

SUBJ: RETIREMENT- WO LEN MAYNARD, FIRE FIGHTER 00149

1. WO LEN MAYNARD WILL RETIRE AFTER 30 YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO CANADA AS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE CANADIAN FORCES AND THE FIRE FIGHTER TRADE

2. LEN WAS BORN IN CHATHAM ONTARIO. HE JOINED THE CF AT SEVENTEEN IN 1978. HIS FIRST POSTING WAS CFB LONDON 1 RCR EVEN THOUGH HE WAS BEING TOLD HE WOULD BE JOINING THE PPCLI. HE WAS THEN POSTED TO CFB BADEN GERMANY 3 RCR. IN 1981, HE WAS RELEASED FROM THE CF AND WENT BACK TO CHATHAM WHERE HE JOINED THE ESSEX AND KENT SCOTTISH REGIMENT AS A RESERVIST. AFTER 8 MONTHS AS A CIVILIAN, SIX OF WHICH WERE TRYING TO GET BACK IN, HE RE-ENROLLED IN THE REGULAR FORCE IN 1982 AND WAS POSTED TO CFB GAGETOWN. AFTER TWO YEARS AT THE COMBAT TRAINING CENTRE, HE WAS FINALLY REBADGED TO THE PPCLI AND IN 1984 WAS POSTED TO 3 PPCLI IN VICTORIA. AFTER RECONSIDERING HIS CAREER, HE REMUSTERED IN 1986 TO FIRE FIGHTER AND UPON COMPLETION OF THE QL3 TRAINING HE WAS POSTED TO 22 WG NORTH BAY. IN 1991, HE WAS POSTED TO HMCS VANCOUVER EAST COAST TRIAL CREW AND WAS THEN POSTED TO THE HMCS MONTREAL UPON COMMISSIONING. IN 1994, HE WAS OFF TO 15 WG MOOSE JAW AND PROMOTED TO MCPL WHICH FOLLOWED BY A POSTED TO 17 WG WINNIPEG IN 1999. PROMOTED TO SGT IN 2001, HE WENT TO NORTH BAY AS THE FAMOUS SECURITY HOLE FIRE CHIEF FOR FOUR YEARS. IN 2005, HE WAS PROMOTED TO WO AND WAS POSTED TO 8 WG TRENTON.

3. AFTER 3 YEARS AT THE HOME OF THE AIR FORCE, HE DECIDED TO RETIRE WITH HIS WIFE GABRIELE AND SON JOSEPH. LEN WILL MAINTAIN HIS HOME IN TRENTON AND COMMUTE TO HIS NEW PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT WHERE HA ACCEPTED A JOB WITH BOMBARDIER AEROSPACE AS AN EMERGENCY SERVICES SUPERVISOR.

4. A LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD TO CELEBRATE LENS RETIREMENT ON 2 JUL 08 1500 HRS AT THE FIRESIDE LOUNGE, WO AND SGT MESS, 8 WG TRENTON. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, ANECDOTES AND OTHER UNMENTIONABLES ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED. THESE CAN BE SENT TO WFC, CAPT JESSE GRONDINES VIA EMAIL GRONDINES.JG AT FORCES.GC.CA OR FAX TO (613) 965-4914