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Maj Sonia Rogers (née Brais) will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) on October 1st 2017, after over 19 years of service. Sonia enrolled in June of 1998 under the Regular Officer Training Program (ROTP); she completed her bachelor's degree in General Science at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston in 2003. Fully qualified upon graduation, she joined her first unit, 2 Service Battalion, in May of 2003. At the rank of Second Lieutenant, she became Vehicle Platoon Commander in the Maintenance Coy while most of the platoon was preparing for deployment to Op ATHENA Roto 0 in Kabul. In 2005, Sonia deployed to Kabul on Op ATHENA Roto 3 as the NSE Maint O. During that tour, Sonia developed several friendships that remain close to this day. Upon her return, Sonia was posted to 2 RCHA as their Technical Adjutant.

From 2 RCHA, Sonia deployed again to Afghanistan, this time it was on Op ATHENA Roto 3 (yes, same name but this time in Kandahar). She worked as the NCE J4 Eqpt with many wonderful persons who made long days and high temperatures bearable.

Sonia was then posted directly to CFSEME in Borden directly from Kandahar. Sonia spent 4 years as instructor, Course Supervising Officer, and finally as the Unit Adjutant. She left the school as Major and went to the MSVS Project in the National Capital Region. She met many incredible people who helped her learn all about project management and the public service life in Ottawa.



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After more than 2 years with MSVS, Sonia was posted as Military Assistant to the Minister of National Defence from summer 2013 to summer 2014. She left that position to follow her husband, Adam Rogers, to Toronto, where she coordinated administration for the curriculum directorate of the Canadian Forces College. After one year, they were posted back to Ottawa and Sonia went to the Defence Ethics Program (DEP), work she loved passionately. In July 2016, Sonia was posted to Edmonton as OC CSS Training Company. Sonia remained connected to the ethics realm by contributing to the local "Operation Honour Support Team"; helping support victims of sexual assault / harassment as well as helping change the culture within the army of the west.

Sadly, Sonia has to leave the CAF for medical reasons. But fortunately, she managed to find employment at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as an Ethics Advisor at the departmental level which begins on October 2nd 2017.

In December, Sonia will move to her dream home on the Ottawa River with her two fur babies. Hopefully Adam will be able to join them soon after.

Sonia's depart with dignity ceremony will take place on November 10th in Edmonton, it will be a small lunch with close friends in the local area. Please send well wishes and anecdotes to Adam Rogers at adam.rogers@forces.gc.ca no later than November 1st 2017, or to Sonia directly at soniamichellebrais3@gmail.com.



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