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# Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals

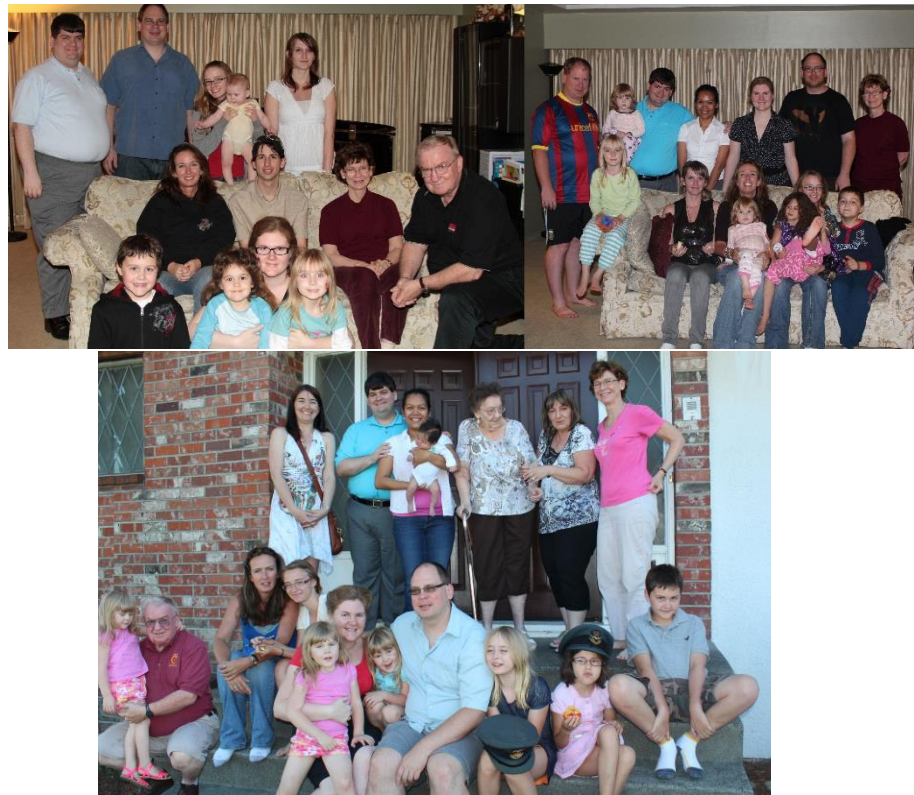
## 6th Edition

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to my wife  
to our children

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0.25" (1/4")	is 6.5-mm;
0.50" (1/2")	is 11-mm;
0.75" (3/4")	is 19-mm;
1.00"	is 25.5-mm;
1.25"	is 28.5-mm;
1.42"	is 36-mm;
1.50"	is 38-mm;
2.00"	is 51-mm.

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## INTRODUCTION

This sixth edition contains all the new medals established since 2003 such as the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, The Order of Nunavut, the Sacrifice Medal, the General Campaign Stars, the General Service Medals and the Operational Service Medals. Several new United Nations and NATO medals are also included as are all the provincial medals that now form part of the Canadian Honours System.

The Canadian Honours System makes up the first part of the book with the British Honours to Canadians in the second section. A foreign section featuring the United States, France, Australia and New Zealand gives some perspective to the Canadian system of honours.

This book deals mainly with Official honours - those honours that emanate from the Sovereign and are created and modified by Royal Warrant of Letters Patent signed by the Sovereign are official awards. These also include United Nations and Truce Commission Medals accepted for wear by Canadians by Order in Council. The order of wearing of the medals is outlined in an Order in Council. An interesting change was made in 1989 when four (now ten) Provincial Orders were accepted as Official Orders. Official awards are worn around the neck for certain awards and on the left breast for the other awards. The term official also applies to foreign honours emanating from a head of state, the award of which to Canadians is approved by the Canadian Government and published in the Canada Gazette. Such honours may be worn with official Canadian insignia following the Canadian decorations.

There are also Semi-Official awards such as the Life-saving Medals of the Royal Humane Society and the Life Saving Medals of the Order of St. John. These medals are worn on the right breast.

I have included a few of the unofficial medals awarded to Canadians such as the Canadian Bank Law Enforcement Award, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police Service Medal and private orders such as the Order of St. Lazarus. The Canadian Cadet awards and the Canadian Aviation awards are also included.

## MEDAL PRICES

The prices listed in this book are for single medals, usually unnamed, in very fine condition, or in groups where appropriate. Gallantry medals are almost always sold in groups these days and so these prices reflect a group. The prices listed are prices that medals are SOLD for by the major Canadian dealers and are not necessarily the price that an individual may receive for a medal. Prices vary greatly in value depending on whether a medal is named and information on the individual can be documented, the rank of the individual, and the regiment of the individual and the scarcity of the medals. Bravery medals in a group generally go for two to three times as much as the unnamed single equivalent

Museum quality copies represent another way to collect medals at a reasonable cost and there are now many available for purchase. When buying originals, one should ensure that the medals are not copies and that the research on the medal group has been done. There are several reference books available to check that the group is as described. Beware of the great bargain – it may be the seller who is getting the bargain.

Miniature medals are another means of collecting expensive Orders and Decorations. Prices for miniatures vary greatly depending on quality of the medal.

The price list at the end of this book are only a guide. It is best to deal with an established dealer when buying an expensive medal or group or if buying from an individual, ensure you do your own research on the group.

The price of high end medals (Victoria Cross for instance) are out of this world now as a few individuals will pay whatever is needed to secure a group of medals. Lord Ashcroft (Michael Ashcroft, Baron Ashcroft), KCMG, PC is one such person

who has bought up over 150 Victoria Crosses in the past 20 years. However, he also donated money to build a display at the Imperial War museum where his VC groups and the museum's 50 VC groups are displayed.

## WEARING OF MEDALS

Medals are either displayed from a ribbon worn around the neck...such as most Commander levels of the orders and all but the Knight of Ordre of National du Quebec of the provincial orders... or are worn on the left breast.

Women may wear her orders and medals as above or from a bow on the left shoulder. All Order of Canada awards to women, for instance, are for wearing from a bow. The Order of St. John now awards all medals with a neck or breast ribbon but after the initial award a woman may still wear their medal from a bow.

## NEW BOOKS



Chris McCreery with the GG David Johnston

Since the 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of this book was published, there have been five new books on Canadian Orders all written by Mr. Christopher McCreery. They are:

- *The Order of Canada: It's Origins, History and Development (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Editions);*
- *The Canadian Honours System;*
- *On Her Majesty's Service (Royal Honours and recognition in Canada);*
- *The Maple Leaf and White Cross in Canada: A History of St. John Ambulance and the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in;*
- and
- *The Beginner's Guide to Canadian Honours.*

These books have added greatly to the knowledge of Canadian Honours and Mr. McCreery's research has added expert research to our knowledge of the Canadian honours system. He is currently the Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

My friends at the Directorate of Honours and Recognition, National Defence Headquarters, led by my friend Lieutenant-Colonel Carl Gauthier, MMM, CD, have produced several great books in the past decade.



Government House photo showing Carl receiving his Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) from the Governor-General of Canada.

- *Canadian Honours and Awards;*
- *The Meritorious Service Cross 1984-2014;*
- *The Order of Military Merit (author Christopher McCreery);*
- *The Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) (author Christopher McCreery).*
- *The Mention in Dispatches 1991 -2016*
- *Commonwealth and Foreign Honours*

Lieutenant-Colonel Gauthier and his group also produce an annual report titled "*Honours & Recognition for the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces*".

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