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Dear members of the Canadian Military Engineer family,

I am deeply honored to have been selected as your next Colonel Commandant, and I feel that it is only appropriate that my first act is to communicate with you. We are all members of a strong and diverse Branch with a storied history that pre-dates Confederation, and a Branch whose collective leadership, talents and skills are vital to the defense of Canada. I am immensely proud of the role that each and every one of you play in delivering effect for the Canadian Armed Forces and, by extension, our nation.

I have had the good fortune, over the course of almost 39 years in uniform, to observe first-hand the evolution of the Branch and its many accomplishments in peace and in war. The unity and strength of the Canadian Military Engineers today is a direct result of not only your efforts, but of another key component of our family – our veterans. I intend, over the course of my tenure, to take every opportunity to support not only our serving military and civilian members, but to honor the legacy of those who have gone on before us.

On behalf of the entire Canadian Military Engineer family, I would like to thank the outgoing Colonel Commandant, Major-General (Ret'd) Daniel Benjamin, CMM, CD for his outstanding service over the past four years. I am indebted to him for a thorough handover, and for his tremendous work to promote the Branch, your welfare and our collective heritage during a challenging period. The Canadian Military Engineers could not have been better served.

Once again, I am honored and humbled to begin my tenure as your Colonel Commandant. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can, and to witnessing first-hand the amazing work you do.

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