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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**Major Paul Cogswell, CD**

After 33+ years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), Major Cogswell will retire on 31 July 2020.

Major Paul Cogswell was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces as a Fire Control System (FCS) Technician in March 1987 under the Skilled Trades Entry Program. As an FCS tech, he was posted to Base Maintenance Gagetown (1988 and 1991-1994); C Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons (1988-1991); and 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1994-1998).

Major Cogswell accepted a Commissioning from the Ranks offer in October 1998. Upon completion of the Basic Officer Training Course Part 2, he was commissioned as an EME officer and commenced second language training. In May 1999, he was posted to CFSEME for EME Officer Phase Training.

As an EME/RCEME officer, Major Cogswell has had leadership, instructor, and staff positions, being posted to 1 Service Battalion (2000-2003), 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment (2003-2005); Royal Canadian Artillery School (2005-2008); Director Armoured Vehicles Program Management (2008-2009); Tactics School (2009-2012); G1 Branch, 3 Area Support Group Gagetown (2012-2013); Director Combat Support Equipment Management (2013-2016); Canadian Defence Liaison Staff Washington (2016-2019); and Canadian Armed Forces Transition Unit New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island (2019-2020).



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Major Cogswell has deployed on domestic operations in support of Operation ASSISTANCE- Red River Flood, Manitoba (1997); Operation RECUPERATION- Ice Storm, Quebec (1998); Operation GRIZZLEY- G8 Summit, Alberta (2002); and Operation SPLINTER- Hurricane Juan, Nova Scotia (2003). International deployments include Operation PALLADIUM- Bosnia Herzegovina (2002-2003); and Operation HALO- Haiti (2003).

Major Cogswell is married to Diane (Tardif) and they are proud parents of two adult children, Tyler (Lacy) and Chelsea (Matt). Paul and Diane have established their retirement home in Charters Settlement NB. Post retirement time will be spent tackling numerous house/yard renovations while making time to improve his golf game and long distance running if he can avoid further knee injuries.

A Departure with Dignity will occur once additional restrictions related to COVID-19 are lifted. Anecdotes and messages of congratulations can be sent to Captain Rodney Hollahan at [Rodney.Hollahan@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Rodney.Hollahan@forces.gc.ca).



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