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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**MWO Paolo Pipia, CD**

After more than 23 years of loyal and dedicated service to the RCEME Corps and the CAF, Master Warrant Officer Paolo Pipia has retired on June 1, 2020.

Master Warrant Officer Pipia joined the CAF on March 7, 1997 as a fire control system technician (FCS) which will change later its name to electronics and optronics technician (EO). In 2001, he was transferred to the 5th Light Artillery Regiment of Canada (5RALC) and was promoted to the rank of corporal in 2002. In the same year, he participated in a NATO mission in Bosnia. In 2004, he will be deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan with the National Support Element (NSE).

In June 2006, promoted to the rank of MCpl, he was transferred to the 5th Service Battalion (5 Svc Bn) where he will assume the role of production MCpl of the optical section. In 2007, he will be redeployed in Afghanistan but this time in Kandahar with the NSE. Promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2010, he will be transferred to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering School as optical sergeant. In 2011, he will serve as the Sergeant of standards for the EO profession. In 2012, Master Warrant Officer Pipia will be transferred to the 1st Battalion of the Royal 22e Regiment (1R22R) where he will act as workshop EO sergeant and responsible for all auxiliary trades.

In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of warrant officer and occupied the position of control office warrant at 1st R22R. In



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2014, Master Warrant Officer Pipia will be transferred to the Land Engineering Support Centre (LESC) in Ottawa. It will be used as Tech EO assessor and will work on several projects. In 2016, it will be promoted to the rank of master warrant officer and will occupy the position of supervisor of the electrical section.

In 2017, the Master Warrant Officer returns to his first posted unit but this time as ETQMS of the 5th RALC.

Master Warrant Officer Pipia is married to Anny Fortin. He has 2 step-sons, Maxime and Simon Haché, both soldiers and member of the RCEME. With his wife Anny, they purchased a waterfront Bed & Breakfast lodge in St-Jean-Port-Joli, Qc. There will not be a departure with dignity dinner (DWD) but he will be happy to welcome you if you come around the corner. He would like to thank everyone with whom he has worked and will have fond memories of all his great years spent in the CAF.



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