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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



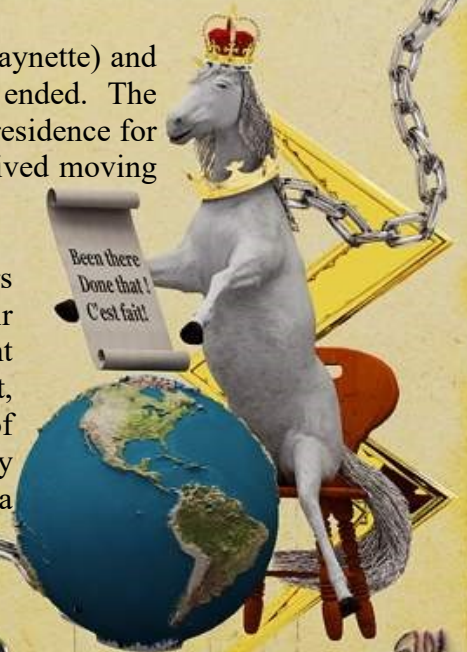
### MWO Daniel (Dan) Radies, CD

After 38+ years of loyal and dedicated service to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Corps (RCEME), MWO Dan Radies will retire on 13 Sept 2020 after reaching CRA 60.

Born in Armstrong B.C., MWO Radies enrolled in the CAF in May 1982 as a Vehicle Technician. Following an extended stay in Cornwallis (due to an injury) it was off to CFB Borden for Basic Drivers Training and subsequent QL3 Course. Upon completion of this trades training it was time to head back to B.C and enjoy his first posting, which was Comox (83-87). During the time spent in Comox he was afforded the opportunity to get “green fleet experience” being sent on TD to Esquimalt and then to Chilliwack. While in Chilliwack with his QL4 completed, and promoted to Cpl, it was time to head back to Borden for the QL5 Course.

It was during his time on his QL5 Course he met his wife (Waynette) and they were married Mar 14 / 87, the day after the QL5 Course ended. The honeymoon was spent driving back across Canada to take up residence for a brief time back in Comox until a posting message was received moving them to Lahr Germany in that summer.

Posted to 1RCHA (87-92) he spent the first couple of years working in HQ Battery, also provided MRT support for the Air Defence Battery as they transitioned into their own Unit. Sent back to CFB Borden (89) for an OSQ for the M109 / M578 fleet, and upon completion moved to “A” Battery until the closure of the Unit in 1992. Along with the standard Cuckoo clock, they arrived back in Canada with two new family members Ayla (born in 90) and Skye (in 92).



## Arte et Marte

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With Germany closing the CM asked where he wanted to go to which he replied “west”. Well Petawawa was “west “ of Germany so he was posted to 2 SVC BN ( Sept 92- July 97), worked for a couple of years in Admin Coy as the Lomms Clerk, MRT Commander, completed Combat Leaders Course (CLC) Nov 93 and appointed to rank of MCpl (Apr 94). Participated in the work up trg and subsequent deployment on OP Mandarin (Croatia Aug 94 – Feb 95). In Apr 96 MCpl Radies was moved into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Line Control office at H112 under the watchful eyes of CON O, MWO Tom Cox and ETSM, CWO Paul Barker.

While deployed on Op Assistance (Red River Flood 97) the ETSM mentioned that he should look for a dry place as he was headed there next. Posted to 17 Wing EME in July 98, he worked in numerous sections and deployed to Mountain View, Ont, as 2IC Maint for an 8 ACSSS exercise...interesting experience is all he had to say, Mentored by WO Tuepah he was promoted Sgt in July 99. Deployed to Golan Heights (CCUNDOF) Nov 99- May 2000 he experienced Y2K over there, another interesting experience. Upon return from tour he was moved into the position of Projects NCO / Wing STI (Senior Tech Inspector) / ATI Coordinator until Jul 2002 at which time he received his posting message bringing him to the west. Promoted to WO Jun 2002 he was posted to 1GS BN as the OPS / TRG WO for the Fd Wksp.

Edmonton has been his “home since” 2002, but with many moves within. Under the tutelage of RSM Kerr et al he found himself on trg and deploying to the Balkans (Camp VK) as the NSE Maint PI WO (Mar – Oct 03). Upon return, was employed as Repair PI WO where running of SQ Courses seemed to be the flavor of the day, “busy times”. ILQ Course came calling early 2004 after which he moved into the Planners chair within the 1GS BN Control Office (Oct 04 – Sept 06). MWO Chuck Hann ensured he did not stray too far from his chair there. Promoted to MWO in Jun 06 and following his ALQ in Sept, he took over as the OPI for the Leo Up-Armored Project (getting the tanks ready to be shipped to Afghanistan) until Dec 06. He says, “I provided some top cover and liaison but Sgt Close and MCpl Hearn ensured the success of this”.

Following the project’s completion, MWO Radies moved into the recently formed EFCC as the 2IC. Located within the G3 Shop at LFWA HQ, it proved to be more of a staff job that was anticipated so he was very happy to receive a posting to LDSH (RC) as the ETQMS (Jun 07 – July 2010). In referring to his time at the Strats, he says, “Some of my best years, but if you want to talk about a busy place, this was it”. July 2010 saw him on the move again, off to 1CMBG as the G4Maint 2. He stated that “the roll out of DRMIS brought its own issues, but not as much as the challenges experienced during the yearlong French Course (Sept 11 –Jul 12)”.



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Returning to 1SVC BN in July 2012 he was employed as 2IC Garrison PI until the stand-up of TF 2-13 where throughout the trg cycle he handled the 2ndary duties of A / Camp SM. Due to the downgrading of the senior tech position he ended up not deploying. Back to the BN he moved into the Admin Coy ETQMS position as the current ETQMS (MWO Colombe) was also trg for a tour and the CoC did not want the seat vacant for long. A couple of months later MWO Radies was then moved to take over the vacated position of CSM Admin Coy until a new CSM was officially appointed in July 2013. Finding himself back in Maint Coy he was put in charge of the veh floor (A/B/ EFCC and Garrison PI's). From 2015 – 2019 as a secondary task he was the OPI for the LEO2 Upgrade project.

In early 2016, with moves afoot he requested and was given the position of STI of the Western OJT Center. Other posting opportunities were afforded as his career was winding down, but thanks in part to RSM Bantock, CWO Ryder and others in positions of influence it was decided that the “old guy” would be left alone. Other than a break to go on OP Unifier as SM LOE 6 (Mar – Sept 17), he remained and will retire from the CAF from his current position. He states “being the STI is / was a very rewarding job but wow the Admin one learns is un-paralleled, huge thank-you goes out to the PI WO's , staff and switched on young officers that I have had the pleasure of working with during my tenure”.

Dan would like to thank his wife Waynette, first and foremost, for her support and understanding as she enabled his tour opportunities and supported him throughout his career. He would also like to thank his daughters Ayla and Skye. Moving provinces and schools and making new friends is not always easy. Hopefully, the good memories out-weigh the bad.

He states that he was to try name all the personnel that he has received mentoring by, be it civilian or military members, or in turn had a chance to mentor it would be an exhausting list. “It has been a great career”.

In closing: “Treat people as you yourself would like to be treated and always look at paying it forward. There is good in everyone. It is just harder to find it in some; don't give up too quickly”.

Due in part to COVID and other unknowns an official date for any DWD is still undecided. He says that if you want to drop by for a sociable feel free, door / acreage is always open and that there is plenty of room for parking. All correspondences can be directed to Lt Cameron / MWO Hughes / MWO Dacey. Arte et Marte



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