

# RCEME GEMIRC

## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**Sgt Wesley Ellis, CD**

Following 17 years and 11 months of loyal and dedicated service to Canada with the RCEME Corps and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Sergeant Wesley Ellis will retire on the 9th of May, 2019.

Sgt Ellis was born in Smithers, BC on the 17<sup>th</sup> of April, 1981. He Joined the CAF Jun 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and completed his basic training at the garrison St-Jean in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC. He completed his QL3 training at CFSEME in Borden. His first posting was with base maintenance in CFB Cold Lake where he was employed in a variety of roles, and was promoted to Cpl in Sept 2005. While employed in Cold Lake, he deployed overseas for the first time in December of 2007 to Dubai as a member of TSE for TF Afghanistan (roto 5).

Sgt Ellis was then posted to 1 PPCLI in Edmonton in March 2009. It was there where he deployed to Afghanistan (roto 8) as a recovery vehicle crew commander with the PPCLI BG in October 2009.



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Upon his return from tour Sgt Ellis was promoted to MCpl and posted to 1 Svc Bn in Edmonton in Sept 10 as second line maintenance section commander. He deployed to Afghanistan for the second and final time in May 2011 with JTF Afghanistan – Mission closure unit. He attended his PLQ at CFB Gagetown in April 2012.

Sgt Ellis attended his DP3 EME Common in Borden in Nov 13. Afterwards, he was employed as B vehicle section commander and later with Ops as Training MCpl. He deployed domestically on Op Lentus to Airdrie, AB in 2013 to assist with flood relief. He was promoted to his current rank in Jul 15, at which point he worked as RCEME OJT Standards Sgt for 3 Canadian Div and as DRMIS help desk coordinator.

In Jul 17, Sgt Ellis was posted to CFLRS in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC. He completed his general military training instructor course in September, and has since worked in Bravo Training Div as Section Commander, Senior Instructor and Training Pl 2I/C. During his time at the CFLRS, his professionalism and hard-working nature served as an example for a new generation of CAF members.

Sgt Ellis will be retiring back to his hometown of Smithers, BC. He looks forward to pursuing new career opportunities, continuing his education, and of course spend time with his four children who have supported him throughout his military career.

A private DWD ceremony was held on April 18, 2019 in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC. Please send any messages or anecdotes that you wish to be read at the ceremony before April 12, 2019 to WO Scott Preeper, [Scott.Preeper@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Scott.Preeper@forces.gc.ca)



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