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## Retirement WO Michel Godin CD2, Veh Tech 129

WO Godin has retired from the Canadian Armed Forces on 5 October 2017 after more than 37 years of loyal service. Michel was born on July 12, 1960 in Vanier, Quebec, where he grew up and obtained his secondary school diploma as well as training in automotive mechanics. After his training, he worked as an apprentice mechanic in a former AMC auto dealer and as a mechanical maintenance engineer for a construction firm.

In 1977 he enlisted in the Naval Reserve as a Marine Engineer where he had the chance to serve his country and thus sail on both coasts of the country. He later enrolled in the Regular Force in February 1984 and completed his basic training and NQ3 as a vehicle technician. He was then assigned to the maintenance company of 5th Service Battalion. From 1986 to 1991, he was assigned to 5th Field Ambulance. It is during this period that he completed his QL5.

From 1991 to 1996, he was transferred to 12e Régiment blindé du Canada. In 1993-1994 he participated in his first career deployment in the former Yugoslavia (VISOKO). Promoted to Master-Corporal in 1996, he was transferred to 2nd Service Battalion in Petawawa where he served the FRG and the DART team for one year.

From 1997 to 2007, he held various positions in Borden, as instructor at CFSEME. During this time, he was promoted to the rank of Sgt in 2004, he held the position of section sgt, RSM assistant and president of the BBMHC (Auto Club) for 7 years.

In 2007, after more than 10 years in Borden, WO Godin was transferred to 31st Service Battalion in St. John, New Brunswick,



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where he held the position of Maintenance Section Commander. He taught again this time at Aldershot for a short time, and then took part in a task, in Ottawa, in 2008, with the Jiffy Jeep for the large-scale Fortissimo show.

In 2009, Michel obtained his promotion to Warrant Officer and was reassigned to 5 Svc Bn, this time as Adjutant to the GF 3-10 training. In 2010, he was transferred to the maintenance company as a recovery platoon WO, where he was also put in charge of ITA 2010. After that, it was 2R22R's turn to welcome WO Godin to the position of Production WO. During that period, he was also lent to 5 Svc Bn in 2012 to act as camp sheriff in Wainwright during the validation of the training.

From 2013 to 2014, he was appointed Sgt d'armes for 5 Svc Bn and was then transferred to a reserve unit at 35th Service Battalion in St-Malo where he remained for two years. In 2016, following some medical issues, he obtained his transfer to the JPSU to finish his career smoothly.

WO Michel Godin has currently returned to school full time. He is completing training to become sales consultant for motorized equipment parts. Michel is married to Diane Brousseau and they have 2 sons: Simon and Gabriel. Michel and Diane are also happy grandparents of Zachary. They plan to stay in the Quebec City area, in their home in Neufchâtel and plan to take advantage of retirement to improve their golf skills and make some trips.

A farewell dinner will take place in Valcartier at the officers Mess on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 11h30 for 12h00 Please Confirm your presence for the diner, mention of allergies is required, all messages and stories can be sent to Sgt J.E.D. Constantineau par courriel. [Constantineau Sgt JED@5 Bon Svc@Valcartier](mailto:Constantineau_Sgt_JED@5_Bon_Svc@Valcartier)



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