



## **MCC of C - 2018 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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The Military Collector's Club of Canada 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Show was held at the Edmonton Inn, Edmonton, Alberta, Friday August 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **FRIDAY AUGUST 17, 2018**

#### **EVENT SET-UP and DISPLAY JUDGING**

The day began with Edmonton Chapter Committee members and volunteers completing setup of the Convention banquet and show rooms for the Friday evening and Saturday events.

By 9:30 am, members with bourse and/or displays were busy setting up and completing their table layouts. Judging of MCC of C displays entered under juried consideration was conducted between 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm. To the panel of three judges, Wayne Cline, Lou Grimshaw and Terry Wallace, the Judging Coordinator Peter Melnycky and all the displayers, congratulations on a job well done. A listing of the Exhibition Display winners appears elsewhere.

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

The evening's events kicked off at 6:30 pm with the opening of the Edmonton Inn's Courtyard Room for our Meet & Greet. Attendees were welcomed upon their arrival to an open bar and live and silent auction items displayed on tables at the head and sides of the room.

Dinner service began at 7:00 pm. The Edmonton Inn's food and service was outstanding. With a good meal, the evening was off to a great start and would only get better. Many thanks to Edmonton Inn's Catering Supervisor and his staff who run a first-class department.

#### **GREETINGS**

The evening's program commenced at 19:10 pm with Club President and Convention Chairman Doug Styles welcoming all Delegates and Guests and thanking them for their participation in support of our Club.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

The evening's events continued with an **In Memorium 2018** segment. President Doug Styles asked the attendees to take a moment to pay tribute to the members of our Club who passed away in 2018 and proceeded to acknowledge the passing of following members:

3134 Rodney J. Stearns, MN, USA; 2792 Kenneth A. McLeod, BC; 0941 Don Gibson, ON; 2808 Clive Law, ON; 0687 John Swan, ON and 0272 James "Jim" Pederson, ON.

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 called the room to order at 7:22 pm, the 2018 AGM was conducted and adjourned at 7:35 pm. (The AGM Minutes with applicable Executive Board Reports are included elsewhere).

## **2018 MCC of C AWARDS CEREMONY**

At 8:00 pm, Convention Chairman, Doug Styles, opened the evening's awards presentation segment. Secretary and Treasurer Martin Urquhart on behalf of the MCC of C and the Edmonton Chapter presented the Judging results of the 2018 MCC of C Exhibition's Juried Exhibits and the accompanying awards.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Martin began by acknowledging and thanking several individuals including:

- the Exhibition's three judges, Wayne Cline, Lou Grimshaw, Terry Wallace, and, noting that the three Judges, collectively represent over 130 years of collecting, evaluating and researching military artefacts;
- the Judging Coordinator Peter Melnycky;
- Joni Forsyth for her banquet organization and planning; and
- Ian Bowen for having travelled the furthest, from Prince Edward Island, to not only attend the convention but entering an exhibition display.

Fred Goldring, on behalf of the Edmonton Chapter presented all six individuals with a token of appreciation with the notation "Not to be consumed at the banquet".



**Edmonton Committee member Fred Goldring presenting member Ian Bowen, the Exhibition Judges Lou Grimshaw, Wayne Cline, Terry Wallace and Judging Coordinator Peter Melnycky with tokens of appreciation.**

### **2018 EXHIBITION AWARDS**

The Exhibition Awards commenced with the acknowledgment of all the members who exhibited displays and presentation of their Military Collectors' Club of Canada Exhibitor Certificates of Appreciation. The Judges Display Standard results were then presented, their corresponding crosses awarded and finally the "Best Of" awards were presented.

Highlights include the four displays awarded the Judges Standard Gold Cross including Don Klanchers's, Jack Boddington Best of Show display, "**The RNWMP in WW1 1918-1919**", Dag Gruban's, Best of Theme display, "**Lt. JD Mackenzie MC and Mrs. IM Mackenzie RN**" and first time exhibitors, Gary Gibson, awarded Best Canadian with his display "**Halifax Bomber Crew QB-K**" and Martin Urquhart for his display "**The US 26<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment and the Last Charge**".

Doug made a presentation of the Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coin to Josiah MacDonald, a 14-year-old collector visiting from Dubai. Josiah, a keen collector and soon to be a Junior Member of our Club had Doug reminiscing his own entry into the Club at age 15 in 1968.



**Judges Standard Gold Cross Awardees, Martin Urquhart, Dag Gruban, Gary Gibson and Don Klancher.**

The 2018 Exhibition Judging results are listed following the AGM report.

## **2018 NATIONAL AWARDS**

### **Long Service Awards**

We rarely get a chance to acknowledge a member's long service at a Convention. We were lucky this year, as two members present had recently requested Long Service Awards. Robert Hamilton (#2853) received a 15 Year Long Service Medal and Terry Wallace (#1421) received his 2nd Bar to the 15-Y Long Service Medal, for 35 years of continuous membership.

### **Merit Medal (instituted 2010)**

Three members, Ian Edwards (#0610), Terrance J. Wallace (#1421) and Paul Wallace (#2661) were awarded Merit Medals for their service to the Club, and Wayne Logus (#3285) was awarded a Merit Medal for having submitted the Best Journal Article in 2017 "*CAF Peaked Cap badge Variations*".

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

Teri Jane Bryant (#3250) was awarded the Silver Badge for Distinguished Service of the Military Collectors' Club of Canada for her service to the Southern Alberta Chapter and her involvement within the Japanese Militaria community including membership in the Banzai Group and as Director of the newly established Nambu World Museum Institute.

### **Honorary Life Member**

Two members, William "Dale" Murray (#0187) from Victoria, BC and Ian Edwards (#0610) from Edmonton, AB were elected Honorary Life Member **H013** and **H014** respectively.

The National's Club awards were conducted in accordance to the Clubs' bylaws. Recipients not present were informed of their award by the Club's Secretary and had their award items and certificates forwarded to them. The 2018 National Awards recipients are listed following the AGM report.

### **LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS**

The live auction was conducted by Kevin Roberts with nine lots going under the hammer. Bidding was fast, furious and fun. Kudos to Kevin whose auctioneering prowess and wit were directly responsible for raising \$1,125.00. The silent auction placed 72 lots under the pen raising an additional \$1,471.00. The auction results made for a highly profitable weekend to the benefit of the Edmonton Chapter. As Chairman, I appreciate and send out a special thanks to all who donated items.

### **SATURDAY SHOW AND SALE**

The event opened to the public at 10:00 am with 113 tables, and by closing at 4:00 pm, over 300 people came through the doors. Bourse and exhibitor display activity was brisk with all reporting good sales and a great interest in their displays. This year we had 13 displays, more than we have had in a long time. It seems that despite the current state of the economy, exhibitors, vendors and the public continue attending and supporting this event.

## **2018 Convention & AGM Financial Report**

<b>Income</b>	
MCC of C National Host Gratuity	\$1,000.00
Registrations	\$2,655.00
Sales/display tables	\$4,450.00
Live & Silent Auction	\$2,596.00
Donations	\$422.00
50/50	\$310.00
Door admissions	\$1300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,733.00</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	
Edmonton Inn	\$7,114.34
Advertising	\$2,000.32
Security	\$150.00
Insurance	\$150.00
Stationary	\$76.13
50/50	\$155.00
Misc	\$101.28
MCC Chair Hotel Room	\$122.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,868.73</b>

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$2,864.27</b>
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## **Venue & Volunteers**

The MCC of C and the Edmonton Chapter would like to thank the Edmonton Inn for providing accommodation, banquet and show venue space, 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 in Edmonton may not have been possible.

The MCC of C and the Edmonton Chapter would like to thank the following for contributing to the success of our 2018 event:

- Joni Forsyth for her time, effort and organizational skill in planning the banquet and for photography throughout the weekend's events;
- Kevin Roberts for once again volunteering as Live Auctioneer and for giving another outstanding performance that certainly increased the auction's take;
- Jim Myers, Rory MacDougall, Fred Goldring and all members of the Edmonton Chapter for attending the registration booth and show admission table for the entire weekend; and
- Warren Bard for providing venue security during the banquet and Friday night.

## **Donors & Sponsors**

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

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Wayne Logus #3285, Edmonton, AB**

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Terrance Wallace #1421, Woodstock, ON  
West Edmonton Coin, Edmonton, AB**