RETIREMENT MESSAGE



MWO Steve Gosselin, CD

After nearly 30 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), MWO Steve Gosselin will retire on November 30, 2019.

MWO Steve Gosselin was born in Sherbrooke, QC where he joined the CAF on February 1, 1990 as a vehicle technician. Once he completed his basic training at CFB St-Jean-sur- Richelieu, he began a language course for several months. In November 1990, he began his training QL3 as a vehicle technician at CFB St Jean.

Upon completion of his course, he was posted to 5 Service Battalion (5 Svc Bn) in Valcartier to complete his QL4 training and was transferred to Svc Coy. He completed his QL5 in 1993 at the RCEME School (RCEMES) in Borden and was promoted to Corporal in 1994.

In July 1997, he was posted to the 2^{nd} Battalion Royal 22e Regiment (2R22R) where he held several positions. He was with the 2R22R when he deployed to Haiti in 1997 to close the tour.

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Back on December 24, 1997 from Haiti, in early January 1998, he was called to Montreal for the ice storm crisis to assist the population.

In 2001, he was promoted to the rank of MCpl and was employed as a LAV MRT Commander where he spent some years as a LAV specialist and was later transferred to the small engine section and yes, still at 2R22R. In total he stayed for more than nine consecutive years with the infantry and the Quebec Citadel.

In 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Sgt and was posted to 5th RALC for a short one-year residency. In 2007, he transferred to the Canadian Armed Forces Recruit Training School (CFLRS) as an instructor. He spent two very busy years where he helped train and graduate more than 8 platoons of recruits in the CAF.

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In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of WO and was transferred to Ottawa with DGLEPM, where he worked on TLAV-type armoured vehicle on the survival systems with DASPM for 2 years. During this period, he was deployed on 2 TAVs in Afghanistan from September to November 2009 and from April to November 2010. He was subsequently assigned to DLEPS operations for a period of two years with DGLEPM.

In 2013, he was promoted to MWO and was posted to 5 Svc Bn, Svc Coy in Valcartier as ETQMS of the battalion. In 2015, he was posted to the 2nd Canadian Div HQ in Montreal as G4 Maintenance 2 for the 2nd Canadian Division. He also held the position of unit sergeant-major during that period.

In 2017, he was posted to the 202 Workshop Depot (202 WD) in Montreal as Company Sergeant Major (CSM) for the production program until 2019.

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Steve would like to thank past and present members of RCEME Corps and DND for memorable experiences during his military career, but especially his family, his wife Lyne, his son Olivier and his stepdaughter Janick for supporting him during his entire military career. Steve plans to take full advantage of his retirement with his family, he retired in the beautiful region of Mont-Saint-Hilaire in Quebec.

A Departure with Dignity Ceremony will be held on October 30, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. at the Montreal Garrison Sgt/WO MESS located at 6560 Hochelaga Bulding 154. Please confirm your attendance and send your stories, messages and photos to WO Jonathan Richard to jonathan.richard@forces.gc.ca

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