

## Sgt Pierre-Luc Bouffard, CD

Sgt Bouffard will retire on August 6, 2018 after more than 19 years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the RCEME Corps.

After completing his rookie training, his QL3 Veh Tech in St-Jean Richelieu and his BDT in Borden, Pierre-Luc was posted to CFB Valcartier on November 7, 2000 for his QL4 training. After his QL4 training, he was posted to 5 Svc Bn on April 16, 2002 for a very short time and was posted again to the 1 R22eR in July 2002. While at 1 R22eR, he went to Borden to complete his QL5 and a chance to do a mountain operations course after that.

Following his promotion to MCpl, he was posted to 5 Svc Bn, Adm Coy in July 2006 as MCpl for small engines and later for the heavy vehicles. He deployed to Afghanistan on Roto 7 in March 2009, to Haiti on OP Hestia in Jan 2010 and to St-Jean (Flood in St-Jean) on OP Lotus in May 2011. After his promotion to Sgt, he was posted to 2 R22eR in July 2011, acting as Cmdt of A Veh where he had the chance to do a lot of exercises, winter games and Cmdt challenges.

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After two great years at 2 R22eR, he was again posted back to 5 Svc Bn in April 2013 to the Transportation Company. During his time at building 110, he supervised the light veh, tool crib and small-engines section. He put a lot of effort into coaching the 5 Svc Bn PFO team that won the supremacy 2 years in a row, 2013 and 2014. He also coached the 5 Svc Bn snowshoes team for the winter games, which finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2014.

Subsequently, Pierre-Luc was posted to Ottawa in July 2015. During his 9 months in Ottawa, he worked on publications. He cataloged the parts and tools of the new Badgers. In May 2016, he returned to Valcartier, this time to local contracts at the Maint Coy of the 5 Svc Bn. One of his secondary tasks was the BPR of Pon C/S PT's. As in everything he did, this task was important to him. He always showed an example to follow during the training, despite his medical condition, and was an outstanding motivator. Pierre-Luc is married to Julie Destrempes and they have three children, Philippe, Sara-Êve and Emie whom they thank immensely for the support demonstrated throughout his career. He will stay in the Québec City area where he currently live. Pierre-Luc accepted a job in the public service as Technician GL VHE-10 at CI 2 DIV. We wish him the best of luck in his new life.

A dinner of departure with dignity in his honor will be scheduled later. History and anecdotes can be sent to WO Beaulieu, <u>SYLVAIN.BEAULIEU@forces.gc.ca</u>

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