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MESSAGE DE RETRAITE



WO Randy Curl, CD

On 02 Sep 2019, WO Randy Curl CD2 will retire from the CAF and the RCEME Corps after 23 plus years of service.

Randy enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces on 26 Apr 1991 as a Vehicle Technician in St. John's NL. He went on to successfully complete Basic Training in Cornwallis, NS, and his QL3 at then CFSEME in Borden, Ontario. On 31 Mar 1992 Randy was posted to Base Maintenance at CFB Chilliwack. During his time in Chilliwack he was advance promoted to Cpl in 1995, and had the opportunity to work with some of the trades finest mentors the trade could offer. He became a very proficient tech, maintaining everything from "Tanks to Chainsaws and everything in between". There he met his life partner Monika, and they started their family with the addition of two wonderful boys, Aaron and Jonah.

In 1996 shortly before the close of CFB Chilliwack, and being sucked up by the big Edmonton "super-base" posting vacuum, Randy was sent to 1 Svc Bn where he was deployed immediately to Wainwright for the remainder of the summer and into the fall to await the new mother ship. This became a blessing in disguise though, since four months in Wainwright created some of the longest lasting friendships in his entire career.

After a stint in Bosnia under the NATO Roto 1 tour in Velika Kladusa, BH and multiple exercises, he decided to follow a different career path for a few years, and released from the CAF in Oct 1998.



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After a five year break from the CAF he re-entered and was posted to Halifax's Willow Park. After a quick two years, and a bunch of convincing the career manager that "it was the right thing to do", it was off to a yearlong French crse in Shearwater, NS and subsequent posting to CFSEME in the summer of 2007.

The school turned out to be a perfect fit for Randy, and he enjoyed every minute of his time as an instructor, again making more lifelong friends with staff and students alike. After receiving numerous commendations and accolades for his hard work, it was a promotion to Sgt and his choice of posting to 1 CER, Edmonton in 2012. There he developed as a maintenance supervisor for both light and armoured sections, and later filled the Maint Planner role in 18 Sqn. In Jul 2016, and with a promotion to WO, it was off to 1 PPCLI as the Con O , which was to be the shortest posting in his career. Opportunity knocked, and he applied for his final position as the Ops WO at 38 Svc Bn, Det Thunder Bay, ON. He, Monika and their two dogs moved there in Oct 16. His time supporting the PRes was a challenging but very rewarding experience but with the threat of another posting next APS, and the fact that age is creeping up, he has decided it's time to make his own career path once again.

Randy was made an offer "he can't refuse" with a Company in his home province of Newfoundland & Labrador, supervising maintainers. He, Monika and their two Cairn Terriers will be moving there shortly to work the perfect semi-retirement job, and enjoy more of the outdoors that they both crave. He is especially looking forward to the long winters full of sledding!!

Randy wishes everyone that he has worked with in the past and present, the best of luck in their futures, and a safe journey throughout their military careers. Arte et Marte!!

A small DWD ceremony was held with friends, unit full time staff and family, 16 Aug 19 at a friend's house near Thunder Bay. (The corps' third value of "et Party" was upheld!!) Well wishes can be sent to Sgt Danny Hudson @ Dan.Hudson2@forces.gc.ca.



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