

# RCEME GEMRC

## Retirement Message Major Jean-Claude Ouellet RMC 81



After 28 years of service with the CAF and the Corps of RCEME, Major J.C. Ouellet will retire on Friday 17 August 2018. Originally from Pohénégamook, QC, he joined the CAF as a ROTP in Aug 1976. He attended RMC Kingston graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. As a young officer, he was first posted to 5 Svc Bn and went on to serve as Maint O 2R22eR.

In 1986, he returned to school at École Polytechnique, Université de Montréal and completed a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering. He was then posted to his sponsor, 202 Workshop Depot, and served as the M109 R&O Project Manager for a year and upon promotion to Major, transferred to the 202WD Planning Officer position in which he served until his first retirement in Sep 1991.

For the next 14 years, he worked mostly with Bombardier Transport as Manager Production Control. While the head office was the La Pocatière manufacturing plant, he moved his family twice for 2 years work assignments as coach in the Bombardier manufacturing system. The family of six went first to Thunder Bay, and then to Aachen in Germany. The good thing is, during all that time, they kept their ancestral house in St-Pacôme and his wife Carole and their kids came back every summer to reunite with their childhood friends.

He re-enrolled in 2005 and went initially to Base Maintenance Borden, then to the RCEME School as Standards Officer. He also deployed to Sudan on OP SAFARI as military observer – lifetime experience! In 2008, he was posted for three years as the Canadian Exchange Officer at the REME School in Bordon, Hampshire, UK.

He came to DGLEPM in 2011. He decided then to invest the rest of his career in the National Capital Region (NCR) and to expand his engineering expertise both in Project Management and Equipment Sustainment activities within ADM (Mat). He's been very fortunate to work with DGMPD (CCV project), DSSPM (OCFC2 Initiative) and DASPM (LWTH, GBAD). He also had the immense pleasure of completing Nijmegen March in 2012 with the NCR 1 Team. Upon his military retirement, he will remain with GBAD PMO as a Public Servant hoping to be part of project closure.

He wishes to express his appreciation to the RCEME Corps for welcoming him back in 2005. He's been offered so many opportunities and challenges in both his service periods. For his Depart With Dignity, he has chosen to hold a small social function with family and close friends.

He wishes to thank everyone for the memories and is now looking ahead for new challenges and teamwork.



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