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Retirement Message of MWO Sylvain Guillemette Electronic-Optronic (EO) Technician

MWO Sylvain Guillemette will retire on October 31, 2018 after more than 29 years of loyal and dedicated service to the RCEME Corps and the Canadian Armed Forces.

Born in Montmagny, QC, he joined the CAF on May 31, 1989. His military career, can be divided into two parts. The first part began in 1988 with the Combat Arms, when he joined the Reserves as a Crewman with the 12e Régiment blindé du Canada (Milice) of Trois-Rivières, and later transferred to the Regular Force remaining with the 12th RBC in Valcartier. He deployed three times as a crewman: Cyprus in 1990, and twice to the former country of Yugoslavia 1993 and 1999. Shortly after this last deployment he decided to seek another challenge and he applied for an occupation transfer to EO Tech.

In June 2000, he received acceptance to the EO trade but more importantly, this was his start as a soldier-technician and eventually Spec Pay (the second part of his career). After his QL3 training, he was posted to 5 General Support Bn. In September 2003, he was posted not far away to 2R22R and completed his QL5 in June 2004.



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Promoted to MCpl in June 2007, he was posted to 5 Svc Bn and became the lead in QL4 EO Training. After two years of training troops, he deployed to Afghanistan. At this time, Sylvain deployed in May 2009 with NSE and was employed as the 2nd Line EO Tech supporting Leopard tanks in Kandahar.

Promoted to Sgt in March 2011, he was posted to the RCEME School in Borden and became the Electronics Section Supervisor. He then moved over to Standards section in July 2012 for a quick 2 year stay. While in Standards, he participated in the design of the new DP1 for future EO Techs. Promoted to WO in June 2014, he assumed the position of Standards Manager. And a year later, became the RCEME School Operations Warrant Officer for a break, hardly. The hard work paid off and he was promoted in January 2017 to MWO. He was posted to DGLEPM at this time and became the senior EO tech for LAV Recce Surveillance platform project that is replacing the Coyote recce vehicle. The circle of life being apparent.

MWO Guillemette is an EO Tech at heart and one of his ultimate goals was to become the EO Specialist for a major CAF acquisition. This function represented for him the accomplishment of his career within his profession. A consummate professional, he pushed the envelope of his knowledge and embraced uncertainty - as he began stick handling project specifications and witnessing qualification testing of various complex and technical systems. He has been a role model for all and now he is ready to transition out of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Sylvain has accepted a job offer with General Dynamics Land Systems – Canada (GDLS-C) as a technical support specialist primarily in Software beginning October 23, 2018. This new employment will keep him still supporting the CAF as he will remain within DGLEPM. Sylvain will remain in the Ottawa area with his lovely and devoted wife Nadia and his two children David and Joanie.

A Depart with Dignity luncheon in his honour will be held on Friday, November 16th at 11:30 am at Bistro 75 (75 Edmonton Street, Gatineau). Please forward your stories and anecdotes and confirm of your dinner attendance to CWO Dan Hrycyk, DANIEL.HRYCYK@forces.gc.ca no later than 1 November 2018.



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