RETIREMENT MESSAGE



WO Mark Giroux, CD

WO Mark Giroux retired on January 23, 2019 after 21 years of dedicated service in the Canadian armed forces (CAF).

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WO Giroux joined the CAF on 18 Jul 97 and went to CFLRS in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC for his basic training. After completion he was sent to CFB Wainwright to complete his Infantry Battle School training. In Feb 98, he was posted to CFB Winnipeg as a Patricia to 2 PPCLI. Still as a Pte he completed various courses, most notably being the Assault Pioneer course. Less than a year later he was assigned to and deployed with 2 VP to Bosnia. In Apr 2002, he deployed to Afghanistan under Op APOLLO with ROTO Zero (Rakastan Tour) as a Cpl Infantryman. WO Giroux requested an occupational transfer to Materials Technician upon return to Canada. In Aug 04, he finished his QL3 and was posted to CFB Shilo, Base Maintenance. He took just under two years to complete his QL4 and returned to CFB Borden for is QL5. He honed his craft for the next 5 years when he was again posted to 2 PPCLI but this time as a MCpl and as I/C Mat section.

He was often a section of one up until Jul 13 when he was promoted to the rank of Sgt and posted back to Base Maintenance of CFB Shilo where he assumed the role of IC Ancil sect. Approximately a year later he moved laterally and transitioned into the position of IC Contracts where he quickly adjusted to how the MSVS fleet was repaired.

During the summer of 2018 he was promoted to his current rank and took over as Production Warrant Officer for CFB Shilo Base Maintenance and will retire holding that post.

WO Giroux has accepted a job as Mr. Giroux at Base Supply in the procurement cell and will be staying in the Brandon MB area with his family. A private DWD was held on 25 Jan 2019. Stories and anecdotes can be sent to MWO Koronko at JAMES.KORONKO@forces.gc.ca.

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