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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



Sgt R.A. Pyke, CD

After 23 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Canadian armed forces (CAF) and with the RCEME Corps, Sgt Rob Pyke retired on 18 February 2019.

Sgt Pyke was born in Glace Bay, NS on 10 Jul 1967. He first joined the CAF as a Pres vehicle tech from Jul 84 – Dec 85. He enjoyed it so much that in Oct 86 he joined the Reg F. Upon completion of his QL3 Veh Tech training in Borden, ON, he was posted off to CFB Gagetown where he served until May 1989. Sgt Pyke took his first retirement from the CAF in 1989.

After working as a civilian for some 10 years, in March 2000 he walked back into a Halifax recruiting office to once again join the reserves in Greenwood, NS as a Veh Tech. During this time he completed his first tour from Sept 03 - Mar 04 in Banja Luka, Bosnia. Afterwards, Sgt Pyke once again switched from the reserves to the Reg F, with his application being accepted as of Feb 04. Once he completed his Journeyman Legacy Training in Oct 04, he was posted to CFB Petawawa, arriving to what was then 2 GS Bn. After his arrival he was to see his second tour with the NSE, in support of TF Kabul, Camp Julien, from Jul 05 – Feb 06.



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Upon his return from tour he was posted in the summer of 2006 to 2 CMBG HQ & Sigs Sqn Petawawa and after promotion to MCpl in June 2009, it was then time to move on, posted to 2 Svc Bn where he completed his PLQ in Nov 10. Sgt Pyke continued to serve in a variety of positions while at the 2 Svc Bn, one of which saw him deploy for his third tour to Kuwait as Recovery IC from Sep 11 – Mar 12.

Working with National Recovery for the majority of his time at the Svc Bn, in completion of his many RRR calls led to many late nights and time away from home, which saw him on multiple iterations of Maple Resolve, a deployment to Ft Bliss Texas ISO TF-0308 and Op Cadence (The G8 Summit in Huntsville 2010).

Sgt Pyke was promoted to Sgt in Jul 14 and then posted to 1 RCR. Over the years he worked as IC for both A/B vehicle and then as Con O. 1 RCR completed two AHSVS maintenance technician serials for its eFP10 deployment, his vast experience was called upon to assist the ongoing training. The instruction he provided set up unit members and its augmented techs for success in theatre.

While the unit was deployed during fall of 2018, Sgt Pyke received his paperwork regarding Medical release and was transferred to JPSU, where he served until his release date of 18 Feb 2019. Rob and his wife Heather will stay in the Petawawa area for the near future. Without a doubt you will either see him in the Jeep or riding his motorcycle.

There will be a DWD held at the Petawawa Legion Branch 517 on 16 May 2019, start time 13:00hrs. Please send congratulatory messages to both MWO R. Sherret ROBERT.SHERRET@forces.gc.ca and WO J.A. Gauthier JUSTIN.GAUTHIER3@forces.gc.ca. If you wish to attend please RSVP by 09 May 2019. Special note bring cash, this Legion does not have debit, and there is an ATM in the hall however service charges apply.



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