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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**WO Richard Clark, CD**

After 29 years of loyal service in the Canadian armed forces (CAF), WO Richard Clark will retire on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

WO Clark was born in St. John's, NF. In 1989, he applied for the CF and started basic training in Jan 90 with 1 R NFLD R as a precursor to his military career. After completing a tour in Croatia in 1993 with 2 PPCLI, he was awarded the Commander in Chief's Commendation for the Madac Pocket. Cpl Clark, at the time, then transferred to 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg MB. Here he completed numerous courses including Para, Recce, and Sniper. During his time with the PPCLI he also completed tours in Croatia, Bosnia and Kosovo. WO Clark competed at CFSAC winning the Borden Cup for Rapid fire, as well as the Clearance R. Smith rifle. He also competed at the first Canadian Sniper Concentration taking Top Sniper Team, and competed in the International Sniper Concentration in Bosnia earning second place.

In 2003 WO Clark re-mustered to the EME Branch as a Weapons Tech. Completing his QL3 in March 04, as the Top Student and was then posted to 1 GS Bn in Edm for his QL 4's.



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In 2005, it was back to CFB Borden for his QL5's, again earning the Top Student award. Following course he was posted to 1 Svc Bn and 3 PPCLI, where he was awarded the Brigade Commanders coin for taking control and providing first aid to injured soldiers after an explosion in the maintenance bay. Upon promotion to MCpl, he was posted to 3 ASG, CFB Gagetown in 2007. After being the Weapons Tech for the Infantry and Armoured Schools, WO Clark was rewarded by being posted to 4 AD Regt in 2011. While in 4AD, he was employed as Weapons IC and Ops Sgt and was involved in trials on the remote weapons systems. During this task he redesigned the ammunition feeding system and was awarded the RCEME Branch Advisor Coin of Excellence for his work. Upon promotion to Sgt, WO Clark returned to Borden to complete his QL6 in 2012, again earning the Top Student award. He was promoted to his current rank in 2016 and posted to RCEME School Detachment Gagetown as Standards for Weapons.

WO Clark enjoys spending time with his son John and daughter Monica and riding his motorcycle. At his request, no formal DWD function will be held. Well wishes for his retirement may be sent to WO Aucoin at [Brent.Aucoin@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Brent.Aucoin@forces.gc.ca).



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