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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



### MWO Louis Caouette, CD

After 31+ years of loyal service, MWO Caouette will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2019. This will end the Caouette family Era totalling 108 cumulated years of service to the RCEME Corps.

Master Warrant Officer Caouette was born in Chicoutimi, Québec. In 1988, he enrolled in the Reserve Force (ResF) as a Vehicle Technician with the 51<sup>e</sup> Service Battalion (Svc Bn) in Saint Hubert.

In 1990, MWO Caouette transferred to Regular Force (RegF) and went through recruit training in beautiful Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, followed by a stint in Borden and then off to Saint-Jean for trade training as a Veh Tech.

In 1991, he was posted to 5 Svc Bn (Valcartier) to complete his OJT. Upon completion he participated in RV '92 in Wainwright with 1, 2, 5 CER and 4ESR.

In 1993, he returned to Borden for his QL5 (DP2). Following his QL5, he was posted to 1<sup>st</sup> line Maint. Coy with 5 SVC Bon. In 1995, he deployed on his first mission in Ex-Yugoslavia.

In early 1996, he went back to Borden to follow the EGSE OSQ and was then posted to 5 CER where he enjoyed working in the heavy equipment section. He participated in the 1998 Ice Storm as MRT commander.

Upon promotion to M/Cpl in 2001, he felt the calling for Borden again but this time as an instructor. He spent 2 years at Regimental Coy, with the privilege of going to Saint-Jean as incremental recruit staff for 3 months. He also attended both his JLC and CLC. In 2003, he was posted to Vehicle Coy as an instructor / 2 i/c of Spec Pon.



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In 2005, he was posted back to 5 CER to help the heavy equipment Son due to a lack of qualified personnel at the time.

In 2006, he was promoted to Sgt and posted to 12 RBC as production Sgt for armoured fleet. During this period, the Regiment enjoyed the return of the Leopard training fleet.

In 2008, he was posted to 5 SVC Bon as the Prod. Sgt of Veh. Son. He volunteered for many tasking's such as ARSO, Wainwright TAV Lead, JLC/CLC Instructor. In Jan. 2010, he deployed to Haiti on the humanitarian mission following the earthquake.

In 2010, he was promoted to Warrant Officer and was posted to DLEPS in Ottawa. He took this opportunity to update and translate some of the older RCEME doctrine manuals including the recovery manual. Luckily, he deployed twice to Afghanistan as a Senior Tech. Advisor and TAV Team Leader for the RG-31 Fleet.

In 2012, he moved into an LCMM position with DAVPM in charge of the LAV 3 fleet. With proper mentoring and coaching from co-workers he gained a wealth of knowledge. In 2014 he was promoted to his present rank.

In 2015, he accepted an EMT position in DSR 3 with CANSOFCOM as the mobility senior tech. advisor. During this time he assisted with the trials, testing and procurement of the ULCV.

In 2017, he felt the calling and assume his current position as ETQMS with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment (2 R22R). He participated in EX. MAPLE RESOLVE in 2018. He had the privilege to deploy to Lebanon on a Logistics TAV as the Senior Tech Advisor to assess and bring recommendations to improve the Lebanese Army's logistics and maintenance process.

MWO Caouette has been with his wonderful wife Julie since 1994 and are the proud parents of Andréa.

Louis and his family will be staying in the Quebec region and enjoy his many outdoor passions. Camping, fishing and hunting. He wishes to cross Canada with his Goldwing in the very near future.

An informal DWD will be held at 12:30, Oct. 10th, 2019 at Dooly's Henri IV. 2600 Avenue St Jean Baptiste #190, Québec, QC G2E 6J5 Please send anecdotes, messages and photos NLT Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to Sgt. Pierre Turcotte at [Turcotte.PC@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Turcotte.PC@forces.gc.ca).



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