

SUBJECT: RETIREMENT WO PATRICK HALL, CD, LINEMAN

1. WO PATRICK HALL WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE REG FORCE ON THE 18TH OF JAN 2019, AFTER 22 PLUS YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES, THE ROYAL CANADIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS AND - THE BEST TRADE OF ALL - THE LINE TRADE.

2. PAT ENLISTED IN 1996 IN OTTAWA AS A LINEMAN. AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS BASIC TRAINING IN ST JEAN AND DRIVER TRAINING IN BORDEN, HE WAS SENT TO THE CANADIAN FORCES SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS IN KINGSTON. HE BECAME FULLY QUALIFIED LINEMAN IN 1997.

3. WO HALL'S FIRST ASSIGNMENT WAS WITH 1 CANADIAN MECHANIZED BRIGADE GROUP HEADQUARTERS AND SIGNAL SQUADRON (1 CMBG HQ & SIGS) IN CALGARY, AB. IN 2000 HE WAS POSTED TO CFJSR DET EDMONTON AND PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MCPL IN 2005. IN 2006, HE WAS POSTED TO 4TH CANADIAN DIVISION SUPPORT GROUP SIGNAL SQUADRON, FORMALLY KNOWN AS 2 AREA SUPPORT GROUP SIGNAL SQUADRON (2 ASG SIG SQN) IN PETAWAWA, ON. IN 2010, HE GOT HIS SLEEPING BAG OUT AGAIN AND WAS POSTED TO 2 CANADIAN MECHANIZED BRIGADE GROUP HEADQUARTERS AND SIGNAL SQUADRON (2 CMBG HQ & SIGS) IN PETAWAWA, ON. SOON AFTER, IN 2012, HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SGT AND REMAINED WITH 2 CMBG HQ & SIGS UNTIL 2014, WHEN HE WAS POSTED IN THE NCR AS A DESIGNER UNDER SSC. IN 2018, HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS CURRENT RANK AND TO BE FINALLY EMPLOYED UNDER 77 LINE REGT - LLWC OTTAWA - AS THE A/LCS FOR THE NCR.

4. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, WO HALL HAS COMPLETED MULTIPLE POSTINGS AND MISSIONS. HE NOTABLY SERVED IN KOSOVO IN 1999, AFGHANISTAN IN 2010 AND WAS ALSO EMPLOYED ON SEVERAL LINE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ACROSS CANADA.

5. FOR HIS RETIREMENT, PAT HAS DECIDED TO REMAIN IN THE OTTAWA REGION, WHERE HE WAS OFFERED A JOB OPPORTUNITY WITH VALCOM. WITH THIS NEW JOB COMBINED WITH HIS JOINING THE PRIMARY RESERVE AS THE LCF OF 33CBG, WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE THAT HIS KNOWLEDGE WILL STILL BENEFIT THE CAF AND THE LINE TRADE WHILE ALLOWING HIM TO PURSUE HIS PASSION.

6. TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIS MILITARY CAREER AND TO WISH HIM WELL, AN INFORMAL, SIT DOWN LUNCHEON WILL BE HELD IN OTTAWA AT A LATER DATE. MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW IN TIME.

7. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, ANECDOTES, STORIES AND OUTRIGHT LIES CAN BE E-MAILED TO Marc.Bergevin@forces.gc.ca