



## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

References: Governor General website at [www.gg.ca](http://www.gg.ca)  
Ontario Citizenship website at [www.citizenship.gov.on.ca](http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca)

### **GENERAL**

1. Honours and Awards are generally associated with distinguished military service, although it is not uncommon in the Primary Reserve environment to see our members with civilian awards in addition to military recognitions. The service of members of the Regiment includes some of the first commonwealth medals struck specifically for actions in Canada, the Fenian Raids of the late 1860s. While the Regiment has access to the full complement of Honours and Awards at the National and Provincial levels, many of the awards to be discussed are specifically Regimental in nature.

### **NATIONAL HONOURS AND AWARDS**

2. National Honours and Awards are controlled at Rideau Hall and Regimental access is through the appropriate chain of command. All nominations for national honours, decorations, and medals, including service medals, shall be administered through the Regimental Orderly Room, under the guidance of the Adjutant. Descriptions of these awards are available through numerous sources including that Governor General's website.

### **MILITARY AWARDS**

3. Military awards are not under the jurisdiction of the Governor General and include our commendations such as the CDS or Army Commanders' Commendations. This also includes all internal Canadian Armed Forces recognition programs, including Base Commander's Commendations and Brigade Commander's Coins, as well as awards from military competitions. All nominations for military awards shall also be administered by the Adjutant and Regimental Orderly Room.

### **PROVINCIAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS**

4. The Province of Ontario also has a number of Honours and Awards administered via the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade. Information on all the awards available can be accessed through the provincial website. Of note to the Regiment is the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards which recognize individuals for volunteer service in given organizations. This recognition program has been utilized by our volunteer pipes and drums as a means of recognizing their volunteer service and contributions to the Regiment. All nominations for Provincial Recognition programs shall also be administered by the Adjutant and Regimental Orderly Room.

### **NON-MILITARY HONOURS AND AWARDS**

5. Any member of the Regiment who is the recipient of an honour or award from a non-



military source which can include as examples, the Order of Canada, Order of St John, the Corrections Exemplary Service Medal, shall immediately notify the Regimental Orderly Room via their chain of command. That will permit the BOR to update the member's military personnel record to reflect the award, and thereby ensure no difficulties are offered to our members who are entitled to wear such awards on their military uniform.

### **WEARING OF HONOURS AND AWARDS**

6. The method of wearing appropriate Honours and Awards are well document in the the CF Dress Instruction Manual. The Order of Precedence for wearing awards is also well articulated on the Governor General's website. Not all Honours and Awards are authorized for wear on a CF uniform, and any member with questions shall have them addressed to the Adjutant via their chain of command.

### **REGIMENTAL AWARDS**

7. The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment has a number of Awards, the most prestigious of which is the Honorary Colonel's Commendation. The majority of these awards are presented annually at the Soldiers' Christmas Dinner. Each award is well described and its criteria detailed within Regimental Standing Orders.

8. The Deputy Commanding Officer shall convene an awards board, for the purpose of receiving recommendations for unit awards well in advance of the Soldiers Christmas Dinner. All Company Commanders and Company Sergeant Majors as well as the Adjutant will be in attendance. The results of this board shall then be provided to the Commanding Officer for his approval. Any recommendations for the Honorary Colonel's Commendations shall be put to the Honorary Colonel and Regimental Senate for their consideration.

The Princess of Wales' Own Regiment