

RETIREMENT MESSAGE



Sgt S.M. Maves, CD

After 20+ years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), Sgt Maves will retire on 11 December 19.

Sgt Maves enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in January 1999 as an infanteer 031 and completed battle school in September of the same year. He was then posted to 1 RCR where he completed various driver courses and his machine gun qualification. Using his newly acquired skills, he was employed as a C6 gunner and the OC's driver. As he was tired of sleeping under the stars, he decided to accept a transfer to EO Tech 00327 in 2005. He completed his DP 1 in Borden and was subsequently posted to 2 Svc P in 2007 to start his DP 1.2 package.

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Posted to the Royal Canadians Dragoons in the spring of 2008, he was able to complete his DP 1.2 package and was sent to complete his DP 2 package in order to earn that sweet specialist pay increase. In March 2010, he was back at 1 RCR to deploy to Afghanistan on Task Force 1-10. He was attached to Bravo Company as their EO Tech MRT crew commander. Upon returning from Afghanistan in November 2010, he was back at the RCD to be employed in the EO tech shop. He was able to make his supervisor believe he was doing a good job because he was promoted to Master Corporal in June 2013 and posted to 450 THS as the IC Ancil.

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In 2014, he had a very busy year as he completed his Primary Leadership Qualification, his Laser Safety Officer Course and the A/C Maintenance Course. Now fully qualified to run the Ancil Section, he was moved to LEMS 2 IC to ultimately take over as the IC in 2018. Once again, he proved his worth and was promoted to the rank of Sgt and posted to the Royal Canadian Dragoons from where he is retiring.

Sgt Maves is an avid athlete and has participated in multiple competitions in his career. He also trained as a strongman and competed in that sport in 2018. He placed 1st overall in the Novice Amateur category in the Barrie area and 5th in the Ottawa region.

Sgt Maves has accepted a job as a Constable for the Durham Regional Police Services and will undoubtedly catch you if you are speeding in this area. He will be officially a police officer as of 16 December 2019 and will be moving to the Durham region immediately followed by his family at the end of the school year. He would like to acknowledge the constant support of his wife Janice and children (Jesse, Laura and Ethan) allowing him to have a successful career.

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A Departure with Dignity (DWD) luncheon will be held on 25 November 19 at 1130hrs, at Boston Pizza, 2939 Petawawa Blvd, Petawawa, On. Please confirm your attendance and send your stories, messages and photos to WO Patrick Lebel at <u>Patrick.lebel@forces.gc.ca</u>.

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