

NEW RECIPIENTS
CME BRANCH COMMENDATION

The CME Branch Commendation recognizes the outstanding contributions of members and friends of the CME family. The most recently honoured members are:

Certificate No 018 – Quebec Retired Sappers Association

This group certificate is given to Chief Warrant Officer R. Michaud, CD (Retired), Sergeant B. Marcoux, CD (Retired), and Corporal H. Lambert, CD (Retired), in acknowledgement of their initiative, dedication, commitment, leadership, remarkable professionalism and extraordinary passion to The Quebec Retired Sappers Association since its creation in March 2005. They all greatly and admirably contributed to the promotion of the customs and merits of the Canadian Military Engineer Branch and the distribution of information about the Canadian Military Engineer Branch at large.



From left to right: Cpl Hector Lambert (Retired), Capt Bruno Tremblay, LCol Dan MacIsaac and Sgt Benoit Marcoux (Retired)

On behalf of the CME Branch, LCol D.A. MacIsaac, CO 5e RGC, presents to Capt Bruno Tremblay, 35e RGC, with a CME Branch Commendation (certificate no 018) on behalf of the Quebec Retired Sappers Association during the unit Christmas Dinner in Quebec city on 11 December 2009.

Certificate No 019 – Presented to Col R.K. St. John, OMM, CD (Retired)

Presented in recognition of the extraordinary commitment, devotion, leadership and passion demonstrated during his tenure as Colonel Commandant of the Canadian Military Engineering Branch, from January 2008 to September 2009. Col St. John provided stalwart leadership, promoting throughout the Canadian Military Engineer Family, the restoration and revitalization of the “All Sappers Memorial Park”



MGen D. Benjamin, CF Chief Military Engineer presented a CME Branch Commendation (certificate no 019) to Mrs. Joy St. John, on behalf of the late Col RK St. John (Retired) during the All Sappers Memorial Park rededication ceremony in Chilliwack on 7 November 2009.

Certificate No 020 – Presented to MWO Jim Harris, MMM, CD (Retired)

Since retiring from the Canadian Forces in 1994, Jim Harris has devoted his boundless energy to promoting camaraderie among his fellow retired sappers and working to preserve Canada’s Military Engineering heritage. He has been particularly tireless as a member of the Executive of both the Retired Sappers and the Sapper Apprentices Associations. Not only has he been a key individual in the conduct of their regular Annual Reunions, he has maintained an extensive national communications network that has kept these members informed. He is the founder and president of the Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack Historical Society where the legacy of the former base is kept alive. In addition to the creation of a local museum, he has worked in partnership with Canada Lands to implement the “Legacy Trail Project” at Garrison Crossing BC, to ensure that the heritage of the area is accurately displayed. He has also been an invaluable consultant to Canada Lands in their extensive restoration of the “All Sappers Memorial Park.”



MGen Benjamin presented a CME Branch Commendation (certificate no 020) to MWO Jim Harris (Retired) at the All Sappers Memorial Park rededication ceremony in Chilliwack on 7 November 2009.

Certificate No 021 – Presented to Canada Lands Company Limited

Since it was assigned the responsibility to manage the disposal of the surplus properties of the former Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack, Canada Lands Company Limited has directed extraordinary effort to respecting the Military Heritage of the area. This work is exemplified in the construction of the “Legacy Trail” at Garrison Crossing BC that will ensure that the heritage of the area is accurately displayed. Canada Lands Company has also shown outstanding initiative and commitment to the restoration and revitalization of the “All Sappers Memorial Park”, the national memorial to the Sappers of Canada and the British Commonwealth who have given their lives in the Service of their Country.



MGen Benjamin presented a CME Branch Commendation (certificate no 021) to Mr. Clint Hames, BC Board Directors member, on behalf of the Canada Lands Company at the All Sappers Memorial Park rededication ceremony in Chilliwack on 7 November 2009.

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