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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



LCol James Matson, CD

LCol James Matson will retire on 02 May 2019 following 36 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the RCEME Corps.

LCol Matson enrolled in the CAF in 1983 as a LORE officer under the Regular Officer Training Plan and immediately embarked on Basic Officer Training in CFRS Cornwallis. This was followed by (L)EME phase training, which he completed in 1987. LCol Matson spent several years in Petawawa including employment as Maint O 1 RCR, HQ & Sigs Sqn 2 CMBG and OC Maint Coy 2 Svc Bn. In between, he was posted to CFSEME as CSO Phase 2, 2ic Regt Coy and School Ops O. The final period of his career was spent in ADM(Mat) including positions as Project Manager LWTH and TAPV, EMT Leader Field Artillery, various staff positions within DLEPS and a two year stint as Director DAEME.

LCol Matson received his BSc Mech Eng (UNB) and MSc En (Portland State). He is a graduate of CLFCSC and CFC JCSP. His operational tours include UNTAG Namibia, NATO-FY Bosnia and ISAF Kabul.

James, Carolyn, Laura and Ryan will remain in Ottawa. His last day in uniform is 29 March and he will commence work with the Federal Public Service the following week. A DWD will not be conducted. LCol Matson wishes to pass on his gratitude to the RCEME Corps and all of the people he has had the privilege to serve with over the last few years.



Arte et Marte