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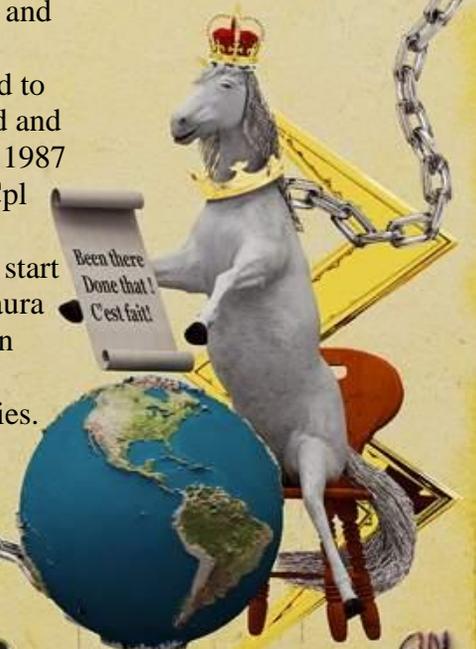


WO D.L. Norman, CD

WO Les Norman will retire on 7 March 2019 after 40 years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and with the RCEME Corps.

WO Norman joined the CAF on 13 Oct 1977, at the recruiting center in Vancouver B.C. and he headed to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia for Basic Training. Afterwards he was off to CFSAOE in Borden ON, for his TQ3 Vehicle Tech training. At this point he would like to thank CWO Buckle for helping him while he was in Borden. After the completion of his TQ3s (Aug 1978) he was off to CFB Edmonton. It is here that Cfn Norman met Cfn Maggie Carmichael, to whom he eventually married on the 3rd of September 1982.

In 1982-1983, the CAF started a trial for women in field units and Maggie volunteered to be posted to 4 Svc Bn in Lahr, West Germany in 1983, so WO Norman followed and he was posted to Base Maint Lahr. After a couple years, the roles were reversed and Maggie was posted to Base and he was posted to the RCD. In 1987 the Normans were posted back to Canada in Chilliwack and Cpl Norman was sent to 1 CER while his wife was sent to base maintenance. It was also around this time that they decided to start a family and were thrilled with the arrival of their daughter Laura in Nov 88. Cpl Norman was promoted to MCpl in 1989, and in April 1991 MCpl Norman deployed to Iraq/Kuwait with the Engineers to create the demilitarized zone between the countries.



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In 1992, the Normans were posted to Shilo, Maggie to 1 RCHA and WO Norman to Base Maint. In 1992, 1 RCHA was training for an overseas deployment and Maggie decided that with our second daughter, Caitlin, on the way in Oct, that after 12 years of dedicated service she retired from the CAF in 1992.

In 1993, MCpl Norman was promoted to Sgt and in 1995 he was moved over to 1 Svc Bn as the Detachment Commander, in support of 1 RCHA. In 2000, Sgt Norman deployed to Bosnia for 7 Months, and upon his return he was promoted to WO and posted to CFB Comox. In 2003, WO Norman was deployed to Golan Heights and following that tour in 2005, WO Norman was promoted to MWO and posted to 1 GS Bn in Edmonton. He retired as an MWO from the Reg Force in July 2006 and moved back to Comox.

A few months later, Les Norman, now a civilian, was recruited by SNC Lavalin PAE to deploy to Kandahar Afghanistan as a Maint Supervisor; after 7 months in Kandahar Mr. Norman came back to Comox. In 2008, Mr. Norman was offered a job in the RCEME workshop as a VHE 09 where he worked on heavy equipment for a year. In April 2009, Mr. Norman rejoined the Canadian Armed Forces in the Reserve Force as an Air Force WO, where he worked in the RCEME Workshop and took on the role of Workshop Support Officer.

On 7 March 2019, WO Norman will reach CRA 60 and will move on to and will gladly hang around Comox, playing golf, fishing and camping with the odd side trip to the South, East, West and possibly North, during the rainy seasons. He'd like to thank Maggie, Laura and Caitlin for their unwavering support over the years and to those who helped him along the way.

A Depart with Dignity (DWD) luncheon for Les will be held on the **01 Mar 2019** @ the Glaciers Greens Golf Course in Comox. Please send congratulatory messages, anecdotes and best wishes to rosario.messana@forces.gc.ca, as all received correspondence will be presented to Les at this time.



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