

# RCEME GEMRC



## *Cpl Chester Veh Tech*

After 9+ years of adventure, trials, tribulations and hard work as a RCEME Vehicle Tech, Cpl Bryan Chester retired from the CAF on 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2018.

At the mature and ripe old age of 24, Bryan decided to join the Forces in December of 2008 as a semi-skilled Vehicle Technician, figuring he would augment the forces' ranks with the knowledge he already acquired at Fanshawe College in their Automotive Service program.

Breezing through his BMQ in May 2009, and completing his Step QL3 Course in June 2010, he was well on his way to the big-time – CFB Petawawa. 2 Svc Bn OJT Coy adopted him as one of their own, moulding him, preparing Bryan for the scary outside world of 1<sup>st</sup> Line Units. Once his DP1.2 was completed, ready to fly on his own, he took on the challenge of a posting to 2 CER in the hopes of riches and glory beyond his wildest dreams. 2 CER did not fail him, for they sent him on his DP 2 in March 2013. During his tenure at the Engineers, he was also able to get quals such as HLVW Driver and Radiation Safety Training, just to name a few.



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After 2 very busy years of working in the Heavy shop at 2 CER, he jumped at a chance to see what it was like to work on an Air Force Base, so he accepted a posting to Trenton at 8 ACSS Sqn – B Flt EME. Surrounded by all sorts of interesting equipment, Bryan was given the chance to attend the EGSE specialty course in Borden, during the summer of 2015.

Bored by the banker's hours on an air force base, Cpl Chester decided it was time to go back to his roots and return to a mechanized brigade. In 2016 he was posted back to the wonderful world that is Petawawa and was given the chance to try his hand at fixing the armoured equipment with the RCD's. Given the title of "The Cleaner" (fixing the backlog of broken vehicles waiting for labor), Bryan settled in to A-Shop and was an invaluable asset to his section, getting AFV's ready for Road to High Readiness Training prior to the Regiment's deployment to Ukraine.

His last post prior to his retirement from the Forces has been the fielding for the incoming TAPV vehicle in which he was instrumental for the vehicles coming in to 4 CDSB. With the training he received from Rheinmetall, he was able to ensure that the vehicles bought by DND met the strict quality standards expected of procurement delivered to this Division.

Since Bryan recently acquired his Heavy Equipment Mechanic Inter-Provincial Red-Seal Certification, he has decided to move on with his career as a civilian technician. He has been given the opportunity to work up in the Great White North at an Iron Ore Mine on the Northern tip of Baffin Island. Bryan, his wife Brittany and four kids, Kassidy, Benjamin, Jensen, and Everleigh, intend on living in the Petawawa area while he works in the temperate climate on Baffin Island.

Bryan would like to thank everyone he has had the chance to work with over the years in the CAF. A DWD has been organized in his honour, and will be held on 25 of May, 2018. Jovial or funny anecdotes can be sent to [kenneth.passmore@forces.gc.ca](mailto:kenneth.passmore@forces.gc.ca)



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