



NEW RECIPIENTS **CME ASSOCIATION (CMEA) COMMENDATION**

CMEA Commendations are awarded to recognize outstanding contributions by individuals.



On the right, Col John Lespérance, OMM, CD (Ret'd), President CMEA is presenting to Maj Don Wilson, CD (Ret'd) with a CMEA Commendation at the CMEA National Conference that was held in Ottawa on 20-21 Nov 2012.

MAJOR DON WILSON, CD (Ret'd)

The Canadian Military Engineers Association recognizes Don Wilson's contributions to the financial management of the Association.

Since his retirement in 1993 after 36 years of Regular Force service in the Canadian Military Engineers, Don Wilson has given immensely to the both the Military Engineers Association of Canada and the Canadian Military Engineers Association. At the local level, Don served as the President of the MEAC National Capital Region Chapter 1993-94 and then volunteered as National MEAC Treasurer 1996 -2001. After the formation of the Canadian Military Engineers Association he carried on these responsibilities as National CMEA Treasurer 2001 - 2009.

As National Treasurer, Don was instrumental in transferring the financial books of the MEAC to a modern electronic financial application that greatly facilitated management, accounting and auditing of the Associations' books. His familiarity with the operations of the MEAC provided a sound basis for the transition associated with the formation of the CMEA. In addition, his recommendations for alternative financial investment vehicles has improved the Association's return on it's investments.

The Canadian Military Engineers Association commends Don Wilson for his sound and lengthy period of dedication to the Association's financial management.



Col John Lespérance, OMM, CD (Ret'd), President CMEA is presenting to Col Charles Keple, CD (Ret'd) with a CMEA Commendation at the CMEA National Conference that was held in Ottawa on 20-21 Nov 2012.

COLONEL CHARLES KEPLE, CD (Ret'd)

The Canadian Military Engineers Association recognizes the extraordinary commitment and leadership of Charles Keple during the creation of the Association. Charles joined the Military Engineers Association of Canada in 1971 when he was in the office of the Chief Engineer and responsible for many aspects of the newly formed Military Engineering Branch. In addition, he was on the Executive of the National Capital Region Chapter and he was one of two national MEAC Vice Presidents. He remained a contributing member-at-large of the MEAC throughout his subsequent postings including that as DGMEO/CME Branch Advisor 1989-1993.

After retirement in 1997, Charles was elected MEAC President and, in that year, the CME Branch Council approved the proposal to create a single, all-purpose Canadian Military Engineers Association. Charles then led much of the development and staffing of this proposal and was subsequently elected as inaugural President of the CMEA. He excelled in shepherding the new Association through its early years and ensuring the legacy of support to the wider Engineer Family through this new form.

The Canadian Military Engineers Association commends Charles Keple for his exceptional dedication and continuing support to CMEA aims and ambitions.



Col John Lespérance, OMM, CD (Ret'd), President CMEA is presenting to Capt Jacques Landry, CD with a CMEA Commendation at the CMEA National Conference that was held in Ottawa on 20-21 Nov 2012.

CAPTAIN JACQUES LANDRY, CD

The Canadian Military Engineers Association recognizes Captain Jacques Landry's outstanding support to the Canadian Military Engineers Association during his assignment as Military Engineering Branch Adjutant from 2002 to this present day. In an era that has been marked by a multitude of changes, Captain Landry has been constant in his provision of a high level of sound support from the Office of the Military Engineering Branch Advisor. He has contributed enormously in a liaison capacity and his secretarial and archival skills have often been relied upon to support the work of the CMEA. Particularly noteworthy has been his support to the CMEA Bursary Selection Board whose work has been conducted with utmost efficiency due to his solid and skilled secretarial support.

The Canadian Military Engineers Association commends Jacques Landry for his constant and high quality of support to the activities of the Canadian Military Engineers Association.