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VERNON ARMY OFFICER RECEIVES AWARD

Captain Diane Blain of Lumby was honoured with a Certificate of Achievement at the annual Cadet Instructor Mess Dinner in Vancouver recently for her response to a serious accident on Highway 6 on November, 2004.

Presented by Rear-Admiral Roger Girouard, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, the certificate reads:

“For your display of a high level of initiative and your timely and effective application of first aid when coming to the rescue of the injured after witnessing a multi-vehicle accident involving a head on collision on the evening of 8 November 2004.”

“We were on our way from Lumby to first aid and marksmanship training with 1705 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Vernon when we witnessed the accident,” said paramedic Mike Blain, Diane’s husband.

Diane, who is a first aid instructor, performed triage on all three accident victims while Mike took command of the scene, controlling traffic while Dianne designated people to specific tasks and monitored the victims until the ambulance arrived. She filled the paramedics in on the condition of the victims and helped load the patients onto the cots for transport to the hospital.

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1. Rear-Admiral Roger Girouard, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, centre left, presents Captain Diane Blain with the Certificate of Achievement for her actions at an accident scene on Highway 6. Also taking part in the presentation are Commander Richard Mountford, Commanding Officer of the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific), left, and Mike Blain, right.(VACSTC Photo by Wayne Emde)

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