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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



### MWO W.J.G. Hawkins, CD

After 35 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), MWO Hawkins will retire on 30 Nov 2020.

On 27 May 1985, MWO Hawkins enrolled in the CAF at CFRS Peterborough, ON, as a Crewman. Upon completing basic training at CFB Cornwallis, NS, he was posted to the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's) in Petawawa, ON. In 1987, while still serving with the 8th Canadian Hussars, he had the opportunity to complete a rotation at CFB Lahr in Germany. Re-mustering to Vehicle Tech in 1991, he received a posting to the RCEME school to complete his trade training. His first posting as a trained RCEME soldier was to the Land Engineering Test Establishment (LETE) in Orleans, On. Upon the closure of LETE, he was moved to CFB Uplands, Ontario where he completed the EGSE course.



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In 1997, he was posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake, AB, where he was deployed on numerous domestic Operations to places like Eureka, and Inuvik, NWT, and Thule, Greenland. He also took part in international deployments, such as Op APOLLO in 2001 and Op ATHENA/Op ARCHER in 2005. In 2006, he was posted to CFB Gaagetown, NB where he was employed by Maint Coy and then by 2 RCR. While posted to 2 RCR in Gaagetown, NB, he was again deployed domestically and sent to Chilliwack BC as the Op PODIUM IRU Maint WO.

In 2011, he was posted to the LdSH(RC) in Edmonton, AB as the ETQMS until 2015 when he was posted to 1 Svc Bn as the OJT Cell Sr Tech Instructor. In 2016, he took over as the G4 Maint 2 for 1 CMBG, where he was subsequently deployed on Op REASSURANCE as the CSS SM. In 2018, he was posted to DGGLEPM in Ottawa, ON, to work on the Common Heavy Equipment Replacement (CHER) project.

Greg would like to thank his wife, Nancy, and their two children, Thea and Gerrit, who have sacrificed so much to support him in his career. He would also like to thank the great many people he has worked with, learnt from and passed knowledge to, for the comradery, good times, and hard work. Greg has accepted an opportunity with the Public Service of Canada with a start date of 1 Dec 2020.

A Departure with Dignity (DWD) Ceremony will not be held at this time due to current COVID gathering restrictions. Please send any stories, messages and photos you may have to Forbes MWO DS@ADM(Mat) DSVPM@Ottawa-Hull [Dany.FORBES@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Dany.FORBES@forces.gc.ca)



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