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**Capt Lyle Zimmerling, CD**

Capt Lyle Zimmerling will be retiring on 14 September 2018 after more than 30 years of loyal and dedicated service to Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF).

Lyle joined the CAF in January of 1988 and completed his Electrical/ Mechanical Technical training at CFSEME in Borden. After a brief stint at 202 Workshop Depot he was posted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Petawawa in 1990. He was deployed to Bosnia on Op Cavalier (1994-95) and was promoted to MCpl upon his return. In 1995 he moved down the street to 2 Service Battalion. Not long after he was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Electrical Mechanical Engineers in 1996. During his tenure at the school he was deployed to the 1998 Ice Storm and promoted to Sgt in 2004. After nine years he returned to the Royal Canadian Dragoons as the FCS Sgt, and in 2005 he deployed to Afghanistan (Op Archer/Apollo) as the Ancillary Sgt for the Recce Troop.

On 6 March 2006 he was commissioned and sent off to complete the Basic Officer Training Program in CFB St. Jean. On completion of training he was promoted to Lt and sent to Borden for EME Officer Phase 2. He spent a year tasked to the 2 Brigade G4 Maintenance and completed Phase 3 training in 2007. As a qualified EME Officer, he was posted back to 2 Svc Bn in 2008 as the Vehicle & Recovery Platoon Commander. Promoted to Capt in 2009, he took over as the Maint Officer for 2 Service Battalion. At this point, he was told that his 'experience' and 'knowledge' were needed in Ottawa to support the Corps; so, in 2011 he was posted to Director General Land Equipment Program Management in Ottawa.



**Arte et Marte**



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He started out as the Deputy Integrated Logistics Support Manager (ILSM) on the Leopard 2 Tank Replacement Project and took over as the Acting ILSM in his third year. In 2014, he was posted to Kingston to attend Land Force Technical Staff Program and gain the tools and knowledge he would need to be successful in Ottawa and in 2015, Lyle was posted to the Director Air Requirements to work on ground support equipment for the Air Force.

Lyle has two wonderful children: Alex and Jessie. Lyle has accepted a position within Director Air Requirements, this time working on helicopters. A luncheon for his DWD will be held on Thursday 27 September 2018 at Baton Rouge on St. Joseph at 11h30. Please confirm your attendance to the event coordinator, Capt Rose who can be reached at [clarence.Rose@forces.gc.ca](mailto:clarence.Rose@forces.gc.ca). You can also forward any stories, anecdotes or photos to the same address.



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