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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



MWO Troy Spence, CD

After 33 plus years of loyal and dedicated service to Canada and the RCEME Corps, MWO Troy Spence's last day in uniform will be on Friday 2 Aug 2019.

MWO Spence's young parents moved to Fort Simpson, North West Territory's in Dec 1967 to gain a life experience when his father accepted a teaching position. A few months later they had their first child, Troy, who was born on 29 May 1968. After spending a few years in Fort Simpson his father accepted another teaching position in Manitoulin Island Ontario. After spending 7 years on the Manitoulin and at the age of 12 his family went back to their home roots on Allumette Island Quebec, approximately 35 minutes from CFB Petawawa.

Right after graduating high school, MWO Spence joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Vehicle Technician. He was sworn in on 28 May 1986 in Hull Quebec at the young age of 17, a day before his 18th birthday.

After completing basic training at CFB Cornwallis Pte Spence was sent to CFB Borden for his Vehicle Technician QL3 initial trade training and basic driver training. After completion he was sent to 2 Svc Bn CFB Petawawa where his career began.



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MWO Spence's career can be summed up in three parts: 1. 21 years of field time in 2 CMBG as a Veh Tech, with 2 Svc Bn, 2 RCHA, RCD, 2 CER and 2 CMBG HQ, 2. seven years of non-field time at 22 Wing Base CFB North Bay as a Veh Tech, when it was an operational base; and 3. five years in the NCR, out of trade, Canadian Army Headquarters.

MWO Spence's career was primarily spent on providing maintenance support and he was employed as:

- OC's Driver;
- MRT Member & MRT Crew Commander;
- Wrecker Member & Wrecker Crew Commander;
- 2IC & IC of Maint Sections;
- IC of Regiment A Veh Fleet & Maint Sgt for Recce Sqn;;
- Planner 2nd Line;
- A/Con O 2nd Line;
- ETQMS;
- 2 CMBG A/G4 Maint & G4 Maint 2;
- AMOR (Annual Military Occupational Review) MWO for Reg Force; and
- CA G1 Ops 4.

During his career, MWO Spence deployed on numerous occasions. In addition to the many unit and brigade exercises, his most significant deployments were:

- RV 89 - CFB Wainright;
- Three IRU-exercises to CFB Meaford and one to Thunder Bay ON;
- Three Maple Resolve Exercises to CFB Wainright and one to Fort Irwin USA;
- Task Force Bosnia Herzegovina National Support Element; and
- Task Force Afghanistan-Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron

MWO Spence mentioned that the highlight of his career was all the good people he had worked with and encountered and he will never forget any of them. Some of his most significant and most emotional tasks were Pall Bearer Commander in London ON, a Guard Commander at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa and Pall Bearer Commander Receiving Party at CFB Trenton.

On retirement, MWO Spence plans to spend time with his family and then start his long awaiting projects in the fall.

MWO Spence wants to leave quietly and will forego a DWD. He asks that those wishing to extend congratulatory messages contact him directly at troyjspence@icloud.com.



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