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HMCS Ojibwa wins prestigious Canadian Tourism Award

The Canadian Tourism Awards' *Brewster Travel Innovator of the Year Award*

St. Thomas, ON: HMCS OJIBWA came up a winner last night for the second time this month. The Elgin Military Museum received *the TIAC Brewster Travel Innovator of the Year Award* for Ojibwa's opening season at the Travel Industry Association of Canada awards gala in Ottawa Wednesday night.

"This is an incredible finish to a great year," said Ian Raven, Executive Director of the Museum. "We were honoured to be finalists in the company of such amazing competition. Every one of the four finalists should be on every Canadian's must see list."

Raven asked Joe Preston, MP for Elgin, Middlesex London, to join him on stage in recognition of his tireless efforts to bring Ojibwa to Port Burwell.

HMCS OJIBWA, Canada's first Oberon Class submarine, opened for tours in Port Burwell on June 29, 2013. Since that time, almost 50,000 people have taken guided tours of the Cold War submarine.

Ojibwa served Canada and NATO during the dark days of the Cold War. Now it is one of the few museums in Canada that focuses on the years when "Mutually Assured Destruction" was a household term and school children learned to duck, roll and cover.

"*HMCS Ojibwa* is a truly unique experience. How often do you get to snoop around a Cold War submarine?" asked Melissa Raven, Director of Communications. "Visitors can look behind the curtain of the Cold War to a time when world events brought us closer to World War III than any of us imagined."

The Canadian Tourism Awards, presented by Deloitte, HLT Advisory Inc., and The Toronto Star, allow Canada's tourism industry to recognize those people, places, organizations and events that have gone above and beyond to offer a superior tourism experience to travelers in Canada. The awards are extremely competitive and feature nominees from all Canadian provinces and territories. The award finalists and recipients are selected by a jury of tourism industry professionals.

Visitors can contact the Museum at 519-633-7641 or tickets@projectojibwa.ca to arrange winter tours.

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Ian Raven is happy to share the award with some of the people who played important roles in Project Ojibwa's history. From left to right, Jim Hudson, SWOTC; Catherine Raven, Webmaster; Hon. Peter McKay, M.P., Minister of Justice and Attorney General; Ian Raven, Executive Director; and Joe Preston, M.P. Peter McKay, then Minister of National Defence, was responsible for donating HMCS OJIBWA to the Elgin Military Museum.



The TIAC Brewster Travel Innovator of the Year Award.



HMCS OJIBWA was the first submarine purpose built for Canada.

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