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MWO Stéphane Morissette, CD

After more than 33 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineer Corps (RCEME) and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), MWO Stéphane Morissette will retire on February 12th, 2020.

MWO Stéphane Morissette was born in Chicoutimi, Quebec on May 30th, 1968. He joined the Canadian Forces on December 18th, 1986, as a Naval Electronic Sensor Operator and completed his basic training on March 13th, 1987 in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Qc. Finding himself in Esquimalt in 1988, he decided to move his career in a new direction and joined the RCEME Corps as a vehicle technician. He completed his QL3 at CFB St-Jean right after.

In February 1989, MWO Morissette was posted to 5 Service Battalion (5 Svc Bn) at CFB Valcartier, Quebec in order to complete his QL4. He took part in multiple exercises such as RV 89 in Wainwright, where he could increase his knowledge and skills along the way.

In November of 1990, he was posted to the 12^e Régiment Blindé du Canada (12 RBC), shortly after which he was promoted to the rank of Corporal in January of 1991. He was deployed in November of 1992 to Bosnia-Herzegovina for seven months, with A squadron. In July of 1995, MWO Morissette was once again posted to 5 Svc Bn, 2nd line with the Forward Repair Group platoon (FRG). In October of 1996, he was deployed to Haiti with the 5^e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada (5 RALC). Returning to Canada, he was once again deployed in 1999,



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returning to Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of the National Support Element (NSE). Upon his return, MWO Morisette once again found himself at Maint Coy, 5 Svc Bn, this time working in the maintenance control office, until being offered a position with the training cell.

In July of 2003, MWO Morisette was promoted to the rank of Master Corporal, and was posted as a maintenance section commander to the 5 RALC. In July of 2004, after 16 years at CFB Valcartier, he was posted to Saint-Hubert, Qc. During 4 years, he held various positions such as shop floor supervisor, production supervisor and local contracts. Promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2008, MWO Morisette was posted to the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Qc, as an instructor. During 2009, he is affected as platoon 2IC, he assisted in the qualification of over 650 candidates before being offered the role of platoon activity coordinator with Delta Company in 2010.

In June of 2012, MWO Morisette was promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer and posted to 25 CFSD in Montréal, Qc as a technical quality supervisor. In July of 2013, he once again returned to Maint Coy, 5 Svc Bn as a production warrant. He, among other things, participated in the 5 CMBG winter games, in which he was part of 5 Svc Bn ice hockey team that brought home the gold medal to the unit. In February of 2015, MWO Morisette was posted to the Army Equipment Fielding Centre (AEFC) for a brief period of time as a maintenance supervisor. Promoted to his current rank, MWO Morisette was posted in July of 2015 to the 202 Workshop Depot in Montreal as an analyst. After several months, he was offered a new position within the organization as Production Sergeant-Major. In August of 2017, he accepted a posting as Maintenance G4 with the 34th Brigade in Saint Hubert. After one year with the 34th Brigade, he was transferred to the military transition centre in Montreal.

Stéphane would like to thank his 2 children that are themselves today members of the CAF. Frederick, 26, and Maxyme, 23, extraordinary adventures are starting for both of you within which a bright future awaits. Stéphane would also like to thank his mentors, past and present, as well as his friends all over the world. Being an only child, Stéphane feels he has been properly spoiled in his interactions throughout his career. Finally, he would like to thank the family of the RCEME Corps and remind the women and men that make up this family that we are the Corps!

A *Departure with Dignity* event will take place at 11h30 on January 31st, 2020.

The event will take place at the Senior NCO Mess on CFB Valcartier, Quebec. Please confirm your presence, and please send all stories, anecdotes, message and photos, to WO Jean-François Gravel no later than January 9th, 2020.

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