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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



MCpl Jack Hennie (With his father, mother, daughter, sons, and wife)

After 25+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the CAF, RCEME Corps, PPCLI and RCR Regiments, MCpl Jack Hennie will retire on 11 Jun 2019.

On 4 Oct 1990, MCpl Hennie joined the CAF, after completing his Basic Recruit course in Cornwallis, he was off to the RCR Battle School in Petawawa for his basic infantryman course. He was then posted to 1 RCR in London, Ontario, where he completed his Basic PARA, AVGP and APC driver courses. Between Nov 92 and May 93, Jack deployed as part of the Canadian Infantry Battle Group in Visoko BiH. After 3.5 years as an infantryman, Jack released on the 19 May 1994 from the CAF to attend University.

On 16 Jul 1997, Jack rejoined the CAF as an infantryman and was posted to the 1st Bn Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in Edmonton. Over the next 7 years, Jack deployed as part of OP PALLADIUM in Bosnia in 2002/2003. During his time in 1 PPCLI, Jack completed many courses, most notably the Recce Patrolman, PLQ, and DP3 SA instructor course and 25mm Turret operator, Small Arms Coaching, DP2 Wpns Det Mbr, Driver wheel courses, Coyote Surv Op, Basic MG, Comms and Winter & Warfare courses. Jack held many positions within the Bn such as Recce patrolman, Rifleman, and OC's Driver/signaler.

In 2004, Jack was cross posted to the 3rd Bn PPCLI where he later released to attend University of Regina. Though Jack got out in 2004 to attend the University of Regina, his girlfriend and future wife was living in Edmonton. He decided to re-enroll. He went back to the 1st Bn PPCLI and deployed overseas with Recce Platoon on OP ARCHER



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In July 2008, MCpl Hennie was then posted to CMTC Wainwright and shortly thereafter was promoted to MCpl on 15 Oct 08 where he held positions of: Sect Comdr within CMTC as well as instructing on a BMQ course at WATC. In Aug 2008, Jack married his wife Laura. Having tired of being an infantryman, Jack decided to OT to EO tech in 2011.

In Jul 2011 he was posted to BTL Edmonton, shortly afterwards he was sent to Kingston for his POET course and then off to Borden for his CETT, CET and EO DP1 courses. Upon completion, he was posted to 1 Svc Bn to complete his OJT within 3 Div units. Jack went back to Borden to complete his EO DP2 during the period of Feb to Jun 2015. During his tenure as an EO Cpl in 1 Svc Bn, Jack completed his Leo MBT FOV EO Maint course and TAPV RWS EO Maint course. Jack continued to serve in 1 Svc Bn until he was promoted to MCpl on 25 Jul 2018. On 9 Jul 2018, MCpl Hennie was posted IR to 1 RCHA in Shilo MB, where he was 2IC EO Sect until his retirement.

MCpl Hennie is an avid hockey player and coach, most recently coaching three teams while posted to Shilo; 1 RCHA Regimental, CFB Shilo Mens Base and CFB Shilo Mens Old Timers teams. Prior to that, he was coach of the 1 Svc Bn team as well as a player on CFB Edmonton Old Timers team.

Jack would especially like to thank his wife Laura and his children Mallory (15 Mar 95), Benjamin (13 Jul 10), Emerson (6 Nov 14) and Samuel (12 Jul 18) for their unwavering and continued support throughout his military career. Without their support, he would not be the husband, father, soldier, technician and leader he is. Jack would like to thank with all those he served with throughout the years across all trades. He wishes to thank those he considered mentors and friends who were positive influences, and who developed him into the person, tech and leader that he became. Upon retirement, Jack is moving back to Morinville, AB to be with his family. He plans to attend the Geomatics Engineering Technician program at NAIT in the fall.

IAW Jack's wishes, a DWD function will be held at a later date in Edmonton to highlight and celebrate the achievements in his career. Please send all congratulatory messages, stories and anecdotes to DEVIN.TARRANT@forces.gc.ca



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