

Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers –
Master Warrant Officer (ret'd) Randy Gordon Rice, CD

MWO (ret'd) Randolph Rice, CD served for over 42 years in the militia and the CF as a military engineer, a member of Canada's Airborne forces, and as a Photo Tech.

Randy has been an active volunteer for over two and a half decades. He was the Chair of the Men's Group at the Salvation Army Church in North Bay and he organized and facilitated an Alpha Course for married couples at the Manotick United Church. The prime focus of his volunteering has been to assist other Veterans, whether with Veterans Voices of Canada, as president of the Veterans' Club of Barrie, or a member of the Canadian Airborne Forces Association Branch 13's Executive, or as a member of the ANAF #365 Branch, he always contributed significantly to each of these organizations. As a member of 441 (Huron) Wing, he has served as its liaison person for 'Veterans Groups' in the Barrie – Huronia area and contributes regularly to the Wing's Newsletter with his 'Time Capsule' articles.

Randy has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion for over 20 years. He served on Br #270 Clearwater's executive committee commencing in 2016 as the Branch Veterans Service Officer and was awarded Royal Canadian Legions General Service Medal for work with VETERANS 2018. An avid historian, he is a member of the Sir Robert Barrie Project Committee; part of the City of Barrie's International Relations Committee and its mandate to promote the rich history of the city. In addition, he was a major contributor to the book, "The Airborne Sapper Story" by Doug Foreman, which documented the history of the army's airborne engineers in Canada.

A strong believer in having appropriate recognition for members of the CAF, he has advocated for recognition of its past/ present members who have served with NORAD during their careers. He would like to have a bar/clasp that those members could wear on the Special Service Medal (SSM). In order to promote this cause, he has written letters to the Governor General's Chancellor, the RCAF Chief of the Air Staff, the Presidents of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Royal Canadian Air Force Association.

Randy is truly deserving of having been awarded the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. His medal was presented to him by RCAF Association 441 (Huron) Wing Chair Bill Sergeant at the Wing's meeting on 10 January, 2023.