



The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada

On behalf of the Regimental Senate, I am pleased to announce that three members of the regimental family have been awarded the Regimental Lifetime Achievement Awards. 2019 was the inaugural year for the award and the nominations received were all of the highest quality and substance. The purpose of the award, and the criteria for selection as stated in Regimental Standing Orders are:

"The purpose and intent of The Queen's Own Rifles Lifetime Achievement Award is to acknowledge and record The Regiment's appreciation for substantial and continuous contributions by individuals that have enhanced the reputation and well-being of The Regiment. "Substantial contributions" means having real importance or value. "Continuous contributions" means uninterrupted in time or sequence. An individual's contribution shall normally have been deemed substantial when the contribution has enhanced the reputation or well-being of The Regiment as a whole rather than any single constituent element thereof. The individual being nominated for the award shall normally be retired from active service within the Regiment."

The inaugural winners of the award are:

Brigadier General Don Pryer (RIP), Former Commanding Officer and Honorary Colonel.
Colonel Paul Hughes, former Honorary Colonel and generous donor to The Regiment.
Mr. Tom Martin, President of the Vancouver Island Branch and care giver to MGen and Mrs. Pitts.

These winners are worthy recipients of this award given their long term continuous service and support to The Regiment. Hand crafted scrolls will be awarded to each of the recipients at a yet to be determined date/regimental event. I applaud the winners for all that they have done for The Regiment and I look forward to acknowledging future winners in the years to come.

In Pace Paratus, Walter Holmes

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