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CWO G.A. James, CD

After 29+ years of loyal and dedicated service, CWO James will retire from the Canadian Armed Forces on 7 October 2019.

Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Graham James enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) on 14 November 1989, and was accepted under the Performance Orientated Electronics Training (POET) plan. Upon completion of his basic training at CFB Cornwallis CWO James attended the POET course in Kingston and graduated from the course in July 1990. Immediately following the POET course, CWO James was placed into what is now known as the Electronic Optronics (EO) trade within the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME).

From July 1990 to August 1994, CWO James completed his Developmental Period (DP) 1 and 2, and received his promotion to Corporal. CWO James served in CFB Gagetown from 1991 to 1997, and while there was attached to several combat arms schools including the Armoured School, where he supported the Leopard Main Battle Tank.



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In the summer of 1997, CWO James was posted to the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) Battle School in Wainwright where he served for two years. In 1999, he moved over to the Western Area Training Center (WATC) until 2002.

In 2002, as a Master Corporal, CWO James was posted back to the Armoured School at CFB Gagetown, in support of the newly upgraded turret on the Leopard C2 Main Battle Tank. After only a short stay, the following summer of 2003, CWO James was posted to 2 Service Battalion CFB Petawawa, where he was employed as a section second in command within Maintenance Company. Promoted to Sergeant in 2006, CWO James was posted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD) as a section commander in Head Quarters Squadron within Maintenance Troop.

CWO James was promoted to Warrant Officer in 2009 and was posted back to Maintenance Company, 2 Service Battalion as the Company Operations Warrant Officer. CWO James completed a yearlong French Course from 2011 to 2012 and was subsequently promoted to MWO. He was then posted to 1 Canadian Field Hospital as the Equipment Technical Quarter Master Sergeant (ETQMS).

In 2013, CWO James was posted to at CFB Halifax, Base Logistics as the Company Sergeant Major (CSM). In 2016, CWO James was promoted and posted to CFB Winnipeg as the 17 Wing Mission Support Squadron Chief Warrant Officer. CWO James was posted into his current position as the CPO1/CWO Project Manager for the Strategic Employment Model Project in the summer of 2017

CWO James served on 5 deployed operations; Golan Heights (1995), Roto 0 Op Athena Afghanistan 2003, Roto 4 Op Athena Afghanistan 2005, Task Force 03-08 Op Athena Afghanistan 2008, TAV Team Leader Op Athena Afghanistan 2010.

CWO James will be starting a new career within the Federal Public Service starting on 24 September 2019 back in Halifax where his wife Joanna has been holding the fort for the last 3 years while he has been on IR.

Due to the short notice of his retirement, he will not be having a formal DWD, but will celebrate with his family once he settles in back home. His last day in uniform will be 13 September 2019. The honor has been mine! For any well wishes etc, please forward them to CPO1 Andre Aubry at andre.aubry@forces.gc.ca.



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