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## MWO M.K.S. Kwan, CD2, Vehicle Technician

After 37 plus years of dedicated and distinguished service in the Canadian Armed Forces all within the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Corps (RCEME), Master Warrant Officer Steve Kwan will retire on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2018.

Steve enrolled as a Vehicle Technician in September of 1980. After his basic training at CFB Cornwallis, he went to CFB Borden for his driver course and QL3 vehicle technician course. In July 1981, he was selected as the first TQ3 Vehicle Technician for a posting to CFB Lahr in Germany with Base Maintenance. After he completed his QL4 in May 1983, he was posted to 4 Combat Engineer Regiment. He was promoted to Corporal and completed his QL5 vehicle Technician course in September of 1984. In July of 1985, he was posted to 2 Svc Bn Adm Coy in Petawawa as the first line maintenance vehicle technician. He had the privilege of being involved with 2 Svc Bn, 14 day road move to Sunny Wainwright, AB with lots of late nights and eating many peanut and jam sandwiches. During his 2 Svc Bn posting he completed JLC course at the RCR Battle School. In July of 1988, he was posted to 2 CMBG HQ & SIG SQN. In the same year, stood up with them as the 88<sup>th</sup> Canadian Signal Regiment for UNIMOG (OP VAGABOND) in Baghdad, Iraq. After the UN mission, in June of 1989, he was promoted to Master Corporal and once more posted to RCD Recce Sqn as the 2IC of maintenance section.



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In August 1990, Steve and his family again packed up and moved to CFB Chilliwack. During his posting in Chilliwack, he completed Engineer Heavy Equipment course in 1992 and QL6A Vehicle Technician course in 1993. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in August 1993, and then posted to PPCLI Battle School in Wainwright. After a short 6 years stay at Base Maintenance he was promoted to a WO in July of 1999 and posted to the 39 CBG with the 12 Svc Bn in Richmond, BC as the unit Ops Warrant Officer. He completed his Senior Leadership Course at CFB St-Jean in March 2000 and his DP4 in April 2006.

Steve was promoted to Master Warrant Officer in June 2006 and posted in July 2006 to 39 CBG HQ as the G4 Maintenance. His next posting was in March 2008 when he became ETQMS of ASU in Chilliwack where he was blessed with an outstanding team. In July 2011, the final journey began with a posting back to 39 CBG HQ in Vancouver for round 2 as the G4 Maintenance for the following 7 plus years.

Steve would like to take this opportunity to thank those that mentored him throughout the CAF and plans to stay in touch with the friends he has made. He will remain in Vancouver area with his wife Tina and son Augustine.

A farewell DWD presentation will be held in his honour at 1300hrs on 13 April 2018 at 39 Svc Bn WO's & Sgts' Mess in Richmond, BC. Any congratulatory retirement messages or humorous anecdotes can be emailed to Michael [morrison@forces.gc.ca](mailto:morrison@forces.gc.ca).

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