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**Valour Canada held the 2023 Annual General Meeting.**



L: in-person attendees. R: John Q. Adams, Dr. Glenn Wilkinson, Aaron Curtis, and Robert Neufeld

On June 21, Valour Canada held its Annual General Meeting at the Ranchmen's Club in downtown Calgary. 18 Valour Canada members attended the meeting, including 16 in-person attendees and 2 online attendees.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Glenn Wilkinson, Valour's Board Chair. During the meeting, attendees approved the previous AGM meeting minutes. Our Treasurer Robert Neufeld presented the Financial Review of 2022. Valour Canada's President John Q. Adams delivered the President's report. Lead Educator Aaron Curtis reported on the 2022 education highlights and achievements. The retirement of two Board Directors was announced - Gordon Wong and Steve Dunn. In addition, a new Board director was elected - Victoria Sotvedt.

Looking into the year 2023, Valour Canada will be providing more in-person education programming and

events. Continuing our focus on educating youth about Canadian military history, raising public awareness of Valour's mission, and fundraising, we anticipate that Valour Canada will continue to grow in 2023 and beyond.

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## Valour Canada hosted an information display at Spruce Meadows.

On July 7, 8 and 9, Valour Canada hosted an information display in the Founders' Plaza at Spruce Meadows' "North American" International Ring tournament.

Approximately 500 people browsed Valour Canada's booth and learned about our mission, educational programs, and military history resources. Around 125 youth handled the artifacts on display. Many of them were excited to have the opportunity of trying on the Second World War helmet and the Gas Mask from the Korean War.

Would you like to purchase a Valour-branded bag, ball cap or t-shirt to support our mission?

- We encourage you and those around you who are interested to email [Contact@ValourCanada.ca](mailto:Contact@ValourCanada.ca)
- We are also working on setting up a webpage for those who are interested in purchasing our items online.

## Below are some photos from the three-day event:



Valour President John Q. Adams (L) and Lead Educator Aaron Curtis (R) standing at Valour's booth



Artifacts (L to R, T to D): CF MP Beret and Lapel Pins, Gas Mask, Emergency Ration, Sailor's Folding Knife



High-quality hats and shirts branded with Valour Canada's logos.

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## Call for Artifacts!



One of the highlights of Valour Canada's youth programming is the artifact handling module where the kids get a chance to pick up and take a closer look at real historical items, but we have some gaps in our collection.

If you have any of the following items and would consider donating them to Valour Canada for educational purposes, please contact us. Valour Canada can provide tax receipts for donated items (for fair market value).

(The photo on the left shows Valour Canada's current assemblage of artifacts.)

We are looking for the following Canadian military artifacts:

- Shell art (preferably WW1)
- Sword (preferably from the 1800s, with sheath)
- Canadian medals (any wars)
- Enemy medals (preferably one with Nazi insignia)
- A compelling RCAF artifact
- A compelling Peacekeeping/Peacemaking artifact
- Compelling artifacts from: the War of 1812, Boer War, North-West Rebellion/Resistance

Our [military history library](#) contains over 220 compelling and educational stories from Canada's military history, including:



### Winnipeg's Valour Road

Valour Road, a three-kilometre-street in the West End district of Winnipeg, Manitoba, was formerly known by another name: Pine Street. In 1925, it was renamed to memorialize the extraordinary First World War heroics of three men who had lived at different locations along the route.



### The Oka Crisis

On August 20, 1990, the Canadian Armed Forces were deployed in Oka, a small town just outside Montreal. The Oka Crisis has come to symbolize the conflicting interests of the Canadian government and the First Nations people.

Our [YouTube](#) channel hosts over 150 short, Canadian military history documentaries. Check out these videos today:



**Beaumont Hamel - Newfoundlanders on the Somme (Part 1 of 2)**



**Beaumont Hamel - Newfoundlanders on the Somme (Part 2 of 2)**



**24 Hours in a Trench, with Andy Robertshaw**

Please subscribe, like and share our videos [here!](#)

**WE NEED YOU!**

Your support helps us to continue providing free resources for students and teachers across Canada.

One \$50 membership covers the cost of bringing 3 students to our in-museum program. Every membership purchased helps us to continue to keep our services offered at no cost to those students.

**Please consider a donation to Valour Canada as part of your annual giving.**

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