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MWO J.J. MARTIN RAYMOND, CD

Master Warrant Officer J.J. Martin Raymond will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces on August 08 2019 after more than 28 years of loyal service. Originally from the Laval region in Quebec, he enlisted on April 23, 1991 as POET 490 (Practical Oriented Electronics Training) of the air element. Following his recruit training that started May 5 1991, he then began his second language course. The government's budget cuts required him to do a component transfer. He then became a vehicle technician (411) as part of the land element.

He began his QL3 training at the EME School in St-Jean in February 1992 and was subsequently transferred to the 5th Canadian Service Battalion at CFB Valcartier in Quebec City in October 1992. He remained in the battalion as a technician until in July 1994 to be transferred internally with Canada's 5th Field Ambulance. During this transfer period he will complete his NQ5A qualification and receive his promotion to corporal in 1995. He will remain in this position until August 1997.

In August 1997 he was posted to the Light Support Company in CFB Bagotville. He will be deployed multiple times, for example, to Op Echo Aviano Italy, FOB Iqaluit, Maple Flag 34 in Cold Lake. He will be promoted to Master Corporal in 2002 just before leaving for Borden. In July 2002, he was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering located in Borden Ontario as an instructor in Vehicle Company up to 2004 and later to the Regimental Company where he completed his QL6A for promotion to the rank of sergeant and transferred in 2006.



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In July 2006 he was posted to the NDQA Central Region located in London Ontario in order to assume the position of quality assurance representative in support of manufacturers and suppliers of products and services for national and international defence, for example: General Dynamics Land Systems, Armatec, Militex and Colt Canada just to name a few. Within that period, he completed an ISO 9001 auditor course and participated in several national capital projects such as OSS, OWSS, VBL LK, VBL TUA, VBL ENG, VBL RWS, VBL 3.0 BDR Afghanistan, VBL 3 and VBL 6.0. He also performs quality control and purchase validation for international projects such as DVH (USA), USMC Gen2 (USA), SANG (Saudi Arabia), LAVNZ (New Zealand), USMC Armatec (USA), and more.

Concurrently, in July 2008, he obtains his college certification from the industry as an information technology technician (CompTia A+). He will also be promoted to Warrant Officer before his transfer in 2012. In July 2012 he was posted to ADM(Mat) group under DGLEPM DAVPM-2 as a technical advisor to the LAV 6.0 program. He will be involved in the development of mobility testing in CFB Gagetown, the maintenance instructor courses at CFB Borden, the development and validation of LAV 6.0 technical publications, and the LAV 6.0 fielding activities.

In 2014, after four long years of study, he finally finished his university certification as a PHP language programmer and SQL databases rational management. In June 2014 he was posted to the Canadian Joint Operations Command as an Assistant to the Command Chief Warrant Officer where he worked and was promoted to Master Warrant Officer. In 2016, he is selected as a candidate for the Master Gunner Course given at the School of Applied Military Science part of the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston. He studied there until July 2017.

In July 2017 he is back in the ADM(Mat) group under DGLEPM DSVPM-3 as technical advisor of the MSVS SMP program. He is involved in the ILS support of the logistic vehicle, as well as his introduction to Exercise Maple Flag 2019. Since then, he has been acting as the technical authority (TA) and life cycle material management (LCMM) for auxiliary systems and the armored cabin.

He wishes to thank all of the military and civilian personnel he has worked with during all these years because they are responsible for his personal and professional growth. He leaves with a pinch to the heart and memorable adventures. He will remain within the National Capital Region where he will work as a public servant occupying an EG-06 position from August 22nd 2019. He is excited to be able to fully enjoy his family who supported him unconditionally, including his wife Céline Proulx, and his children William, Thomas and Joseph. Currently entrepreneur and owner of a multimedia company since 1998, he plans to work full-time in it once he retires from the public function.

Master Warrant Officer Martin Raymond's DWD will be held on the 19 July 2019 from 1200–1500 hrs at Houston Bar & Grill in Gatineau. For those who wish to attend, please confirm your presence and send any anecdotes, and photos to Mr. Rene Tremblay (rene.tremblay7@forces.gc.ca), NLT 5 July 2019.



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