prime Minister Stephen Harper’s visit to view the military in action in Churchill, Manitoba, part of the PM’s annual Northern Tour. These operations are launched to protect Canadian

sovereignty in the north and this is Albert’s 4th trip to the Arctic.

There were only a handful of Canadians of Asian heritage in the Forces when he joined in 1976, and it was rare to have a Chinese Canadian in the senior ranks in the Force. Over the last two decades, Albert’s public profile has increasingly become more prominent. He was Military Spokesperson for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea, as well as Strategic Communications Advisor in Afghanistan, working directly for President Karzai’s office and for some of his cabinet ministers. As a result of these undertakings and his participation in the United Nations peacekeeping missions, Albert, called ‘Canadian Forces Ambassador’ by some, had gained a lot of international and Canadian media exposure.

L Cdr Albert Wong is recognized for his expertise in strategic communications, developing military exercise, and crisis and emergency management. Albert has extensive experience in managing major public affairs projects in Canada. He was the lead public affairs officer in handling the fallout from the Canadian Forces deployment to Somalia – from serving as the public affairs advisor to the military Board of Inquiry, to supporting the various Courts Martial, to serving on the Departmental Liaison Team to the Commission of Inquiry, and to managing the announcement and launch of a revised National Defence Act. While in the military, Albert was relied upon to manage the public affairs aspects of crises with significant public and political attention, such as the inquiry into a catastrophic fire onboard the submarine HMCS Chicoutimi.

In 1999, Albert developed the concept of a robust media simulation

to practice the Canadian military in responding to damages from potential wide-spread computer failures as a result of Y2K issues. This expertise led to invitations to participate in national and international level exercises designed to prepare government officials in their response to potential terrorist threats and for major events such as the G8/G20 Summits in Canada.

Albert enjoys a very good reputation in the Canadian Forces. This is not only because of his high position, but also because he often goes beyond himself and his line of duty to take care of fellow soldiers and the local population.

One project stands out from the rest, through which the Lieutenant Commander gained a lot of respect from his peers. That was helping to bring back the soldiers' dogs from Afghanistan to Canada. These pets were stray dogs taken in by the soldiers while in Afghanistan. Taking care of these dogs was good for the soldiers' mental health, and the dogs were valued as best friends in the war zone. The withdrawal of the troops from Afghanistan meant these pets had to be left behind. Albert, recognizing how important these dogs were for the esprit de corps, arranged to transport them to be reunited with the soldiers in Canada. This is a difficult task ordinarily, even more so under dangerous conditions. For this he earned the gratitude of the troops.

Furthermore, while working overseas, Albert witnessed the suffering of countless refugees and children. He devoted himself to helping these victims of war. For example, in Afghanistan, he helped the local people rebuild their homes and a school for the children. He participated in many charitable fundraising events in the community

and promoted awareness by sharing his own experiences in the Forces.

L Cdr Albert Wong's distinguished service has earned him many honours. He had been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee Medals, the Canadian Forces Medal, the Public Affairs Special Recognition Award by the Department Of National Defence, the South-west Asia Service Medal with the Afghanistan forces, the Canadian Peacekeeping Service medal, the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea Medal, the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal, and the Maritime Commander's commendation.

Recently L Cdr Wong was appointed Deputy Chief Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. He also serves on the board of Canadian International Military Tattoo and the Atlantic Council of Canada. He has established AKW Global Enterprise Inc, a private company providing consultation on national security, crisis management and communications, including planning for Chinese and Canadian trade collaboration.

In recent years, Albert has been devoting more of his time to the Chinese Canadian community, including being Chair of the Mississauga Board of Professionals and Businesses. He has been actively involved in fundraising events such as Phoenix Ball and Dragon Ball for the Yee Hong Foundation. He works hard on building a bridge between mainstream society and the Chinese Canadian community. Through his work, he has established a positive image and good reputation for himself in the community.

In 1971, Albert immigrated to Canada with his parents, who were teachers by profession, from Malaysia. The early years in Canada were that of a typical immigrant family, trying to adjust to a new way of life. As the eldest son, he felt the obligation to contribute to the family by working in the summers and during the school year to help with family finances. He heard about an opportunity to join the army reserves as a student and signed up for summer training. He eventually was kicked out from the army reserves as he was not yet a Canadian citizen, and he was underage. He immediately rejoined the military when he received his citizenship. What motivated him in part to join the Forces was that he could get scholarships for all four years of university, allowing him to successfully complete his studies at the University of Waterloo. The same reason persuaded his parents to change their minds, even though initially they were opposed. Finally not only were they onside, his father even wrote a public letter to the Sudbury Star thanking Canada and supporting his son to serve in the Canadian Forces.

Today, the retired lieutenant commander will often use his own experience to encourage Asian youths to join the military, and serve our country. He says that when he joined there were very few Asian youths, even fewer youths of Chinese heritage in the Canadian Forces. One has to work up the ladder from the bottom rung to serve one's country. He laments that in the Second World War many Chinese residents in Canada fought for the country, yet they could not be Canadian citizens at that time. Nor could they be lawyers or doctors. Nevertheless these Chinese Canadians were willing to sacrifice their lives for Canada. Nowadays things are different. The contributions of Chinese Canadians are well

recognized and duly respected. He feels the Canadian Forces offers a great opportunity for youth from new Canadian families. However, not too many Chinese Canadians are aware that the Forces provide good paying jobs with excellent pension and benefits.

Albert now participates frequently in military recruitment projects, talking to young people and encouraging them to consider signing up for the Forces. He also counsels new immigrants on the option of a military career.

Dressed smartly in his navy uniform, our very own Lieutenant Commander says that no matter where he is in the world, his military uniform reminds him that it is an honour to be a Canadian. His motto for life is: to serve the nation; to serve the world. Working for the military demands sacrifices, including family life, but he is proud of his service to Canada, and claiming glory for our country.