

## **RETIREMENT – Sgt Downer S.J. GEO-TECH 00238**

1. Sgt Downer will be retiring from the CF on 14 Nov 07 after 20 plus years of loyal and dedicated service to the CF and the Engineer Branch;
2. Steve joined the CF on the 09 Oct 1987 as a Cbt Engr and climbed through the ranks to Sgt. He has served proudly in three different trades: 041 Field Engineer, 042 Field Engineer Equipment Operator and finally as a 142 Geomatic Technician. He has served at various bases and stations during his career, 2 CER, CFB Petawawa, 3 FES and MCE. During his career he spent time abroad in such places as Cyprus, 2 back to back 6 month tours in Kuwait, 2 Rotos to Bosnia and then to Honduras in 1998;
3. Steve, Celine, Emily and Cole will be staying in the Ottawa area, as Steve will remain employed within MCE as a #2 press operator;
4. MCE will be having a small luncheon at a local watering hole (Prescott) to say good-bye and wish him and his family all the best in his retirement; and
5. Please send congratulatory message, anecdotes and memories by message, email to Sgt Allan MacNeil, (MacNeil.A @forces.gc.ca), no later than 12 Nov 07.