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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



WO F.J. Miller, CD

After 35 plus years of loyal and dedicated service with the Canadian Armed Forces and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, WO Miller will retire on 30 July 2020.

10 June 1965 in Comox, British Columbia, the day “The Myth, The Man, The Legend” – as his peers might call him - was born. Frederick James Miller (Jim to his friends and coworkers) began his military career with the Youth Training Employee Program (YTEP), attending his basic training at CFB Cornwallis, Nova Scotia on 24 August 1984. Once he completed basic training, he was transferred to CFB Borden for basic driver training and then went to CFLS Detachment St. Jean, Quebec, to see if a second language was possible. As “non-trade specific” YTEP member, he completed several months of language training and then was granted the requested trade of Vehicle Technician in 1985 and was sent to CFB Borden for his QL3 course.

After completing his QL3, Jim was posted to CFB Greenwood in 1986 for 4 years where he enjoyed drag racing at the local track. Jim moved on to CER, where he spent 3 years in Germany working on Armoured Personnel Carriers (APCs) and Leopard tanks.



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Having completed a tour in former-Yugoslavia and after the shut down of CFB Lahr in 1993, was sent back to Canada. Upon his return, he was posted to Garrison Petawawa for 4 years with the Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD). Although, this posting was not in his preferences, but he loved the tanks, Petawawa and drag racing his Mustang in Ontario and Quebec; it turned out to be a great posting after all.

Following this, he was posted for 4 years in CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick with 2nd Line Leopards, and next, a posting to Camp (Detachment) Aldershot, Nova Scotia, for 3 years as he enjoyed more racing in NS, PEI and NB.

In 2004, after refusing promotion - twice previously - for his love of turning the wrenches, he yielded and accepted a posting back to CFB Gagetown Infantry School as a MCpl. Subsequently, Jim was posted to Armoured School where he spent two years in Worthington Tank Park. (Yes, drag racing everywhere available).

The next move was to CFB Halifax in 2007 with Transport Electrical Mechanical Engineers (TEME) where he was promoted to Sergeant (Sgt), Not too long after, in 2014, he was promoted to the present rank for Warrant Officer (WO), making his move into Ops.

With 31 years of service, he was posted to Detachment Aldershot as the Maint WO. On completion of 35 years of service as of 15 April 2020, he decided to retire on his birthday of 10 June 2020. Unfortunately, the global pandemic of COVID 19 pushed back his retirement to 30 July 2020.

Jim's retirement plans include drag racing (no surprise); running his mud bog truck; as well as relaxing on Tupper Lake, NS with his beautiful wife Heather. WO "Jim" Miller would like to thank his patient wife Heather (of 29 years), for her devoted and loyal support throughout his career. Jim wishes to thank his two sons Alex (Aviator) and Dawson (Pte) for their patience and understanding through numerous postings and changes in their lives and hope they have as long, prosperous, adventure filled, careers just as his.

A Depart with Dignity (DWD) ceremony will be held on Thursday 13 August 2020 15:00hours at 1400 Lanzy Road, Detachment Aldershot, Nova Scotia, B4N 4H8, Building 26, Borden Hall Combined Mess. Please confirm your attendance, and send your stories, messages and photos to WO Brooks XQ at XAVIER.BROOKS@forces.gc.ca



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