

ANNOUNCEMENT MESSAGE

SUBJ: RETIREMENT CAPTAIN RICHARD STACEY, 00178-01

AFTER 40 YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CAF, AND THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARMOURD CORPS, CAPTAIN RICHARD STACEY WILL RETIRE ON 31 MAR 2021.

RICHARD BEGAN HIS CAREER IN 1981 AS A PRIMARY RESERVE SOLDIER WITH 1ST HUSSARS IN LONDON ONTARIO. AFTER JOINING THE REGULAR FORCE IN 1983, AND SUCCESSIVE POSTINGS WITH THE 8TH CANADIAN HUSSARS AND ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS, HE BADGED TO LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS) IN 1990.

IN 1991, RICHARD WAS SELECTED TO ATTEND 403 OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING SQUADRON IN GAGETOWN AND COMPLETED HIS TACTICAL HELICOPTER OBSERVER COURSE AND ON COMPLETION WAS POSTED TO 408 TACTICAL HELICOPTER SQUADRON IN 1992.

WHILE SERVING WITH LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE (ROYAL CANADIANS), RICHARD'S REGIMENTAL DUTIES INCLUDED REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, A SQUADRON, B SQUADRON, C SQUADRON AND RECCE SQUADRON.

RICHARD'S OTHER EMPLOYMENT INCLUDED SERGEANT MAJOR OF THE JOINT COMMAND AND CONTROL SUPPORT CENTRE STARTOP ROAD OTTAWA, JOINT INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE FUSION CAPABILITY DETACHMENT CFS LEITRIM, BASE REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR OF CFB SUFFIELD AND THE STRATEGIC JOINT STAFF CWO IN OTTAWA. HE THEN TOOK SRCP AND BECAME DETACHMENT OPERATIONS OFFICER AT 5 CDSB DETACHMENT ALDERSHOT TO CLOSE OUT HIS CAREER.

HIS OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES HAITI IN 1995, BOSNIA IN 1997, KOSOVO IN 1999, AND TWO DEPLOYMENTS TO AFGHANISTAN IN 2004 AND 2009.

RICHARD IS ONE OF 20 RECIPIENTS TO BE AWARDED THE STAR OF MILITARY VALOUR. HE WAS AWARDED IT FOR ACTIONS ON 4 AUG 2009 FIGHTING THROUGH 6 AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT AN 8 HOUR FIREFIGHT AND IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARMOURD CORPS TO RECEIVE THIS HONOUR. HE WAS INVESTED AS A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF MILITARY MERIT IN 2011.

RICHARD IS RETIRING IN NOVA SCOTIA WHERE HE WILL BE ENJOYING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND DOING A FEW HOBBIES.

THE DEPART WITH DIGNITY FOR RICHARD WILL BE HELD AT THE BORDEN HALL COMBINED MESS AT 5 CDSB DETACHMENT ALDERSHOT ON 6 MAY 2021 AT 1300 HOURS. YOU CAN FORWARD YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THE RETIREMENT FUNCTION COORDINATOR, CAPTAIN ALAN MURPHY AT REID.MURPHY@FORCES.GC.CA

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SEND AN ANECDOTE, PHOTO OR A MESSAGE TO RICHARD PLEASE SEND THEM TO CAPTAIN ALAN MURPHY AT REID.MURPHY@FORCES.GC.CA