

## **Biography**

### **Capt. David Kenney CD**

Capt. Kenney has always been involved with youth organizations of one kind or another. He started out with Cubs and Scouts, and was even in the St John Ambulance Cadets. He started his military career however, in 1968, as a trooper in the Ontario Regiment (Armoured), Militia. In 1980, he joined the Canadian Cadet movement as an officer with the 1705 RCACC British Columbia Dragoons cadet corps in Vernon BC. His first position with the BCD's was Supply Officer. After being promoted to 2Lieutenant in 1981, he was appointed as unit Training Officer. In 1985 as a Captain, he took over as the Corps Commanding Officer. In 1988, he completed his tenure as CO and became Training Officer again.

During his time with the BCD's the Corps won the Pacific Region patrolling trophy every year and also won the provincial Army Drill Team trophy several years as well. The corps had cadets win top awards like trips to England and Germany as well as compete on the Bisley rifle team. In 1989, Capt. Kenney transferred to 2323 RCACC Saskatchewan Dragoons cadet corps in Swift Current, Saskatchewan where he alternated between Commanding Officer and Training Officer until transferring to the Supplementary Reserve in June 1993.

In 1995 Captain Kenney transferred from the Sup Reserve to 1390 (Artillery) RCACC in Red Deer where he was appointed Training Officer until becoming Commanding Officer in Dec 1998. In 2000, Capt. Kenney assisted with the startup of a 1390 RCACC satellite corps in Camrose, AB. This sub-unit stood up as 3068 (SALH) RCACC in the fall of 2002.

In Sept 2002 Capt. Kenney transferred to 3025 (14 Service Battalion) RCACC in Didsbury, AB to become the Commanding Officer.

In Sept 2003, Capt. Kenney moved to Saskatchewan where he transferred to 40 (Snowbirds) Squadron RCACS where he became the Standards Officer, Deputy Commanding Officer, and Unit Human Rights Advisor.

Capt. Kenney was awarded his CD1 (first clasp) in 2004.

Over the years, Capt. Kenney has been involved in Detachment activities. He has been part of the assessing staff on Gold Star and then National Star testing in B.C., Alberta, and Saskatchewan. He has been a Biathlon Course Official in Vernon BC and Camp Dundurn, SK for Provincial Biathlon events. He ran the Orienteering portion of the 1999 Alberta Senior Cadet Concentration Exercise "Purple Pelican," instructed at the 2003 Alberta Tri-Service Senior Cadet Leadership Weekend, and in also in 2003 was instrumental in working with the Alberta Detachment in designing and running the Orienteering Portion of the first Alberta, Provincial Adventure Training Weekends. He has taken Marksmanship teams to provincial competitions a number of times.

Capt. Kenney has served a number of years at VACSTC. In 1988 he was employed as Company Second-in-Command for a Junior Cadet Course and in 1990 as Company Training Officer in a Cadet Leader Course. In 2000 he shared the position of LogO for the Basic Cadet Company and in 2001 he was Assistant Adventure Training Officer for Bravo Company CLI Adventure Training Course. In 2003 and 2004, he was Company 2i/c for the Basic Cadet Company and in 2005 he was the Human Rights Advisor for the VACSTC battalion.

Captain Kenney holds qualifications in First-Aid, Range Safety, Hunter Safety, Defensive Driving, Cold Weather Instructor, Orienteering Instructor, Canoe Instructor, Unit Human Rights Advisor, Master CHAP Trainer, Native Culture Awareness, National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) Theory Level 3, NCCP Biathlon Coach Level 1 Technical, NCCP Orienteering Coach Level 1 Technical, NCCP Rifle Coach Level 2 Certified, and OAC Orienteering Course Official Level 1. His 404's include qualifications for snowmobile and ATV.

When not at cadets, Capt. Kenney is currently a Graduate student working on his Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership and Management. He lives in Caronport, SK with his wife Judy (nee Nickoli). Dave and Judy have three adult sons, all of whom achieved the rank of C/MWO, Master Cadet Status, and served as staff cadets in Whitehorse, Rocky, and Vernon.