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After more than 33 years and 7 months of loyal and dedicated service to Canada with the RCEME Corps and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), Chief Warrant Officer Sylvain Mailhot will retire on the 29th August, 2018.

Chief Warrant Officer Sylvain Mailhot was born in Plessisville, Quebec on the 22nd August 1965. He joined the CAF Jan 24th, 1985 and had completed his basic training at the Garrison St-Jean in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC. He also completed his QL3 there as well. His first posting was with Base maintenance, CFB Gagetown in January 1986. He was employed within many sections throughout CFB Gagetown and was promoted to Cpl in May 1988.

Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was then posted in July 1991, to the 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3PPCLI) in Esquimalt, BC. It was with 3PPCLI that he completed his first overseas mission with the United Nations in Croatia, Former-Yugoslavia from October 1992 to March 1993. He was then promoted to MCpl in July 1993. In July 1994, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was then posted to the 5th Svc Bn and subsequently completed his second tour to Croatia, from February to September 1995.

In June 1997, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was promoted to the rank of Sergeant (Sgt), and assigned the positions of 2nd line Control Sgt; 5th Brigade Plans expert Rep; 2nd line Local contract Sgt; and the Budget Manager for 5 Svc Bn, 2nd line. In 1998, he was involved in OP VERGLAS in Montréal.

In May 2001, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer (WO) and posted to the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment (3R22R), as the production WO. From September 2001 to April 2002, he deployed on his third overseas tour to Bosnia, but this time with NATO. Not one to rest easy, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot departed on a fourth tour with the National Support Element (NSE), Roto 1, OP Athena in Kabul Afghanistan, from January to August 2004.



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Upon his return to Canada in 2004, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was promoted to the rank of Master Warrant Officer (MWO) and posted to 5th Régiment d'Artillerie Légère (5RALC) as the Equipment Technical Quarter Master Sergeant (ETQMS). In September 2006, he was posted back to 3R22R and returned to Kandahar, Afghanistan from August 2007 to February 2008 as the Maintenance Company Sergeant Major (CSM) where he was awarded a CDS Commendation.

In July 2008, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was posted to the Canadian Operational Support Command (CANOSCOM) in Ottawa to support all forces deployed worldwide. During his tenure there, he went on Staff Inspection Visits (SIVs) to Egypt, Israel and Afghanistan. From May 2010 to June 2011, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was the Career Manager (CM) for the Pte/Cpl rank, vehicle technicians of the RCEME Corps.

Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot was promoted to his current rank in June 2011, and was transferred to the Louis-St-Laurent building in Gatineau as the Directorate Support Vehicle Program Managers CWO (DSVPM). Posted to Montreal in July 2012, Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot became the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of 202 Work Shop. He was then posted back to Valcartier in 2015, as the Equipment Technical Sergeant-Major (ETSM) for 2nd Canadian Army Division (2 CA Div).

Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot, with his common-law partner Jocelyne Baril, have 3 children and 9 grandchildren. He plans on enjoying his retirement riding his motorcycle, his hotrod and camping. He wishes to thank everyone he has worked with, especially the people who have had a positive influence on his career. Chief Warrant Officer Mailhot has kept excellent souvenirs of his past 33 years plus years and will never forget the friendships he has forged during his career.

There will be a DWD luncheon held at 11h30 for 12h00 on July 5, 2018 at the Officer's Mess at CFB Valcartier.

Please send your confirmation of attendance and any messages and, or anecdotes before June 22, 2018 to MWO Marc Latour, Marc.Latour@forces.gc.ca



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