## **RETIREMENT MESSAGE**



## **Capt Stephen P Emes**

After 26 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), Captain Stephen Emes will retire on 14 February 2021.

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Captain Emes was born in Toronto, ON. He grew up in the town of Stouffville, north of the greater Toronto area. Captain Emes enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves in March 1992 as an Infanteer with the 48<sup>th</sup> Highlanders of Canada. After completing secondary school, he transferred into the Regular Force in January 1995.

Upon graduation from the Armoured Battle School, Trooper Emes, at the time, was posted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons. He completed five years of service with the Regiment, deploying to Bosnia, Croatia and Kosovo, and gaining several qualifications in the Leopard and Armoured Recce community. Upon returning from Kosovo, Corporal Emes accepted an occupational transfer to the then called Fire Control Systems Technician trade, completing his POET training in 2001 and his QL3 in 2002. He was posted back to Petawawa with 2 GS Bn.

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In early 2006, Corporal Emes was posted to JTF2 CANSOFCOM, completing almost a decade with the unit filling the roles of EO Shop 2IC and IC and Manager of the EO Equipment Portfolio within the unit's Force Capability and Integration Squadron. During his tenure, he deployed several times to Afghanistan under various task forces, Op PODIUM and other operations.

In 2015, Warrant Officer Emes was posted to the RCEME School as the EO Stds WO. In 2017, he completed his yearlong second language training, which followed with a posting back to the School as the Regt Coy ITP Pl Comd.

In 2018, Master Warrant Officer Emes was posted back to CANSOFCOM within the HQ as the LCMM of the command's EO equipment. In 2019, he returned to the RCEME School as Art Coy Wpns Pl Comd. He was a successful applicant of the Commissioning from the Ranks program. Commissioned this past June, he held the position of the RCEME School's Training Officer.

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Captain Emes' last day in uniform will be 14 February 2021. His new career will start the next day, with his own company marketing prominent product lines to the Mil/LE community. Captain Emes will remain in the Southern Georgian Bay area as he waits for his wife Stacey to retire from the Forces.

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Please send your stories, messages and photos to Capt Todd Gervais at todd.gervais@forces.gc.ca.

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