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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



MCpl Eric Pilon

MCpl E.E.N. Pilon (Eric) will be retiring from the CAF on 18 Jan 2018 after 11+ years of service.

With parental consent Eric joined the forces in 2006 at the age of 17, choosing to become a vehicle technician. Completing his BMQ and SQ in Meaford, he then had the opportunity to live the college life on the government's dime, completing his QL3's at Algonquin College in Ottawa. Once his year of partying was over and he was now qualified, he was briefly posted to 1 Svc Bn in Edmonton to start his OJT Package. After a long and grueling 3 months out west and feeling home sick Eric was "lucky" enough to get posted to Petawawa in order to be closer to family and friends.

His first real posting was to 2 CER in 2009, where he rotated through various section and received the opportunity to work on a variety of equipment. The majority of his time at the engineers was spent in A vehicle. Once promoted and posted in 2015 to 1 RCR, he was able to carry his knowledge and experience to a new unit, mentoring new techs on what was at the time a new LAV 6 fleet. When Eric was not on the shop floor you could most likely find him at the rink honing his skills and bringing a National title to Garrison Petawawa in 2014. He also had the privilege of taking part on Ex Maple Resolve in sunny Wainwright AB, not once but a total of 6 times.



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His positive attitude, winning smile and charm will be missed within the shop. The Corps is losing a great role model and superb Technician.

Since he successfully challenged his Red Seal Heavy Equipment License. Eric will be returning to his home town of Sudbury, ON to work on equipment in the mining industry. On his off days he will be hunting, fishing and loving every day.

Eric has elected not to have a function or DWD ceremony and has requested to leave his Military Career doing what he truly loves, playing hockey trying to bring one last Regional championship back to Petawawa. His last day of work will be 18 Jan 2018.

If you wish to share any Stories, humorous anecdotes and / or best wishes you can send to email at [brian.ballantyne@forces.gc.ca](mailto:brian.ballantyne@forces.gc.ca)



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