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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



WO Richard Etienne, CD

After 17 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), WO Richard Etienne will retire on March 3, 2019.

WO Etienne, a native of Longueuil, QC, joined the CAF on February 15, 2002. Following his training as a recruit, he left for the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering School (RCEME) in Borden. In the summer of 2003, he was posted to 5 Service Battalion (5 Svc Bn) to complete his training. In February 2004, he was transferred to 5 RALC and in April, where he completed his QL 5. In February 2005, he was advance promoted to Corporal. In the summer of 2005, he deployed to Afghanistan in Kandahar on OP ARCHER.

Promoted to Master Corporal in July 2008, he was posted to 5 Svc Bn (Admin Coy). Subsequently, in November 2009, he began training on the road to high readiness for deployment to Afghanistan. He deployed on ROTO 3-10 and held a position at the control office for the Forward Operating Bases (FOBs).

In July 2012, he completed his DP3 in Borden and returned to the fold to accept a transfer to 3 CSU at Longue-Pointe, Montreal, QC. Promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2013, he was posted to 202 WD as Operations Support Sergeant. In the summer of 2015, he was transferred to 34 Svc Bn Op's in St-Hubert, QC.



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Promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer in June 2016, he was posted to Technical Services, 2 CDSG, as Production Warrant Officer at the St-Hubert Workshop. Then in 2017, he became the Commercial Vehicle Warrant Officer for the St-Jean workshop at St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC.

WO Etienne will wear his uniform for the last time on March 1, 2019. On March 4 he will begin a new phase of his career with DND at CFB St-Jean. He is looking forward to the next phase of his career and to spending the rest of his days with his wife Rachel and his children.

A Depart with Dignity Ceremony will be held in his honor on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 1200 hrs at the Royal Canadian Legion, 4040 St. Hubert Hill, St-Hubert, QC, J3Y 1V1. Please confirm your attendance and send your retirement messages, stories and anecdotes by email to the OPI, Sgt Jacques Lafortune, at the following address:

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