

SAPPER PROFILE



Name: Don HUGHES

Rank: LTCOL

Unit: Retired

Don Hughes was born in 1957 in Melbourne and attended Mount Waverley Primary and High Schools. Seeking both a military and technical career he entered the Australian Army Apprentices School in 1974 then located at Balcombe and graduated with the Trade Medal in Carpentry & Joinery to the Royal Australian Engineers (RAE).

He subsequently graduated from the Officer Cadet School Portsea in 1978 and after young officer Corps training was allocated as a Troop Commander to the 21st Construction Squadron then based at Puckapunyal.

Don's posting history includes service with 21 Const Sqn, 1RTB, 7FER, 5 Engr Gp, SME, 12 CE Wks, HQ LSF ENGRS, CE Sth VIC, 105 Const Sqn, 4 CER, HQ 4 BDE, ATSOC, ACSC.

Awards and Decorations: ASM (Mozambique), PNG 10th Anniversary Medal, UN Medal (ONUMOZ), UNSSM, DFSM, ADM

Don cites his service career highlights as serving as CO 4 CER, deployment on OP CORACLE (Deming Team Mozambique); service as OC 105 Const Sqn, service with 12 CE Wks Papua New Guinea and Ex Long Look (British Army)

Don has qualified as Bachelor of Professional Studies (Management) and Graduate Diploma Management. He is a certified builder, carpenter and joiner.

Don is married with 3 adult children.

He is currently the Vice President of the Royal Australian Engineers Association of Victoria

