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## *Retirement message*



### *MWO Donald Lajoie, CD, Vehicle Technician*

After more than 32 years of loyal service to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (RCEME) Corps, MWO Donald Lajoie will retire on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Born in Saint-Bruno, Lac-St-Jean, Quebec, MWO Lajoie enrolled in the CAF in May, 1985 in Chicoutimi at the age of 20 as a vehicle technician. After graduating from his basic course in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, he attended a basic driver course at CFB Borden. He then returned to St-Jean-sur-Richelieu for his QL3 vehicle technician course. In May 1986, he was transferred to the 5 Svc Bn in Valcartier until the summer of 1988. During this period, he completed his QL4 and QL5 in Borden. During this time, he received a posting message to Lahr, Germany in August 1988 for four beautiful years with 311 FMSU, where he received his promotion to Corporal in 1989. He returned to Valcartier in May 1992 to 1 R22R for five years. During his stay with the infantry, he deployed on two missions: one to Croatia in 1993, and one to Bosnia in 1996. After his promotion to Master Corporal in December 1996, he was transferred to 12 RBC for five years. From 1997 to 2002, two other missions were on the menu: once again to Bosnia in 1999, and one to the Golan Heights a year later in December 2000. After a brief stay at 1<sup>st</sup> line maintenance in 5 Svc Bn from July 2002 to April 2004, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was reassigned to 12 RBC as the Maint Sgt of B Sqn.

One year later, in July 2005, he was transferred to 3 ASG in CFB Gagetown. After one year as a section commander and another year as the Acting Production WO in Maint Coy, he was promoted to the rank of WO in July 2007 and held the position of Platoon Commander for 2 years. In July 2009, he was transferred to the Royal Canadian Artillery School, also located at CFB Gagetown, in the ADATS Standards position. In July 2010, he was posted to Maint Coy at 5 Svc Bn in Valcartier as the Ops WO until July, 2011. Promoted to the rank of MWO in 2011, he was transferred for 2 years to 5 RALC as the ETQMS.



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In July 2013, he was transferred again to 5 Svc Bn, this time as the Senior Technical Instructor at the OJT Center. Finally, from July 2016 to present day, he was transferred on IR to Director General Major Project Delivery (Air & Land) on the Tactical Armored Patrol Vehicle (TAPV) project in Gatineau as a vehicle expert in the Integrated Logistics Support Team.

MWO Lajoie and his wife Nathalie will remain in the Quebec City area, where they have a house and will be renovating their new cottage located in the Saguenay Lac-St-Jean region. MWO Lajoie would like to thank and greet all his co-workers, and all the people he has worked with during his 32 years of service with the RCEME Corps. He also wishes to thank his wife Nathalie and their family for the support that has been given to him throughout all these years.

A Departure with Dignity (DWD) luncheon will take place on Friday, Oct. 27, 2017 at 11:30AM at CFB Valcartier Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess (Temporarily relocated in building 511). The optional daily meal will be offered to you for \$13.50. For those who wish to attend, please confirm your presence to WO Bruno Larose ([bruno.larose@forces.gc.ca](mailto:bruno.larose@forces.gc.ca)) before October 16, so that we can confirm the total number of guests. In addition, your anecdotes and photos may also be sent to the same email above.



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