

CJOC J Engr Farewell

By Sgt Ruth Bidal



Members of CJOC HQ Joint Engineer Branch at their recent farewell barbeque held at Maj Denny Desveaux's home in Stittsville, ON

It was a beautiful sunny day, the pool was warm and the barbeque was sizzling. This past June 27th, the Joint Engineer Branch at Canadian Joint Operations Command Headquarters (CJOC HQ) held its annual farewell event at Maj Denny Desveaux's home in Stittsville, Ontario.

The event was an opportunity to say farewell to the many Engineer family members who are taking their leave from CJOC HQ and preparing for new, exciting challenges within the Ottawa area, nationally, and abroad.



LCol Hoey is presented a pennant and coin by LCol Fortin and LCol Goodman

LCol Allan Hoey will be taking up his new position at Director General Defence Security (DGDS) – Industrial Security effective August. LCol Eric Fortin will be posted to ADM(IE) as ACOS CME in July. LCol Lloyd Chubbs will be enjoying some fine chocolate and maybe a few quality abbey brews at his new home in Casteau, Belgium where he will be posted this summer as the Environmental Management Officer at SHAPE. Maj Richard Busbridge will be hitting the books full time when he starts the Joint Command and Staff Program at Canadian Forces College Toronto this fall. Maj Denny Desveaux will be posted to ADM (IE) Real Property Ops as of mid-July. Capt Cy Harper is looking forward to his posting back to a field unit this August where he will be the 2I/C of 25 Support Squadron with 2 CER Petawawa. Capt Ian Creighton, tired of abusing his fellow Engineers at weekly Branch PT, is eager for new challenges with ADM (IE) Real Property Ops where he will be posted effective 18 Jul 14; luckily, he will still be able to torture Maj Desveaux on his breaks. Sgt Ruth Bidal, while sad to say goodbye to the Engineers at CJOC is, nonetheless, looking forward to her new role as Course Instructor for the QL5 Geomatics Technician course beginning this fall at the Algonquin College campus.

Notable mention goes to MCpl Sean O'Brien who did a stand-up job of assisting with all aspects of the party planning and acted as BBQ-chef extraordinaire for the event. A special thanks to Mrs LCol Hoey (aka Lorraine) for baking and decorating an amazing Engineer cake that tasted even better than it looked. And of course, many thanks to our generous host, Maj Denny Desveaux, who opened his doors (and his pool) to his fellow Engineers so we could give our departing members a proper send-off and enjoy a good old fashioned barbeque party.



MCpl Sean O'Brien creates his works of art on the BBQ



Mrs Lorraine Hoey's delicious and beautifully decorated Engineer cake.
Greatly appreciated after the laps in the pool

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