

SUBJ: RETIREMENT CAPT GL (JERRY) DEVEAU, 00181 ENGINEER

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1. AFTER 37 YEARS OF SERVICE, CAPTAIN GL (JERRY) DEVEAU WILL RETIRE FROM THE CANADIAN FORCES ON 1 JUNE 2009. ALONG WITH HIS WIFE, BRENDA, THEY INTEND TO REMAIN IN FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK.
2. JERRY WAS IN THE MILITIA (NOVA SCOTIA HIGHLANDERS) FROM NOV 67- JUN 68. IN AUG 68 HE JOINED THE CANADIAN ARMY AND AFTER BASIC TRAINING AT CFB CORNWALLIS, AND BASIC FIELD ENGINEER TRAINING AT RCSME AT CFB CHILLIWACK, HE WAS POSTED TO 2 FD SQN RCE AT CFB GAGETOWN IN MAY 69. IN JUL 74 HE WAS POSTED TO 4 FD SQN/4 CER AT LAHR GERMANY. IN JUL 77 HE WAS POSTED BACK TO CFB GAGETOWN TO 22 FD SQN AS A SECT SGT/RECCE SGT. FROM JUL 80 TO JUL 82 HE WAS POSTED TO THE CFB GAGETOWN CE SECT AS THE DOUBLE HATTED ROADS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISOR AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE INSPECTIONS SUPERVISOR. IN JUL 82 HE WAS POSTED BACK TO 22 FD SQN AS THE UNIT OPS WO/1 TP WO. JERRY CFR D IN JAN 84 AND COMPLETED THE OFFICER INDOCTRINATION COURSE AT CFOCS AND THE CMEO COURSE AT CFSME. IN JAN 85 HE WAS POSTED BACK TO CFB GAGETOWN CE SECTION AS THE CONTRACTS OFFICER. IN JUL OF 86 HE WAS ABLE TO SNIVEL HIS WAY BACK TO 22 FD SQN AS THE AO/ADJT WHERE HE WAS ABLE TO STAY UNTIL AUG 91. FROM MAR 90 - JUL 90 HE WAS THE CONTINGENT COMMANDER FOR THE LAST DEMINING TRAINING CADRE IN PAKISTAN.
3. IN JUL 91 HE WAS THE Q4 QUARTERING INFRASTRUCTURE AND RANGES AT CTC HQ, AND IN OCT 93 THE POSITION WAS TRANSFERRED OVER TO BASE CE WHERE HE STAYED ON UNTIL JUN 94. AT THAT TIME HE WAS ATTACHED TO 1 CANADIAN DIVISON HQ AND SIGNALS REGIMENT AND WAS THE CONTINGENT ENGINEER FOR THE UN MISSION IN RWANDA. AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORT IN RWANDA HE AWARDED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL BY GOVERNOR GENERAL. IN JUL 95 HE WAS POSTED TO CFSME AS ONE OF THE TWO MOVEMENTS OFFICERS AND HELPED WRITE THE PLAN TO MOVE CFSME FROM CHILLIWACK TO GAGETOWN.
4. IN JUN OF 97 JERRY TOOK HIS RELEASE FROM THE CF AND WORKED FOR THE CITY OF FREDERICTON. HE DETERMINED THAT THIS WAS NOT FOR HIM AND IN JUNE 2000 HE TOOK A JOB AS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR A DEMINING OPERATION IN KOSOVO. ON RETURN TO CANADA IN NOV 00, HE WAS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY TO RE-ENGAGE IN THE CF, AND FROM FEB 01 TO JUN 09 HE HAS BEEN AT THE LAND FORCE TRIALS AND EVALUATION UNIT AT CFB GAGETOWN AS THE ENGINEER TRIALS OFFICER.
5. JERRY WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE CF AFTER MORE THAN 37 YEARS OF REGULAR FORCE SERVICE TO THE ENGINEERS AND THE CF. HE WILL REMAIN IN THE FREDERICTON AREA WHERE HE WILL WORK FOR THE OPERATIONAL STRESS INJURY SOCIAL SUPPORT SYSTEM AS A PEER SUPPORT COORDINATOR FOR NB.
6. LAND FORCE TRIALS AND EVALUATION UNIT WILL CONDUCT A UNIT DEPARTURE WITH DIGNITY RETIREMENT LUNCHEON ON 5 JUNE 2009 FOR UNIT MEMBERS AND INVITED GUESTS.
7. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, BEST WISHES AND MEMORABLE ANECDOTES MAY BE SENT TO MWO PHIL HINCHEY, LFTEU TRANSFORMATION OFFICER AT LOC 3755 OR EMAIL PRIOR TO 16 MAY 2009.