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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



WO Mike McColeman, CD

Warrant Officer Mike McColeman will retire on 10 September 2019 after completing over 29 years of service with the CAF and RCEME Corps.

Mike enrolled in October 1989 and completed his basic training at Cornwallis, NS and his POET at Kingston, ON. His first posting was to 2 Svc Bn in Petawawa for On the Job Training. Once this was completed he was transferred to the RCD in 1993 as an EO technician (Cpl) and was utilized predominantly as an armoured repair technician on Leopard tanks the LAV fleets. This posting also included his first operational tour of duty to Bosnia in 1996 and the award of the Commander LFCA commendation for his actions during the ice storm of 1998.

In 2000 he moved to 1 RCR as a MCpl technician in charge of the 1st line repair shop and deployed to Kabul in 2003, where the unit was instrumental in setting up the camp, as well as maintaining all related military equipment. The unit held a large inventory of LAV/Coyote/TUA and this kept his section very active throughout the deployment. Promoted to Sergeant in 2006, the next deployment to Kandahar was to support the NSE and he was employed as an MRT commander for the support of Operation MEDUSA, as well as rotations through various FOBs and at Kandahar Airfield.



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Posted back to 2 Svc Bn, he was assigned as IC Ancillary Section Training cell until his third and final deployment to Afghanistan in 2010 as the EO Section IC in Kandahar Airfield. Once this deployment was completed, he was posted to 2 RCHA in 2011, supporting the M777 Howitzer, as well as the unit's vehicles.

Promoted to Warrant Officer in June 2018, his final posting was on IR to the TAPV EMT as the LCMM for the Remote Weapons Station (RWS) where he managed the 3rd Line repair of the TAPV RWS and the gunnery simulator.

On retirement Mike will return to his family home in Petawawa. A Depart with Dignity presentation will be held at 975 St Joseph Boulevard, Gatineau on 6 September 2019 at 11.00 hrs and lunch afterwards at a local restaurant. Those wishing to attend or with anecdotes or messages are asked to contact Maj R Haddow, robert.haddow@forces.gc.ca, 613-769-5380.



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