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## Retirement Message MWO JE Meek CD

MWO Jake Meek retired on 3 April 2018 after more than 28 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces and the Royal Canadian Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Corps.

MWO Jake Meek was born in Hinton, Alberta, on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1971. In 1988, while still attending high school in his hometown of Hinton, he was accepted into the Primary Reserve as a Radio-Teletype Operator. His interest towards a different trade peaked shortly thereafter and he completed an occupational transfer to Veh Tech by February 1990. Upon completion of his required training, MWO Meek found himself attached to Base Maint in Edmonton, Alberta where he honed his knowledge for the next five subsequent years on a Class B contract.

In June 1995, MCpl Meek accepted a direct entry into the Regular Force as a Cpl within the Veh Tech trade. This component trade led to a posting to 2 RCHA in Petawawa, Ontario. He spent equal portions of his time at 2 RCHA between the HQ Battery and E Battery. He continued to gain knowledge and experience during this time by completing his DP2 Veh Tech course and by deploying on numerous domestic operations including Op ASSISTANCE (Winnipeg Floods), Op RECUPERATION (Ice Storm), and Op ABACUS (Y2K).

MWO Meek, always an athlete, further developed his athletic prowess by completing two Ironman competitions in 1999 and 2000.



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In July 2000, MWO Meek made his way to the Army of the West and was posted to 1 Svc Bn in Edmonton, Alberta. He remained with 1 Svc Bn for a total of nine years, serving in both Maint and Admin Coys. MWO Meek was employed in a variety of positions, including Veh Tech DP2 Trg Coord, Maint PI Production Sgt and Bn Trg WO. In addition to the experience he gained in his employment, he also completed his JLC/JNCO course in 2002, placing as top candidate, and completed his DP3 Veh Tech in 2008. MWO Meek continued to progress and was promoted to MCpl in 2002 and Sgt in 2007. He continued to be a proponent of fitness and volunteered for challenging physical training opportunities; he completed two Mountain Man competitions in 2000 and 2001.

MWO Meek had the opportunity to deploy on many domestic and international operations while employed as a member of 1 Svc Bn, including Op GRIZZLY (G8 Summit), Op PEREGRINE (BC Fires), TFBH NSE Roto 11 and TF Kabul NSE Roto 2.

In 2009, MWO Meek was posted to 1 CER as the Veh Production Sgt and was promoted the next year to the rank of WO and placed in the Maint Tp WO position. During his time with 1 CER, he deployed to Kandahar as a part of the MTTF with TFA 1-11. MWO Meek completed his ILP shortly upon his return from tour.

MWO Meek was promoted to his current rank in June 2015 and was posted to 3 PPCLI as the ETQMS. On completion of his ETQMS posting, he was again sent to 1 Svc Bn where he subsequently retired.

An avid hockey player and golfer, MWO Meek will be enjoying his post-military career in St Albert. In the summer, you will find him on the golf course and in the winter, you will find him at the rink or running his business, St Albert Bladz.

MWO Meek wishes to pass on his appreciation and best wishes to the friends and mentors he met throughout his career.

A Depart with Dignity luncheon in his honour will be held on Friday, 07 December 2018 at the St-Albert Legion Branch 271, 6 Tache St, St. Albert. Please forward your stories and anecdotes and confirm of your dinner attendance to MWO Dany Forbes [Danny.Forbes@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Danny.Forbes@forces.gc.ca) / no later than 5 December 2018.



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