

Why I am interested in joining the NRAC/ARNC Board

A l'aube de la retraite après plus de 37 ans au sein de la Réserve Navale, j'ai le désir de rester en contact avec les membres de l'association.

Retired from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) on 27 April 2024 after more than 37 years of loyal and dedicated service in the music branch and the Naval Reserve.

I started my career in February 1987 with the band of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Montcalm as a trumpet player. talented enough, I was able to play with the national band of the Naval Reserve where I performed numerous times at the royal nova scotia international tattoo in Halifax and moreover I played in each province.

In July 1989, I joined the crew of HMCS Skeena (destroyer DDH, 207) to provide musical support to the Saint-Lawrence cruise tour and on August 1991, I joined the regular force Naden band on the west coast as a regular force back fill for many months where I was fortunate to join the band for the Canadian Rockies tour.

Once back in Quebec City, I pursued my tasks either as the HMCS Montcalm band administrative or divisional petty officer. Considering my desire to learn more about the sea, I was invited numerous times on board gate vessels of the Porte-class.

In March 2005, I was chosen to join the combined band of the Canadian Armed Forces contingent travelling to the Netherlands as part of the celebrations surrounding the 60th anniversary of the liberation of holland.

Back again in Quebec City, I completed my intermediate leadership qualification in December 2006 and decided to spend five years as a primary leadership qualification instructor, where I graduated over 600 candidates in both official languages.

From 2011 to 2022, I worked at numerous positions within Naval Reserve Headquarters or personnel coordination centre. I was employed as the Military Individual Training and Education (MITE) system and organization and establishment coordinator. I was next posted as the incremental tasking coordinator petty officer and finally the data fusion cell petty officer.

Always passionate about leadership, I received my last rank of PO1 in January 2013 and completed my advanced leadership qualification in June 2019. In February 2023, I was called back to the naval fleet school Quebec, where I was originally, responsible for the quality control of the basic military qualification (for non-commissioned members and officers) and recently was the operations petty officer for the same training.

I live in Quebec City where I'm happy to see my son Jerome becoming a police officer and I'm taking care of my 86' yr mother. My future plans are to acquire a sailboat and sail the seven seas.