

Backgrounder:

Commissioner's Award for Bravery recipients

Donald Havioyak – In January 2007, Donald Havioyak noticed a house fire with someone inside. He tried to enter, but found it too hot and full of smoke. He quickly went through the other entrance. Once inside, he noticed Bessie Kuneluk sitting immobile on the kitchen floor. Donald dragged her from the burning house, saving her life.

Commissioner's Award for Special Skills

June Okalik Klengenber – June is recognized for a lifetime of passing on skills in sewing, drum dancing, and child-rearing. As the eldest person in Kugluktuk, she demonstrates a healthy lifestyle and inspires others.

Joe and Ada Ogina 50th wedding anniversary - April 23, 1962 – This couple was recognized for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Diamond Jubilee medals presented by Commissioner Elias and Minister Peter Taptuna

Colin Adjun – Since Colin was a young man, he gave his music for community celebrations, anniversaries, weddings and charities. His fiddle music has inspired many children and youth to learn dances.

Simon and Millie Kuliktana – As a couple, Millie and Simon have opened their home to youth for evening activity choices.

Simon has been mentoring, coaching and playing music with youth. During winter, their home is known for hosting spontaneous 'jam sessions' with live music. Simon also plays lead guitar for fiddlers, Colin Adjun and son, Gustin.

Millie volunteers for community events, putting family and personal needs aside. She is involved in recreation, social events, and activities that improve the health of the community. She has opened her home to youth as a drop-in centre to provide a safe environment for fun.

Barbara Elaine Harvey – Barbara has held several positions within the areas of healthcare, including nurse in charge. She has been dedicated to the health and welfare of Kugluktuk, which makes her a worthy recipient.

Thomas Mark Harvey – Sergeant Harvey is a positive role model for young Inuit. He has the Southwestern Asia Service Medal, the ISAF General Campaign Star, the NATO Former Yugoslavia Service Medal, and the Canadian Peacekeeper Medal. He sets an example that young people can strive to follow in their lives.