



SUBJECT: RETIREMENT - CAPT RG WISHNICKI (ROB)

1. CAPTAIN ROB WISHNICKI WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE CAF ON 31 MAY 2022, AFTER 35+ YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.
2. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS BORN IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA. HE JOINED 15TH FD REGT RCA ON 2 APRIL 1987. IN 1992/93, HE TOOK PART IN CANADA'S PEACEKEEPING ROLE IN CYPRUS [UNFICYP] FOR WHICH HE WAS AWARDED THE UNITED NATIONS MEDAL. IN 1995, CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS POSTED TO CANADIAN FORCES BASE (CFB) DUNDURN WITH 3 PPCLI AND TRAINED FOR DEPLOYMENT WITH UN FORCES IN THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA (KNOWN AS OP HARMONY). WHILE TRAINING AS A SECTION COMMANDER HE COMPLETED HIS REGULAR FORCE MACHINE GUNNERS COURSE QUALIFYING HIM AS A GUN CONTROLLER. WHEN THE TOUR WAS CANCELLED, CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS OFFERED TO STAY WITH HIS ASSIGNED UNIT TO DEPLOY WITH A BATTERY, 1ST REGIMENT, ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY (1 RCHA) IN CFB SHILO, MANITOBA FOR A YEAR IN FULFILLING HIS CONTRACT. HE WILLINGLY ACCEPTED AND WAS THE ONLY RESERVE SERGEANT ON CLASS C IN 1 RCHA FOR THAT YEAR. WHILE HE WAS THERE HE TAUGHT 3 REGULAR FORCE GUNNERY COURSES AS A DETACHMENT COMMANDER AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS SENIOR LEADERSHIP COURSE IN 1996 AT THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY BATTLE SCHOOL. IN 1997 SERGEANT WISHNICKI COMPLETED HIS QL 6B PARTS 1, 2 AND 3 AT THE RCA BATTLESCHOOL AND RETURNED TO 15TH FIELD REGIMENT WORKING AS THE RECCE AND GUN LINE TROOP SERGEANT MAJOR. HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF WARRANT OFFICER IN 1997 AND APPOINTED BATTERY SERGEANT MAJOR FOR 68 BATTERY IN NRS ALDERGROVE, B.C. WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIT AND THE LACK OF LEADERS AVAILABLE, HE VOLUNTARILY DEDICATED HIS TIME TO THE UNIT, HIS SOLDIERS AND THE ARMY BY TRAVELLING THE DISTANCE FROM VANCOUVER TO TRAIN LATE NIGHTS. DURING HIS TIME AS UNIT BSM IN 2004, CAPT WISHNICKI ORGANIZED, CANVASSED, AND PLANNED THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT FUNDRAISER TEAM IN SUPPORT OF THE EASTER SEALS 24 HOUR RELAY TO RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. THE TEAM WAS LED BY CAPT WISHNICKI FOR 5 YEARS, CONSISTING OF 15 FD REGT PERSONNEL, CORRECTIONAL AND POLICE OFFICERS. THE TEAM SUCCESSFULLY RAISED AND DONATED OVER \$25,000.00 TOWARDS DISABLED CHILDREN. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI ALSO VOLUNTEERED HIS FREE TIME FOR YEARS WITH THE YMCA YOUTH PROGRAMS IN HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY TEACHING YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS. IN 2001, HE WAS AWARDED THE QUEENS GOLDEN JUBILEE MEDAL FROM THE RIGHT HONOURABLE HERB DHALIWAL FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MASTER WARRANT OFFICER AND APPOINTED BATTERY SERGEANT MAJOR FOR 31 BATTERY IN 2002. IN 2005, CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER (CWO) AND APPOINTED REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-

MAJOR (RSM) OF 15TH FD REGT. IN 2006 CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS REQUESTED BY THE ABBOTSFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING COORDINATING, TRAINING AND THE EXECUTION OF A FORMAL REGIMENTAL PARADE FOR THE POLICE FORCE IN COMMEMORATION OF CONSTABLE JOHN GOYER, WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. HIS PARADE CONSISTED OF OVER 800 POLICE AND PEACE OFFICERS (BOTH NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY) AND WAS GIVEN SIGNIFICANT MEDIA ATTENTION AT THE TIME. WEEKS LATER THE ABBOTSFORD FIRE AND RESCUE HAD A SIMILAR SITUATION WHERE ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS HAD A LINE OF DUTY DEATH. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS PERSONALLY REQUESTED BY THEM TO ASSIST WITH PLANNING AND EXECUTING THEIR FORMAL FUNERAL PARADE. THIS PARADE CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 500 PERSONNEL FROM VARIOUS EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDER AGENCIES. IN 2007, CWO WISHNICKI WAS APPOINTED REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR FOR 39 BRIGADE'S EXERCISE CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 700 SOLDIERS IN CFB COMOX, B.C. FOR THEIR BRIGADE TRAINING EXERCISE. CAPT WISHNICKI HAS SACRIFICED HIS CIVILIAN TIME AND EMPLOYMENT IN REPRESENTING THE CF IN DOMESTIC OPERATIONS FOR THE WILDFIRES IN 2009 BY DEPLOYING TO THE PROVINCIAL REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE IN KAMLOOPS, B.C. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI DID THE SAME FOR THE VANCOUVER 2010 OLYMPICS AS A REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICER (RLO) FOR JOINT TASK FORCE PACIFIC BY DEPLOYING TO THE PREOC IN SURREY, B.C. HE ALSO WORKED FOR YEARS AS A REGIONAL LIAISON OFFICER (RLO) FOR J3 LAND, JOINT TASK FORCE PACIFIC IN CFB ESQUIMALT, B.C. IN MAY OF 2010 CWO WISHNICKI WAS APPOINTED BRIGADE SERGEANT-MAJOR FOR 39 CANADIAN BRIGADE GROUP. CAPT WISHNICKI RECEIVED THE 39 CBG COMMANDERS COMMENDATION FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN SAVING A YOUNG TEENAGERS LIFE WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM A HOSPITAL IN TRAIL, B.C. CWO WISHNICKI WAS CONDUCTING A VISIT AS THE BRIGADE SERGEANT MAJOR WITH THE COMMANDER FROM 39 CBG AT THE TIME. HE ALONG WITH THE SSM SHARMAN THOMAS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN CONTACTING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND PREVENTING THE YOUTH FROM TAKING HIS LIFE BY JUMPING OFF A CLIFF. IN MARCH OF 2013 CWO WISHNICKI COMMISSIONED TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN AND DEPLOYED OVERSEAS TO KABUL, AFGHANISTAN WHERE HE WAS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER, ADVISING THE DIRECTOR OF GENERAL STAFF (CHIEF OF STAFF) FOR OVER 190,000 ANA TROOPS. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS AWARDED THE GENERAL CAMPAIGN STAR FOR HIS SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN. IN 2017 CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WAS ONCE AGAIN REQUESTED BY ABBOTSFORD PD TO ASSIST WITH A FULL REGIMENTAL FUNERAL FOR CONSTABLE JOHN DAVIDSON WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY. THIS FUNERAL WAS ATTENDED BY OVER 8,000 EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS AND CF PERSONNEL INTERNATIONALLY AND GARNERED SIGNIFICANT MEDIA ATTENTION. IN 2020 AT THE ONSET OF COVID-19 CAPT WISHNICKI VOLUNTEERED ALONG WITH MANY 15TH FD REGT PERSONNEL TO STAND UP FOR FULL TIME DUTY, DEPLOYABLE FOR OP LASER, FOR THE SPAN OF 4 MONTHS. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI HAS AND CONTINUES TO SPEAK AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS DURING THEIR REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLIES, THEREBY EDUCATING AND REMINDING THE YOUTH OF TODAY OF THE SACRIFICES OF THOSE THAT HAVE GIVEN BEFORE US. CAPT WISHNICKI HAS BEEN AWARDED 3 BRIGADE COMMANDERS COMMENDATIONS, 1 TASK FORCE COMMANDERS COMMENDATION, A REGIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION FROM CORRECTIONS CANADA AND THE COLONEL COMMANDANT'S COIN FROM THE ROYAL REGT OF CDN ARTILLERY CAPTAIN WISHNICKI HAS BEEN AWARDED THE QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE MEDAL BY SENATOR LARRY CAMPBELL IN 2012, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE OF CANADA EXEMPLARY SERVICE MEDAL IN 2017 AND HIS CD 2 MEDAL IN 2019.

3. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WILL BE RETIRING ON 15 MAY 2022 AS 15 FD REGT, RCA - 68 BTY BK. CAPTAIN WISHNICKI WILL ALSO RETIRE FROM HIS CIVILIAN CAREER AS A FEDERAL

CORRECTIONS OFFICER AT MATSQUI INSTITUTION IN ABBOTSFORD, B.C. THIS DECEMBER. UPON RETIREMENT CAPTAIN WISHNICKI PLANS TO ENJOY A SCHEDULE-FREE LIFE, GOLFING, READING, TRAVELLING, FITNESS, HIS MOTORCYCLE AND ADOPT AND NAME HIS NEW CHOCOLATE LABRADOR "BOMBER".

4. **A DWD FUNCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT BESSBOROUGH ARMOURY ON 14 MAY 2022. ANYONE WISHING TO SEND MESSAGES SHOULD DO SO BEFORE 7 MAY 2022 TO BE READ OR PRESENTED TO HIM AT HIS DWD.**
5. **ANECDOTES, MESSAGES, ETC CAN BE SENT TO CAPT JAMES MORRISON AT Jrmorr88@gmail.com**

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1. CAPITAINE ROB WISHNICKI VA PRENDRE SA RETRAITE DES FAC le 31 MAI 2022, APRÈS PLUS DE 35 ANS DE SERVICE DÉVOUÉ.
2. CAPITAINE WISHNICKI EST NÉ À WINNIPEG, ALBERTA. IL REJOINT LE 15^E REGIMENT D'ARTILLERIE DE CAMPAGNE, ARC LE 2 AVRIL 1987. EN 1992/93, IL A REÇU LA MÉDAILLE DES NATIONS UNIES POUR SA PARTICIPATION AU MAINTIEN DE LA PAIX EN CHYPRE. EN 1995, CAPITAINE WISHNICKI A ÉTÉ MUTÉ À LA BASE DES FORCES CANADIENNES (BFC) DUNDURN AVEC LE 3 PPCLI ET S'EST ENTRAÎNÉ POUR DÉPLOYER AU SEIN DE OP HARMONY, DANS L'ANCIENNE RÉPUBLIQUE DU YOUGOSLAVIE. PENDANT SON ENTRAÎNEMENT, IL COMPLÉTA SON COURS DE MITRAILLEUSE. LORSQUE LE DÉPLOIEMENT FÛT ANNULÉ, CAPITAINE WISHNICKI S'EST FAIT OFFRIR DE DÉPLOYÉ AVEC LE 1^{ER} RÉGIMENT, ROYAL CANADIAN HORSE ARTILLERY (1 RCHA), BFC SHILO. IL ACCEPTA AVEC JOIE. DURANT CETTE PÉRIODE, IL FÛT LE SEUL SERGENT EN CLASS C, A INSTRUIT 3 COURS D'ARTILLERIE EN TANT QUE COMMANDANT DE DÉTACHEMENT ET A COMPLÉTER SON COURS DE LEADERSHIP AVANCÉ À L'ÉCOLE DE COMBAT, ARC. EN 1997, IL COMPLÉTA SON NQ 6B (1-3) ET RETOURNA AVEC LE 15^E REGIMENT D'ARTILLERIE DE CAMPAGNE EN TANT QUE SERGENT-MAJOR DE TROUPE. IL FÛT PROMU AU RANG D'ADJUDANT EN 1997 ET NOMMÉ SERGENT-MAJOR DE LA 68 BATTERIE. EN 2004, IL ORGANISA UNE ÉQUIPE EN SUPPORT AU POUR LEVÉE DES FONDS ET SENSIBILISER LA POPULATION POUR EASTER SEALS, UN ORGANISME VENANT EN AIDE AUX ENFANTS HANDICAPÉS. L'ÉQUIPE, COMPRISE DE MEMBRES DU 15^E RÉGIMENT, D'AGENTS DE CORRECTION ET DE POLICIERS, FÛT MENÉE PAR CAPT WISHNICKI PENDANT 5 ANS ET RÉCOLTA PLUS DE 25 000\$. CAPITAINE WISHNICKI A AUSSI FAIT DU BÉNÉVOLA AVEC LE YMCA, ENSEIGNANT DES PROGRAMMES SPORTIFS JEUNESSES DANS SA COMMUNAUTÉ. EN 2001, LE TRÈS HONORABLE HERB DHALIWAL LUI PRÉSENTA LE JUBILÉ D'OR D'ÉLISABETH II POUR SON SERVICE DANS LA COMMUNAUTÉ. EN 2002, CAPITAINE WISHNICKI FÛT PROMU AU RANG D'ADJUDANT-MAÎTRE ET NOMMÉ SERGENT-MAJOR DE BATTERIE, 31 BTIE. EN 2005, IL FÛT PROMU ADJUDANT-CHEF ET NOMMÉ SERGENT-MAJOR DE RÉGIMENT (SMR) DU 15^E REGIMENT D'ARTILLERIE DE CAMPAGNE, ARC. EN 2006, L'AIDE DE CAPITAINE WISHNICKI FÛT DEMANDÉ PAR LE DÉPARTEMENT DE POLICE D'ABBOTSFORD POUR LA PLANIFICATION, LA COORDINATION, L'ENTRAÎNEMENT ET L'EXÉCUTION D'UNE PARADE RÉGIMENTAIRE EN COMMÉMORATION DU GENDARME JOHN GOYER, MORT DANS L'EXERCICE DE SES FONCTIONS. PLUS DE 800 POLICIERS ET AGENT DE LA PAIX ONT ASSISTÉ À CETTE PARADE

QUI A AUSSI REÇU UNE ATTENTION MÉDIATIQUE SIGNIFICATIVE. QUELQUES SEMAINES PLUS TARD, UNE SITUATION SIMILAIRE SE PRODUISA AVEC LES SERVICES D'INCENDIES D'ABBOTSFORD. L'AIDE DE CAPT WISHNICKI FÛT, ENCORE UNE FOIS, PERSONNELLEMENT DEMANDÉ. CETTE PARADE ACCUEILLEURA ENVIRON 500 PERSONELS DE DIVERS AGENCES DE PREMIER RÉPONDANT. EN 2007, IL FÛT NOMMÉ SERGENT-MAJOR DE RÉGIMENT POUR LA 39 GBC, POUR LEUR EXERCICE DE BRIGADE. CAPT WISHNICKI A SACRIFIÉ DE SON PROPRE TEMPS AFIN D'AIDER LES OPÉRATIONS DOMESTIQUES POUR LES FEUX DE FORÊTS DE 2009 (KAMLOOPS), D'ÊTRE L'OFFICER DE LIAISON DE LA FORCE OPÉRATIONELLE INTERARMÉES (FOI) PACIFIQUE POUR LES JEUX OLYMPIQUES DE VANCOUVER DE 2010 ET OFFICIER DE LIAISON POUR J3 TERRE, ET FOI PACIFIQUE À LA BFC ESQUIMALT, CB. EN MAI 2010, ADJUC WISHNICKI FÛT NOMMÉ SERGENT-MAJOR DE RÉGIMENT POUR LA 39 GBC OÙ IL A REÇU LA MENTION ÉLOGIEUSE POUR SON AIDE DANS LA RESCOUSSE D'UN ADOLESCENT QUI S'EST ENFUI D'UN HÔPITAL À TRAIL, CB. AVEC L'APPUI DU SMÉM SHARMAN THOMAS, IL CONTACTA LES AUTORITÉS LOCALES ET FÛT INSTRUMENTAL DANS LA PRÉVENTION DU SUICIDE DE CET ADOLESCENT. EN MARS 2013, ADJUC WISHNICKI EU SA COMMISSION ET FÛT PROMU AU RANG DE CAPITAINE. IL DÉPLOIERA À KABUL, AFGHANISTAN EN TANT QUE COMMANDANT ADJOINT OÙ IL SERA ATTRIBUÉ L'ÉTOILE DE CAMPAGNE GÉNÉRALE. EN 2017, LE DÉPARTAMENT DE POLICE D'ABBOTSFORD DEMANDERA A NOUVEAU L'AIDE DE CAPITAINE WISHNICKI POUR LES FUNÉRAILLES DU GENDARME JOHN DAVIDSON, MORT DANS L'EXERCICE DE SES FONCTIONS. CET ÉVÉNEMENT ACCUEILLERA PLUS DE 8000 PERSONNES ET A REÇU UNE ATTENTION MÉDIATIQUE SIGNIFICATIVE. EN 2020, AU DÉBUT DU COVID-19, CAPITAINE WISHNICKI SE PORTERA VOLONTAIRE POUR DÉPLOYER SUR OP LASER. CAPITAINE WISHNICKI A ET CONTINU DE S'ADRESSER À MANTES ÉCOLES LORS DU JOUR DU SOUVENIR, RAPELLANT AUX JEUNES LES SACRIFICES DE TOUS CEUX ET CELLES QUI SONT MORTS AU SERVICE DE LEUR PAYS. CAPT WISHNICKI A REÇU 3 MENTIONS ÉLOGIEUSES DU COMMANDANT DE BRIGADE, UNE MENTION ÉLOGIEUSE DU COMMENDANT DE LA FORCE OPÉRATIONELLE, UNE AUTRE DU COMMISSAIRE ADJOINT DES SERVICES CORRECTIFS DU CANADA AINSI QUE LE JETON DU COLONEL COMMANDANT DU RÉGIMENT ROYAL D'ARTILLERIE CANADIEN. EN 2012, LE SÉNATEUR LARRY CAMPBELL OFFRIRA LE JUBILÉ DE DIAMANT D'ÉLIZABETH II À CAOTAIN WISHNICKI. EN 2017, CAPT WISHNICKI FUT ATTRIBUÉ LA MÉDAILLE POUR SERVICES DISTINGUÉS EN MILIEU CORRECTIONNEL ET EN 2019, LA DÉCORATION DES FORCES CANADIENNES (CD) 2.

3. CAPITAINE WISHNICKI VA PRENDRE SA RETRAITE LE 15 MAI 2022 EN TANT QUE COMMANDANT DE BATTERIE, 68 BTIE, 15^E RÉGIMENT D'ARTILLERIE DE CAMPAGNE, ARC. CE DÉCEMBRE, CAPITAINE WISHNICKI VA AUSSI PRENDRE SA RETRAITE DE SA CARRIÈRE CIVILE EN TANT QU'AGENT CORRECTIONNEL FÉDÉRAL DE L'INSTITUTION MATSQUI, ABBOTSFORD, CB. À LA RETRAITE, CAPITAINE WISHNICKI PLANIFIE DE PROFITER D'UNE VIE SANS HORAIRE, À JOUER AU GOLF, LIRE, VOYAGER, S'ENTRAÎNER, SE PROMENER EN MOTO ET ADOPTER UN LABRADOR QU'IL VA NOMMER "BOMBER" (BOMBARDIER).
4. **UN DÉPART DANS LA DIGNITÉ PRENDRA PLACE À L'ARMURERIE DE BESSBOROUGH LE 14 MAI 2022. QUICONQUE DÉSIRANT LUI ENVOYER DES MESSAGES, POUR ÊTRE LÛ OU PRÉSENTER LORS DE LA CÉRÉMONIE, DEVRAIT LE FAIRE AVANT LE 7 MAI 2022.**
5. **LES ANECDOTES ET LES MESSAGES PEUVENT ÊTRE ENVOYÉS À CAPT JAMES MORRISON À Jrmorr88@gmail.com**