Colonel Commandant Commendation
LCol (Retired) Alan (Ike) Kennedy, OMM, CD

Many Gunners may remember Gunner/Lance Bombardier Kennedy from the days of 4 RCHA in the 1950s, and Bombardier/Lance Sergeant Kennedy of the RCA Depot Shilo in the early sixties. He then went on as an Officer in the Infantry.

Below:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) Isaac Alan Kennedy, OMM, CD is awarded the Colonel Commandant Commendation by Colonel Commandant RCA, Brigadier-General (Retired) James Selbie, OMM, CD at the Royal Canadian Artillery School, Camp Gagetown NB, 3rd December, 2015

CITATION

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retired) I.A. Kennedy is hereby commended for his outstanding contribution to the well-being of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery and the celebration of its history and heritage. A onetime Bombardier and Lance Sergeant of the RCA, Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy went on to provide similarly distinguished service as an officer of The Black Watch Royal Highland Regiment of Canada, The Royal Canadian Regiment, the Canadian Airborne Regiment and The Princess of Wales’ Own
Regiment (which he commanded). In recent years, he has turned to our lasting benefit, his command of the history of his former Regiment; his appreciation for the inspiration to be derived from the exploits of those who have gone before; and, his eye for the significance and effective display of artifacts of their service. Amongst the most notable products of these attributes have been his conception, development and skilled fabrication of an award for the Top Graduate of the RCAS Forward Observation Officer Course incorporating the decorations and medals of Colonel Ike Buchanan - three-time recipient of the Military Cross during his service as a Second World War FOO; and, the Brigadier-General E.B. Beno Award for Leadership in the Rank of Sergeant - a stunning trophy based on a silver QF 18 Pounder Gun. Leadership awards featuring swords donated by senior leaders of the Regiment have also been the creation of his craftsmanship. Most recently, he was instrumental to the donation to 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company) RCA of prized memorabilia associated with some of the most eminent of New Brunswick’s Gunner citizen-soldiers of the First World War. All of these contributions allude to his ceaseless initiative, boundless energy and enduring Gunner pride. Moreover they have, and will continue to help sustain the morale, esprit de corps and fighting spirit of The Royal Regiment and for this, we are in his debt.

Well Done LCol Kennedy!

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