

Fund-raiser for D-Day achievements surpasses expectations

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A fund-raiser to honour the contributions of a pair of King Township residents for their roles during D-Day far surpassed expectations, according to one of the event organizers.

Norm Green, a Schomberg resident, reported that a total of \$1,380 was raised to go toward the purchase of commemorative bricks for the Juno Beach Project as a way of honouring Bill Perry and the late Clarence 'Mike' Duggan.

Perry and Duggan were both among the first wave of allied attackers on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Perry, with the First Hussars of London, drove a tank on the beaches of Normandy. Duggan was a rifleman with the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto.

The bulk of the funds, \$1,250, was raised last Saturday, at a birthday party for Perry at the Schomberg IGA. That amount increased to its current figure after Monday's Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Schomberg Cenotaph.

The Juno Beach Project, a co-operative initiative of Canada and France, involves the construction of a memorial building and museum on five acres of ocean-front property by the town of Courseulles-sur-Mer. The project is to honour Canadian Army, Navy and Air Force personnel who were assigned Juno Beach as their objective on D-Day. In July, 2000, the project was provided with the land on which to build the facility. Completion of the project is slated for next year.

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