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Chief Warrant Officer Jasmin Grenon, CD

On May 18, 2018, CWO Jasmin Grenon will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) after more than 32 years of loyal and dedicated service, including 30 years with the RCEME Corps.

While awaiting the call from the Regular Forces, CWO Grenon joined the Reserves on March 3, 1986, as a combat engineer with 9 Field Squadron in Rouyn-Noranda. On March 3, 1988, he was transferred to the RegF as a vehicle technician. After completing his recruit training, a language course and his QL3 in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, he was posted to CFB St-Hubert. During that posting, he returned to Borden in 1991 to take his QL5 course, he was assigned to a three-month reinforcement task with the maintenance section at CFB Wainwright during RV-92, and he was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina (Op CAVALIER) in April 1993 with 2 R22R.

He was then posted to 5 Wing Goose Bay for four years, during which time he worked on commercial vehicles. After completing his heavy equipment course in May 1995, he repaired and maintained the airstrip equipment and various heavy fleets until his transfer. During this time, he also improved and applied his fishing and hunting knowledge, notably with caribou, partridge and seal. But all good things must come to an end, and he was posted to 5 Svc Bn in August 1998 after the Wing's maintenance section was privatized in April 1998; he is one of the last two RCEME technicians to have worked at 5 Wing.



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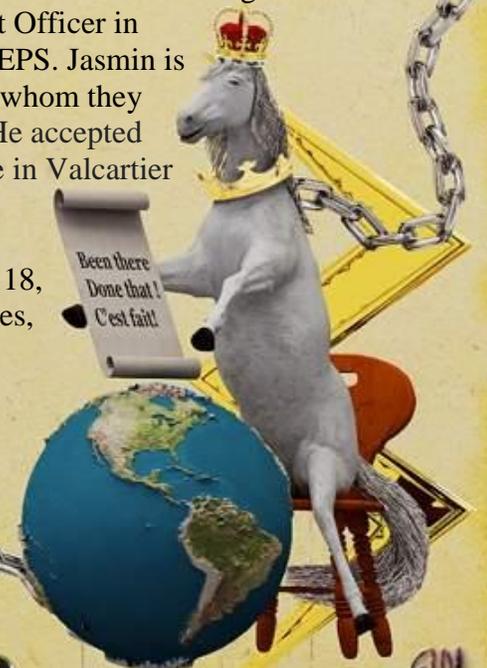
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As soon as he arrived at Valcartier in early September 1998, he was deployed on Ex to Gagetown to Maint Coy's quality control position until mid-October. Promoted to the rank of MCpl in November 1999, he was posted to 5 Svc Bn CS (Close Support) B Pl in January 2000, where he performed the duties of MRT leader, recovery section 2IC, recovery course instructor and brigade trail party 2IC, in addition to a deployment to Velika Kladusa (VK), Roto IX, with the Svc Bn from October 2001 to April 2002. Back in Canada, he held the position of Ops MCpl of Maint Coy and returned to the recovery section, this time as section IC. Promoted to the rank of Sgt in December 2003, he remained with the recovery section until he was posted to 1 R22R as Production Sgt in July 2004.

After two short but wonderful years with 1 R22R, he was promoted to WO in June 2006 and posted to 5 Svc Bn, then seconded to LFQA TC (Land Force Quebec Area Training Centre) as the Standards WO for all driver training, including Regular and Reserve CSS trades. During this time, he gained a better understanding of the instruction system and the realities of training establishments. In August 2008, he was posted for a third time to 5 Svc Bn Maint Coy, where he held the positions of control office WO, acting control officer and Coy Operations WO, including a two-week Ex with the battalion. Promoted to the rank of Master Warrant Officer in June 2009, he was posted to Gatineau on the HIMARS project. He then completed his DP4 in Borden in the spring of 2010 and became the Husky LCMM of the EROC fleet until December 2011.

Just before the 2011 holiday season, he was posted for a fourth time to 5 Svc Bn, this time to the Service Company as the Bn ETQMS, where he took part in Ex Rafale Blanche in Beauce in January and Ex Lion Intrépide in Gagetown in the spring. He also helped to prepare and load the battalion's vehicles onto railcars and then deployed to Ex Maple Resolve in Wainwright from September to November 2012. In June 2013, he was posted to HQ & Sig Sqn and assumed the duties of G4 Maint 2, where he shared his wealth of experience and provided guidance to a number of maintenance representatives and ETQMS in the 5th Brigade. Following this wonderful experience with the Brigade, he was posted to 5 Svc Bn for a fifth time in the summer of 2015 as control officer, tasked with reducing the repair backlog in Maint Coy's platoons. Promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in June 2016, he was posted to DGLEPM in Gatineau as CWO of DLEPS. Jasmin is married to Isabelle and they have two children, Virginie and Félix, whom they thank so much for their support throughout this wonderful career. He accepted an employment with Mack Defense as a field service representative in Valcartier for the new MSVS SMP.

A Depart with Dignity luncheon in his honour will be held on May 18, 2018, at 11:00 at the Bistro75, 75 Rue d'Edmonton, Gatineau. Stories, anecdotes and confirmation of your attendance may be sent to CWO Daniel Hrycyk, DANIEL.HRYCYK@forces.gc.ca.



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