

KING's / QUEEN's MEDAL FOR THE CHAMPION SHOT

C – QUEEN'S MEDAL – 2023

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For the 3rd year in a row (2020 to 2022), no competition was held for the Queen's Medals due to COVID-19.

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KING'S MEDAL FOR THE CHAMPION SHOT OF THE MILITARY FORCES

In 1923, His Late Majesty King George V was graciously pleased to reinstate the King's Medal for Champion Shot of the Military Forces and to grant one to Canada for Annual Competition by our Military Forces. During the period 1923 to 1962, with the exception of the year's 1940 - 1946, members of the Canadian Army (Regular), Canadian Army (Militia) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police competed annually for this medal.

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In June 1968, due to unification, and at Canada's request, Her Majesty, The Queen was pleased to approve Canada's application to now have the two medals for Champion Shot awarded as follows:

1. For the Regular Force (all environments) and;
2. For the Reserve Force (all environments) plus the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In August 1991, The Queen's Medal was "Canadianized". The Obverse of the medal was changed to add the word CANADA at the bottom of the medal with the reverse remaining the same. The two medals were awarded as per the June 1968 arrangement.

NOTE: The Queen's Medal championship is run by the DCRA (Dominion of Canada Rifle Association) each year usually at the Connaught Rifle Ranges in Ottawa. Founded on April 1st, 1868 the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association was established with the express purpose of supporting military (Militia) and civilian marksmanship in Canada.

In the mid 1970's the military staff at the National Defence Headquarters decided to take over the conduct of the military Service Rifle competition. This arrangement lasted for about four years when DND approached the DCRA to again take responsibility for the conduct of the Service Rifle matches. This arrangement prevailed until the late 1980's when the Army staff again took control of the Service Rifle matches. Since that time the Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Concentration (CAFSAC) and the DCRA National Service Conditions Championships (NSCC) have been conducted conjointly.

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KING's MEDAL for the CHAMPION SHOT OF THE ARMY

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1923	GOODHOUSE, Fred John	WO1 - RSM	CASC	---
1924	LIVINGSTONE, W.J.	Corporal	GGFG	---
1925	BURKE, Desmond Thomas	Lieutenant	GGFG	---
1926	LIVINGSTONE, W.J.	Corporal	GGFG	---
1927	BURKE, Desmond Thomas	Lieutenant	GGFG	---
1928	JEFFERY, John	Major	RCR	OBE MC
1929	BURKE, Desmond Thomas	Lieutenant	GGFG	---
1930	BURKE, Desmond Thomas	Lieutenant	GGFG	---
1931	BURKE, Desmond Thomas	Lieutenant	GGFG	---
1932	HOULDEN, James William	Captain	Sherbrooke Regiment	---
1933	COULTER, Alan Benson	Lieutenant	GGFG	OBE ED
1934	HOULDEN, James William	Captain	Sherbrooke Regiment	---
1935	GREGORY, Thomas William	Private	7 BN CMG CORPS	---
1936	ROBINS, C.	Lance Corporal	PPCLI	---
1937	MOLECEY, George Alastair	Lieutenant	Canadian Irish Fusiliers	---
1938	WALLACE, F.	Private	48 Highlanders of Canada	---
1939	BURKE, Desmond Thomas	Captain	GGFG	---
1940	----	-----	NO COMPETITION WW2	---
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1946	----	-----	NO COMPETITION WW2	---
1947	BURKE, Desmond Thomas	Major	RCAMC	---
1948	FENDICK, R.F.	Lieutenant	RCOC	---
1949	BOA, Gilmore S.	Officer Cadet	48 Highlanders of Canada	---
1950	BOA, Gilmore S.	Lieutenant	48 Highlanders of Canada	---
1951	BOA, Gilmore S.	Lieutenant	48 Highlanders of Canada	---
1952	JOHNSON, Stephen	Lieutenant-Colonel	King's Own Calgary Regiment	OBE ED



Prince of Wales congratulating Desmond Burke on winning the King's Medal (left)



Lieutenant George Molecey, Canadian Irish Fusiliers

QUEEN's MEDAL for the CHAMPION SHOT OF THE ARMY AND RCMP

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1953	McKEAGE, A.H.	Lieutenant	Canadian Grenadier Guards	---
1954	LAWFORD, D.C.	Captain	1 Canadian Signals	---
1955	WARNER, Edson Lymon	2nd Lieutenant	Sherbrooke Hussars	CD
1956	HARDY, Joseph Robson	Sergeant	RCEME	(MMM CD)
1957	DERRICK, A.S.	Lieutenant	RCSME (RCE)	---
1958	WHITE, Leslie Alfred	Staff Sergeant	RCS OF I (PPCLI)	(MMM CD)
1959	BARRETT, John J.	Captain	AHQ (RCR)	---
1960	ROWELL, C.F.	Warrant Officer 2	RCS OF I (Canadian Guards)	---
1961	MATTHEWS, J. William	Private	PPCLI	---
1962	LIDGREN, D.E.	Lieutenant	RCS OF I (PPCLI)	---

QUEEN's MEDAL - CHAMPIONS SHOT OF THE ARMY (REGULAR) / MILITIA and RCMP

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QUEEN's MEDAL for the CHAMPION SHOT of the CANADIAN ARMY (REGULAR)

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1963	DAIGLE, Joseph Eloi	Sergeant	3 R22ER	(MMM)
1964	MOLNAR, William J.	Captain	1 RHC	---
1965	BENNETT, Ralph E.	Sergeant	RCE	---
1966	DAIGLE, Joseph Eloi	Sergeant	R22eR	(MMM)
1967	FLEMING, K.A.	Corporal	RCOC	---



Sergeant Daigle



Captain John Barrett



Captain William Molnar

POST UNIFICATION QUEEN'S MEDALS - 1968 to 1991

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2. for the Reserve Force (all environments) plus the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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QUEEN's MEDAL for the CHAMPION SHOT of the CANADIAN FORCES (REGULAR) Post 1968 Medal

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1968	MERCIER, Laval	Corporal	3 R22eR	---
1969	WHITE, Leslie Alfred	MWO	Cdn Airborne Reg (PPCLI)	(MMM CD)
1970	DAIGLE, Joseph Eloi	Sergeant	3 R22eR	(MMM CD)
1971	HENNICK, Joseph Rudolph	Corporal	1 RCR	---
1972	GLIBBERY, L.G.	WO	3 RCR	---
1973	L'HEUREUX, Rosario ('Robert')	Sergeant	3 R22eR	---
1974	MERCIER, Laval	Sergeant	3 R22eR	---
1975	MERCIER, Laval	Sergeant	3 R22eR	---
1976	-----	NO COMPETITION DUE TO OLYMPIC COMMITMENT		
1977	LUSCOMBE, Edward ('Ted') J.	Sergeant	3 PPCLI	---
1978	McKAY, Henry ('Hawk')	Corporal	2 RCR	---
1979	CROMWELL, Anthony M.	Master Corporal	Canadian Airborne Regiment	---
1980	McLELLAN, Hector B.	Staff Sergeant	Canadian Airborne Regiment	---
1981	SURETTE, Joseph Romuald Alfred	WO	2 RCR	---
1982	DEMEUSE, Daniel L.V.	Master Corporal	3 R22e Regiment	---
1983	SURETTE, Joseph Romuald Alfred	WO	2 RCR	---
1984	SURETTE, Joseph Romuald Alfred	WO	2 RCR	---
1985	SURETTE, Joseph Romuald Alfred	WO	2 RCR	---
1986	LEVESQUE, Joseph Rino	WO	3 Royal 22e Regiment	MMM CD
1987	LEVESQUE, Joseph Rino	WO	3 Royal 22e Regiment	MMM CD
1988	TIBBETTS, Steve	Captain	2 RCR	---
1989	HITCHOCK, Steven G.	Sergeant	3 PPCLI	---
1990	SMITH, Wallace Todd	Master Corporal	2 RCR	---
1991	SNOW, Fabian James	Master Corporal	2 RCR	---

* Oldest winner at Age 55

CANADIAN QUEEN'S MEDAL FOR THE CHAMPION SHOT of the REGULAR FORCES
 New Medal Replaces Previous Medal

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1992	SNOW, Fabian James	Master Corporal	2 RCR	--
1993	WALKER, Bruce Edward	Private	1 PPCLI	--
1994	AREVALO, Carlos Guillermo	Corporal	Canadian Airborne Regiment	--
1995	BERGERON, J.A. Richard	Corporal	1 R22eR	--
1996	MESSIER, Michael	Sergeant	1 R22eR	--
1997	MESSIER, Michael	Sergeant	1 R22eR	--
1998	MESSIER, Michael	Sergeant	1 R22eR	CD
1999	TURCOTTE-SORBONNE, Marc	Corporal	3 R22eR	--
2000	DESCHENES, Stephane	Master Corporal	1 R22eR	CD
2001	WOOD, Michael R.	Master Corporal	1 PPCLI	--
2002	VANDERLINDEN, Troy D.	Private	2 RCR	--
2003	-----	No Medal Awarded	Regular Force Did Not Compete	--
2004	-----	No Medal Awarded	Regular Force Did Not Compete	--
2005	-----	No Medal Awarded	Regular Force Did Not Compete	--
2006	-----	No Medal Awarded	Regular Force Did Not Compete	--
2007	McKILLOP, George	Sergeant	RCR	CD
2008	GRONDIN, Jim	Corporal	Land Forces EME Branch	--
2009	CASHIN, Martin David	Petty Officer 1 st Class	Cdn Naval Engineering School	MMM CD
2010	HISCOCK, Tim	Private	1 Royal Canadian Regiment	--

Sergeant Michael Messier



Corporal Marc Turcotte-Sorbonne



Private Troy Vanderlinden



CANADIAN QUEEN'S MEDAL FOR THE CHAMPION SHOT of the REGULAR FORCES
 New Medal Replaces Previous Medal

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
2011	BARLING, Ken	Captain RCAF	Aerospace Eng Support Sqd	CD
2012	BARLING, Ken	Captain RCAF	Aerospace Eng Support Sqd	CD
2013	BARLING, Ken	Captain RCAF	NORAD Colorado Springs	CD
2014	BOIVIN-COUIILLARD, Jean Christopher	Corporal	2 nd Canadian Division	CD
2015	MICHAUD, David ("Dave") J.R.	Corporal	Royal 22e Régiment	CD
2016	BARLING, Ken	Major	435 (RCAF) Transport Sqd	CD
2017	SOBCZAK, Johnathan	Corporal	1 st Royal Canadian Regiment	---
2018	HORDO, Baron	Lieutenant	2 Flying Training School M.J. *	---
2019	TURPIN, S.	Corporal	5 Canadian Division	---
2020	No Competition – due to COVID-19	No Medal Awarded	No Regular Force Competition	---
2021	No Competition – due to COVID-19	No Medal Awarded	No Regular Force Competition	---
2022	No Competition – due to COVID-19	No Medal Awarded	No Regular Force Competition	---

* ex Queen's Own Rifles of Canada



Lt. Baron Hordo

**QUEEN'S MEDAL - CHAMPIONS SHOT OF THE CANADIAN ARMY (REGULAR) and the
CANADIAN ARMY (MILITIA and RCMP)**

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**QUEEN'S MEDAL for the CHAMPION SHOT
of the CANADIAN ARMY (MILITIA)
and ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1963	RICHARDSON, T.A.	Sergeant	Victoria Rifles of Canada	---
1964	TREMBLAY, Clement	Staff Sergeant	Le Voltigeurs de Québec	---
1965	CAMPBELL, Gordon C.	Sergeant	Royal Westminster Regiment	---
1966	CLERK, Robert Douglas	Private	Royal Montreal Regiment	---
1967	FISH, L.	Staff Sergeant	Lorne Scots of Canada	---

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Sergeant Joseph Hardy, MMM, CD, RCEME (1956)



Private Shannon Willis, 12 (Van) Service Battalion



POST UNIFICATION QUEEN'S MEDALS - 1968 to 1991

QUEEN'S MEDAL for the CHAMPION SHOT of the CANADIAN FORCES (RESERVE) and RCMP

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1968	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	---
1969	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	---
1970	BLACK, Gordon Wilfred	Sergeant	RCMP	---
1971	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	---
1972	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	---
1973	KEDZIORA, William ('Bill')	Lieutenant	RHLI	(CD)
1974	BLACK, Gordon Wilfred	Staff Sergeant	RCMP	---
1975	SENETCHKO, Gerry N.	WO	Queen's Own Rifles of Cdn	---
1976	SAVINSKY, Richard	Lieutenant	Le Régiment du Saguenay	---
1977	NICHOLSON, K.K.	Captain	The Elgin Regiment	---
1978	OAKIE, David D.	Corporal	RMR	---
1979	OAKIE, David D.	Corporal	Loyal Edmonton Regiment	---
1980	FERGUSON, Kenneth E.	Lieutenant	1 NSH (N)	---
1981	FERGUSON, Kenneth E.	Lieutenant	1 NSH (N)	---
1982	WILLIAMS, M. Ross	Lieutenant	Queen's Own Rifles of Cdn	---
1983	WILLIAMS, M. Ross	Lieutenant	Queen's Own Rifles of Cdn	---
1984	FERGUSON, Kenneth E.	Lieutenant	1 NSH (N)	---
1985	FERSUSON, Kenneth E.	Lieutenant	1 NSH (N)	---
1986	WEST, George Joseph	Sergeant	RHLI (Wentworth Regiment)	---
1987	WEST, George Joseph	Sergeant	RHLI (Wentworth Regiment)	---
1988	WILLS, Shannon *	Private	12 (VAN) Service Battalion	(MMM CD)
1989	SURETTE, Joseph Ronald	Warrant Officer	2 Royal New Brunswick Reg	---
1990	FERGUSON, Kenneth E.	Lieutenant	1 NSH (N)	---
1991	PAQUET, Martin	Corporal	Les Fusiliers Mont Royal	---

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* First Woman in the Commonwealth to Win The Queen's Medal; MMM 2011 as a Captain.

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Medal replaced by new CANADIAN version of the QUEEN'S MEDAL

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CANADIAN QUEEN'S MEDAL FOR THE CHAMPION SHOT of the RESERVE FORCES

YEAR	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS /
1992	CHWASTYK, Edward	Corporal	Royal Hamilton Light Infantry	---
1993	KRAHN, Thomas Herman	Corporal	Princess of Wales Own Rifles	---
1994	IRVING, Timothy George	Sergeant	4th Bttn Royal Canadian Regiment	---
1995	BAKER, Stephen J. (Steve)	M/Corporal	Cameron Highlanders	---
1996	FERGUSON, Kenneth E.	Lieutenant	1st Bttn Royal New Brunswick Reg	CD
1997	GRAY, Mike	Warrant Officer	Princess Louise Fusiliers	CD
1998	SURETTE, Joseph Ronald +	Warrant Officer	2nd Bttn New Brunswick Regiment	CD
1999	FERGUSON, Kenneth E. ^	Lieutenant	2 Nova Scotia Highlanders	CD
2000	CAREW, John	Sergeant	1 Royal Newfoundland Regiment	CD
2001	CAREW, John	Sergeant	1 Royal Newfoundland Regiment	CD
2002	GRAY, Mike	MWO	Princess Louise Fusiliers	CD
2003	GAGNON, Sean Pierre	Sergeant	Governor General's Foot Guards	--
2004	GRAY, Mike	MWO	Princess Louise Fusiliers	CD
2005	GRAY, Mike	MWO	Princess Louise Fusiliers	CD
2006	GRAY, Mike	MWO	Princess Louise Fusiliers	CD
2007	DESROCHES, Gary	WOZ	Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders	CD
2008	GAGNON, Sean Pierre	Captain	Governor General's Foot Guards	--
2009	MacKEIGAN, William	Master Bombardier	5 th (BC) Regiment, RCA	--
2010	FERGUSON, David	Corporal	1st Nova Scotia Highlanders	--
2011	DUCHESNEAU, François	MWO	2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group	--
2012	FERGUSON, David	Corporal	1st Nova Scotia Highlanders	--
2013	FERGUSON, Edward	Corporal	1st Nova Scotia Highlanders	--
2014	PALMER, Johnathan	Corporal	5 th Canadian Division	--
2015	FERGUSON, Edward	Corporal	1st Nova Scotia Highlanders	--
2016	FERGUSON, David	Corporal	1 st Nova Scotia Highlanders	--
2017	FERGUSON, David	Corporal	1 st Nova Scotia Highlanders	--
2018	NAULT, Timothy	Corporal	39 Signal Regiment, BC	--
2019	FERGUSON, David	Corporal	1 st Nova Scotia Highlanders 5 th Cdn Div.	--
2020	-----	No Medal Awarded	COVID-19	--
2021	-----	No Medal Awarded	COVID-19	--
2022	-----	No Medal Awarded	COVID-19	--

+ Six time winner (Four Regular Force / Two Reserve Force)

Edward & David Ferguson are brothers

^ Seven time Winner (Seven Reserve Force Awards)

\ & sons of Ken Ferguson

MWO Mike Gray (1997, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006)



M/Cpl Steve Baker (1995)



QUEEN'S MEDAL FOR THE CHAMPION SHOT OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

Her Majesty, The Queen, in 1953, was graciously pleased to institute a Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the Air Force and to grant to Canada one medal for annual competition by members of the RCAF. Consequently from 1953 to 1967, the members of the RCAF (Regular) and the RCAF (Auxiliary) competed annually for this medal.

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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE

YEAR	NAME	RANK	RCAF	DECORATIONS /
1954	MARTIN, J.V.	Flight Sergeant	RCAF	CD
1955	GREGORY, Thomas William	Flight Lieutenant	RCAF	CD
1956	GOUDARD, S.	Corporal	RCAF	--
1957	GREEN, David Anthony	Leading Aircraftsman	RCAF	--
1958	SANNACHAN, George Ezra	Leading Aircraftsman	RCAF	--
1959	CUNNINGTON, Robert Herbert	Flight Sergeant	RCAF	CD
1960	BROWN, James William	Flight Sergeant	RCAF	CD
1961	O'BRIEN, A.F.	Corporal	RCAF	--
1962	O'BRIEN, A.F.	Corporal	RCAF	--
1963	RUCKPAUL, O.J.	Flying Officer	RCAF	--
1964	WESLEY, Charles Ronald Edgaley	Leading Aircraftsman	RCAF	--
1965	PETERS, Harrison Ross	Corporal	RCAF	--
1966	RUCKPAUL, O.J.	Flight Lieutenant	RCAF	CD
1967	PHOENIX, M.D.	Flight Lieutenant	RCAF	CD

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MEDALS of Flight Lieutenant Thomas William GREGORY, CD, RCAF

Medals Include:

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal with clasp

1939/1945 War Medal

Army Best Shot Medal (George V) with bar 1935 (Pte. T.W. Gregory, Can M.G.C.)

RCAF Best Shot Medal (EIIR) with bar 1955 (F/L T.W. Gregory)

Canadian Forces Decoration (GVI) (WO2 T.W. Gregory)

Group Sold in 1996 for \$6350.00; for \$12,000.00 in 2017

Service Numbers: 626; 7519; 869; and G.179

Born 18 March 1916

Administrative Officer in RCAF

Commissioned 1 April 1951

Queen's Medal 1935 while a member of the Canadian Army.

He won the Queen's Medal competition in 1938 as well but he was now a Leading Aircraftsman in the RCAF and as he was not now a member of the Regular Army, he was ineligible to win the medal.

As a Flight Lieutenant in the RCAF, he won the RCAF Queen's Medal in 1955.

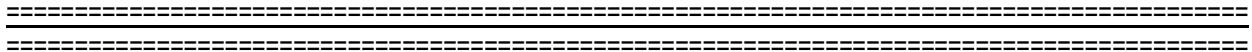


King's Medal for the Canadian Army 1935 Queen's Medal for the RCAF 1955

MEDALS of Flight Sergeant James William BROWN, CD, RCAF

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal
1939/1945 War Medal
RCAF Best Shot Medal (EIR) with bar 1960 (F/S J.W. Brown)
Canadian Forces Decoration (EIR) (F/S J.W. Brown).

Service Number R67987 in WW2; then 21661; then 612-096-420
Electrical / Aero Tradesman



PERSONS WHO HAVE WON THE KING'S/QUEEN'S MEDAL MORE THAN ONCE

7	Lt / Capt / Major Desmond Thomas BURKE	1925, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1939, 1947
7	Lieutenant Kenneth FERGUSON	1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1990, 1996, 1999
6	WO Joseph Romuald Alfred SURETTE	1981, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1989, 1998
5	Corporal David FERGUSON *	2010, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2019
5	Master Warrant Officer Mike GRAY	1997, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006
5	Major Edson Lymon WARNER	1955, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972
4	Major Ken BARLING, RCAF	2011, 2012, 2013, 2016
3	OCDT / Lt Gilmour S. BOA	1949, 1950, 1951
3	Sergeant Joseph Eloi DAIGLE	1963, 1966, 1970
3	Corporal Laval MERCIER	1968, 1974, 1975
3	Sergeant Michael MESSIER	1996, 1997, 1998
2	Corporal David D. OAKIE	1978, 1979 (right)
2	MWO Leslie Alfred WHITE	1958, 1969
2	Corporal W.J. LIVINGSTONE	1924, 1926
2	Captain James William HOULDEN	1932, 1934
2	Sergeant George Joseph WEST	1986, 1987
2	Lieutenant M. Ross WILLIAMS	1982, 1983
2	Master Corporal Fabian SNOW	1991, 1992
2	Sergeant John CAREW	2000, 2001
2	Staff-Sergeant Gordon Wilfred BLACK	1970, 1974 (RCMP)
2	Corporal A.F. O'BRIAN	1961, 1962 (RCAF)
2	F/L O.J. RUCKPAUL	1963, 1966 (RCAF)
2	F/L Thomas William GREGORY	1935 (Army), 1955 (RCAF)
2	Corporal Edward FERGUSON *	2013, 2015



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* Corporals David and Edward Ferguson are the sons of seven-time winner Lieutenant Ken Ferguson (below). When I first met Ken Ferguson, he told me he had a son who was already a better shot than him. He was correct – except he had two sons who would win the Queen's Medal; David has won 5 and Edward has won 2. That is 14 Queen's medals for the family.



Gilmour "Gil" BOA

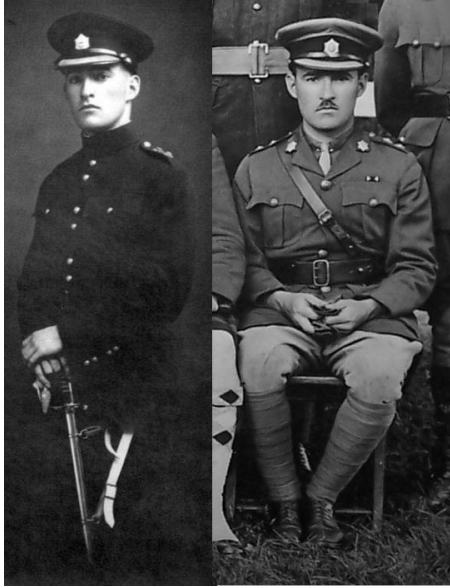
If a "Best All Round Canadian Rifleman of All Times" had to be chosen, Gil Boa would be a top contender for the title. At the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championship, he made the Bisley Team on nine occasions. He was the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Champion twice, came twice and was third on one occasion. He won the Governor General's Prize once and came second twice. In the Grand Aggregate, he was first on two occasions.

At Bisley, he won the King's Prize in 1951, made the Queen's Prize Final twice and made the Top 50 in the Grand Aggregate once.

In addition to his prowess with the fullbore target rifle, Gil won the Queen's Medal for Service Rifle on four occasions. Furthermore, with the smallbore Rifle, he won the World Championship in Caracas in 1954, an Olympic Bronze Medal in Melbourne in 1956, a Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games in 1966 and a Silver Medal at the Pan American Games in 1967. Gil is a member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. Finally, Gil won the Queen's Medal for the Canadian Service Rifle Championship four times.



Lieutenant-Colonel Desmond "Des" Thomas BURKE, ED, MD



Captain Des Burke, GGFG

Dr. Desmond Thomas Burke was born in Ottawa on 05 December 1904 and attended Lisgar Collegiate. In his final year at Lisgar, he won a place on Canada's Bisley Team. In 1925 he became the youngest King's Medal for Champion Shot of the Canadian Force recipient at the age of 20. He was awarded the medal again in 1925, 1927, 1929, 1930 and 1931 as a Lieutenant in the Governor General's Foot Guards. During this time he was attending Queen's University in Kingston taking Arts, Engineering and Medicine. He won the Queen's University Sir Sanford Fleming scholarship in engineering in 1926, and in 1932 graduated from medical school at Queen's. He studied to become a radiologist and became an Assistant Professor of Radiology at the University of Toronto.

At our Canadian national matches, he won the Canadian Fullbore Rifle Championship twice, was runner-up three times and came third once. He was second in the Grand Aggregate once. He won the Governor General's Prize in 1952 and placed second on one occasion. Des Burke was the Champion of the Decade for the 1940's.

There was a break of eight years before Captain Burke of the GGFG won his sixth medal in 1939. On the outbreak of WWII, Desmond Burke transferred to the Royal Canadian Medical Corps and went to England. He served in the Italian and European theatres of war.

On his return to Canada, he became Chief of Radiology at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto. In 1947, Major Desmond Burke, RCAMC won his seventh and last King's Medal for Champion shot of the Canadian Army. He retired as Chief Radiologist at Oakville Hospital. He died on 07 September 1973. (Summary from the GGFG Web Site www.ggfg.ottawa.on.ca).

He wrote two books on shooting, "A Practical Rifleman's Guide" and "Canadian Bisley Shooting, an Art and a Science" and is a **member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame** (1972). He won the Grand Aggregate twice at Bisley. Following that win, he came second in 1927, 1928 and 1929. He won the Grand Aggregate twice at Bisley. Dr. Burke qualified for the King's/Queen's Prize Final seven times and was in the Top 50 of the Grand Aggregate on six occasions.

His medals include:

1939/45 Star

Italy Star

France and Germany Star

Defence Medal

Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and clasp

1939/45 War Medal

King's Medal for Champion Shot with seven bars (1925, 1927, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1939, and 1947)

Efficiency Decoration (ED).



Lieutenant Kenneth FEGUSON, CD
2nd Nova Scotia Highlanders



Another seven time champion emerged in Canada, Lieutenant Kenneth Ferguson, of the 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders. Ken received the Queen's Medal in 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1990, 1996, and 1999. He lives in Nova Scotia.

In civilian life, Ken is a Corrections Officer with Corrections Canada and has received the **Corrections Service Exemplary Service Medal** in addition to the Canadian Forces Decoration. An interesting story he told me was that when one of the bars to his Queen's Medal broke, the Chancellery took the medals back to have them fixed. However, he had a hard time getting them back as somebody in the Chancellery said he wasn't entitled to have the CD and the Exemplary Service Medal as they were awarded for overlapping time periods. He had to fight to get his medals back. We know that it is allowable to earn the CD for Reserve time and an Exemplary Service Medal for your civilian job but the individual handling his medals didn't know this.



He has taught his sons to be champion shots and they are already winning numerous medals for their shooting. He told me that they were already better shots than he was at their age. He was correct as both of his sons have now won the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the Canadian Forces (Reserves) twice. **Corporal David Ferguson** won the medal in 2010, 2012, 2016, 2017 and 2019 and **Corporal Edward Ferguson** won the medal in 2013 and 2015. Both also serve with the 2nd Battalion Nova Scotia.¹

That makes a total of 14 Queen's Medals for the family.



¹ Photo shows Ken in his Corrections Uniform; his miniature medals and his full size medal. Ken Ferguson, after winning the 1996 Queen's Medal, with son David (after winning the 2010 Queen's medal) and son Edward, (after winning the 2015 Queen's medal).

MWO Leslie Alfred White, MMM, ED.

Dominion of Canada/Canadian Forces (Regular).

Regiments: PPCLI 1958
Canadian Airborne Regiment 1969

Received:

- * Queen's Medal, Bars "1958" and "1969"
- * MMM
- * ED

MWO White won the medal twice, the first (Canadian) to win with two different weapons, the .303 Lee-Enfield and 7.62mm FN C1. He was also the shooting coach for Canada's 1968 Winter Olympic biathlon team and in 1988 was the Chief Range OPI for The Winter Olympic biathlon range in Calgary.

A Letson trophy winner and seven time Bisley competitor he still has records standing for perfect shoots at Bisley.

Major James William HOULDEN, CD

Major J. W. "Jim" Houlden CD msc was born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1904. He served in the Queen's University C.O.T.C. (Canadian Officer Training Corps) and then with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada. He was their representative on the Canadian Bisley Team in 1926 and 1927.

He graduated with a degree in Engineering from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario in 1928 and was employed by the Canadian Ingersoll-Rand Company.

In 1928 he joined "C" Company, The Sherbrooke Regiment as a private. He was commissioned as a Lieutenant in The Sherbrooke Regiment on 1 June 1928. He was a member of the Canadian Bisley Teams in 1929 and 1932 and won the Canadian King's Medal for Champion Shot in 1932 and 1934.

In 1933 he passed the Militia Staff Course (msc) and was adjutant from February 1932 - 2 December 1934. He was promoted Major in The Sherbrooke Regiment on 2 October 1934 and left the regiment in 1935.

He then went to work for the Ammunition Division of Canadian Industries Limited. He joined the Royal Montreal Regiment during the Second World War but was released to work on ammunition research as the Chief Ballistician of Defence Industries Limited for the duration of the war.

He was awarded the CD after 1960. He qualified for the Canadian Bisley Team on 12 occasions and made the trip 5 times.

He died on 19 November 1994.

The following is an **obituary** which appeared in the Journal of the National Rifle Association (UK), Spring 1995 Number 1, Volume LXXIV page39. **Major James W Houlden**

Jim Houlden passed away, on the 19th November at the ripe old age of 90 and so Canada lost one of its all-time great marksmen. Born in Hamilton, he started shooting as a Cadet at Hamilton Central collegiate, later joining the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada in order to qualify for the competitions at Bisley. In 1927 he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Queen's University, in which year he was also part of the Guard of Honour, at the Canadian diamond Jubilee Celebrations, at Westminster Abbey. After University, he worked for the Ingersoll-Rand Corporation until 1935 from which time he worked for the CIL (Ammunition Division) laboratories, specialising in ballistics and small arms research, until his retirement as head of the department.

Jim came to Bisley, as a member of the Canadian Team, on several occasions and won the silver medal in 1932, having previously been in the 100 in 1926 and 1929. He was an accomplished shot with handguns, shotguns, small-bore and full-bore rifles, SR(a) and SR(b), holding the King's Medal for the Best Shot in the Canadian Army, won in 1932 and 1934. In 1935 he married his wife Rita and they remained together until she died in 1989. One highlight of Jim's shooting career came in 1965 when, as Commandant of the Canadian team, they both met HM the Queen at a Buckingham Palace garden party.

He was inducted into the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 and honoured by the City of Burlington, in 1984, for national achievements. Jim was recognised as a ballistics expert, testifying at murder trials and inquests relating to deaths by firearms. An accomplished lecturer and writer, he contributed much towards shooting, with expertise accumulated from his 60 years competitive career and technical knowledge. Besides his accomplishments, he will ever be remembered for his ready humour and kindly gestures. Jim was a gentleman in every sense of the word.

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Lieutenant George Alastair MOLECEY
Canadian Irish Fusiliers

Born: 26 April 1903
Regiment: Canadian Irish Fusiliers
Received: Kings's Medal, Bar "1937".



**Staff Sergeant Clement TREMBLAY, CD
Les Voltigeurs de Quebec**

Received:

- Queen's Medal, Bar "1964"
- EIRR Coronation Medal
- EIRR Silver Jubilee Medal
- CD and Bar (EIRR)



The Following is an obituary which appeared in the Journal of the National Rifle Association (UK), Winter 1997 Number 3, Volume LXXVI page 39.

Clement Tremblay passed away on September 17th, aged seventy two.

One of the most endearing members of the Canadian shooting community, Clement Tremblay passed away on September 17th, aged seventy-two.

Clem had a very successful shooting career. He was a member of the Canadian Palma Team on three occasions, qualified for the Bisley Team twelve times and was a member ten times. In addition to his target rifle successes, he won the Queen's Medal for Service Rifle in 1964.

Latterly, he contributed greatly to the development of Canadian shooting by coaching cadets for ten years.

His sons, Pierre, Paul, Michel and grandson Mathieu Verrault have all represented Canada at Bisley, his granddaughter Cindy is also a shooter.

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Sergeant Timothy Irving, 4RCR (1994 Reserve)

Master Warrant Officer Robert Douglas CLERK, CD

Canadian Army Militia - Winner 1966
Service Number D 829855

In 1958 Robert (Bob) Douglas Clerk enlisted in the Royal Montreal Regiment at The Armoury, Westmount, Quebec. On 1 August 1966 at the Connaught Ranges near Ottawa, Ontario, Private Clerk won the Canadian Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the Militia.

Private Clerk shot the competition with the FN C1 rifle and recorded the score of 168 / 200.

A Staff Officer presented the Queen's Medal from NDHQ.

Bob Clerk ultimately retired with the rank of Master Warrant Officer on 1 November 1971 having served with the Royal Montreal Regiment throughout his military career.

He currently lives in Burlington, Ontario with his wife and is a retired Certified General Accountant.

The following article appeared in The Montreal Gazette (1966): Queen's Medal To Bob Clerk

SOUTH MARCH, Ont. The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association announced Friday that Bob Clerk of Westmount, Que., has won the Queen's Medal for militia in the service rifle matches fired Monday at the annual DCRA championships.

The 28-year-old insurance company employee had 168 of a possible 200 in the tough Sir Arthur Currie match, in which the top active member of the militia and the top Air Force shot are awarded Queen's Medals.

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Corporal Carlos Arevalo, Cdn Airborne (1994 Regular)



Sergeant Sean Gagnon, GGFG (2003 Reserve)



Captain Steve Tibbetts, 2RCR (1988 Regular)



Corporal Joseph Hennick, 1RCR (1981 Regular)



Staff Sergeant Gordon Wilfred Black
Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Service number: 15163

Medals

Serving Brother – Order of St. John
Queen's Medal, Bars 1970 and 1974
EIIR Silver Jubilee Medal
RCMP LS & GC medal with bronze bar for 25years service

The Following is an obituary which appeared in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Quarterly, Volume 46, No. 2, Page 74

Reg. No. 15163, **S/Sgt. Gordon Wilfred Black**, 52, died of cancer on October 24, 1980, at Ottawa, Ontario.

He was born September 15, 1928, at Shoal Lake, Manitoba, and joined the RCMP on August 24, 1948, at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Following recruit training at Depot and "N" Divisions, he was posted to "F" Division where he served at Regina, Kipling and Weyburn. He purchased his discharge on December 7, 1951, and served with the Royal Canadian Army (Provost Corps) for two years before re-joining the Force on February 17, 1954, at Ottawa.

He spent the rest of his career at "A" Division, being promoted corporal on May 1, 1960, Sergeant on May 1, 1966, and Staff Sergeant on February 1, 1971. He was invalided to pension on September 30, 1978.



Captain Sean Pierre GAGNON, GGFG
Governor General's Foot Guards

Queen's Medal Winner: 2003 Sergeant
Queen's Medal Winner: 2008 Captain

In 2003 the GGFG returned to the central stage of shooting when Sgt Sean Gagnon won the Queen's Medal. This year that accomplishment was achieved for the second time when Capt Sean Gagnon won the Queen's Medal once again. More importantly Capt Gagnon put a concentrated effort into developing a core team of marksmen. As a result of his hard work and training the GGFG helped lead the LFCA Reserve Team to victory in all matches at CFSAC. The team carried on to the Armed Forces *Skill At Arms Matches* in Little Rock Arkansas and are set for a repeat performance in 2009.



Captain Ken BURLING
2011 Winner Regular Force
Aerospace and Telecommunications Engineering Support Squadron



MWO François Duchesneau
2011 Winner Reserves
2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group



Sergeant John Carew, CD

Queen's Medal Winner (reserves): 2000 Sergeant Royal Newfoundland Regiment
Queen's Medal Winner (reserves): 2001 Sergeant Royal Newfoundland Regiment

John Carew born on 07 July 1964 in Newfoundland. I never had any one in my family in the military before; I was the first. I joined the army in 1981 in St. John's Newfoundland with the 1st Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment. I learned a lot of shooting from a Warrant Officer Dyer. He taught me a lot about shooting and to this day I thank him (he doesn't know that).

I then transferred to the regular force going to battle school in 1984 with the PPCLI. After Battle School I was posted to 1PPCLI where I served 5 years. I did some shooting but never on the Battalion shooting team. Then I returned to the Reserves joining the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. Shortly after coming back to Newfoundland, I joined the Penitentiary Service where I am currently working now (almost 25 years). Somewhere in the late 90's (98 or 99), I took shooting back up and ended up on the Land Forces Atlantic Area shooting team. My first team captain was the incredible Major G. Troicuk - he was one of a kind, loved him. It was all about the shooting, nothing else. Great guy and great team Captain. The team coach was Sergeant Smith, former RCR, and if he didn't know it, it wasn't worth knowing. Another Captain I had was Major Silus Thompson from 2nd Battalion Royal Newfoundland Regiment, another great captain and shooter - glad to have known them. It was all about the shooting, team spirit and winning, but not at all costs – never cheat. I always have respect for the other shooters and good thing will happen, and they did.



In 2000 I won the Queen's Medal for the first time. Honestly, I knew I could shoot; I knew I was good; but up at the Queen's Medal competitions, everyone is good or better. I look at it this way, I am good, better than most and I am consistent - and that is the key - but on any given day anyone can beat me. The only way to win and win more than once is consistency! That is what wins medals; being always consistent, and little luck - lol, lol. So in 2001 I returned to prove that in 2000 I didn't just fluke into the medal, and I won it again. In 2002 I came back but my heart wasn't in it, I was getting divorced and it showed in my scores, but that's shooting, you win some you lose more!

I have no doubt that given more time I could win more medals, but that to me isn't what it is about. I want to help other shooters reach their full potential as well. Shooting is the bread and butter of the Infantry and that's why we shoot at CFSAC. Learning to shoot the black rifle is as important as a physician learning how to take your pulse, hear your heart. Without it you are not who you portray, and I know, trust me I know. It saved my life. That black rifle isn't given to you to look good in pictures. In the right hand it is as skilled as a surgeon's scalpel. I have competed in Australia in ASSAM, in Arkansas in AFSAM and CFSAC. Funny story, I never got to compete in Bisley even though I accomplished winning the QM twice. I was told I had to choose between AFSAM or Bisley (I took AFSAM) the regular force winner got to go where ever he wanted (I think he went to Australia and Bisley). Double standard – but I'm not bitter - it is in the past. Right now, I only compete in hand gun competitions, IPSC and Combat matches. There isn't a viable rifle competition here on the island! But I own an automatic rifle with an Elcan - same as we use in CFSAC.

I have two boys - Cahill 21 and he is in the reserves waiting to go regular force. He doesn't do any competitive shooting. His interests lie elsewhere. My youngest is Gage 13 - he says he is interested in the reserves, and we do a lot of shooting, 22 .223 and some 9mm handgun - time will tell. I have a step daughter, Sarah who is 17. She has

no interest in shooting or the military. I met my wife on line plenty of fish. I am not a bar guy, not a big drinker so that was the perfect medium to meet someone. I still live in St. John's, Newfoundland and am close to retiring from the Penitentiary service.

I know Ken Ferguson and both his sons (all three are Queen's Medal recipients). I spent a lot of time with Ken at his home in Nova Scotia when we both competed and were on the same team Land Forces Atlantic Area. I respect Ken - with the ability to shoot like he did and the sheer number of Queen's medals that he won, amazing feat! I met his two boys at his home in Nova Scotia. I have hunted with Ken in Nova Scotia and he came to Newfoundland to hunt moose with me. We were close friends. Never had the chance to shoot with his two boys as I hung up the rifle so to speak with military competition shooting. I was asked on a few occasions to coach, but sadly in 2002 I was in the middle of getting divorced.

In 2005 I took a PMC (Private Military Contractor) job in Iraq, which turned out to be more of a suicide mission than a job. I was initially going there to guard the pipe line! A designated sniper task, scouting for insurgents trying to disrupt the oil flow. That didn't happen – ended up in Falujiah, during the surge! When you do a mission, and you call for backup and no one is there, yeah, time to leave! I left that position as fast as I could (after about 3 or 4 months). I will never do that again!

In 2008 I was remarried to a wonderful woman, Susan Hogan, and in January 2009, less than 3 months after I got married I went to Shilo Manitoba on work up training for Task Force 1-09.



My specialized training was as a CIMIC operator. Our job was to liaise with local nationals, do Shuras (a meeting with collation partners and the local elders), advise the Officer Commanding and Commanding Officers on courses of actions with regard to actions taken and the fallout of such actions if any. I was tasked to work with the armoured unit in Southern Afghanistan. As I was getting ready to board the plane for Kandahar, I was pulled aside and informed that I would be attached to an American Unit, 1st Battalion 12th Regiment 4th Infantry Division out of Carson Colorado. I thought that was it. I am not coming home from this one, one tour too many. The Americans do things differently, and I didn't like that. Long story short - I was wrong, really wrong. These guys were the most professional guys I have

ever had the pleasure to serve with, and I would have laid down my life for any of them, and them for me. Whatever I needed I got - in O Groups I was always asked my opinion and it was important. These guys understood the value of winning the hearts and minds of the local population. Killing bad guys was important, (we killed a lot, and my skills with a rifle came in handy.) The bond I made with these guys holds today 5 years after I came home. They respected me that much, they presented me with the U.S Army's Combat Infantry Badge, an honor I hold near and dear to my heart.

In 2012 he left the Canadian Forces but returned in 2014 and is with the IA (Influence Activity) Company of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment

Medals: General Campaign Star, Canadian Peacekeeping, United Nations Cyprus, CD and bar, Corrections Exemplary Service Medal, Queen's Medal for Champion Shot with bars 2000 and 2001.

Joseph ('Joe') R. Hennick

Joe died at age 75 in London, Ontario on 31 January 2015.

He served with the Royal Canadian Regiment for 22 years and on retirement spent 19 years with Canada Post. His service with 1 RCR included three tours in Germany and one in Cyprus. In 1971, then Corporal Joseph R. Hennick, a noted marksman, won the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the Canadian Army (Regular) as a member of the 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment.

Beloved husband of Helga for 53 years. Loving and proud father of Mona and Joey (Lisa). Cherished Grandfather of Jared (Kasey), Paige, Sarah, and Maitlyn. He is survived by brothers Tom (Barb), Wayne, Richard, and Randy and sisters Joan (Alex), Linda, Darlene (Max) and Brenda. Predeceased by his father, mother, brother Stewart (Wendy) and sister Deborah.



Medals:

Special Service Medal with bar NATO
Peacekeeping Medal
United Nations Cyprus Medal
Canada Centennial Medal
Canadian Forces Decoration and Bar
Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the Regular Forces bar 1971



Chief Petty Officer First Class Martin David Cashin, MMM, CD



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 in the rank of Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class.

Awarded **Queen's Medal for the Champion Shot of the Canadian Forces (Regular Force)** in 2009 representing the Canadian Naval Engineering School in the rank of Petty Officer 1st Class.

A graduate of St. Bonaventure's College ('85), Chief Petty Officer 1st Class (CPO2) Martin D. Cashin, MMM, CD enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves during the summer of 1990.

He started his shooting career as a Cadet with the Royal Army Cadet Program and once he transferred to the Regular Force, he commenced shooting with the Maritime Forces Atlantic Combat Shooting Team. In 2008, he placed second in the race for the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot as well as placing third overall in the CF Sniper Competition as



an individual and winning top 2-person sniper team. In 2009, he won the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot, being the first sailor in the history of Canada to win this medal.

Immediately after winning the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot, Petty Officer 1st (PO1) Class Cashin commenced pre-deployment training and was deployed to Afghanistan for the majority of 2010. During this tour, he was informed that he was elected to the Canadian Forces Sports Hall of Fame for outstanding achievement in Shooting in 2010.

CPO2 Cashin was promoted to his current rank and subsequently posted to Ottawa with Project Management Office Halifax Class Modernization / Frigate Life Extension as the training coordinator and directorate chief where he was awarded the Assistant Deputy Minister (Materiel) award for Merit.²

CPO2 Cashin was promoted to his current rank and subsequently



In 2016, CPO2 Cashin was posted to the Advanced Training List to complete second language training. He learned in December 2016 that he would be appointed into the Order of Military Merit for the Canadian Armed Forces.

He is currently (2017-2018) the Naval Dress Committee Secretary, Royal Canadian Navy, in the D Nav P&T 2-7 Honours and Recognition Section and promoted to Chief Petty Officer 1st Class.

² These are his medals before he received the EIRR Diamond Jubilee Medal, the General Campaign Star with South-west Asia Ribbon and the Member of the Order of Military Merit.

Chief Petty Officer First Class Martin David Cashin, MMM, CD



Chief Petty Officer First Class Martin Cashin receives the Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) from the Governor General of Canada, The Right Honourable Julie Payette, appropriately wearing the RCN uniform for this investiture.



Petty Officer Martin Cashin's Medals include the MMM, the General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia Ribbon and one extra tour bar, the Special Service Medal with bar NATO, the EIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) and bar and the 2009 Queen's Medal for Champion Shot of the Canadian Forces (Regular Force).

2018 Recipients



Lieutenant Baron Hordo, 2 CFSTs, Moose Jaw



Corporal Tim Nault, 39 Signals Squadron

**Captain Shannon Marie WILLS, MMM, CD
Queen's Medal 1988**

Only Canadian Female to ever received the Queen's Medal for Champion Shot

Medals: MMM – CD and Bar – Queen's Medal for Champion Shot bar 1988

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 March 2011 in the rank of Captain serving with the 4th Canadian Rangers.

She was serving with the 12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion when she won the Queen's Medal in 1988.

At the competitions, The Shannon Wills Trophy is awarded to the Canadian Ranger with the highest score in the Canadian Ranger Open Match.

After 31 years of service, Captain Shannon Wills has retired from the Canadian Armed Forces. Captain (ret'd) Wills began her service with 4 CRPG on March 15, 1993, and was the Group's Adjutant for the past eight years before retiring on 17 November 2017.



**Major Edson Lyman Warner, CD
Sherbrooke Regiment
Queen's Medal winner**



Major Edson Lyman Warner was born on 06 March 1930 and died on 20 August 2019. He received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, CD, QM5, BComm (McGill), BA (Bishop's) Lennoxville.

Predeceased by his parents Chester (1899-1977) and Bernice (1903-1991); and Edith (1933-2006); he is survived by his partner Janice Fraser, his brother Charlie (Penney) and sister Ann (Jim); his children Pat (Naomi), Rob, Terry (Paulette), Sue (Graham); and his grandchildren Alex, Olivia (Tyler), Emily and Joshua. He lives in the memories of the Brazels, Campbells, Findlays, Fowlers, Howes', Paiges, Rumps, Thompsons, Treats, Warners, Wingets, Woodward's and others.

He was a "King Scout"; officer of the Sherbrooke Regiment, 7th/11th Hussars in Bury and Asbestos, and Sherbrooke Hussars; volunteer with B.C.S. Cadet Corps No. 2; a life member of the DCRA; member of the PQRA, Sand Hill, Mansonville and Lennoxville shooting clubs; Member of three Sports Shooting Hall of Fame; five Queen's Medals for Champion Shot, a member of Canadian teams at the World Shooting Championships, Bisley and the Commonwealth Games, among other sporting achievements. He was once a candidate for Ascot municipal council; a Freemason; and a habitual reader.

Edson Warner has been shooting for well over 50 years. In Ottawa, he has qualified for 9 Bisley teams, has been runner up for the Grand Aggregate 3 times and third on 3 occasions also. In Bisley he came second in the Queen's Prize in 1956 and third in 1960. He was in the Grand Aggregate top 50 once and the Queen's Final twice. In 1968 he came second in the New Zealand Queen's Prize. In addition to his successes in our game, Edson won 5 Queen's medals in service rifle shooting and won 3 Canadian small-bore Championships. He was on Canada's Olympic Team in Helsinki in 1952 and Rome in 1960 .

1955	WARNER, Edson Lymon	2nd Lieutenant	Sherbrooke Hussars	CD
1968	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	CD
1969	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	CD
1971	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	CD
1972	WARNER, Edson Lymon	Major	Sherbrooke Hussars	CD

Corporal Laval Mercier
3rd Battalion Royal 22^e Regiment
Member – DCRA Hall of Fame

1968	MERCIER, Laval	Corporal	3 R22eR	---
1974	MERCIER, Laval	Sergeant	3 R22eR	---
1975	MERCIER, Laval	Sergeant	3 R22eR	---



Warrant Officer David Oakie, CD
1978 and 1979 Recipient of the Queen's Medal

1978 **OAKIE, David D.** Corporal Royal Montreal Regiment-
1979 **OAKIE, David D.** Corporal Loyal Edmonton Regiment

Warrant Officer Dave Oakie started shooting in 1974 as a member of the **2PPCLI** Rifle Team under the mentorship of Sergeant Ed Kingston. That first year at the Canadian Forces Small Arms Competition (CFSAC) he placed third in the Queen's Medal Match (losing the medal on crossfire) and also won the Vanier Cup for Top Tyro.

Dave left the Regular Force in 1977 but continued to shoot with the Reserve Forces. In **1978 he won the Queen's Medal** as a member of the **Royal Montreal Regiment** at the CFSAC. At the same competition, he also won the first C3 Sniper Rifle Championships at Connaught Range. He won the match opting to use the iron target sight instead of the optic. He was one of the first Reserve shooters to be selected to the 1979 Bisley Team.

In **1979**, Dave joined the **Loyal Edmonton Regiment** and represented that unit in Bisley shooting service and target rifle. He **won the Queen's Medal** for a second consecutive year (1979) at Connaught.

In the fall of 1979, Dave returned to the Regular Force as a member of **2 RCR** in Gagetown. He shot extensively in the Maritimes for 5 years and won the New Brunswick target rifle championship in 1980 as well as the service rifle and Biathlon Championship for 5 Brigade.

At the Bisley meeting in 1982, Dave placed second in the Service Rifle Grand Aggregate winning the Silver Medal. On his return to Connaught, he qualified for the DCRA Target Rifle Team to Bisley and was selected to shoot the Palma Match where the Canadian team won the Gold Medal.

Dave qualified for 9 Bisley teams in both Service and Target Rifle. In 1986, Dave shot the Canadian Crosman Air Gun Championship and won the Bronze Medal. In 1988, he received the Des Burke Award for contributions to service rifle shooting. He went on to coach the Airborne Team which won the Soldier's Cup in 1994. In 2005, he competed in the World Masters Games in Edmonton winning 2 Gold Medals in 300m iron sight and optic matches. Dave was instrumental in coaching the LFWA Reserve teams for several dominant years.

Dave was inducted into the Canadian Forces Honor Roll for Shooting in 2005. He was again Honoured at the Sports Awards in 2010 for Top Army Coach for the year in 2009 and again in 2016 for the Dedication to Sports Award. He is a proponent of Mental Management as a training technique and continues to compete in both service rifle and target rifle competitions. Dave Retired in 2017 with 45 years of service.

(from the DCRA site)



**Lieutenant Alan Benson, GGFG
1933 Recipient of the King's Medal**



MAJOR ALAN B. COULTER, OBE
Served and wounded before Vimy during WWI.
TDS the GGFG in 1923 as subaltern.
Won the King's Medal for best shot in 1933.
Commanded Bisley Team in 1953 which won Empire Cup.
Received the OBE for services during WWII
Retired from DND as Asst. Deputy Minister.

Served and wounded before Vimy Ridge during WWI
Served with the Governor General's Foot Guards as a Subaltern starting in 1923
Received the King's Medal for Champion Shot of the Canadian Army (Militia) in 1933
Commanded the Bisley Team in 1953 which won the Empire Cup
Rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel
Received the Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) (civil) and the Efficiency Decoration (ED) for services during WWII.
Retired from the Department of National Defence as an Assistant Deputy Minister.
Medals on display in the GGFG Museum in Ottawa.

Captain Michael (“Mike”) GRAY, CD
RSM Princess Louise Fusiliers
Queen’s Medals for Champion Shot (Reserve), in 1997, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006

Captain Mike Gray is a distinguished competitive marksman who began his marksmanship journey in 1979, as many have, with the Army Cadets joining 242 Royal Canadian Army Cadets in Fredericton, NB, where he learned many shooting skills from great coaches like Mr. Gerry Carr of the RNBRA.

Upon joining the reserves in 1982 with the **1st Bn Royal New Brunswick Regiment** he immediately gained a position on the unit shooting team, participating in District and Area competitions in rifle, pistol and LMG. After graduating UNB he took a job in Halifax, NS which resulted in transferring to the **Princess Louise Fusiliers** where he continues to serve today.

Mike has **won five Queen’s Medals for Champion Shot (Reserve), in 1997, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006**. He was the Canadian National Service Conditions Rifle Champion in 2005, 2006 and 2007. He has also competed internationally; attending the 1996 and 2002 Army Rifle Association (ARA) Central Skill-At-Arms Meeting (CENTSAM) and Bisley Service Rifle matches in the United Kingdom, the US Armed Forces Small Arms (AFSAM) Matches 1996 and 1997 in Little Rock, AK, USA, and in 2005, the NATO Reserve Small Arms Competition in Edinburgh, Scotland.

In 2006, he was awarded the Canadian Armed Forces Land Force’s Coach of the Year for coaching his team which took the top place at the NATO competition in 2005, and where he personally was the Top Rifle Shot. Mike attended CFSAC, NSCC and CAFSAC competitions from 1989 through 2009, first as a pistol competitor in 1989 and 1991, then joining the rifle team in 1992. He was never able to attend the full training sessions with the team, so his practice usually consisted of a few days to a week in Ottawa just prior to CFSAC. Even with this limited training, he was able to improve consistently each year. In 1995 he was top reserve shot in stage 1 but faltered in stage 2 dropping to third place. This however earned him a spot on the 1996 Bisley team where he was finally able to participate in a full training session with excellent coaching (WO Ron Surette and WO Norm Besaw). In 1997, with sage advice from the LFAA Team Coach, Sgt Bill Smith, he overcame his difficulties with Stage 2 and came from 4th place to win his first Queen’s Medal.

Although he had to hang up his shooting bag when he became **RSM of the Princess Louise Fusiliers** due to the commitments of the job, Mike continues to compete in IPSC and 3-Gun matches with his local gun club, but still gives back to the Service Rifle community when he can. In 2018 he was honoured to accept the position of Team Captain for the Canadian Armed Forces Reserve Combat Shooting Team at Bisley UK.



Corporal Jonathan Palmer, 5th Canadian Division

