



CSMMI

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF MILITARY MEDALS & INSIGNIA

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PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

2024 - 2025

I would like to start by thanking the membership for the opportunity to serve as President for the 2024/2025 year. It has been an honour to lead this Club. As many of you are aware, I have been active in the CSMMI for quite a few years and was always willing to toss my hat in the ring to help with Society functions. It was very daunting for me when first asked to step in as President, and let me tell you, I had no idea what direction I was going in, nor did I have any comprehension of what the year might bring! Challenging and demanding as it has been, the CSMMI has prospered and grown.

2025 is the 60th anniversary of the Canadian Society of Military Medals and Insignia, originally founded in the Town of Milton in 1965 by eighteen like-minded military collecting enthusiasts. The Society was formed on the guiding principles of fostering interest in collecting and studying military decorations, orders, badges, insignia and many other genres of militaria collecting. We have progressed from the small group 60 years ago, to where we are today. Our main goal remains the same, to promote our hobby, grow the collective knowledge base and encourage as many enthusiasts as we possibly can to share their knowledge and expertise. I am proud to say that we are all part of this great organization, the CSMMI. Happy 60th to us all!

As we mark our 60th Anniversary, it's important to recognize that our organization is built on its members. Sadly, we must acknowledge the comrades we've lost this past year. May they Rest in Peace.

Fred Tripp #L464

Bernie Nehring #810

Alejandro de Quesada #1644

Tim Shand #1935

Ken Davy #365

Charlie Delaney #892

Ted Slater #1770

Fred Hayman #L273

Don Scruton #592

Peter McRorie #874

Steve Morelli #1775

It was decided by the Ontario Government in 2021 that all Corporations bound under Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act (ONCA) were to be given a three-year transition period to update their corporate documents to comply with the legislation. The CSMMI as a registered Ontario corporation since 1998, was bound to the rules and regulations under the Corporations Act, which was superseded in 2010 by ONCA. This requirement became the primary focus of our Executive over the past two years. We required certain CSMMI documents to be drafted and others to be updated.

The Executive Committee (Board) circulated our three ONCA documents via the print Journal, and e-mail, for review, consideration and acceptance by all members of the CSMMI. These were:

- the Constitution of the CSMMI
- the Code of Conduct of the CSMMI
- By-Laws of the CSMMI

These documents are vital and required for any Corporation, and represent not only an adherence to ONCA legislation, but also a standard by which we hold ourselves accountable.

The creation, revision, editing and finalization of these documents was a massive undertaking. I would like to thank Lawrence Stasiuk, Bill Alexander and Ken Keegan for their efforts to see this through to the end and ensure we crossed our T's, dotted our I's and filed everything on time to meet compliance. Without the work of these three gentlemen, we would not be in the stable position we are as a Not-for-profit organization. I also extend my thanks to the membership, for taking the time to review and weigh in on these documents and ultimately vote to accept them as our guiding principles.

Along with our continued advertising slots in local publications like The Wayback Times, and on the Internet via our website and Facebook Page, we also launched an Instagram account to help gain us some attention in hopes of growing ourselves a larger public profile and bulking out the ranks of our membership. After all, more members mean more fun as well as more free exchange of ideas and knowledge. This enhanced visibility will also contribute to increasing the size of our Monthly and Annual Shows, bringing out new patrons as well as new vendors. We are still navigating the functions of social media to use it effectively. I find, the older I get, the less and less I understand the new social media platforms. I look back at all the times I chuckled at my clueless elders and think "well, now it's my turn!"

The CSMMI is on sound footings membership ways and financially. As outgoing President, I will be passing the torch to a new leader who no doubt will continue to steer the CSMMI in a positive direction, building on our accomplishments of the past 60 years. I am proud to be a member of this organization, and to call every one of you friends. I always look forward to hearing from Club Members, and, although I will no longer be President, I will always take the time to speak with anyone who reaches out to me. We, as collectors, perpetuate and honour the memory of those who have served and continue to serve.

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Mike McLean
Interim President



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