

# RCEME GEMIRC

## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**Major J. Hill, M.M.M., C.D.**

Major John Hill will retire on 24 June 2019 after close to 35 years of dedicated service to the CAF and the RCEME Corps.

He joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1984. Upon completion of Vehicle Technician trades training in CFB Borden, he was posted to CFB Gagetown. In 1987, upon completion of his OJT package he was posted to CFB Lahr, Germany where he served with Base Maintenance, Forward Mobile Support Unit and the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars. After 6 wonderful years, he returned to Canada, posted to the Lord Strathcona Horse in Calgary. In 1996 he was appointed Master Corporal and moved with the Regiment to Edmonton. In 1998 he was posted to Maintenance Company in 1 Svc Bn. In 2001 he was promoted to Sergeant and posted to 4 Engineer Support Regiment in CFB Gagetown.

In 2004, Major Hill was commissioned under the CFR program. Upon completion of BOTP, language training and EME Officer Phase Training he was posted to Maintenance Coy, CFB Gagetown and employed as the Vehicle Group Commander.



**Arte et Marte**



# RCEME GEMRC

In 2007 he was promoted to Captain and posted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion the Royal Canadian Regiment as the Maintenance Officer. After two short years and completion of the Army Officers Course (AOC), he returned to Maintenance Company as the Company Second in Command (Coy 2IC). He was posted to Technical Services Branch as the Operations Officer (Ops O) in the spring of 2010 and was awarded the Member of Military Merit (MMM) later that year. In 2012, he was promoted to his current rank and posted to 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division HQ in Halifax as G4 Plans and Equipment. In 2014, he returned to Gagetown, posted to the Combat Training Centre Headquarters as G7 Training Design. In 2016, he was posted to the Tactics School to his current position as Course Officer and Directing Staff for the Army Tactical Officers Course.

Throughout his career, Major Hill has deployed on five tours: UNPROFOR (Bosnia) in 1994, SFOR (Bosnia) in 1997, KFOR (Kosovo) in 1999, Op HESTIA (Haiti) in 2010 and Op SOPRANO (South Sudan) in 2012. In 2017 he was tasked as Directing Staff at the Caribbean Joint Command and Staff School in Jamaica.

Major Hill and his wonderful wife Lisa have two children, Miranda and Deryk, and two Border Collies, all of which keep him extremely busy. His hobbies include curling, fishing and golf. Although Major Hill is removing his uniform, he will continue to support the CAF and has accepted a three year contract with Calian in the Army Learning Support Center where he will assist in the development of courseware.

He will not be having a formal DWD, opting for an informal gathering with a few friends and co-workers.



Arte et Marte