

# MILITARY BIOGRAPHY

## Master Warrant Officer Karl Omer Morel CD



Master Warrant Officer *Karl Omer Morel CD* (retired) was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1955. The son of a career serviceman, he enrolled in the Reserve Force with the *Royal Canadian Armoured Corps* (RCAC) in 1972 after having served two years with the *Royal Canadian Air Cadets*; *758 Argus Squadron*, in Brampton, Ontario. His twenty-two year career as a soldier involved service all over Canada and overseas with the Reserve and Regular components of the Canadian Forces. Among the outstanding experiences of his career, at the age of twenty, he was one of the first volunteer reservists to serve on a United Nations peacekeeping mission and to wear the distinctive Blue Beret as a member of the *United Nations Emergency Force Middle-East* (UNEFME).

### MILITARY SERVICE

Soldiering as an Armoured Corps Crewman from 1972 to 1989, Master Warrant Officer Morel served with *The Ontario Regiment*, in Oshawa, Ontario, the *12<sup>e</sup> Régiment Blindé du Canada* at Trois-Rivières, *The Sherbrooke Hussars* in Sherbrooke, and the *Quartier général du District Numéro 2* in Montréal, Quebec. Having occupationally remustered as a Supply Technician, between 1989 and 1994 he served with the *51e Bataillon des Services du Canada* in Saint-Hubert, with the *Land Force Quebec Area Headquarters* (SQFT) in Montréal, Québec and with *12 (Vancouver) Service Battalion* in Richmond, British Columbia. Having retired from the Canadian Forces in 1994 as a Master Warrant Officer, he returned to active service in 2009 as a commissioned officer of the *Cadet Instructors Cadre* (CIC).

Between his studies and civilian employment, full-time service occupied the major part of Master Warrant Officer Morel's career at military bases at Valcartier, Longue-Pointe and Farnham in Québec and elsewhere in Canada at Wainwright, Dundurn, Gagetown and Borden. He served with Regular Force units based in Valcartier, Quebec; Ismailia, Egypt; in Petawawa and at the *Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistics* (CFSAL) in Borden, Ontario; where he distinguished himself as the Instructional Evaluator and Standards Writer for the national course training standards revision for the supply trade. Since 2010, he has specialized in adventure training and as expedition leader in northern Canada at the *Cadet Summer Training Centre* (CSTC), at Whitehorse, Yukon.

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Since his retirement from the Canadian Army in 1994 as a Master Warrant Officer, he has become involved in the activities of several veterans' organizations. He is the Quebec Director for the *Canadian Association of Veterans in United Nations Peacekeeping* (CAVUNP) as well as the Communications Director, Editor of the *Blue Beret* newsletter and Website Manager of [www.cpva.ca](http://www.cpva.ca) for the *Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association* (CPVA). He also served as Secretary and Service Officer for *Branch 173 Montreal East*, and is presently the Veterans Service Officer and Poppy Chairman for *Branch 27 Jean-Brilliant VC* of the *Royal Canadian Legion*. Formerly the Associate Vice-President of the *Régiment de Maisonneuve Warrant Officer's and Sergeant's Mess*, Master Warrant Officer Morel has long been, and continues to be involved as a volunteer with the veterans of this unit and its Regimental Museum. He participated in the drafting of the *National Peacekeepers Day Bill* which became an official federal law in 2009. A volunteer advisor for the *Department of Veterans Affairs Canada*, he acts in various official capacities for commemorative ceremonies. Occasionally, he directs funeral rituals for deceased veterans and gives conferences on United Nations Peacekeeping. As a veteran, Master Warrant Officer Morel was chosen to carry the Olympic torch for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games.

### HONOURS AND AWARDS

Among his service decorations, Master Warrant Officer Morel has earned; the *Canadian Forces Decoration* (CD) with bar, the *United Nations Medal* for the *United Nations Emergency Force Middle East* (UNEFME) and the *Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal* (CPSM). For his devotion and service to the veteran's community, he received the *Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation* in 2011. Recently, in 2012 he was nominated for *Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal*.

### PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Fluently bilingual in French and English, Master Warrant Officer Morel holds a *Bachelor of Arts in Modern History and Ancient Civilization* from *Bishop's University* of Lennoxville, Quebec (1989). In 1994, he earned a *Post-Graduate Certificate in Records and Archives Management* from the *Université du Québec à Montréal* (UQAM). His personal motto is "*Stand Straight and Walk Tall*". He is married to Captain *Anne-Marie Côté CD*, and resides in Montréal, Quebec, Canada.