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LIFE SAVING MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN

TERMS



Awarded to those who, in a conspicuous act of gallantry, have endangered their lives saving or attempting to save a life. The Life-saving Medal of the Order may be awarded in gold, silver or bronze according to the circumstances of the incident, the measure of courage displayed, the degree of resourcefulness used, the administration of first aid and the extent to which the individual's own life was at risk during the incident. Other factors, such as fire, heights or weather conditions where significant hazards exist, assist in determining the level of the award

granted. **(Semi-Official award - May be worn on right breast)**

DESCRIPTION

A circular medal in gold, silver or bronze, the embellished badge of the Order and the legend around the circumference FOR SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY are on the obverse.

REVERSE

A sprig of St. John Wort with the words, JERUSALEM ENGLAND surrounded by the words: AWARDED BY THE MOST VENERABLE ORDER OF THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

RIBBON

The 35-mm watered silk ribbon has a black centre (25-mm) separated from the scarlet edge stripes by narrow stripes of white.

ISSUED

In the 21st Century

12 - Gold Medals (3 in 2008; 2 in 2011; 1 in 2013; 6 - 2015)

3 - Silver Medals (2 - 2006); 1 in 2014)

5 - Bronze Medals (1 in 2005; 2 in 2002; 1 in 2013; 1 in 2014)

¹ Information from Patricia Kearney, Assistant Registrar, Order of St. John
2015 recipients included Master Corporal Kyle Button, Ms. Margaret Lerhe, Mr. Martin Magnan
Colonel Conrad Mialkowski CD, Mr. Barbara Winters CD (a former member of HMCS Discovery), and
Master Corporal Anthony Wiseman (
Honoured for their part in the aftermath of the shooting of Corporal Nathan Cirillo in Ottawa

ROYAL HUMANE ASSOCIATION BRAVERY MEDAL

TERMS

Bronze Medal: Is awarded to those involved in a noteworthy rescue. There is usually a fair amount of risk or danger associated with the rescue.

Silver Medal: Awarded to individuals who engage in a meritorious rescue, where significant danger is involved. Typically the rescuer is injured during the attempt.

Gold Medal: Presented for an extraordinary rescue or attempt to rescue, usually costing the rescuer's life or causing them great physical harm. The danger level involved is usually extreme.

(Semi-Official award - May be worn on right breast)



DESCRIPTION

A circular medal in gold, silver or bronze, with the words **ROYAL CANADIAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION**, surmounted by a Royal Crown, encircled by a wreath of maples leaves (on the left) and oak leavers (on the right), tied at the bottom with a bow. The details of the incident are engraved on the reverse.

RIBBON

A dark blue, watered ribbon with a bar at the top displaying the word **BRAVERY**.

ISSUED

	Bronze Medals	Silver Medals	Gold Medal
2012	55	12	0
2011	44	6	0
2010	41	4	0
2009	35	5	0
2008	27	3	0
2007	28	9	0
2006	21	6	0
2005	6	2	0
2004/2003	13	2	0

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² Rudy Berghuys, Royal Canadian Humane Association, supplied the above stats (with many thanks).

UNOFFICIAL CANADIAN AWARDS

COMMISSIONAIRES MEDAL of BRAVERY CMB (Formerly the Meritorious Service Medal)

TERMS



The CMSM may, on the recommendation of the Division Board, or the National Executive Committee, and with the approval of the National Board, represented by the National Chair, be awarded to a Commissionaire "for an act of bravery' in the performance of duty". The CMB will only be awarded in exceptional circumstances which involve an element of bravery or of personal risk and the recommendations will normally require the evidence of independent witnesses. The National Chair approves the award on behalf of the Corps.

DESCRIPTION

Same as the Commissionaires Meritorious Service Medal: A gold star of sixteen points, 41-mm across the points. On the face, and in the centre, of the medal is an enamelled miniature of the Corps hat badge (22-mm). The reverse side is blank. The medal is suspended from a gold colour medal bar bearing the word **MERITUS**. The recipient's name and the date of presentation are engraved across the reverse side of the medal.

RIBBON

Same as the Commissionaires Meritorious Service Medal: The ribbon is the same as that of the Commissionaires' Long Service Medal except for a gold stripe, 3-mm wide, in the centre of the ribbon.

DATES

In November 2011, the National Board of the Commissionaires re-titled the CMSM to the Commissionaires Medal of Bravery (CMB) to better align with its purpose of recognizing bravery and personal risk.

ISSUED

2011 - 1
2012 - 2
2013 - 0 to July 2013

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³ Medal information supplied by W.D. Turner of the Commissionaire's National Office - many thanks
- Unofficial Medal (not in the Canadian Order of precedence)

**COMMISSIONAIRES MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL
CMSM (Renamed as the Commissionaires Meritorious Service Medal)**

TERMS

The CMSM may, on the recommendation of the Division Board, or the National Executive Committee, and with the approval of the National Board, represented by the National Chair, be awarded to a Commissionaire for "meritorious service above and beyond the faithful performance of duty". The CMSM will only be awarded in exceptional circumstances which involve an element of bravery or of personal risk and the recommendations will normally require the evidence of independent witnesses. The National Chair approves the award on behalf of the Corps.

DESCRIPTION

The medal is a gold star of sixteen points, 41-mm across the points. On the face, and in the centre, of the medal is an enamelled miniature of the Corps hat badge (22-mm). The reverse side is blank. The medal is suspended from a gold colour medal bar bearing the word **MERITUS**. The recipient's name and the date of presentation are to be engraved across the reverse side of the medal. Unofficial Medal (not in the Canadian Order of precedence)



RIBBON

The medal ribbon is the same as that of the CLSM except for a gold stripe, 3-mm wide, in the centre of the ribbon.

DATES

In June of 1980, the National Board authorized a Meritorious Service Bar to recognize service above and beyond the faithful performance of duty. In June 1988 this award was retired and a new award the "Commissionaire Meritorious Service Medal" was created. In November 2011, this award was renamed the Commissionaires Medal of Bravery.

ISSUED

2007 - 2 2008 - 4 2009 - 0 2010 - 2

Renamed the Commissionaires Medal of Bravery in 2011.

**COMMISSIONAIRES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL
CDSM**

TERMS

The Medal was established by the National Board in June 1989 to recognize distinguished service of significance above and beyond the faithful performance of duty, but which has not involved an element of bravery or personal risk by the recipient. The Medal may also be awarded to a distinguished person who has been of assistance to the Corps.

Unofficial Medal (not in the Canadian Order of precedence)

DESCRIPTION

The medal consists of an oval medal 40-mm x 35-mm of bronze colour suspended on the face of the CDSM the words "COMMISSIONAIRES CORPS COMMISSIONNAIRES CANADA" appear on the outer ring of the oval, and in the centre is a cisele, a brass colour maple leaf, surmounted by a silver colour sword, anchor and eagle. On the reverse side of the CDSM the words DISTINGUISHED SERVICE DISTINGUE appear on the outer ring of the oval. The recipient's name is to be engraved on the reverse of the medal.



RIBBON

A 32-mm wide ribbon consisting of a 1-mm yellow strip in the centre on a field of blue 4-mm wide identical to the colour adopted by the RCMP, and bordered on each side by the colours RCAF light blue, Canadian Army red, and RCN dark blue each 4-mm wide. The same colours used on the 1939-45 Star.

ISSUED

2007 - 8
2008 - 26
2009 - 22
2010 - 2
2011 - 21
2012 - 24
2013 - 6 To July 2013

BRITISH COLUMBIA CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES LONG SERVICE MEDAL

TERMS

A bronze medal was awarded for 10 years service. This medal was discontinued in 1990 and replaced with the Corps of Commissionaires Long Service Medal.

Unofficial Medal (not in the Canadian Order of precedence)

RIBBON

The 32-mm wide ribbon consists of 3 equal stripes: reddish brown, yellow, and reddish brown.

SUPERCEDED

By the Corps of Commissionaires Long Service Medal in 1990. ⁴

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BRITISH COLUMBIA CORPS OF COMMISSIONAIRES MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

TERMS

The silver medal was awarded for exceptional service. This medal was replaced in 1990 with the Corps of Commissionaires Meritorious Service Medal.

Unofficial Medal (not in the Canadian Order of precedence)

RIBBON

The 32-mm wide ribbon consists of equal stripes of yellow, reddish brown, and yellow.

SUPERCEDED

By the Corps of Commissionaires Meritorious Service Medal in 1990.

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Both Medals on this Page are now obsolete

⁴ Jim Billinger, Manager of Executive Services, Corps of Commissionaires of Canada helped me sort out the Commissionaires Long Service Medals and the Commissionaires Bravery / Meritorious Service Medal and Distinguished Service Medal and the British Columbia Long Service and Meritorious Service Medals (much appreciated)

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE LONG SERVICE MEDAL

TERMS

A bronze medal was awarded for 20 years of efficient and faithful service. The CACP campaigned for many years to get an official medal to honour police service and this finally happened with the Police Exemplary Service Medal on 01 August 1980. After this time, this medal was no longer issued and is not seen on police officer uniforms any longer.

Unofficial Medal (never was in the Canadian Order of precedence)

RIBBON

The 32-mm wide ribbon consists of equal stripes of dark blue, gold, dark blue, gold, and dark blue.

SUPERCEDED

Police Exemplary Service Medal on 01 August 1980

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This Medal is now Obsolete

⁵ Two medals issued to Detective Sergeant Jacques Boisjoly, Montreal Urban Community Police. The Canadian Banks' Law Enforcement Gold Medal awarded in 1979 and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Long Service Medal awarded in 1976 with a 10 year bar

CANADIAN BANKS LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD
Unofficial Medal (not in the Canadian Order of precedence)

TERMS

This award is given for outstanding service in combating crime against banks.

Approximately 6 are awarded each year (3 in 2015)

All active (at the time of the incident) law enforcement officers considered to have exhibited outstanding bravery, detective ability or other noteworthy achievement involving Canadian banks are eligible to receive the Award. To be considered, nominees should meet one or more of these additional criteria:



Bravery

- Exceptional bravery, measure of courage, degree of resourcefulness and extent to which individuals' own life was at risk;
- Individual knowingly put themselves at risk protecting bank employee, customer or bank property;
- Investigation involved threat of serious bodily harm, death or imminent danger.

Investigation

- Unique, but not necessarily high-profile, investigation involving the banking industry;
- Investigation overcame unusual obstacles, extenuating circumstances, lengthy period of time or personal sacrifice.

DESCRIPTION

A circular gold medal, 35-mm in diameter. It has the words THE CANADIAN BANKS around the top of the medal and around the bottom the words LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

RIBBON

The ribbon is 32-mm wide, 16-mm light grey center stripe with 8-mm rose-red edges.

ISSUED

233 Canadian Police Officers have received this award since 1972 to January 2016.



2015 Recipients:

**Special Agent John Liau, U.S. Secret Service Agent
Corporal Suzanne Krumbhols, RCMP**

They collaborated in a cross-border investigation spanning from Vancouver to Washington State.

Detective Sergeant Johanne Grenier, Montreal Police Service

She was the lead investigator on "Project Fausseté." This case focused on an organized crime group that was masquerading online as a trusted Canadian bank to steal victims' financial information.

SASKATCHEWAN PROTECTIVE SERVICES MEDAL

TERMS

Established in 2003 to recognize exemplary long service for individuals working in a direct capacity to protect people and/or property, and supervisory personnel in the public service sectors who ensure the safety, security and protection of Saskatchewan citizens. These individuals set high standards and strive for excellence in their duties so everyone in Saskatchewan can live safe and secure lives. The Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal honours protective services providers and focuses attention on the efforts and work of police, fire and emergency professionals, and others working in the field of safety and security.



Nominees must be personnel with 25 years of service in Saskatchewan and actively employed in one of the eligible agencies on or after 1 January 2003, who have law enforcement powers, or work in safety services and professions whose work is directly related to the safety, security and protection of people. Unofficial Medal (not in the Canadian Order of precedence)

Recipients include personnel from:

Fire Services;

Police Services;

Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA);

Citizenship and Immigration Canada;

Emergency Medical Services;

Canadian Forces;

Parks Wardens;

Highways and Infrastructure's Transport Compliance Branch;

Federal and Provincial Corrections; and

Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs & Investigators, and Saskatchewan Justice's Safer Communities & Neighbourhoods Investigation Unit.

DESCRIPTION

A circular gold medal 38-mm in diameter, surmounted by the St. Edward's Crown which bears a shield with a lion on a stylized western red lily (in red enamel) and the motto *Qui civitatem tuentur* (who guard the citizenry) on the Obverse.

RIBBON

A 32-mm wide green ribbon of green with two narrow gold stripes (4-mm wide) set 7-mm from each edge.

ISSUED

The complete list of recipients can be found at:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/heritage-honours-and-awards/saskatchewan-protective-services-medal#step-3>



Lyle Karasiuk (left) and Pat Bellisle (right)
Both work with Parkland Ambulance and are a part of the Saskatchewan
Emergency Medical Services Association receive their medals from the
Lieutenant-Governor Vaughn Solomon Schofield in June 2013