



## *Sgt. (Retired) Monty Black*

Monty is a lifetime resident of North Vancouver, having grown up in the Blue Ridge area. A proud product of local schools, Monty attended Elementary School, Windsor Secondary School, Capilano University, and Simon Fraser University. His family, deeply rooted in the North Shore, has a long history in the area, with his uncle Hugh and Ralph and their friends building a log cabin on Mount Seymour in 1946, one of the few still owned by the family. Influenced by his love for the outdoors, Monty became a Boy Scout and an active member of the North Vancouver Hiking Club. His dedication to service continued as he joined the Sea Cadets and the 6th Field Engineer Squadron's Army Cadet Corps, eventually becoming a Sergeant in the Army Reserve, retiring after 14 years of service. Monty received the Canadian Forces Decoration for his long service. As a resident of Lynn Valley, Monty and his wife Susan, along with their daughters Isabelle and Charlotte, restored their heritage home, the "Allen House," over 30 years.

An active community member, Monty supports the North Vancouver military family through the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 118, and the 6th Field Engineer Squadron Museum Association. He volunteers for the Legion's Christmas Toy Drive, and restored two vintage Canadian Army Trucks—one from WWII, one from the Korean War. These trucks have been on display at various historical sites, museums, and events, promoting education and remembrance. Monty is grateful for his upbringing in North Vancouver, where the natural beauty of the mountains and forests shaped his love for nature and his commitment to helping others.

Monty is a lifelong resident of North Vancouver, having grown up in the Blue Ridge area and attended Windsor Secondary School, Capilano College, and Simon Fraser University. Deeply rooted in family tradition, Monty's lineage on the North Shore is celebrated by his family's cherished log cabin on Mount Seymour, built in 1946 by his uncles and their friends. His formative years in a community surrounded by mountains, forests, and the Seymour River instilled in him a love for the outdoors, which led him from being a Boy Scout to active membership in the North Vancouver Hiking Club, and later to service in the Sea Cadets and the Army Cadet Corps. Rising through the ranks in the army reserve to become a sergeant, he retired after 14 years and was honored with the Canadian Forces Decoration.

Now residing in Lynn Valley with his wife Susan and daughters Isabelle and Charlotte, Monty is passionate about preserving his community's heritage. He has devoted nearly three decades to restoring the historic "Allen House," a home built in 1895 that stands as a testament to Lynn Valley's history. Beyond his personal projects, Monty is an active supporter of North Vancouver's military families, volunteering with the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 118, and the 6th Field Engineer Squadron Museum Association.

His unique volunteer efforts extend to restoring two vintage Canadian Army Trucks—from the Second World War and the Korean War—which he proudly displays at community events and parades, bringing history to life and underscoring the importance of Remembrance. Known for his friendly demeanor and unwavering commitment to giving back, Monty embodies the spirit of community service, always ready to lend a hand and ensure that North Vancouver remains a place of belonging and pride.