



For Immediate Release
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Brandon Salutes Formally Salutes Betty Coleman

Betty Coleman is the second recipient of a Brandon Salutes official SALUTE in recognition of her true volunteer / community spirit and her significant contribution towards consistently connecting the military and civilian communities in Brandon and area for over fifty years.

Betty was nominated to be a SALUTE recipient by the Friends of HMCS Brandon Committee. She has been instrumental in bringing together many civilian and military personnel that she has come in contact with throughout the years. Betty has and continues to host military families in her home and is one of Brandon's leading contributors in this activity. Betty gives freely of her time in order to build better relationships between the military and civilian communities. Below are highlights of Betty's volunteer activities that actively contribute towards furthering Brandon Salute's mission:

- Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the 26 Field Regiment, RCA, Brandon's own Army Reserve unit.
- Ship's Sponsor for the HMCS Brandon, a Maritime Coastal Defense Vessel class ship in the Canadian Navy, named after the City of Brandon.
- Co-organizer of the Brandon Military Ball for over 50 years, an annual social event that brings together military and civilian personnel to socialize and build better relationships between the two communities.
- Co-Chair of the Friends of HMCS Brandon Committee, a committee of the City of Brandon Council formed to maintain contact between the crew of the Ship and the citizens of Brandon.
- Past Director of the Army Cadet League of Canada, Manitoba Branch, providing liaison between various Cadet Corps, parents & sponsors and the League.

Brandon Salutes Chairperson, Lori Dangerfield will present Betty with a certificate of "salute" as formal recognition of her significant contributions toward achieving Brandon Salute's mission: "to foster unity of the military and civilian communities in the Brandon area" during the HMCS public reception that will be held on June 27th at 7:00 p.m. at the Riverbank Discovery Centre.

The **salute** is as old as history itself and is at once a greeting and a mark of respect. It is also a mark of trust and confidence and an act of courtesy, good manners and loyalty.

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