



NORTHERN VICTORIAN ARMS COLLECTORS GUILD INC.

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MILITARIA & COLLECTABLES EXPO 2026

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ARMS COLLECTORS
GUILD INC.
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Admission
Adults \$10
Children under 16
with adult free

SAT. 9.00 AM TO 5.00 PM - SUN 9.00 AM TO 3.30 PM

MCINTOSH CENTRE - SHEPPARTON FEB 28TH & MAR 1ST

NEWS & EVENTS

Lots of not so good news on the political scene, regards firearms laws, we know nothing yet about how we will be effected in Victoria, but you can guarantee it will be negatively. The only good news is that our membership is now back over 200 fully paid members and the 2026 Militaria & Collectables Expo is a go ahead with over 180 tables.

All members that are able, are requested to attend the McIntosh Centre on Thursday 26th of Feb at 4.30 pm to help arrange the tables. If we have plenty of help, this job can take as little as an hour.

Dealers start setting up Friday 27th from midday and it is good to have a few NVACG members to help direct them and keep an eye out for unauthorised entry. This is a good time to make pre-show deals. WEAR YOUR GUILD BADGE or carry your membership card. If you don't, security will evict you. It is their job and they can't be expected to know who the members are. If you forget to bring your membership ID, we can issue temporary one at the main entrance.

On Saturday and Sunday the Expo is open to the paying public, however there is free entry for NVACG, GCCA & BAAMC members with name badge or membership card. Pack up is 3.30pm Sunday. Again as many members as possible makes the job a lot quicker.

Thank you to Scott J for volunteering to be our new newsletter editor, hopefully we can soon get back to having a regular monthly editions. If you would like to contribute an article to the newsletter there is a new email address just for this purpose "newsletter@nvacg.org.au".

Lastly, Military Lane has just announced the date of Sat 28th March 2026 for its upcoming Classic Arms & Collectables Auction



Classic Arms & Collectables Auction

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH



***NOTE* Prohibited weapon Governor In Council Exemption take effect 28 days after joining. You can apply for a Category 1 Collectors licence after 6 months of membership. Your membership start date will be the date of your application, even if wasn't process it immediately.**

NEED YOUR COLLECTORS LICENSE APPLICATION OR RENEWAL ENDORSED BY THE GUILD?

There are three members authorised to endorse applications:

John Mc Mob: 0402 367 055 Email: majormac@bigpond.com

Graham R. Mob: 0417 137 232 Email: membership@nvacg.org.au

Ricky S. Mob: 0400 567 353 Ricky can be found behind the counter at Trely's Shepparton, but phone him first to make an appointment, and bring your current membership card.

George Vernon Davies, World War 1 hero, Wangaratta Doctor for 30 years

On 20th November 1914 this 26 year old medical student from Toorak volunteered in Melbourne and was assigned to No 1 Australian General Hospital as an orderly. On 5th December 1914 Private GV Davies, Service Number 133, embarked at Melbourne on HMAT A55 Kyama. The transport ship joined the Second Convoy leaving Albany for Egypt on 31st December 1914. It was soon realised by authorities that if the war lasted longer than initially hoped for more fully trained doctors would be needed. Thus, medical students in the AIF were returned to Australia to complete their studies and on 24th May 1915 he arrived back in Melbourne and was granted leave without pay to accomplish this.

On 11th December 1916 Captain GV Davies, now a fully qualified doctor, reembarked for active service. Arriving in France in May 1917 he initially served at the 2nd Australian General Hospital before he became Regimental Medical Officer of the 38th (Victorian) Battalion. For his courage in the field at 3rd Ypres he received the Distinguished Service Order. He was also Mentioned in Dispatches in 1918.



Capt. Geo. Vernon DAVIES,
A.A.M.C., attd. 38th Bn., A.I.F.

On the 12th Octr. 1917 near PASSCHENDAELE RIDGE, this Officer went forward and established a R.A.P. in an advanced position in BERLIN WOOD.

To do this he had to pass through an intense hostile barrage, yet in spite of all difficulties he successfully accomplished his purpose of placing himself in a position where he could render the earliest possible aid to the heavy toll of wounded.

At this place he remained on duty continuously for 54 hours, often working in the open although subjected to intense artillery and machine gun fire. During the day the aid post was directly hit by a high explosive shell, one man being killed, two wounded and another buried. In spite of the continued fire he dressed the wounded and extricated the buried man.

The Bn. was relieved on the 13th but he remained with the wounded for a further period of 15 hours constantly attending to their wants until the last man had been carried back to safety.

Throughout the whole period he maintained a spirit of cheerfulness and his fine example of coolness under fire and self sacrificing devotion to his duty, combined with unconquerable determination had a most inspiring effect on all who passed through the aid post.

Vernon, as he preferred to be known, was from a family of Melbourne bankers and entrepreneurs. Prior to studying medicine, he had qualified in 1911 as an accountant. His two brothers also served in the Great War, one winning the Military Medal and the other unfortunately dying of wounds.

After the Armistice he departed for home in May 1919 and completed his residency at the Alfred Hospital. Shortly afterwards, in 1920, he commenced work in Vila, New Hebrides. Meeting and marrying Ruth Fraser, daughter of a missionary, they returned to Australia in 1923 making their home in Wangaratta. Vernon Davies became a local General Practitioner and Honorary Physician to Wangaratta and District Base Hospital for the next 30 years. His practice was located in the same street as my former office, the TAFE now stands at the site. At 67 years of age, he retired and retrained leaving Wangaratta for Melbourne to practice as a psychiatrist for a further decade before finally retiring. He died in 1983 aged 95 years.

References

Australian War Memorial, AIF Project, National Archives Australia, Australian Doctors on the Western Front. France and Belgium 1916-1918 Col Robert Likeman, Rosenberg Publishing 2014

PARTS WANTED

Westley Richards "Monkeytail" gun parts namely lock and hammer etc. Also a complete firearm with good barrel and in good working order.

contact John Harrington on 03 58213192 or email jobah450.577@bigpond.com



SOME OF YOU MAY NOT KNOW BUT THE N.V.A.C.G. HAS IT'S OWN WEBSITE

Here you will find all the news and details for coming guild events and information for prospective members.

<http://www.nvacg.org.au/>

You can find past & current newsletters here <http://www.nvacg.org.au/news/>

We are also on Facebook @SheppartonArmsExpo

