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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**CWO Hans Croteau, CD**

After 32 years of loyal service in the Canadian armed forces (CAF), CWO Hans Croteau will retire on March 1st, 2019.

CWO Croteau born in Québec City, QC, after completing 2 years as an infantryman with the regiment Les Voltigeurs de Québec, joined the Reg Force on 04 Nov 1987. Upon completion of basic training, language training, and basic Electronic training at CFB St-Jean, he graduated as an Electro mechanic Technician (ELM Tech) at the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering School (RCEMES), CFB Borden. He was then posted to 5 Service Battalion (5 Svc Bn) in Valcartier from 1990 to 1996. During this time, he was promoted to Cpl in 1992 and served on the Oka Crisis in 1990 and deployed on a United Nation tour in Croatia as part of Op HARMONY with the 1<sup>er</sup> Battalion Royal 22<sup>ième</sup> Régiment from October 1993 to April 1994.

Upon his return and promoted to MCpl, he was posted to the 12<sup>ième</sup> Régiment blindé du Canada from 1996 to 2002 as the A Squadron FCS MRT Leader. He was deployed to Montréal and Acton Vale region during the Ice Storm in Jan 1998 and to Zgon, Bosnia-Herzegovina from Sept 2001 until May 2002 as the Electro-Optical (EO) and Weapons Section Commander with Task Force 3<sup>e</sup> Battalion Royal 22<sup>ième</sup> Régiment. Posted back to 5 Svc Bn, he was the 1<sup>st</sup> Line EO/Weapons workshop supervisor and completed another tour in Kabul Afghanistan, from January to August 2004 with the National Support Element (NSE).

Promoted to Sgt in Jan 2005, he served with 5 General Service Support Battalion (5GSS) as the EO Shop supervisor until June when he was then posted to 3 Area Support Group (3ASG) Technical Service Maintenance Company in Gagetown as the EO 1<sup>st</sup> Line Detachment workshop supervisor and subsequently to Maintenance Coy 2<sup>nd</sup> Line workshop Sgt. Promoted in June 2008 to the rank of Warrant Officer,



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he was posted to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineering School (RCMES) at CFB Borden as the EO Platoon WO until July 2010. He then moved to Regimental Company as the Common EME Training, DP1, DP2 and DP3 Platoon WO from Aug 2010 to June 2011.

Promoted to MWO in June 2011, he was appointed as the RCEME School Artisan Company Sergeant Major from July 2011 to July 2013. In July 2013, he was posted to Base Borden Technical Services and appointed as the Equipment Technical Quarter Master Sergeant (ETQMS) at Base Maintenance until July 2015.

Promoted to CWO on 26 June 2015, he was posted to Director General Land Equipment Project Management (DGLPEM) as the Quality Engineering Test Establishment (QETE) Chief Warrant Officer in the National Capital Region. He was then appointed as the Director General Major Project Delivery Air and Land (DGMPD A&L) and DGMPD (Sea) Divisions CWO as of 11 July 2016 till March 2019.

CWO Croteau last day in uniform will be on 1 March 2019. He is planning in moving back to Québec City soon and enjoy time with his wonderful wife Nathalie, continue to support his son Samuel and daughter Rosemarie and take care of his greater family at large.

A DWD function in celebration of his career will be held at the NDHQ WOs' & Sgts' Mess (4 Queen Elizabeth Dr., Ottawa) on Friday 22 February 2019 from 11h30. RSVPs, retirement messages, stories and anecdotes can be sent by e-mail to OPI, MWO Ghislain Therrien at: [GHISLAIN.THERRIEN@forces.gc.ca](mailto:GHISLAIN.THERRIEN@forces.gc.ca)



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