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Retirement Message – Colonel R.A. Elvish, CD



After 35 years of distinguished service to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, Colonel Robert Elvish will retire on 9 April 2018.

Colonel Elvish joined the CAF in 1983 and has served with the Special Service Forces/2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, as well as having filled a number of staff appointments in various headquarters including 1st Canadian Division, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) and lately with the International Military Staff at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Headquarters in Belgium. Colonel Elvish also held a number of appointments in Director General Land Equipment Program Management.

Colonel Elvish has had the opportunity to participate in numerous overseas missions including Cyprus, Somalia, Croatia, Rwanda/Uganda, Bosnia, and Afghanistan. In addition to a BESC (Mech), he has a MA in Defense Management and Policy as well as having studied at the Geneva Center for Security Policy. He is a certified Professional Engineer and a Project Management Professional.

Colonel Elvish and his wife Judy currently live in Brussels. They have two adult children, Lauren and Robert. Upon retirement, Colonel Elvish and Judy will be moving to Luxembourg, as Colonel Elvish has accepted a position with the NATO Support and Procurement Agency.

In Colonel Elvish's honour, a Departure with Dignity ceremony will take place in Ottawa and invitations will be sent out once the details are confirmed. You are kindly asked to forward any congratulatory messages, photos and/or anecdotes to Colonel Alain Brûlé (alain.brule@forces.gc.ca) or Major Nathalie Bulliard (nathalie.bulliard@forces.gc.ca) no later than 19 March 2018.



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