

2023 President's Report

As you heard from the reports by the various officers and compartment heads Our society is in excellent shape and as I step down as president, I feel confident about it's future.

As Mr. Dylan said in song "the times they are a changing". My posse and I have, over the years, risen to the occasion and have made every effort to be in the present moment. In our planning of future endeavors, we have kept in mind flexibility and adaptability.

One of the initiatives we have taken lately is to reach out to other militaria venues to find common ground and explore how we might be able to create synergism for each other. To name a few organizations we have had contact with – the Central Ontario Branch Western Front Association, Canadian Legion Magazine editors, the Ontario Military Vehicle Association (who have a display at this year's show), the Canadian branch of the Juno Beach organization (who have a display at this year's show).

I am quite excited about the fact that we have created a long service medal for the society. The medal will be given out to members who have 20 years of continuous service and a bar for each additional 10 years. By the way there are 93 present members who have qualified for the medal and one recipient, Bud Migory will get the medal and 3 bars, and the fourth bar in two years, 60 years. I have passed out pictures of what it will look like. I hoped we would have them for our show, but they will be about a week late.

I brought them in at about 1/3 of the cost I had budgeted for.

I want to give a special thank you to Fred Tripp. Fred has donated the remainder of his military collection to the Society for the sole purpose of a fund-raising gesture. Thank you so much Fred.

Also, as I step down, I need to thank the persons who made it all so easy and gave me the confidence to carry on over the years – in the beginning it was Fred Tripp, Tim Burt, Warren Carroll, Jamie Cline, Gregory Loughton, the Migory brothers, and, in the end - Andy Traverse, Terry Wallace, Lawrence Stasiuk, Ken Keegan, Mike McLean, Bill Alexander – my advice to whom ever takes over - put a great team together - they do all the work – you look like the hero.

It has been a pleasure and quite an experience - thank you all for your support and allowing me to be of service to the society.

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