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VEH TECH MWO BRUNO TURCOTTE MMM, CD2

With 40 + years of loyal and dedicated service to his country, MWO Bruno Turcotte is retiring from the Canadian Forces on 22 June 2018, after serving his entire career under the RCEME color.

MWO Turcotte enlisted in February 1978, at the age of 19, in Montreal. After completing basic training, language school and his QL3 in St Jean, Bruno got quite a cultural shock as a young Frenchman, when he was posted to 1 Svc Bn Calgary in May of 1979. A year later after proving himself as an outstanding soldier and excellent technician he was accelerated to the rank of Corporal and sent to his QL5 in Borden. As soon as he returned to his unit he was offered to go to MOWAG Switzerland on the AVGP fleet. After demonstrating the potential of becoming a first class instructor he was promoted to the rank of MCpl and posted to CFSEME in the summer of 1985. During his stay at the school Bruno had the chance to familiarize himself on most of the eqpt owned by DND and the opportunity to work 6 months along with the US Marine Corps and teach them Battlefield Recovery and first line maintenance on their brand new LAV 25.

After spending 6 years at the school, MWO Turcotte got a little closer to home when he was posted to 12 Rubber Boots Regiment in 1991. During his time with the regiment, he went on a UN tour as a newly promoted Sgt to Croatia in 1993. Shortly upon return from tour Bruno was asked to design a new Maintenance building for the remaining 20 Leopard tanks that were left in Germany and scheduled to return to CFB Valcartier in fall 1994.



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In summer of 1996, his broad experience on the new fleet was once again called on to serve at the school, this time in the design & standards cell. In recognition for the planning and development of the LAV III training package for Canada and Veh Tech trg for the Australian Army, along with his community involvement, MWO Turcotte was awarded the Member of the Order of Military Merit and subsequently promoted to the rank of WO in 1999. After a fulfilling 6 years with the school, it was time again to go back to an armored regiment; this time he went to the RCD's with a promotion to the rank of MWO in 2002, where he was employed as their ETQMS. In July 2003, MWO Turcotte deployed with the RCD's, once again in the Balkans however this time in Bosnia, Roto 13. In Jul 2006, MWO Turcotte left the technician world behind him and moved to the management world as the 2 CMBG, G4 Maint Eqpt where he managed to keep his sanity and his hair until he transfer to the Reserve in Apr 2008.

The sudden transfer to the Reserve allowed him to deploy to Afghanistan for a lengthy 10 months tour with the JTF Headquarters' group as J4 Equipment on Roto 03-08. As soon as the tour ended Bruno transfer back to the Reg Force on Aug 2009, this time as LCMM for DGLEPM with the AHSVS team at Louis St-Laurent building. Surprisingly Genevieve allowed him to stay 3 years IR in Ottawa. During his stay with the AHSVS team he spent most of his time outside the country in place such as Germany, Austria, France, United States and Africa. Knowing his dedication and passion for training, MWO Turcotte was offered the STA position at the OJT Centre in Petawawa where he stayed until his CRA 60 retirement on June 22nd, 2018. Bruno and Genevieve plan to settle in Petawawa and enjoy their retirement life doing woodworking, gardening, fishing and some mechanic for himself.

A retirement Luncheon for Bruno and his wife will be held on the 06th June 2018, commencing at 12:00 hrs. The luncheon will be held at Danny's Steakhouse, 3432 Petawawa Boulevard, Petawawa, ON K8H 1X5. Personnel wishing to attend are asked to confirm via email NLT 31st May, 2018 to Sgt Stephen O'Reilly at Stephen.O'Reilly@forces.gc.ca.

Note: All congratulatory messages, anecdotes and best wishes may also be forwarded to Sgt Stephen O'Reilly by email, as all received correspondence will be presented to him at this time.



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