

39 COMBAT ENGINEER REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, what can I say, but that there have been a lot of changes, from a whole lot of us coming off COVID19, a change of command, and some very long serving members moving on. This is a very good read. I for one, am looking forward to seeing members in person.

Chimo

Bill Wenman
President

SUMMER TRAINING

PRes BMOQ Mod 2 (9 May to 17 May 2022)

2Lt Heinrichs

PRes PLQ Mod 3 (9 May to 30 May 2022)

Cpl Au

Cpl Kalongo

Cpl Hong

Pres DP2 (21 May to 30 June 2022)

Spr Dias

Cpl Corlies

MILCOT Silverado (21 May to 12 Jun 2022) Chilliwack

MCpl Pierre

Cpl Tam

Army Driver Wheeled Common 1538 (Chilliwack) - 8-9 Aug 2022

Pte Garman

MILCOT Silverado (10-22 Aug 2022) Chilliwack

Pte Garman

Army Driver Wheeled SMP Trailer Op 1199 (Chilliwack) 23 Aug 2022

Pte Garman

Transport Dangerous Goods (Chilliwack) 24-25 Aug 2022

Pte Garman

PRes UCT Mod 1 (18 June to 22 Jun 2022)

Maj Piers

CWO Rochlow

PRes DP3A (30 April to 14 July 2022) CTC CFSME CFB Gagetown

Staff

Crse O: WO Boisclair

Candidates

MCpl Boechler

MCpl Kemp

BMQ Chwk (4 July to 4 Aug 2022)

Staff

Instructor: Cpl Kalongo

Candidates

Pte Machholz

Pte Anderson

Pte Garman

OCdt Yan

Pte Lam

CMD Op Basic (5 July to 10 Aug 2022)

Cpl Cook

PRes DP1 (24 May to 24 Aug 2022) CTC CFSME CFB Gagetown

Pte McCready

Pte Lee

Pte Shariati

Pte Gourdine

Pte Pour Ghasem

PRes HRA Pte at Edmonton (4 July to 26 Aug)

Pte Meester

PRes DP1 (1 Jun to 1 Sep 2022) CTC CFSME CFB Gagetown

Pte Redding

Pte Aikema

DEPLOYMENTS

OP REASSURANCE LTF 22-02 Latvia – 14 June – 14 December 2022

Cpl French as Admin Coy Storeman Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group

JTF IMPACT - 7/JTF-IMPACT HQ in IRAQ – 08 May – 07 November 2022

Capt Helmer-Smith is in Kuwait working in an operations role

LCOL A.H. KEMBALL CB DSO GRAVE

In early August Cpl Joseph French, a member of 44 ES, located and visited the grave of LCol A.H. Kemball CB DSO at Villers Station Cemetery in France. Cpl French placed a 39 CER coin on the grave as a gesture of respect. LCol Kemball was the Commanding Officer of the 54th Kootenay Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force. LCol Kemball was killed at Vimy Ridge in March of 1917. The armoury in Trail is named in his honour and 44 ES traces its lineage to the 54th Kootenay Battalion.



Photo by Cpl French

DEPARTURES

Sgt Hartmann was enrolled 12 Dec 1998 at 44 FES Trail (She was invited to attend Men's Xmas Dinner where the power went out and candles lit the dinner; maybe an influence for the rest of her Cbt Engr career) Effective 23 September 2008 she filled the posn of the Sqn Clk at 44 FES. She reclassified to Resource Management Systems (RMS) Clerk on 05 July 2010 and went to

Borden for her RMS Clerk course that summer. She was promoted to MCpl 31 August 2013 and has been the Squadron Chief Clerk since. Effective 16 September 2022 Sgt Hartmann component transferred to the Regular Force and was posted to 408 Tac Hel Sqn Edmonton as their Chief Clerk.



After decades of service to 44 ES, Sgt Hartmann said some farewells to her fellow squadron members on Thursday 8 Sept. She was presented with a certificate from the Sqn, signed by the OC and SSM as well as a farewell gift from the Kootenay Mess.



HONOURS AND AWARDS

Medals



On Saturday 10 September 2022 LCol Julien presented MCpl Sabrina Boechler her CD.

CO's Cup



On Saturday 10 September 2022 LCol Julien presented Maj V, Ferg the CO's Cup for her outstanding work and support to the Regiment over the past year.

Promotion



Col Walter Raesler, Brigade Commander, presenting LCol Stephen Piers with his new rank prior to the Change of Command parade.

Lieutenant-Colonel Piers began his military career on February 1998 with the primary army reserves as a sapper serving with 6th Engineer Squadron(6ES).

Upon his completion of Basic training in Wainwright AB, Lt Col Piers then finalized his sapper training at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in Gagetown, NB. During his part time service with 6ES, he attended university of Victoria and received bachelor of arts in political science in 2005.

In the fall of 2006, then Sergeant Piers was commissioned to Lieutenant. Shortly thereafter he headed back to the CF School of Military Engineering to complete his engineer officer training. From 2008-2013 LCol Piers remained with 6 ES now as part of 39 CER serving part-time as a Troop Commander, Operations Officer, and Second in Command. In July 2014, he completed the Army Operations Course and was appointed Officer Commanding 6 ES and promoted to Major in May 2015. In September 2020 he was appointed Deputy commanding Officer of 39 CER and in June 2022 graduated from the Joint Command and Staff Program.

Lt Col Piers has participated in several Domestic Operations including Op LENTUS and OP LASER II as the Officer Commanding Vancouver Coastal. In 2019 he deployed to Ukraine as the Officer/NCO Development Group Commander on Rotation 8 of Op UNIFIER.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

Col Raisler 39 Canadian Brigade Group Commander as well as Col Honig Director of Engineers were amongst the participants to witness Change of Command of 39 CER from LCol James Julien to LCol Stephen Piers on 10 September 2022 at the Col. Roger Kenwood St. John Armoury Chilliwack BC.



LCol James Julien's last parade commanding 39 Combat Engineer Regiment. LCol Julien will be assuming the responsibility of Chief of Staff for 39 CBG HQ.



The Change of Command signing ceremony conducted on a desk that the Outgoing CO LCol Julien commissioned as his departure gift for the Regiment. The desk is for the exclusive use of future COs. That desk was placed on a Beaver Tail (Engineer term for a trailer) and towed out in front of the troops to witness the signing.



The Regiment assembled immediately after the parade in front of a representational display of some of its major equipment.

39 CER MESS DINNER



39 Combat Engineer Regiment is the amalgamation of 6th, 44th, and 54th Field Squadrons sharing a history which dates back 110 years.

On September 10th, 2022, at 2120hrs 39 Combat Engineer Regiment performed the Loyal Toast to His Majesty King Charles III.

To commemorate the Change of Command the Regiment held a Regimental Mess Dinner in Chilliwack BC, for which, due to the passing of Queen Elizabeth the Second two days prior, marked the first time the Regiment has toasted a new Head of State in over 70 years.

In recognition of this historic event the Commanding Officer took a moment prior to the traditional Loyal Toast to pay respects to Queen Elizabeth the Second, former Queen of Canada, and reflect on her lifetime of service and her role as the sovereign of our nation for over seven decades of Canadian Military history. 39 Combat Engineer Regiment bids farewell and rest in peace to our late Queen.

Long Live the King



LCol Stephen Piers making the loyal toast.

EXERCISES

Ex SAPPER SHOOTER



44 ES conducted Ex SAPPER SHOOTER on Sat 24 Sept at Casino Range. 4 serials of PWT 3 were completed followed by 2 serials from the CAF Operational Shooting Program. 18 members attended.

NEW COMMAND POSITIONS

CO: LCol S.J. Piers
DCO: Maj P.T. Kwok
RSM: CWO C.E Rochlow
Adjutant: Capt A.J. Miklas
Chaplain: Capt L. Bae
OC 44 ES: Maj N.N. French
SSM 44 ES: MWO S.R.C Batch
OC 54 ES: Maj D.V. Ferg
SSM 54 ES: MWO J.C. Mader
OC 6 ES: Maj A.R. Gower
SSM 6 ES: WO G.R. Izawa
OC Admin Sqn: TBD
SSM Admin Sqn: WO M.J.P. Gagnon
Regt Ops WO: WO L. Boisclair
6 ES Op WO: WO J.R. Otteson
44 ES Ops WO: TBD
CHRA: PO1 K. Morrison

HCol: Sharon Gaetz
HLCol: Rebecca Weatherford

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