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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



Sgt Flynn, CD

After 40 plus years of loyal service, 10 Ships (all of which are no longer sailing), 14 Postings, 2 trades and receiving the following medals SSM (Alert & Nato), Interfet, GCS-SWA, CPMS, CD2 and QDJM. Sgt Flynn will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces, on 15 October 2019.

Tim Flynn grew up in the small town of Verona Ontario just north of Kingston, where on the 3rd July 1979 he joined the Summer Youth Employee Program at HMCS Catarauqui. Upon completion of the course he was accepted into the unit taking on the cook's trade. In 4 short years he managed to complete the following courses, GMT 1, GMT 2 (HMCS Patriot), Q13 Cook (CFB Esquimalt). QL4 Cook Qual (On Board HMCS Port St Louis and at home unit of HMCS Catarauqui), QL5 Cook Qual (HMCS Star), and his JLC Crse (also at HMCS Patriot). He also taught the new and upcoming cooks at the cook's school at HMCS Star in summer of 82. He sailed the following ships during this time HMCS Detector, HMCS Loganville, HMCS Badger, HMCS Port St Louis, HMCS Port St Jean, and HMCS Fort Steele and, was on board HMCS Iroquois during its shock trails in the Atlantic. While serving onboard the HMCS Port St Jean in May of 1983 the ship got a message (this was way before cell phones) that LS Flynn had to be back in Kingston to sign the dotted line for the Reg Force before 31 May 83. At the time the ship was in Portland Maine managing to get him back in time to sign.



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On 31 May 83 AB (trained) Flynn signed the dotted line and did a direct transfer to the Reg Force. His first posting was CFB Halifax, back to where he worked that previous Jan as a Leading Seaman on the floor now as an Able Seaman doing the same job.

During his time at CFB Halifax he completed his Sea Environmental Training and was on TD to the Porte St Jean for the Great Lakes Trip in the fall of 83, which took the ship to Reserve units so they could take the ship out for day sails and train their new sailors. From Jan – Apr 84 he served on board the HMCS Algonquin for an EX called THE NORTHERN WEDDING where he spent 36 days straight at sea.

On the 25 May 1984 AB Flynn was promoted to Leading Seaman and posted to HMCS Nipigon. Due to the fact the ship was in refit at the time, he was put on TD to HMCS Skeena for Fishery Patrol off the shores of Newfoundland, which was a total French language ship at the time and he didn't speak any French, making for an interesting TD. During this time he also completed his QL3 cooks training while serving onboard the Nipigon. He sailed onboard the Nipigon until Dec 86 when he got posted to CFB Kingston.

While being posted to CFB Kingston, he was sent to CFB Borden to open up the new kitchen at CFS Meaford (was not a self-sustained base yet) where he was the first Chief cook of the new kitchen and feed a Combat Service Crse for all non-combat officers as the Chief Cook he had to order all rations, as well hire 4 civilian staff (The hiring process was much simpler back then). In Aug of 85 he was promoted to the rank of Master Seaman, the following summer he completed his JLC. After returning from his course he was sent to the Joint Signals Regiment on TD and went to CFB Wainwright for RV 89. Once returning from RV 89 in Jul 89 he was posted to CFB Montreal (St Hubert) for a yearlong French course where he met MCpl Cindy Main, his future wife. On completion of the course he was posted to CMR in St Jean and Cindy was posted to CFB Portage La Prairie. Only after being posted for a year in Jun 91 MS Flynn was posted to CFB Portage La Prairie. Tim and Cindy were married that summer. Another year later CFB Portage closed out and MS Flynn and his wife were posted to CFB Toronto in Jun 92. MS Flynn was IC of the kitchen at Avenue road where Officer training was being held. In Nov of 95 Avenue road kitchen was closed, MS Flynn took on the position of 2 IC at the Officers mess at CFB Toronto, the following Jan all of CFB Toronto's kitchens closed down due to the base downsizing.



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Jan 96 MS Flynn was posted to HMCS Protecteur. While serving on board he sailed 2 West Ploys and was onboard for OP TUCAN in East Timor 17 Oct – 2 Feb 2000. In Aug 2000 he was posted to CFB Esquimalt, while there he was tasked with opening up the new galley at the Damage Control School in Esquimalt.

On the 21 Mar 2001 he was sent on TD to CFS Alert and returned home 30 Sept, in Nov 2001 he went back to CFSAL and complete his QL6 Cooks Training.

On the 1 Apr 2003 the cook's trade opened up to be able leave the trade. MS Flynn took down his rank and reverted back to Cpl and gave up his naval uniform to VOT to Vehicle Tech. Now wearing the Army uniform (with the anchor on his sleeve) he was given the opportunity to work at the Maintenance shop at CFB Esquimalt until his Crse's started in CFB Borden. On 17 Nov 2003 Cpl Flynn headed back to CFB Borden to CFSEME where he completed his CMT, CMTT and his QL3 Vehicle Tech courses. On 30 Sept 2004 Cpl Flynn was posted to CFB Kingston where he completed his OJT and returned to CFSEME Aug 2007 to complete his QL5 Vehicle Tech Course returning back to CFB Kingston. In Nov 2007 he was attached to Joint Tasks Force Afghanistan National Command to do a CFTPO tasking and returned in Dec 2007. In Jun 2009 he was promoted to MCpl and posted to CFSEME in CFB Borden, while there he assisted in the rewriting of the ILP's and TP's for the new DP1 and DP2 Vehicle Tech Crses.

On 26 Mar 2012 MCpl Flynn was posted to CFJSR in Kingston. While serving there he did numerus EX's including back to CFB Wainwright for a 3-month EX. In Feb 2014 he returned the final time to CFB Borden and CFSEME and completed his DP3. On 16 Jul 2015 he was promoted to Sgt and posted back to CFB Kingston Base Maintenance. Since being at base he has filled the following positions. IC B-24 Shop Floor, IC Components, DRMIS trainer, Prod Sgt, A /Prod WO and A/Planner.

Tim and Cindy will be retiring in the Kingston area and he is looking forward to proceeding on with his passion of finding, restoring and selling vintage vehicles.

A DWD will be held in Kingston On., on the 11th of Oct 2019, starting 1130hrs at RAXX Bar and Grill. Any Stories, anecdotes and confirmation of your presence can be sent to WO Drew Shave at Andrew.Shave@forces.gc.ca.



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