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Master Warrant Officer Darrell LeBlanc, CD

After completing just shy of 29 years in the CAF as a Weapons Technician (Land), MWO Darrell LeBlanc will be retiring on 5 April 2018.

MWO LeBlanc joined the CAF on 29 August 1989 in Sydney, Nova Scotia. After completing Basic Recruit Training at CFB Cornwallis, he was sent to CFB Borden to complete Basic Driver Training and his QL3 course. Upon completion of his QL3 he was posted to Base Maintenance, CFB Winnipeg. In July 1994, with a promotion to Cpl and a couple of courses under his belt (Leopard C1 MBT Wpns Maint & QL5), he was posted to 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Winnipeg. After numerous courses, exercises and deployments (Red River Flood, Quebec Ice Storm, and an operational tour in Bosnia), he was promoted to MCpl and posted to 4 Wing EME Sqn in Cold Lake in July 2002. Four years later, after completion of his QL6A, he was posted back to 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry in Shilo. After a year with 2VP, he was promoted to Sgt, and remained there for an additional three years.

In 2010, MWO LeBlanc was promoted to WO and posted to Base Maintenance CFB Shilo. In Nov of 2010, he was sent to Edmonton to complete work-up training then he was sent to Afghanistan as part of TF 1-11 with the Mission Closure Unit. After the tour, he was sent back to Base Maintenance CFB Shilo until the summer of 2014. In July 2014, he was promoted to MWO and posted back to 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for a third time, this time as the ETQMS. After a quick 2 years as ETQMS, he attended Continuous Level B French Language Training for a year in Shilo. After completion of language training, he was posted to Base HQ, CFB Shilo, filling the position of Acting Assistant Base General Safety Officer, and Acting Base Personnel Services Officer.



Arte et Marte

As MWO LeBlanc entered the CAF quietly some 28+ years ago, his wish is to leave just as quietly. In keeping with these wishes, there will be no official DWD ceremony. Although in reality, one is their own "Career Manager", without strong subordinates, one can never truly be successful. MWO LeBlanc would like to pass on his gratitude to all those he has had the pleasure of working with during his career for he feels he owes his success to their combined dedication and success.

MWO LeBlanc and his wife Leanne will be retiring in Western Manitoba where, although not truly retiring, he plans on slowing down considerably, and spending much more time on the local range. Congratulatory messages can be sent to MWO Sean Davis @ SEAN.DAVIS3@forces.gc.ca.