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Valour Canada Newsletter

Special Update: General Sir Arthur Currie Award Dinner 2024



Photo (L to R): John Q Adams (Valour President), George Brookman (award recipient), and Brad Pierce (Valour Board Director)

On Monday, April 22, 2024, [Valour Canada](#) hosted the 2024 General Sir Arthur Currie Award Dinner at the Calgary Golf and Country Club. Nearly 200 guests attended the award dinner and unanimously provided very positive feedback.

Due to the generous donations and support from our patrons, the event was a huge success. Valour Canada would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who helped make the evening so well-attended and memorable!

The **2024 General Sir Arthur Currie Award** was presented to distinguished Calgary business leader, philanthropist, and community advocate, **Mr. George Brookman**. Having held many notable roles, such as being the CEO of West Canadian Digital Imaging (WCD), Past President and Chairman of the Board of the Calgary

Stampede, a long-time volunteer, and founder of the "Breakfast on the Bridge" fundraiser to support the Military Family Resource Centre, George's efforts demonstrate his commitment to the Calgary business community, civic engagement and education about Canada's military history and heritage.

The Award Dinner started at 5:30 pm. During the reception, guests were engaged in lively conversations, bonded among friends and family over wine and hors d'oeuvres, participated in silent auctions, and enjoyed browsing military artifacts.

At 7 pm, following bagpiper Bill Hawes' call to dinner, guests moved into the dining room and sat down at their tables. John Q Adams, President, delivered an introductory speech followed by a short video about Valour Canada's vision and mission. Land Acknowledgement was provided by Dr. Glenn Wilkinson, Board Chair, and all guests arose to sing "O Canada".

Valour Canada was honoured to have Canadian Military Historian Dr. David Bercuson speak about General Sir Arthur Currie. Then the podium was passed to Mr. Greg McLean, M.P., who spoke about Mr. Brookman's achievements and contributions. A video honouring Mr. Brookman was played before all guests, which was very well received and everyone arose from their seats to congratulate him.

Click [here](#) or below to view the video honouring Mr. Brookman:



As the evening drew to a close, Mr. Brookman was presented with the General Sir Arthur Currie award. He graciously expressed his appreciation and delivered a lively and humorous speech that elicited bouts of laughter from the audience. The

evening ended in a warm and celebratory atmosphere, marking another successful General Sir Arthur Currie Award Dinner.

Here are some photos of the evening:



Dr. David Bercuson



Mr. Greg McLean



(L to R:) Ms. Ellen Matthews, Mr. George Brookman and Mrs. Marjorie Brookman



Mr. Brookman at the podium



Mr. Brookman at the podium



Standing ovation from all attendees

**More photos will be shared soon.
Check the album later at
ValourCanada.ca/Events/TY-**

Our [military history library](#) contains over 250 compelling and educational stories from Canada's military history. Today, let's learn about General Sir Arthur Currie:



General Sir Arthur Currie, GCMB, KCB

General Sir Arthur William Currie, GCMG, KCB (December 5, 1875 – November 30, 1933) was the first Canadian commander of the Canadian Corps, succeeding Sir Julian Byng on June 9, 1917 two months after the Battle of Vimy Ridge.



Byng and Currie

Commanders in the First World War are often thought to have been heartless and incompetent. Not so in the case of Lieutenant-General the Honourable Sir Julian Byng, or the Canadian man who would eventually replace him, Sir Arthur Currie.

Our [YouTube](#) channel hosts over 180 short, Canadian military history documentaries. Check out this video today:

Sir Arthur Currie (Video)

General Sir Arthur Currie was a prominent Canadian figure in WWI. Some historians argue that he was, in fact, the best general during the Great War.

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