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From: Comrade Don McCumber
President
NS/NU Command, RCL

Subject: Announcement

Message:

Comrades: I am pleased to announce that Comrade Craig Hood has accepted the position of Nova Scotia/Nunavut Command Executive Director.

Comrade Hood will join the Command staff September 05 working with current E.D. Valerie Mitchell-Veinotte until September 30 at which time he will become the Executive Director of record for NS/NU Command.

Please find attached an introductory bio for Comrade Hood.

Craig Hood CD

In 1990, at the age of 16, Craig enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces as an Infantry soldier. During his over 33yrs of service, he has served in the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the Grey and Simcoe Foresters and The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (his first love). While serving with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, Craig completed his parachute course in 1991 (Serial 9109) and shortly thereafter, became a Paratrooper and later a Jump Master. Craig has served on overseas deployments to Bosnia and Afghanistan as well as domestic deployments on Op Cadence and Op Nanook. His most recent posting was at 5th Canadian Division Training Center Detachment Aldershot as an Instructor and Course Warrant Officer. Craig has reached the rank of Warrant Officer and is looking to transfer to a local reserve unit to continue his service with on a part time basis.

Craig joined the Legion in 2014 at Branch 322 in Ajax Ontario. In 2016, Craig was one of the founding members of the RCL's Operational Stress Injury Special Section, also known as BSO Legion OSI and served as the 1st Vice President at ratification. During his time with the Section, Craig launched Operation VetBuild; a program that incorporates hobby as a means of fighting the affects of OSIs. Operation VetBuild can now be seen operating in branches across the country. Upon arriving to Nova Scotia in 2021, Craig joined transferred his membership to Branch 6 Kentville to which he was made to feel most welcome. Now that he is living in the HRM, he will be looking to transfer to a more local branch.

In his free time, Craig enjoys the outdoors through a variety of activities and when the weather is not favourable, will spend time painting or building scale models.

Craig is looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that the Executive Director position will bring and is excited to continue serving his country and his fellow veterans through the Legion. He also looks forward to getting out and visiting the many wonderful branches throughout the Command and meeting the many wonderful volunteers that make our organization great!