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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



### WO Morris, CD

After 37+ years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), WO Morris will retire on 08/12/2019.

During the summer of '78 after graduating from high school Warrant Officer Morris got his first taste of the military by joining a summer employment program with the Queens Naval Reserve in Regina, Saskatchewan, his home town. Realizing Navy was not his forte, on Oct 4, 1981 he joined the Reserves as a member of 10<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment in the Canadian Artillery where he served in Regina, Shilo and Dundurn. Transition to Regular Forces on Nov 4, 1982 he signed up to serve his country full-time.

Eventually serving from coast to coast he started at that time with the Recruit School in Cornwallis and ending his career here in Wainwright. His Regular Forces time has included employment as a Supply Technician from 1982-1989 (Bagotville, Quebec), and as a Land Weapons Technician where he served from 1989 until the present.

After volunteering to partake in a Pilot Project where soldiers went to the Language School in St Jean sur la Richelieu to learn to speak French, he was posted to BFC Bagotville as a Supply Technician.



# Arte et Marte



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While serving in Bagotville he met and married Karine Simard and during their time together had 3 great children, Jeremy, Stefanie and Jenna. Leaving Bagotville as a Weapons Technician he has enjoyed postings to 1 Svc Bn and the LdSH(RC) in Calgary. It was a great return to the west but it was short-lived as he was, after two years, called back to BFC Bagotville to serve another 4 years. Next to BFC Valcartier with 5 Svc Bn and 12e Régiment Blindé du Canada. During his 6 years in Valcartier he deployed with 3e Royal 22e Regiment to Haiti.

Leaving Valcartier for Borden as a bilingual instructor he helped mold future RCEME soldiers and attended many writing boards to do his part in helping to pave the way forward in training. He married his second wife Margy during this time.

With the standing up of the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre Murray was posted to Wainwright in July of 2004, where in short order he found himself transferred to Base Maintenance. While serving at Base Maint he filled positions within the OJT cell, I/C Material Tech cell, 2IC Wpns and eventually IC of Wpns, and finally as Ancillary Platoon WO position.

He was then requested by CMTC to fill the Observer Controller Trainer Combat Service Support position and so returned to CMTC in 2014. During his tenure in CMTC he not only filled the OCT position but was moved to fill the Canadian Forces Taskings, Planning and Operations position and then finally the Information Management Officer 2 position.

During his time in the military WO Morris constantly found the desire to volunteer not only within the structure of military clubs but also within the civilian environment. He volunteered within the Boys Scouts of Canada for over 25 yrs, was involved in acting both on stage and in the background of various drama groups, was the Denwood Community Mayor for two years, was active in many clubs (woodworking, karate/judo, gun club) on many of the bases he served on, he was a member of the CISM Taekwondo team and enjoyed playing on a Base Volleyball team. He was President of the Mess Committee in both the Junior Ranks Mess and the Warrants and Sergeants Mess. Having reached the turning point in his career, he will sorely miss not being able to serve alongside his fellow members of the CAF. Always a soldier at heart, he is regardless looking forward to turning this new page in his life.

A Departure with Dignity (DWD) Ceremony/luncheon will be held on 29 November 2019 at 1200hrs at Wainwright's WOSM. Please confirm your attendance and send your stories, anecdotes and/or messages and photos to MWO Phillips at [Donald.Phillips2@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Donald.Phillips2@forces.gc.ca)



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