



Chief Warrant Officer Gilles Desruisseaux



CWO Gilles Desruisseaux will retire from the CAF on 2 July 2014, after 34 + years of loyal and dedicated service to Canadian Armed Forces, Canadian Military Engineering Branch and the National Defence Fire Service.

CWO Desruisseaux joined the CAF in August 1979 as a firefighter. His years of service have included postings to 8 Wing Trenton, 19 Wing Comox (twice), HMCS Skeena (Halifax), 3 Wing Bagotville (3 times), CFB Portage la Prairie, HMCS Algonquin (Esquimalt), 1 ESU Moncton, 17 Wing Winnipeg and 2 Can Air Div Winnipeg.

Career accomplishments have been recognized through numerous honours and awards, including an US Army Commendation medal in recognition of his support while in command of a significant building fire in Port-au-Prince, numerous tours including CFS Alert, Haiti and Camp Mirage. His sense of humour, anecdotes, perpetual patience, mentorship, friendship and loooooong stories will be missed!

Employed as Wing Fire Chief for the last years of service, Gilles and his wife Rachel will retire in New-Brunswick and will spend their retirement time watching re-run of Oprah, Dr. Phil and Jerry Springer. He will cherish memories of his rewarding career within the National Defence Fire Service.

