

# RCEME GEMIRC

## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**Capt Jay Armstrong, CD**

Captain Jay Armstrong will retire from the CAF on 4 March 2019 after more than 31 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and with the RCEME Corps.

Capt Armstrong joined the Canadian Armed Forces on 9 July 1987 in Vancouver, with the intention of completing basic training and getting out after his first contract. His career would take a completely different path. Jay completed basic training, the POET course and his ELM QL3 to find out that his career manager did not know he existed! Capt Armstrong ended up staying at the school as a QL3 technician working on the equipment he broke during his course.

Following his QL 5 he was posted to Petawawa and enjoyed 10 years there between 2 CER and 1 RCR. In 2001, upon promotion to Sgt, Capt Armstrong was off to Borden again as an instructor. While in Borden, he applied to JTF2, he was successfully selected as IC EO section (FCS at the time) and would spend 5 years there, from 2003 -2008. Promoted to MWO in 2008, Capt Armstrong was then posted to DGLEPM as the LCMM for LAV Turrets.



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This was a short-lived posting as CANSOFCOM requested his return as the EMT for EO equipment in 2009. He enjoyed 4 years at CANSOFCOM HQ and then had the opportunity to go back to JTF2 as the ETQMS from 2012 -2016. Promoted to CWO in 2016, Capt Armstrong was posted back to DGLEPM to work as the Directorate CWO for DSSPM, and ended up being employed as the interim DGLEPM CWO until he commissioned in the summer of 2018 and became a SRCP Captain and a member of the DLEPS 3 team where he is currently employed.

Capt Armstrong has had an eye out for positions with NATO in Luxembourg for quite some time. He was invited for an interview in November and was subsequently selected for a position with NATO Supply and Procurement Agency (NSPA). He will be taking on the challenges of his new position at NSPA starting 1 Apr.

Jay and his wife Bonnie will be setting off to Europe for their new adventure shortly after his retirement.

“I would like to thank everyone one for their friendship, mentorship, dedication and hard work. I have had an amazing career in the CAF and RCEME Corps. Most notable were my tours to Bosnian, Kosovo, and Afghanistan. You have all touched my life in so many positive ways I will cherish the memories for the rest of my life. Bonnie and I are looking forward to our future adventures and welcome anyone to drop in and visit.” ARTE ET MARTE

A DWD function in celebration of his career will be held at the NDHQ WOs' & Sgts' Mess (4 Queen Elizabeth Dr., Ottawa) on Monday 4 March 2019 at 11h30. RSVPs, retirement messages, stories and anecdotes can be sent by e-mail to CWO Eric Beaumier at [eric.beaumier@forces.gc.ca](mailto:eric.beaumier@forces.gc.ca).



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