

# RCEME GEMRC

## Retirement message Lcol René Bourassa (CMR RMC '91), CD (00187 -RCEME)



After 25 years of distinguished service in the Canadian Armed Forces and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineering, LCol René Bourassa will retire on 12 Mar 2018. LCol Bourassa is from Sept-Îles, Qué and he joined the CAF as an ROTP in Jun 1986. He attended both Royal Military College St-Jean and Kingston graduating with a degree in Electrical Engineering. As a young officer, he was first posted to 5 Svc Bn and went on to serve as Maint O 1R22eR.

In 1997, he returned to school and completed a post grad at RMC with a Master of Electrical Engineering. Posted to NDHQ, he served with DGLEPM, and then as the EME Branch Officer Career Manager. In 2005, he was posted back to 5 Svc Bn, serving as CO NSE 4-06 and then acting CO 5 Svc Bn for 6 months. Promoted to his current rank in 2007, he was posted back to DGLEPM as the PM to the M113 LE Project. During his quite busy career, he also served in three operational tours in Croatia, Haiti and Afghanistan.

Following his first retirement from the CAF in 2008, he completed a 5 year circumnavigation with his wife Dany and their four kids on their catamaran – Cat Mousses. Upon his return and a short stint as a contractor in DGLEPM, he reenrolled in Oct 2014 as a Major and held the position of ILSM for the Tank Replacement Project. Promoted to LCol (for a second time) in Mar 2016, he became the Project Manager of the CBRN Omnibus project and the Chief of Staff for DCSEM. In August 2017, he was posted to DMPP as the Materiel Support Engineering Policy and Procedures Section Head. Upon retirement he will, remain within DMPP as a Public Servant, hoping not to have to worry too much with Phoenix!

In René's honour, a retirement luncheon will be held on 2 Mar 18, at Le Bistro Epicure, 80 Promenade du Portage in Gatineau, from 1130 – 1330hrs.

Confirmation of attendance and or congratulatory messages / emails may be sent to the event OPI François Camus at [francois.camus@forces.gc.ca](mailto:francois.camus@forces.gc.ca) (819) 939-0794. Attendance confirmations will be accepted until 1 Mar 18.



## Arte et Marte