



MILITARY COLLECTORS' CLUB OF CANADA
59th Annual Convention
Calgary, AB, Friday & Saturday April 15 and 16, 2022

4. 59th Annual General Meeting

The Military Collectors' Club of Canada's (MCC of C) held its 59th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday April 15, 2022. There were 50 attendees including 35 member delegates.

As a registered entity in Alberta and in compliance with Section 25 of the Government of Alberta, Societies Act, we are conducting an Annual General Meeting segment to present our Club's Annual Executive Board Year-End Reports including "a financial statement setting out its income, disbursements, assets and liabilities, audited and signed by the society's auditor, by members of the Executive or by members selected by the Executive." (RSA 1980 cS-18 s21).

The AGM Minutes and applicable Executive Board reports are as follows:

4.1. Call to Order

Teri Bryant, President, called the meeting to order at **7:45 pm**.

4.2. President's Remarks

Teri Bryant, gave the Presidents message as follows:

Looking back on 2021 is something a lot of us would rather not do. As if two years of pandemic-related dislocation and disruption weren't enough, 2022 has started off with internal political disturbances across our continent, portents of future economic adversity and of course a large-scale war overseas. The nightly news seems like a competition among disasters, and that's not even counting the environmental and social issues that obsessed us not that long ago, but now seem pushed to the sidelines. At times like this, it is easy to say we should pull in our horns, hunker down and get serious. What are doing having a banquet? Or to feel hopeless when the world seems beset by such momentous challenges. What can we do as individuals in the face of global problems on this scale?

The answer is, we should be doing exactly what we are doing here now. Keep Calm and Carry On. Not one of us can change the whole world, but we can each make our part of it a little better every day through our own words, actions and choices. And if several billion people each make their part of the world a little better every day, that soon adds up, just as little scraps of cloth become a beautiful quilt when stitched together.

This is, in fact, the theme of this year's conference: they did what they could. Not even the most valorous VC winner could win a war single-handed. But if each of us, large or small, high or low, does what he or she can, we can make the world a better place, just as military and civilians did in the past wars we study. Indeed, there's no other way to do it. And a meeting of friends, food and fellowship like this not only helps to keep our spirits up so

we can face another day of challenges, but also generates waves of hope and optimism that will ripple out through those we know and love and eventually into our communities at large. So let us look back at how ordinary people of all nations rose to the challenges of the past and commit ourselves to demonstrating that we are no capable of no less.

I have been privileged to work this past year with an executive and conference committee that exemplify this can-do spirit. You all know who they are. Please join me now in expressing our gratitude for the work and perseverance with which they enabled us all to be here tonight, and then, go out and do what you can.

Thank you.

4.3. Executive Board Reports for 2021

The following reports were submitted to the Executive Board for inclusion in the 2022 AGM. A copy of all reports was provided to registered delegates within their 2022 Convention Program and will be published in the Journal.

- a. Presidents Report - Teri Bryant
- b. Membership Report – Martin Urquhart
- c. Secretary/Treasurer’s reports – Martin Urquhart
- d. Kit Shop report – Martin Urquhart
- e. Advertising report – Martin Urquhart
- f. Editor’s report – Nicolas Beck
- g. Awards Committee report – Doug Styles
- h. Ribbon Bank – Doug Styles

President, Teri Bryant, called for motion that all reports be accepted as received. Motion tabled to accept the Executive Boards Reports as received by Claude Villeneuve, Seconded by Bob Robins. Motion passed unanimously at **7:55 pm**.

4.4 AGM Adjournment

Teri Bryant, called for a motion to adjourn the Annual General Meeting. Move to adjourn meeting by Claude Villeneuve, 2nd by Jaime Cline. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.



2021 - EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Teri Bryant #3250
President

2. Secretary/Treasurer's Message

2021 was not a banner year, and most of us, me included, are just glad it is over. I fared well given the circumstances and with events opening up, things are looking up in 2022. With gun shows, militaria shows and events such as the Club's Convention and Chapter meetings opening up, my plans for the increasing the Club's participation, to spread the word are a go.

The Clubs Chapters!

The Edmonton, Southern Alberta and Manitoba Chapters have all opened up in person meetings. My Chapter, the Calgary Chapter is in discussion with the Kensington Legion, our Muster venue and if arrangements fall into place, we will begin in person Musters as well.

A Highlight or Two!

The election of Doug Styles Honourary Life Member #H018. Doug joined the MCC of C as a junior member at age 15 in 1968 and has maintained a 53 year membership. Doug served as the Club's President during my first two terms as Secretary Treasurer. He was a storehouse of Club lore and knowledge, easy to work with and has become a good friend.

Our Chapter with online Musters not only flourished but expanded with Club member participants from Toronto, Wenatchee in Washington State, Ypes Belgium and Tokyo, Japan. Quite an eclectic group with an international flair.

As for our hobby!

Having reviewed the membership data for 2021 year end and actually seeing the decline in membership, COVID-19 did have an impact on our Club. The lack of shows and events over the past two years, I suspect, has taken its toll on our hobby as well. So, in 2022 regaining our balance and getting back into the race is a priority.

With gun shows, militaria shows and events such as the Club's 2022 Convention and Chapter meetings beginning to open up it is time to plan for the Club's participation, to spread the word, were put and are still on hold. So let us step up to help and support each other. Let us reacquaint with ourselves. Let us attend shows, meet and greet, buy-sell-swap and trade with each other and our militaria business and show vendors.

Everyone must have at least one friend with an interest in or passion for military history and artifacts, the essence of our Hobby. Invite them to attend an online meeting, in the future when possible, bring them to a meeting, show or event, forward to them a copy of the most recent digital Journal that I send to all members in advance of their print copy. Past members and potential new members are out there. Help us reconnect with or find them.

I would once again like to thank the Executive for their help and support over the last year. Your advice, expertise, council and friendship are appreciated. To the Membership, as I have said before and will say again, I, along with the Executive are here to support you. Feel free to contact us. Your thoughts, ideas and support are just what the Club needs.

Thanks to all!

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Urquhart #3406
MCC of C Secretary & Treasurer

3. Membership Report

It turns out that 2021 was a hard year on this Club. I suspect that Covid and the resulting two years of no shows or events played a role in this.

We started the year, January 1, 2021, with a total of **402** members and at year end, December 31, 2021 our membership was down at **375**. This is an overall loss of **27** members or **6.7%** decline from 2020 Year End.

During this period, we had:

- 11 new memberships purchased (3575 - 3585)
- 1 Returning member
- 8 Members deceased
- 4 Members previously deceased notified in 2021
- 10 members resigned.
- 17 members terminated

The location of members is as follows:

Canada - 322 members including:

- 103 Alberta, 82 Ontario, 61 Manitoba, 37 British Columbia, 15 Saskatchewan, 8 Quebec, 7 New Brunswick, 5 Nova Scotia, 2 Newfoundland and 2 Prince Edward Island.

United States - 40 members.

Overseas - 13 members including:

- 6 United Kingdom, 3 Belgium, 1 Denmark, 1 Germany, 1 Netherlands and 1 Thailand

Of Note: Terminations followed bi-monthly email and phone contacts, most recent December 15, 2021, all of which were not replied to. Terminations were dated December 31, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Urquhart #3406
MCC of C Secretary & Treasurer

4. Treasurer's Report

In 2021 revenue was down considerably. Several factors came into play including membership decline, late renewals and Journal advertising in arrears. The number of renewals in November and December were once again down with more than a third of the membership with 2022 renewals at years end.

Expenses were down over 2021 but not in relation to income resulting in a net loss. The purchase of Club awards including the redesign and die for the Gold and Silver Badge and a re-order of Best of Show Tapestries make up for the bulk of the loss. All things considered; the Club continues to do well financially. Effort in 2022 will focus on increasing timely membership and journal ad renewals, increasing digital journal membership and exploring additional funding sources.

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET As of DECEMBER 31, 2021

Military Collectors Club of Canada					
Financial Statement - January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021					
Prepared by: Martin Urquhart, MCC of C Secretary and Treasurer					
Prepared for : The MCC of C 2021 Convention April 15, 2022					
ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31		2021	2020	2019	2018
Business Account	Can\$	\$23,487.87	\$25,125.18	\$29,446.39	\$29,747.74
	US\$ ¹	1,326.80	\$551.20	\$562.45	\$174.33
PayPal	Can\$	\$208.69	\$353.58	\$210.00	\$167.74
	US\$ ²	\$38.15	\$267.33	\$122.39	\$68.57
TOTAL CASH		\$25,061.51	\$26,297.29	\$30,341.24	\$30,158.38
Other	Kit Shop sale only ³	\$2,844.00	\$2,905.50	\$3,076.00	\$3,204.00
TOTAL OTHER		\$2,844.00	\$2,905.50	\$3,076.00	\$3,186.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$27,905.51	29,202.79	\$33,417.24	\$33,362.38
MCC of C Account Revenue		2021	2020	2019	2018
Membership					
	Canadian Funds				
	Cash & Cheque Deposit	\$2,178.24	\$3,796.25	\$2,802.50	\$5,207.75
	PayPal	\$2,405.91	\$2,788.33	\$2,000.00	\$3,574.79
	E-Transfer	\$1,792.50	\$2,340.00	\$1,666.00	\$1,421.50
	US Funds				
	Cash & Cheque Deposit ⁴	\$425.78	\$541.03	\$487.13	\$1,798.20
	PayPal ⁵	\$279.65	\$249.37	\$253.38	\$392.81
Journal Advertising					
	Canadian Funds				
	Cash & Cheque Deposit	\$360.00	\$450.00	\$1,692.00	\$396.00
	E-Transfer	\$1,620.00	\$2,488.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,584.00
	PayPal	\$314.30	\$324.00		\$324.00
Swap & Shop Ads					
	Canadian Funds				
	Cash & Cheque Deposit	\$32.00	\$80.00	\$31.00	\$134.00
	E-Transfer	\$84.00	\$84.00	\$60.00	\$22.71
	PayPal	\$15.24	\$15.24		
	US Funds				
	Cash & Cheque Deposit		\$20.37	\$2078	
Kit Shop					

	Canadian Funds				
	Cash & Cheque Deposit		\$89.00		
	PayPal	\$19.66			\$81.15
	E-Transfer			\$30.00	
	US Funds				
	Cash & Cheque Deposit				
	PayPal				
Donations			\$130.50		\$100.00
Bank Refund					\$412.00
Interest					\$103.53
Total Revenue		\$9,527.28	\$13,356.08	\$10,662.79	\$15,966.44
MCC of C Account Expenses		2021	2020	2019	2018
Journal	Printing	\$5,817.57	\$10,195.98	\$4,130.67	\$7,124.25
	Mail Prep		N/A	N/A	N/A
	Postage ⁶	\$1,910.52	\$1,703.11	\$1,385.227	\$1,899.76
Honorariums	Treasurer		\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Journal Editor	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Convention Host Stipend			\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Bank Fees	Business Account		\$1.54	\$103.10	\$95.30
	US Account ⁷	\$102.57	\$105.97	\$113.19	\$128.32
	VISA		\$120.00	\$120.00	\$139.57
Awards & Convention Items					\$843.64
	Membership 10 Year Bars			\$270.38	
	Convention Bars		\$417.78	\$395.85	
	Gold Badges	\$659.66		\$243.67	
	Best of Show Tapestries	\$996.19			
	Resolution Voting Program			\$8.24	
	Event Table Rental		\$50.00	\$40.00	
Administration					
	Stationery		\$122.77	\$83.53	\$1,235.11
	Postage	\$656.06	\$603.68	\$464.95	\$616.05
	Website Hosting	\$63.00	\$66.87	\$66.87	
	Website maintenance	\$667.70	\$887.25	\$1,023.75	\$782.25
	NUANS Search Fees		\$57.85	N/A	N/A
	Misc.		\$104.87	N/A	N/A
Operating Expenses		\$11,493.27	\$16,436.67	\$10,449.42	\$14,864.25
NET Profit or (Loss)		-\$1,965.99	-\$3,080.59	\$213.36	\$688.19
1 USD = 1.271 CAD on Dec. 31, 2021					
¹ Bus US \$1,043.90 us X 1.271 = \$1,326.80 can					
² PayPal US \$30.02 us X 1.271 = \$38.15 can					
³ Kit Shop sale item value is 1/2 the sale price.					
⁴ Membership Income Cash/Cheque US - \$375.00 X 1.2990 = \$487.13 Can					
⁵ Membership Income PayPal US - \$220.02 us X 1.271 = \$279.65 Can					
⁶ Bank Fees US Account \$87.14 X 1.2990 = \$113.19 Can					
⁷ Includes postage for the 2020 Fall & Winter Edition paid for in 2021.					

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Urquhart #3406
MCC of C Secretary & Treasurer

5. Journal Advertising Report

In 2021, all but one Journal Advertiser were paid to current and the number of Journal - Website ads remained the same. Journal advertising income decreased \$958.00 over 2020, the result of two advertisers in 2020 purchasing ad space for two years and one advertiser with 2021 fee in arrears.

In 2021 all ads were in full colour and three advertisers submitted completely new ads. Over time, all advertisers have taken advantage of the Journal's colour format and the design assistance offered by the Secretary & Treasurer. All of our advertisers have completed the transition to full colour.

Swap & Shop Notice income decreased \$60.00. Not sure why considering that 2020 was one of our better income years. I suspect that Covid related declines in activity and buyer/seller patience has played a part.

I remind members that at \$4.00/notice/edition this is a fairly cheap format to find or advertise available items. A submitted a notice receives print coverage as well as a posting on our website. Print and online posting increases the potential viewing audience helping reach a seller or buyer.

I remind members submitting Swap & Shop notices to be patient. As we should all remember, advertising or seeking rare or unusual items such as named medals usually takes quite a while. You are literally seeking an individual who has or is looking for the listed item. As collectors, buyers and sellers, we are subject to both timing and the luck of the draw. For rare or uncommon items, the odds of the buyer and the seller entering the fray at the same time is uncommon or rare.

Remember, if you run a notice and are contacted, please let me know and whether the contact was triggered by your notice in print or online. In 2021, I was contacted by four members whose notice was responded to that resulted in a purchase, sale or trade.

2021 JOURNAL INCOME

Commercial Ads		Gross	Discount
2021		\$2,304.00	\$220.00
2020		\$2,844.00	\$396.00
2019		\$2,268.00	\$232.00
2018		\$2,268.00	\$232.00
2017		\$3,078.00	\$280.00
Swap & Shop			
2021		\$140.00	
2020		\$196.00	
2019		\$92.00	
2018		\$177.00	
2017		\$243.00	

Respectfully submitted,
Martin Urquhart #3406
MCC of C Secretary & Treasurer

6. Kit Shop Report

Interest in and purchasing of Kit Shop items remains low. Still not sure why. These are good quality items for sale well below cost. Stock remains adequate except for the Blazer Bullion Crests (sold out) and Gold Badges. Requests for the Club's 15 Year Long Service Medal and 10-year Bar continue with 10 items issued in 2021.

Through 2019-2021 stock items began declining so I began sourcing for re-order. Most stock was purchased ten or more years ago and several suppliers no longer exist. Although problematic, this allows us the opportunity to upgrade the design and quality of an award. For example, the design and ordering of an embroidered tapestry, for the "Jack Boddington Best of Show" Award through Club member #3469 Jason McInnis and his company, SGS Marketing Ltd. In Calgary.

In the case of the Gold Badge, the redesign is complete, a new die struck providing both Gold and Silver Badges and we are awaiting delivery of cased proofs. The Blazer Bullion Crest is undergoing design and quality upgrade. Member #3469 Jason McInnis is also involved with both these

With Clubs and Societies reeling from the impact of the last two years, a small gesture, like the quality of an award, will go a long way in showing recipients and the membership, that the Club genuinely appreciates you.

Inventory of Club Items for sale and/or disbursement as of December 31, 2021			
Item	Totals	Sales Price	Value*
MCC of C Club Member Medal	33	\$12.00	\$198.00
MCC of C Club Member Medal Ribbon Roll	2, ¼ Rolls		
Merit Medal	49		
Merit Medal Ribbon Roll	¼ Roll		
Merit Medal Bars - Old Stock	57		
Merit Medal B - New Stock	83	\$5.00	\$210.00
Gold Badge for Distinguished Service	1		
Gold Star	4		
Gold Badge Presentation Boxes	9		
Silver Badge for distinguished Service	19		
Silver Star	0		
Silver Badge Presentation Boxes	4		
15 Year Long Service Medal	123	\$16.00	\$1,008.00
15 Year Long Service Medal Ribbon Roll	2 Rolls		
10 Year bars	12	\$5.00	\$50.00
Jack Boddington Best of Show Tapestry	7		
Display Award Medallion - Best in Show	3 old		
Display Award Medallion - Best of Theme	2		
Display Award Medallion - Best Canadian	2		
Medallion Presentation case	9		
Display Award Gold Medal	27		
Display Award Cold Medal Ribbon Clasps - Yellow	36		
Display Award Silver Medal	40		
Display Award Silver Medal Ribbon Clasps -White	48		
Display Award Bronze Medal	47		
Display Award Bronze Medal Ribbon Clasps - Black	53		
Life Membership Certificate Floating Frames	6		
Convention Exhibition Display Rosettes	1 - 20		
Bullion Club Crest	0	\$10.00	
MCC of C Club Crest - Old Style	125	\$5.00	\$332.50
MCC of C Club Crest - New Style	82	\$5.00	\$205.00
New Style Lapel Pin	74	\$6.00	\$225.00
Necktie	70	\$16.00	\$552.00
Medals and Badges of the MCC of C	10	\$25.00	\$125.00
Total			\$2,844.00
* Value is ½ of the sale price.			

Respectfully submitted,
 Martin Urquhart #3406
 MCC of C Secretary & Treasurer

7. Editor's Report

2021 was an interesting year, it started much like anything but quickly spiraled into something that seemed more in line with science fiction than reality, what with the COVID 19 epidemic, but none the less we adapt and overcome. I hope the Journal was a welcome distraction to the insanity we all collectively endured. From an editorial standpoint it was great to see submissions by some of our younger and newer members that I am excited to share with you in upcoming editions of the Journal. I continue to urge everyone to put something and share your story with the Club!

In 2021, the Journal total cost remained stable with a subtle decrease of \$63.21 over 2020. Cost savings through increasing digital membership in both postage and number of issues printed were offset by the first increases in the cost of both paper and ink over the last three years.

At year end 2021 the Club had a total of 75 members that have requested and received their Journal in Digital format. Over the past two years (2020/2021) the total number of issues printed declined by 190 and the total postage cost savings was \$429.40. As the number of digital members continues to increase there will be subtle but increasing cost saving in both print and postage.

A Journal production and cost summary for the Fiscal Year Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2021, provided by the Secretary & Treasurer, is tabled below. A Journal production and cost summary for the Fiscal Year Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2021, provided by the Secretary & Treasurer, is tabled below.

2021 Journal Production and Costs

Edition #	Total Printed	Printing Minuteman	Postage Fees Post Canada	Total Cost	Issue Cost
Edition # 284 - Spring 2021	355	\$1,936.28	\$436.75	\$2,373.03	\$6.68
Edition # 285 - Summer 2021	355	\$1,995.01	\$456.82	\$2,451.83	\$6.91
Edition # 286 - Fall 2021	345	\$1,899.93	\$412.52	\$2,312.45	\$6.70
Edition # 287 - Winter 2021	345	\$1,919.93	\$423.63	\$2,343.56	\$6.79
Return Fees - 4 issues			\$4.73	\$4.73	
2021 Account Fee			\$210.00	\$210.00	
TOTALS	1400	\$7,751.15	\$1,944.45	\$9,695.60	\$6.93

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Beck #3442

MCC of C Journal Editor

8. Honours and Awards Report

This year, 2022, we are pleased to acknowledge many members whose outstanding interest in our hobby, both at the Club level and throughout the public historical venues had not previously been acknowledged.

National awards are open to all members of good standing who have made significant contributions to the Club, their Chapters and the hobby in general. Each year, at years end, the Club's Secretary submits "A Call for Award Nominations" to the membership inviting members to nominate fellow members or individuals whose achievements, research or volunteer service might go unnoticed by the membership. If you know a Club member who has made significant contributions to our hobby, please let us know so that they can be recognized by their peers.

This year, 2022, we are pleased to acknowledge ten members whose outstanding interest and participation in our hobby were centered on researching individuals, units, locations, events and artefacts. In addition, we are acknowledging one member and one Junior member for submitting the Best Journal article in 2021. Over time their research has resulted in numerous Journal articles, published books and papers and in many cases advanced our knowledge. Some have completed and published what are now considered the standard essential references in their subject areas, must have references for collectors and historians. One member even located the previously unknown grave site of William Seeley VC an American sailor who served in the Royal Navy during the conflict with Japan in 1864, had his headstone designed and organized and presided over the dedication ceremony. A list of all the recipients will be published in the 2022 Summer Journal.

In addition, members are entitled to Service Awards based on their years of continuous service. Upon request and eligibility, members receive the Club's 15-Year Long Service Medal for their first 15 years of consecutive service and a 10-Year Bar for each additional 10 years of consecutive service, all at no charge to the member.

A summary of the awards and their totals issued in 2021, provided by the Secretary & Treasurer, is tabled below.

MCC of C Club and Service Awards Issued January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021	
Award	Total Issued
Honourary Life Membership	1
Gold Badge for Distinguished Service	5
Silver Badge for Distinguished Service	4
Merit Medal	3
Merit Bar	1 (1 - 4 th Bar)
15 Year Long Service Medal*	2
10 Year Bar to 15 YLSM*	8 (5 - 1 st Bar, 1 - 2 nd bar, 1 - 3 rd Bar, 1 - 4 th Bar)
* Request to Secretary required	

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Styles #218
Honours and Awards Chairman

9. Ribbon Bank Report

For the first time since the Annual Convention in 2019, we are able to gather again. This past year last year, January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, the Ribbon Bank received 27 requests for medal ribbon from 12 members of which 25 were fulfilled. The two requests that could not be filled were for obsolete foreign ribbon and miniature ribbon, which the Ribbon Bank did not have stock. As of this date, all United Nations & NATO ribbons, full size only, are carried in stock. Supplies of Victorian ribbon are still at an all-time low, so if any member could locate sources for the Ribbon Bank, it would be most appreciated. Thanks go out to those who supplied the Ribbon Bank with their excess supply of ribbon.

The prices for ribbon for the remainder of 2022 will remain at .30/inch (except DFC, AFC, DFM, AFM, pre-1914, and all foreign ribbon at .40/inch) plus postage. The price of medal ribbon to Club members has not increased since 2006.

The prices for ribbon for the remainder of 2019 will remain at .30/inch (except DFC, AFC, DFM, AFM, pre-1914, and all foreign ribbon at .40/inch) plus postage. Prices from suppliers have increased and may necessitate an increase in 2020. The price of medal ribbon to Club members has not increased since 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Styles #218
Ribbon Bank Manager

2022 Convention Exhibition Judges

The MCC of C is delighted to have Allan Kerr, Allan Ross and Herb Johnson volunteer to judge the 2021 Convention's Exhibition displays. Together, they bring over 140 years of experience collecting, researching and interpreting Militaria and Military History.

JUDGE #1 – ALLAN KERR



Allan Kerr is MCC of C Life Member #H017. Alan joined the Club in June of 1972 and has maintained a 40 year membership. He was awarded the Gold Badge in 2017 and elected a Life Member in 2020.

Allan has been researching and collecting militaria most of his adult life. His interest in firearms led, with the help of his wife Sharon, to the creation of their company Milarm, a well known and respected firearm store in Edmonton and the Canadian Militaria Preservation Society.

Allan has been researching and collecting militaria most of his adult life. His main interest, Canadian military firearms historic to current. His interest expanded to Canada's home front in WW1 and WW2. He has preserved a remarkable collection and his artifacts centered on Alberta 1939-1945 were graciously made available to create an online program "*World War II: The Home Front in Alberta*" in partnership with the Heritage Community Foundation and the Royal Alberta Museum.

Allan has displayed at 16 Military Collectors' Club of Canada Convention Exhibitions, his first Edmonton in 1982, his last Calgary in 2019 and was awarded nine Best Of awards including Best of Show in 1999, 2017, 2019, Best Canadian in 1997, 2003, 2014, 2015, 2016 and Best of Theme in 2013.

Allan has also displayed at numerous Alberta Arms and Cartridge Collectors Association Annual Easter Arms Shows in Calgary, most recent in 2019 and has been awarded several Best Of awards including Best of Show and Best of Militaria. Alan has previously judged at AACCA Easter Shows and at an MCC of C Exhibition.

JUDGE #2 – ALLAN ROSS



Allan is a member of the Military Collectors' Club of Canada (#3194) and the Calgary Military History Society serving as the Societies President (2017-2018). Allan joined the Club in February of 2003 and has maintained a 19 year membership

Allan is a military researcher and collector with an interest in India's military history and the Indian military's contributions from the early British Colonial Raj period through World War 2 (1858 - 1946). His recent focus and passion, collecting and researching British Campaign Medals and Awards named to Indian Army soldiers and personnel.

Allan is currently a researcher and consultant at The Military Museums in Calgary, Alberta (2016 to present) and the curator of past and current exhibits including *The Battle of Moreuil Wood: 100 Years of Heroism* (2018), *Sikhs in the Military: A Canadian Perspective and Service* and *African-Canadian Soldiers from the First World War to Present*.

Allan with his wife Indra Teekasingh continued to tweak and curate the Black History month display that ran February 1st through February 28th and the Sikh Heritage month display currently running from April 1st through 31st at the Military Museums.

Allan and Indra just recently published "*Ethnic Soldiers Who Have Served for Canada: A Uniform Coat of Colors*", (Calgary, AB), 2021, a unique compilation of personal stories of men and women from various ethnic backgrounds that have served in the Canadian Military. The book focuses on the following military histories and stories: Black, Caribbean and West Indian, Chinese, Indigenous, Japanese, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Some Soldiers of Interest (Hindu, Buddhist, Free Thinker). In addition, the book substantiates and sometimes challenges previous research on the exact numbers of soldiers from some of these ethnic backgrounds that have served for Canada.

Judge #3 - James Baldwin



James Baldwin Member #3294 joined the Club in the spring of 2005 and has maintained a 17 year membership. James was eligible for and received the Club's 15-Year Long Service Medal and was awarded the Club's Silver Badge for Distinguished Service at the 2019 Convention Awards Dinner as pictured above.

James, a militaria researcher and collector for more than 30 years is passionate when it comes to the study and public promotion of military history and the sharing of its artifacts and stories. James acting on these passions has fostered learning and interpreting military history, actively collected ephemera and artifacts and shared their stories

James retired at the end of the 2017-18 school year after teaching in Calgary for 30-years, the last 18 at Tom Baines School. During all those years teaching, James still found time to pursue his passion for militaria and military history. A pursuit which led to memberships in the Military Collectors' Club of Canada, the Calgary Military Historical Society. In addition to volunteering with the Military Museums for over 20 years as a host, tour guide, researcher, veteran oral history interviewer and exhibit design and consultation. To many of us, he is a well known fixture or volunteer at events within Calgary's militaria collecting community.

Over the last few years, he has been heavily involved with the Military Museum, Army Museum of Alberta's Veteran Oral History Project, as the principal interviewer in the Calgary region. More recently, his focus was on interviewing Canadian and Vietnamese, Vietnam War veterans, in conjunction with the Military Museums "Tour of Duty: Canadians and the Vietnam War" Exhibit and the current "The Coat of Many Colours" Exhibit.

James has judged MCC of C exhibits in 2010 and helped judge Calgary Regional History Fair militaria themed exhibits in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

A special thanks to James who stepped up to volunteer as a judge, replacing Herb Johnson, who due to illness, withdrew from judging less than 24 hours before the event.