



The Honourable Edna Ekhivalak Elias, O.Nu.
Commissioner of Nunavut

Speaking Notes
Diamond Jubilee Medals Presentation

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Royal Canadian Legion AGM
Iqaluit, Nunavut

Good afternoon honourable guests, families and friends

Throughout 2012, The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is being celebrated around the world. This year marks the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II who became Queen at the age of 25 on February 6, 1952.

In today's constitutional monarchy, Queen Elizabeth II is Queen of Canada and Canada's Head of State. She is the personal embodiment of the Crown of Canada.

This occasion is a time for Nunavummiut, and indeed all Canadians, to celebrate the contributions of our head of state and to reflect on our territory and nation's growth during her reign.

Throughout the Diamond Jubilee year, those Canadians who, like Her Majesty, have dedicated their life to the service of others are being honored with a Diamond Jubilee Medal for their contributions. These recipients will be the people who make a difference in your community and continue to make Canada one of the best countries in the world to live in.

It is with great pride that I present these medals to dedicated members of the Iqaluit Community and Nunavut. They are recognized for outstanding achievement and dedication to the community and service to the nation. Their contributions have enriched the lives of others, made a difference to this country and continue to do so.

This person has volunteered to serve his community for the past 10 years through the Air Cadet Program and the Royal Canadian Legion. He is highly involved in youth development within the North and promotes education and skill development among Cadets and Youth aged 12-18. For the past 7 years he has also served the Commissioner of Nunavut as an Aide-de-Camp on numerous formal occasions and functions.

Would Captain Adam Chubbs please come forward to receive his medal?

This following nominee has volunteered to serve his community for the past 5 years through the Air Cadet Program. He is very active in promoting physical fitness within the Cadet program and is extensively involved in organized sports within Iqaluit. He is an active Coach for youth skiing and Biathlon and spends countless hours training the youth of Iqaluit.

Would Captain Owen Godfrey Mitchelmore please come forward to receive his medal?

Last but not least, this medal goes to a long term resident member of the community of Iqaluit. He has volunteered to serve his community extensively for the past 27 years through the Air Cadet Program and the Royal Canadian Legion. He is very active in promoting the values and objects of the Cadet program. He is also extensively involved in promoting veterans programs throughout Nunavut and Canada.

Would Captain John Jeffrey Graham please come forward to receive his medal?

Commissioner will read letter.

God Save The Queen.

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