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MWO Jean Blain CD

After 40 plus years of dedicated service to the Canadian Armed Forces with The Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers, Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain CD will retire on 31 October 2018.

Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain joined the Reserves on 31 January 1978 as a Vehicle Technician serving with 51 Service Battalion Maintenance Company, St. Hubert, QC. It was with 5 RALC that he completed his first overseas mission with the United Nations in Cyprus from September 1980 to March 1981.

He transferred to the Regular Force on 5 November 1981 and was posted to 1 Service Battalion Maintenance Company in Calgary, Alberta. In 1983 he was posted to Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) Recce Squadron and was promoted to Corporal the next year.

Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain made the trip across the pond in 1985 and was posted to 4 Combat Engineer Regiment located at Canadian Forces Base Lahr, Germany. In 1986 he completed the Leopard C1 MBT and Leopard ARV course and continued serving with NATO Forces in Europe. He was appointed the rank of Master Corporal in 1989.

Repatriated back to Canada in 1991, Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain was posted to CFB Chilliwack, Detachment Vernon for the next four years. After that he moved across the country in 1995 to CFB Gagetown where his Leopard qualifications became relevant again. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1999.



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In July 2001, 2 Service Battalion Maintenance Company was the next posting and after that 2 Field Ambulance in 2003. He was promoted to Warrant Officer in 2004 and was posted to Royal Canadian Dragoons, Headquarters Squadron. Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain served with TF 3-06 NSE in Afghanistan 2006-2007 as Vehicle Production WO. It was on this tour he decided to make an appearance as Santa Claus and received CO's Commendation for upkeep of troop morale.

Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain was promoted to his current rank July 2007 and returned to 2 Service Battalion for two months before moving to CFB Trenton for the position of ETQMS that same year.

2010-2016 Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain held J4 Equip and J5 Plans positions at Canadian Forces Joint Operational Support Group in Kingston.

April 2016 to October 2018 positions held within Project Management Office Medium Support Vehicle System (MSVS) in the National Capital Region (NCR). Upon arrival was employed in the kitting section of the MSVS shelters and is currently employed in the MSVS SMP Fielding Team.

Master Warrant Officer Jean Blain has two daughters, Jaimee and Aimee, and wishes to thank them so much for their support throughout his career. As well, he would like to thank everyone he has worked with, especially the people who had a positive influence on his career.

He will be hanging up the uniform and accepting a position with Valcom as a contractor within DSVPM and remain here in the NCR.

A DWD ceremony in his honour will be held Wednesday 24 October 2018 between noon and 4 pm Beaver Lounge NDHQ Warrant Officer's and Sergeants'/Chiefs and Petty Officers' Mess 4 Queen Elizabeth Driveway, Ottawa Ontario.

Messages and well wishes sent to MWO John Osterholm.
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