

1. AFTER 26 YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CANADIAN FORCES AND THE ENGINEER BRANCH, MAJOR JOHN ROSE WILL RETIRE FROM THE MILITARY ON 18 SEP 07.

2. JOHN ENROLLED IN THE CF IN JUL OF 1981 AS AN AIR WEAPONS SYSTEMS (AWS) TECHNICIAN. UPON COMPLETION OF HIS BASIC TRADES TRAINING IN BORDEN ONTARIO HE WAS POSTED TO CFB GREENWOOD IN THE HEART OF NOVA SCOTIA'S ANNAPOLIS VALLEY WHERE HE SPENT THE NEXT FIVE YEARS REFINING HIS NEWLY ACQUIRED TRADE SKILLS. IN 1987 THE POSTING CALL CAME WHICH SAW HIM HEAD WEST TO COLD LAKE ALBERTA. A YEAR AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN ALBERTA'S OIL COUNTRY JOHN DECIDED TO PURSUE FURTHER CHALLENGES AND WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE UNIVERSITY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR NON-COMMISSIONED MEMBERS (UTPNM). HE GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY IN 1993 AND BEGAN THREE YEARS OJT AT CFB CHILLIWACK IN THE BEAUTIFUL FRASER VALLEY AS A NEWLY COMMISSIONED SECOND LIEUTENANT. IN APRIL 1996 JOHN WAS POSTED TO ABBOTSFORD BC AS THE DEPUTY FLIGHT COMMANDER OF THE LOCAL AEF. HIS TENURE IN THIS POSITION WAS SHORT LIVED THOUGH AS HE ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE FLIGHT IN DECEMBER 1997. CONTINUED UNREST IN THE BALKANS BROUGHT TO THE FORE THE KOSOVO CONFLICT WHICH WAS THE CATALYST BEHIND JOHN'S DEPLOYMENT IN 1999 TO ITALY AS THE CONTINGENT ENGINEER RESPONSIBLE FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE OF THE CANADIAN OWNED/LEASED INFRASTRUCTURE IN AVIANO. IN 2000 HIS POSTINGS CONTINUED THEIR WESTERLY THEME BRINGING HIM TO CFB ESQUIMALT AS THE OC OF THE NEWLY FORMED PACIFIC NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TROOP. A HIGHLIGHT OF THIS POSTING CAME IN 2004 WHEN HE LED THE TROOP ON A 6 MONTH ROTATION TO CAMP MIRAGE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ALL CAMP INFRASTRUCTURE. FROM 2003-2005 JOHN HELD VARIOUS POSITIONS IN INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE CE SECTION AT ESQUIMALT. WITH NO FURTHER WESTERLY POSTINGS AVAILABLE JOHN LEFT BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 2005 MOVING EAST ON HIS NEXT POSTING TO 22 WING NORTH BAY AS THE WING CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING OFFICER AND SUBSEQUENTLY THE WING LOGISTICS OFFICER UPON HIS RECENT PROMOTION TO MAJOR.

3. JOHN, HIS WIFE MELINDA AND SON JESSE WILL BE MOVING TO BANFF ALBERTA WHERE JOHN WILL PURSUE A SECOND CAREER WITH PARKS CANADA AS THE ASSET MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR PARKS CANADA FACILITIES IN AND AROUND BANFF. THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW LIFESTYLE AND THE FACT THAT THIS PUTS THEM CLOSER TO THEIR OTHER CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN CALGARY.

4. AN INTIMATE GATHERING WILL BE HELD AT THE AYR MESS 22 WG NORTH BAY ON 14 SEPT 07 HRS TO MARK MAJOR ROSE'S RETIREMENT. PERS WISHING TO ATTEND THIS FUNCTION ARE MORE THAN WELCOME AND CAN USE THE CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW FOR FURTHER INFO.

5. CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES, E-MAILS, ANECDOTES, WELL WISHES OR PICTURES FOR MAJOR ROSE ARE ENCOURAGED AND SHOULD BE SENT ATT: SGT ATHENA MINARD WLOG, 22WING NORTH BAY, HORNELL HEIGHTS ON, P0H 1P0 OR BY EMAIL AT MINARD.AA@FORCES.GC.CA TELEPHONE QUERIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO SGT MINARD AT 705 494 2011 EXT 2045/2064.

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