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SUBJ: AMENDMENT RETIREMENT - CWO WAYNE J O KEEFE, CE SUPT

1. CWO WAYNE J O KEEFE, CE SUPT, RETIRED FROM THE CF ON 5 MAY 2009 AFTER MORE THAN 26 YEARS SERVICE TO CANADA, THE CF AND THE ENGR BRANCH.
2. CWO O KEEFE ENROLLED IN THE CF ON 29 APR 1983 IN ST JOHNS, NL AS AN ELECTRICIAN. AFTER BASIC TRAINING AT CFRS CORNWALLIS HE WAS POSTED TO CFB CORNWALLIS WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED IN THE CE SECTION ELECTRICAL SHOP. IN JUNE 1984 HE WAS POSTED TO CFB PETAWAWA WHERE HE WORKED WITH THE NEWLY FORMED CONSTRUCTION TROOP. DURING HIS TIME IN PETAWAWA HE ALSO WORKED IN THE ELECTRICAL SHOP, CONTRACT CELL, PMQ MAINTENANCE CELL AND ALSO SPENT SOME TIME AT 2 CER.
3. IN JUNE 1989 HE WAS POSTED BACK TO CFRS CORNWALLIS AS A RECRUIT INSTRUCTOR WHERE HE WORKED IN CHARLIE COMPANY AS A PLATOON NCO, TRAINING SGT AND THE PLATOON COMD, HE CONSIDERS THIS THE BEST 3 YEARS OF HIS CAREER. IN JUNE 1992 HE WAS POSTED TO CFB MOOSE JAW WHERE HE WORKED AS THE ELECTRICAL SHOP SUPERVISOR, ELECTRICAL DESIGNER AND CONSOLIDATED SHOP SUPERVISOR.
4. HE WAS POSTED TO CFSME GAGETOWN IN JULY 1997 AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN THE ELECTRICAL CELL. WAYNE DECIDED TO LEAVE THE MILITARY IN MAY 1998 BUT SOON SAW THE LIGHT AND RE-ENROLLED IN NOVEMBER OF THE SAME YEAR. AFTER TWO YEARS AT CFB GAGETOWN CE SECTION AS A CONTRACT MANAGER HE WAS POSTED TO 1 ESU MONCTON IN SEPTEMBER 2000 WHERE HE WORKED AS AN ELECTRICAL DESIGNER AND 2 SET SERGEANT MAJOR.
5. HE CAME BACK TO CFSME GAGETOWN IN JULY 2002 STAYING THERE FOR TWO YEARS BEFORE GOING TO THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL, IN GAGETOWN, TO TAKE THE YEAR LONG FRENCH COURSE. IN JULY 2005 HE WENT TO OTTAWA TO WORK AS AN SME WITH MOSART FOR THE CE OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS. AFTER COMPLETING HIS TOUR AT NDHQ HE WAS POSTED TO CFB GREENWOOD CE SECTION AS THE SCWO AND OPERATIONS OFFICER.
6. CWO O KEEFE HAS COMPLETED VARIOUS OVERSEAS TOURS THAT INCLUDE CYPRUS, GOLAN HEIGHTS, CROATIA, BOSNIA, CAMP MIRAGE AND AFGHANISTAN.
7. IN JUNE 2008 CWO OKEEFE WAS POSTED BACK TO CFB GAGETOWN AS THE 3 ASG ENGR BRANCH CWO UNTIL HIS RECENT RETIREMENT. WAYNE AND HIS WIFE CAROL PLAN TO STAY IN THE FREDERICTON AREA WHERE THEY BOTH HAVE STARTED NEW CAREERS, WAYNE AS A CONTRACTS MANAGER AT 3 ASG ENGR BRANCH AND CAROL AS THE ASSISTANT MANAGER IN THE NEWLY OPENED GIANT TIGER
8. AMENDMENT. THE RETIREMENT CEREMONY WILL BE HELD 24 JUNE 2009, AT WARRANT AND SERGENT MESS, CFB GAGETOWN, 24 JUN 09 AT 1130 HRS. POC IS TINA BROOMFIELD, ENGR BRANCH ADMIN ASSIT AT LOC 2542 OR EMAIL
9. FAREWELL WISHES, SAPPER TALL TALES AND OCCASIONAL TRUE STORY ARE REQ TO BE EMAILED TO WO J.A. JACKSON, CC, ENGR BRANCH OR FAX TO (506)422-1435