

2024 UELAC Dorchester Award

The UELAC Dorchester Award of distinction was established by Dominion Council in 2007 to honor long-standing members from across Canada who have gone the extra mile with their contributions to UELAC. Annually, the chair of the Volunteer Recognition Committee calls for nominations through Executive Notes, Loyalist Trails, and the UELAC Facebook page. The Volunteer Recognition Committee comprises the 5 Regional Vice-Presidents and the 5 Regional Councillors. Following the close of nominations, at midnight February 28, 2024, the committee met virtually to decide on this year's recipient. As Committee Chair, I am very happy to announce that this year's recipient is **William Terry, UE**. Bill has been an active volunteer at the branch, region, and dominion levels. He joined the UELAC in 1980, and served as branch president. In the larger community, Bill is known for his years of involvement in the Loyalist Day in Ontario celebrations, and his work in documenting headstones in more than 100 cemeteries in Norfolk County, Ontario. In the 1990s, he was elected to Dominion Council where he served as Vice-President, Chair of the Finance Committee and Dominion President. He was active on a number of Dominion Committees, establishing a Scholarship Committee and chairing the Celebration 2014 Committee. During his presidency, he organized receipt of the Phillip Leith bequest to the Association. While serving as Dominion President, Bill kept meticulous records that now exist in the UELAC Archives as a special font. Bill has been honored outside the UELAC, receiving the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario's Lifetime Achievement Award for "dedication to history and heritage."



Diane Faris, UE, UELAC Volunteer Recognition Committee Chair; **Carl Stymiest**, UE, UELAC President; **William (Bill) Terry**, UE, 2024 Dorchester Recipient