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## Retirement Message from Warrant Officer Luke Foster, Weapons Technician 00130

*Warrant Officer Luke Foster was born on February 19, 1974, in Taunton, United Kingdom. He joined the Canadian Reserves on 17 April, 1991 as a Weapons Technician (L). On April 14, 1997, he was transferred to the Regular Force and began his basic trade training at the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at CFB Borden.*

*Qualified as an apprentice, he was posted to the 5th Canadian Division support base in Gagetown from 1998 to 2002, where he completed his OJT and subsequently obtained his journeyman qualification. As a corporal, he was looking for more of a challenge so he applied with JTF2, a position he was selected for. He was posted to Dwyer Hill Training Centre (DHTC) in July 2002. In December 2005, he was promoted to Master Corporal and a few months later, he deployed on his first tour to Afghanistan. He returned to Afghanistan with CANSOFCOM on two other occasions.*

*In 2010, he deployed to Whistler, BC for OP PODIUM. That summer, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and was certified as a weapons technician supervisor after another stay at CFB Borden. In 2012, after a decade with CANSOFCOM, he was transferred to the Canadian Forces Language School for a one-year period to take a Level B Continuous French course where he achieved a BBB language profile. In July 2013, he was posted to Director General Land Equipment Program Management (DGLPEM) where he holds the position of Armament Technician in Integrated Logistics Support (ILS). In 2014, he was Promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer and undertook a number of necessary courses as a Life Cycle Material Manager (LCMM). In 2015, he deployed to Inuvik, Northwest Territories, participating in OP NANOOK, to introduce the C19 New Canadian Ranger Rifle (NCRR) to the Canadian Rangers. In 2016, he joined the NDHQ combat shooting team, where he was a member of the top regular force 4 man pistol team at Canadian Armed Forces Small Arms Concentration (CAFSAC) 2016. From the results of CAFSAC, he was selected to join the CAF Combat Shooting Team where he competed at the Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting (AFSAM) in Arkansas, USA in both 2017 and 2018.*



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*Currently on the DSSPM 9 team, he has provided technical expertise on a number of projects, including the C19 NCRR and Sniper Systems Project. Throughout his military life, he had a strong taste for small arms and his career path allowed him to develop an impressive technical know-how. His knowledge of the topics of weapons and ballistics make him a specialist in that field of expertise and many will see him for his opinion and advice.*

*It is officially June 13, 2018 that Luke will retire from the Regular Force after 21 years of service. He will nonetheless continue in a career as a public servant at DSSPM 9. A departure dinner will be held at the café bistro le St-Éloi in Gatineau on Friday, June 15th at 11:30 am. (Saint-Eloi Café Bistro, 100 Atawe Street, Gatineau, J8Y 6V8) <https://www.lesainteloi.com/en/>*

*« I would like to thank everyone I had the privilege to work with during my career. I hope to see some friendly faces on the range during civilian shooting competitions in the NCR.*

*Luke »*

*To participate in Luke's departure dinner and / or send your congratulations and anecdotes, please contact MWO Francis Rose at 819-939-6068 or by email at [Francis.Rose@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Francis.Rose@forces.gc.ca)*



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