

Coronation Star – Diamond Jubilee Medal



George Roscoe grew up in his father's blacksmith shop at Sheffield Mills. He learned the blacksmith trade from his father and when he married in April 1938 he took over the operation of his father's shop. George joined the navy as a blacksmith in 1942 and was promoted Chief Petty Officer by June 1943. On termination of the war George remained in the navy as the General Iron Sheet Metal instructor at the Mechanical Training Establishment in HMCS Stadacona at Halifax.

The navy awarded George the Coronation Star Medal when Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth II in 1952. The two main reasons for this award was the fact George had built a gun carriage in memory of this coronation. His students at the Mechanical Training Establishment were those of the Petty Officer rank as they moved up through the ranks of the Engine Room Artificer, Engineering Mechanic and Shipwright trades. They all were quite excited to learn how to make a wagon wheel from this gun carriage experience and George was very pleased with the way this gun carriage turned out. The other reason George received this award was that he had created the Alcohol and Drug Dependency Program for the navy. The navy felt this program so important that they placed him in the Naval Hospital in charge of this program for the last four years of his naval service.

A similar medal to the Coronation Star is the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal that was awarded in 2012. Two of George Roscoe's close relatives have been awarded this medal.



Betty Hebb has been awarded this medal for 26 years of work in the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. The above photo is of Betty Hebb with Mr. Kerr, Member of Parliament for West Nova Scotia and Senator Comeau. This photograph was taken when Betty received her medal at a ceremony that was held in October 2012. Betty is the former Betty Taylor from Sheffield Mills and is the daughter of George's sister Helen. Betty and son Brian own and operate the Farmers Family Diner at Millville, Nova Scotia. Every year a group of sailors from the Canadian Navy gather at Betty's diner at 7 AM for breakfast, and after breakfast they start walking at South Berwick and walk into the naval air station at Shearwater outside Dartmouth. These sailors will receive sufficient donations from this one day walk to pay for one kids wish. This is a fantastic experience for one and all and this year they plan to walk on June 12th, 2013.



Kevin Roscoe grew up in his father's construction business, Roscoe Construction Limited, at Cambridge. Kevin is George's grandson. Kevin is a graduate of the Construction Administration Technology program at the Nova Scotia Community College. He graduated in 1997 and on completion began full time estimating at Roscoe Construction Limited. Kevin was born an amputee for no apparent reason. Kevin was awarded the Diamond Jubilee Medal by The War Amps for his lifelong association and work with this organization. He has been Safety Ambassador at parades throughout the Maritime Provinces, Junior Counsellor at Seminars, on site Parade Coordinator, Media Consultant, Event Coordinator for Safety Awareness Presentations at Remembrance Day Ceremonies or celebrations. In 2013 the War Amps call on him whenever they need or want a representative of the organization to speak, present or interview on behalf of the War Amps.

Is any other Annapolis Valley, Nova Scotia, family capable of claiming this record?

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