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After 28 plus years of loyal and dedicated service to Canada and the RCEME Corps CWO Eric Comeau will retire on the 15 of November 2018.

CWO Comeau was born in Bathurst NB on the 18th of November 1967. He joined the CAF on the 07 Oct 1987 and was sent to CFB Cornwallis for Basic training as the only francophone on a Pl of 106 recruits it was sometimes challenging but never the less an experience. After Basic he was sent to CFB Borden to attend QL3 Weapons Tech training to then be posted in Jul 1988 to BFC Valcartier 5^e Bataillon des Services du Canada in order to complete his QL4.

In Oct 1991, CWO Comeau was promoted to the rank of Cpl and in Jan 1992 returned to CFB Borden for QL5 weapons training and back to CFB Valcartier. In Jun 1993, he was posted to CFB Gagetown to the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment to rebuild the shop as all tooling and equipment had been taken to Bosnia and not returned, the following 4 years were very busy with multiple exercises and included a deployment to the Bosnia to be part of the IFOR ROTO 0.

In 1997, appointed to MCpl and posted back to BFC Valcartier to 12^e Regiment Blindé du Canada, during this time took part in the Quebec Ice storm in 1998, many training exercises in Gagetown and another deployment to Bosnia.

CWO Comeau was promoted to Sgt in Jun 2002 and posted to the 1st Battalion du Royal 22^e Regiment as the Ancil section commander. During this time, he completed his QL6a course in Borden. This posting was again filled with multiple exercises and many opportunities to learn more on the day to day management of a maintenance platoon.



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In July 2006 saw CWO Comeau promoted to the rank of WO and posted back to the 5^e Bataillon des Services as the weapons section commander, after 5 months he was asked to fill in as Pl 2^{i/c}, position he occupied until Sept 2007 when he retired from the CAF.

Eric then moved to Belgium to join his wife (Sgt Binette), daughter Cassandra and his son Alexandre who had been posted to SHAPE the previous year. As a civilian dependant Eric worked for the Canadian government and NATO for the next 3 years and got to travel extensively.

In August of 2010 CWO Comeau re-joined the CAF and was posted to CFB Borden at the RCEME School as the Weapons school Pl Comd. This was a very challenging position as he was just returning from being a civilian for the last 3 years and was employed over-ranked in an MWO position. This was one of the most rewarding positions of his career as there was direct input on the weapons trade. After only one year, he was moved internally to the Ops WO's position, another great challenge and learning experience. CWO Comeau completed the DP4 (QL7) course in Mar 2012. One year later promoted to MWO and occupied the Senior Technical Instructor's position for Artisan Company overseeing the training for Wpns, EO and Mat trades.

Selected for the Army Technical Warrant Officer Program in June 2013 CWO Comeau moved to Kingston to attend the Royal Military College for a very demanding academic year to become a Master Gunner. He was then posted to DGGLEPM on the Small Arms Replacement Project for one day then selected to join CANSOFCOM HQ as the weapons LCMM/EMT. Blank for the next 3 years.

Promoted to his current rank CWO Comeau was posted to DGGLEPM as the DSSPM 4-5-2 Senior Technical Authority for CAF Small Arms and AOA for the Weapons Trade. Two positions that again offered great challenges and learning opportunities offering direct influence to the trade and to the CAF equipment.

CWO Comeau's last day in uniform will be the 15th of November 2018 and he will be joining the MD Charlton team as the Sig SME for Canada. Eric and Maryse will remain in the NCR living the dream, his children are now all grown up and living on their own, in Ottawa and Toronto. Eric will not be having a DWD, those of you who know him know how he feels about this tradition.



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