

Master Warrant Officer Kenneth Surridge Canadian Armed Forces

Family Life:

Kenneth Edward Surridge was born in June of 1959 to Irene (nee Ford) and Lawrence Surridge in Owen Sound, Ontario.

Ken attended school at Bayview, Alexandra, Strathcona and O.S.C.V.I.

Before joining the military he lived in Owen Sound, Brampton, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, and Saskatoon.

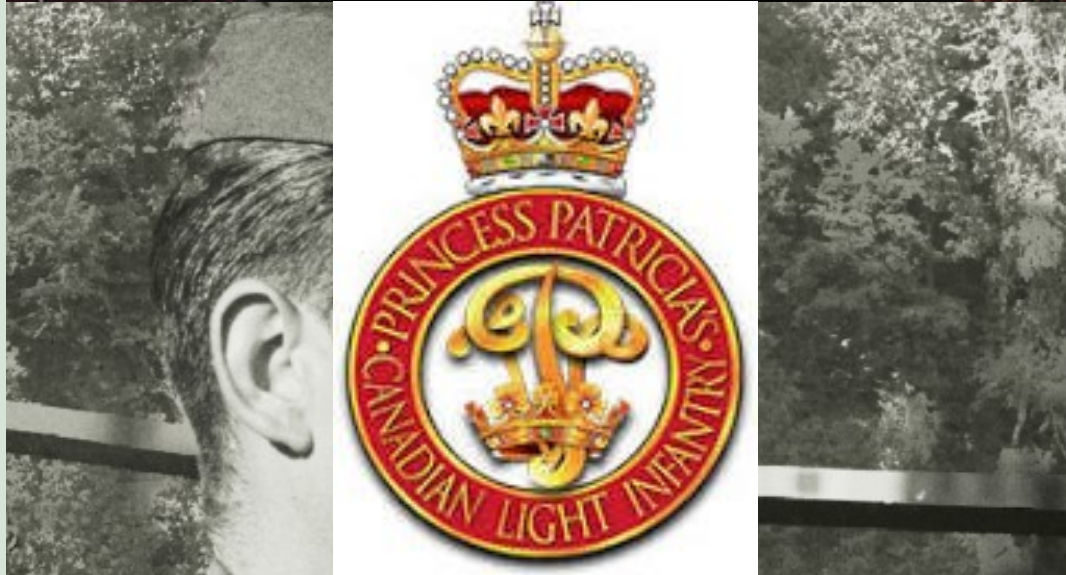
Ken started out as a Sun Times paper carrier. He worked at the Bay Motor Inn, Richardson Bond and Wright, and on the oil rigs in Western Canada from 1979 until 1982.

He married his first wife Trudy (nee Peddle) in 1985 and then his second wife Reta (nee Johnson) in 2001. Ken has three children, Tina Surridge, Shane Surridge, and Louis Dellamora.

Military Service:

Kenneth Surridge enlisted for military service on March 10, 1982, at Winnipeg Manitoba, starting out as a private with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Private Surridge completed his basic training at Wainwright, Alberta. He went on to do his basic infantry qualification in Winnipeg.



Decorations:

Canadian Decoration with Two Clasps
Citation Medak Pocket
Peace Keepers Medal
Cyprus (twice)
Former Yugoslavia
Special Service
Afghan Medal
Afghan Star

Military Service:

During his 35 years of service, Ken attended courses and trained all over Canada. He completed leadership training at CFB Borden and the 4th Division Training Centre at Meaford.

He was stationed in Germany from 1984 to 1988. He did two tours of Cyprus in 1982-1983 and 1990. His main tasks being to keep the Greeks and Turks apart to maintain peace.

In 1993, Ken was deployed to Bosnia and Croatia for 7 months, and again in 1997, for 6 months. During his first tour he saw action in the Medak Pocket, where 21 Croats were killed during a four hour firefight. His unit, Charlie Company, were on the front line and traded blue for green berets. They were now tactical soldiers and no longer UN peacekeepers.

He was deployed to Afghanistan on a Hearts and Minds Provincial Reconstruction tour in 2005—2006. They were tasked with building playgrounds, schools, roads and working with local politicians. His second tour of Afghanistan was in 2009, as a sergeant major to help train the Afghanistan Military Police. Ken was the Quartermaster Senior Instructor for Wainwright Battle School from 2011 to 2012 in Wainwright AB.

He retired at Borden as sergeant major in 2017.

Lessons Learned:

“Duty, honour, courage, honesty, integrity, discipline and comradeship, most of all professionalism.”