



## **MCC of C - 2016 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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The MCC of C's 2016 Convention and AGM was held in Calgary on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26, 2016. The Exhibition and Bourse were conducted in conjunction with the Alberta Arms and Cartridge Collectors Easter Firearms and Militaria Show, Friday and Saturday at the Calgary Stampede's Bank of Montreal (BMO) Centre. The Annual General Meeting (AGM), Awards and Auction Events were held Friday evening in the Heritage Room at the Hotel Blackfoot.

### **THURSDAY MARCH 24, 2016**

Thursday of the Easter Show weekend is setup day. Bourse and exhibition registrants began lining up before 10:00 at the BMO Centers service entrance. Martin's arrival at 10:00 to hold a place in line put the Chapter close to the front saving a great deal of time by avoiding the huge lineup that builds for registration by the centre's opening at 14:00.

With the Calgary Chapter well practiced at setup, the Chapter's membership, convention registration and display tables were completed by 16:00 allowing ample time for catching up and early wheeling and dealing. The last major task was the setup of the Heritage Room at the Hotel Blackfoot for Friday evening's events and was completed by Martin and his wife Gail between 18:00 and 21:00.

### **FRIDAY MARCH 25, 2016**

#### **EXHIBITION**

For members with bourse and/or displays, the day began early with most completing table preparations for the public opening at 09:30. Judging of MCC of C displays entered under juried consideration was conducted between 10:00 and 12:00. To the panel of three judges, Barry Agnew, George Kush and John Seim, and all the entrants, congratulations on a job well done. The list of winners appears later in this article.

The 2016 AACCA Easter show was quite spectacular. Day one of the event opened at 09:30 with over 1000 tables and by closing at 17:00, items and exhibits on display were viewed by over 6,000 attendees. Bourse and exhibitor display activity was brisk with most of our members reporting good sales and a great deal of interest in their displays.

#### **EVENING'S EVENTS**

The evening's events began at 17:30 with the opening of the Blackfoot Hotel's Heritage Room for our Meet & Greet. Attendees were welcomed upon their arrival by Calgary Chapter Chairman Garry Milne. An open bar and Live and Silent Auction items tastefully displayed on tables at the head and sides of the room provided atmosphere.

Dinner service began at 18:15 and once again the Hotel Blackfoot's food and service was outstanding. I was greatly impressed with the attention paid to attendees with dietary restrictions or specific requests evidenced by the

variety of menu items made available to them. Many thanks to Catering Supervisor Scott Garrioch and his staff who run a first class department.

Guest speaker, the Honourable Kent Hehr, Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence arrived at 18:15 and over the next 45 minutes “worked the room”, mingling and meet with as many attendees as possible. The evening was off to a great start and would only get better.

### **GREETINGS & GUEST SPEAKER**

The evenings program commenced at 19:10 with 2016 Convention Chairman Martin Urquhart welcoming all Delegates and Guests and thanking them for their participation in support of our Club. This was followed by President Doug Styles’s welcome and introduction of Minister Hehr. Upon completion of his remarks, Minister Hehr fielded several questions and thanked the MCC of C and the Calgary Chapter for his invitation.

Minister Hehr is an excellent speaker, his presentation was brief, concise and heartfelt. His topic, the common ground between Veterans Affairs and Militaria collectors and researchers in honouring and supporting Canada’s military past and present, was well received. Upon completion, the attendees showed the Minister their appreciation with a standing ovation. Once the room settled, Doug Styles thanked Minister Hehr and on behalf of the MCC of C National and the Calgary Chapter, and presented him with Calgary’s Chapter Award Medal with 2016 Convention Bar and an MCC of C National Club pin.

### **IN MEMORIUM**

Following a brief break, the evening’s events continued with an **In Memorium 2015** segment. President Doug Styles asked the attendees to take a moment to pay tribute to the members of our Club who passed away in 2015 and proceeded to acknowledge the passing of following members:

0230	Harry Fields, ON	0237	Robert McClure, AB
0854	Alfred Savage, AB	0940	Ron Edwards, BC
1326	John Tamplin, UK	2868	Stan Barta, MB
2922	Robert Harvich, MB	3272	David Spear, NB

Acknowledgement was followed by a minute of silence and then a toast proposed by Doug with “Let’s raise our glasses in a toast to fellowship and friends no longer with us”.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Following another brief break, Doug Styles call the room to order at 19:47, the 2016 AGM was conducted and adjourned at 19:59. (The AGM Minutes and applicable Executive Reports are included elsewhere).

### **2016 MCC of C AWARDS CEREMONY**

At 20:00, the 2016 Calgary Convention Chairman, Martin Urquhart, opened the evening’s awards presentation segment and on behalf of the Calgary Chapter presented the Judging results of the AACCA Exhibition’s MCC of C Juried Exhibits and the accompanying awards.

### **HOST CHAPTER EXHIBIT AWARDS**

Martin began by acknowledging and thanking the 3 judges, Barry Agnew, George Kush and John Seim and the members who exhibited displays under Juried consideration. He noted that these 3 Judges conducted this event last year and had enthusiastically accepted the task once again. All were awarded a Calgary’s Chapter Award Medal with 2016 Convention Bar with the exception of judges Barry and John, having not planned to attend the AGM events. They were awarded their Calgary Chapter Medals and Convention Year Bars at the BMO Centre following the Judges’ debriefing.

### Judges' Standard Awards

The following judging standards were awarded based on the Judges' combined scores and the standard achieved.

A Bronze Medal was presented to Doug Styles, Score of **184** for his display "**North West Medals**"

A Silver Medal was presented to Garry Milne, Score of **213** for his display "**Milne Military Genealogy**"

Three (3) Gold Medals were presented as follows:

To Alan Mackenzie, Score of **260** for his display "**Dublin 100 Years Ago**"

To Alan Kerr, Score of **244** for his display "**Home Guard**"

To Don Klancher, Score of **243** for his display "**Medals of the Guidon**"

### Best of Awards

The following Best of Medallions were awarded based on the top three Judges combined scores and the medallion categories. Of note, only one point separated Best Canadian from the Best of Theme.

Best of Theme Medallion was presented to Don Klancher for his display "**Medals of the Guidon**"

Best Canadian Medallion was presented to Alan Kerr for his display "**Home Guard**"

Best of Show Medallion was presented to Alan MacKenzie for his display "**Dublin 100 Years Ago**"

### NATIONAL AWARDS

Our President, Doug Styles, on behalf of the Club's Membership and Executive, commenced with the presentation of the National Club's awards. The 2016 recipients and presentation of their awards were as follows:

#### Merit Bar (instituted 1966) Merit Medal (instituted 2010):

Four (4) members were nominated, vetted and all four approved by the Executive Committee as follows:

**Peter Moogk** #3355, was awarded a Merit Medal for best article of 2016: "The Disappearance of Rifleman 666."

**Andrew Smyth** #2116, was awarded the Merit Medal for service to both the Edmonton and Calgary Chapters.

**Alan Mackenzie** #2381, was awarded his 2<sup>nd</sup> Merit Bar for serving as the 2015 Convention and AGM Chairman

**Martin Urquhart** #3406, was awarded his 1<sup>st</sup> Merit Bar for serving as the 2016 Convention and AGM Chairman

The three members present, Alan, Andrew and Martin were presented with their award and certificates.

#### Silver Badge for Distinguished Service of the Military Collectors' Club of Canada (Instituted 1993)

Two (2) members were nominated, vetted and both approved by the Executive Committee as follows:

**Dennis Karpins** #2016, for service to Manitoba Chapter

**Dave Wawryk** #2077, for service to Manitoba Chapter

#### Gold Badge for Distinguished Service of the Military Collectors' Club of Canada (Instituted 1993)

Six (6) members were nominated and vetted and all six members were approved by the Executive Committee as follows

**Albert Hing** #0033 Founding member with 53 years of continuous membership

**Diane Migory** #0273 Vice-President (1981), Executive Service

**Richard Malott** #0310 Executive Service, Show Chairman (2000, 2005) (SB)

**Wayne Cline** #0360 Executive Service

**Ian Edwards** #0610 Vice-President (1988-89) Editor (1972-74), Show Chairman (1990, 2008) (SB)

**Don Klancher** #2945 Executive Service, Judging Committee

The three members present, Albert, Don and Wayne were presented with their award and certificates.

**Honorary Life Member:**

Eight (8) members were nominated and vetted. The following two candidates were approved by the Executive Committee as follows:

**Louis Grimshaw** #0710, for service to the Club including Past President (1996-98, 2005-06), Vice-President (1990-91, 2003-04), (GB 2000)

**Herb Johnson** #1147, for service to the Club including Past President (2007-08) Vice-President (2006), Executive Service, (GB 2008)

As per the Club's By-Laws, Honourary Life Membership is an elected position. A separate vote was held for each candidate with votes decided by a majority show of hands. Both Lou and Herb were elected Honourary Life Members, **H010 and H011** respectively. Both votes were unanimous. The one member present, Herb was presented with his award and certificate.

The National's Club awards were conducted in accordance to the National Clubs' By-Laws. Recipients are selected from a list of nominees submitted to the Awards Chairman and Executive Board from members and/or chapters. The listed individuals were vetted and final selections conducted by the National Executive. Recipients not present were informed of their award by the Executive and had their award items and certificates forwarded to them by the Secretary/Treasurer.

**SATURDAY MARCH 26, 2016****EXHIBITION**

On Saturday, day two of the AACCA Easter show, 09:30 to 16:00, the exhibition and bourse were once again very busy with most members reporting another good day of sales and interest in their displays. Attendance exceeded 6,000 once again and upon the final tally may have helped the AACCA break a show attendance record.

**The Alberta Arms and Cartridge Collectors Show Awards**

All displays entered under juried consideration in the AACCA's Show Exhibition were judged independently from the MCC of C with results falling within three categories, Firearms, Military and Outstanding Display. Judging was completed and results were announced on Saturday. The membership of the MCC of C did exceedingly well capturing four of the six awards including both of the Best of Show Outstanding Display and the Best of Show Militaria. The results are as follows:

**Outstanding Display Best of Show**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Alan Mackenzie for his display "Dublin 100 Years Ago"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Don Klancher for his display "Medals of the Guidon"

**Militaria Best of Show**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Alan Kerr for his display "Home Guard"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Doug Styles - for his display "North West Medals"

The AACCA's 2016 Easter Firearms and Militaria Show was a great success and held up its reputation as the largest Show in Canada by exceeding last year's show with well over 1000 tables booked and over 12,000 passing through the doors. The BMO Centre's 120,000 sq. feet of available floor space was filled to capacity with dealers and exhibitors from across Canada and with a notable increase in collectors and dealers from the United States.

## 2016 Convention & AGM Financial Report

<b>Income</b>	
MCC of C National Host Gratuity	\$1,000.00
Registrations	\$2,000.00
Live & Silent Auction	\$2,009.50
50/50 Draw	\$ 190.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,199.50</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Hotel Blackfoot	\$2,426.86
Printing	\$101.77
Registration Package Stationary	\$180.92
Auction and Judges Stationary	\$25.98
Table Treats	\$58.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,793.66</b>

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$2,405.84</b>
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## Volunteers & Sponsors

The MCC of C and the Calgary Chapter would once again like to thank the AACCA and the Hotel Blackfoot for their generous support and cooperation. The AACCA provided the bourse and exhibition venue, event insurance and books accommodation at no cost to the MCC of C. The Hotel Blackfoot provided accommodation and banquet costs at discounted rates allowing us to pass along the savings to our attendees by reducing our registration fees to cost. Without their cooperation and contributions, hosting the MCC of C Convention and AGM in Calgary may not have been possible.

The Calgary Chapter would like to thank the following for contributing to the success of our 2016 event: Peter Berg, Garry Milne, Alan Mackenzie, Andrew Smyth, Doug Styles and Martin Urquhart. A special thanks to Gail Urquhart for the design and set up of the Heritage Room in preparation for our event.

## Donors

**The Military Collectors Club of Canada and the Club's Calgary Chapter would like to thank the following Companies and Individuals for generously donating auction items support of our event:**

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**Ralph McLean #2597 - Edmonton, AB**  
**Barry Sale #3022 - Williams Lake, BC**  
**Andrew Smyth #2116 - Calgary, AB**  
**Doug Styles #0218 - Edmonton, AB**  
**W H Stroppel, Calgary, AB**  
**John Theyn #0059 - Winnipeg, MB**