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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



LCol Kevin Wright, CD

LCol Kevin Wright retired on 20 September 2019 after 25 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces and the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME).

From Brampton, Ontario, LCol Wright enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces on 18 June 1994. Between 1994-1998, he attended the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree of Mechanical Engineering. Upon completion of RCEME Officer training, LCol Wright was fortunate to have his first posting be with British Forces Germany, where he served as a Platoon Commander and Company 2IC with 2 Battalion REME, 7 Armoured Brigade, in Fallingb., Germany. Promoted to Captain in 2001, LCol Wright was posted to Edmonton, Alberta from 2001-2005, serving two years as 2IC Maint Coy, 1 Service Battalion and subsequently as the Maintenance Officer of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. In 2005, he returned to the Royal Military College of Canada to serve as Squadron Commander and Adjutant.

Promoted Major in 2007, LCol Wright was posted to the Canadian Forces Joint Support Group HQ where he served in a variety of Operations and Planning roles. Highlights of his time included deployments to the Middle East to bring Canada's new Leopard II tanks to Afghanistan; and, domestically, in command of the Ceremonial Contingent for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. During his three years with the CFJSG, LCol Wright returned to school, completing a Master's Degree in Public Administration at Queen's University, Kingston. Most importantly, during this time he and his wife welcomed a new member of their family with the birth of their son, Alexander in October 2008.



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LCol Wright returned to Edmonton in 2010 where he took command of Maintenance Company, 1 Service Battalion. Relinquishing command in 2012, he was posted to the Headquarters of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group where he served for a year as the G4. With the Brigade on the Road to High Readiness, this was a demanding and professionally very satisfying period. This time in Edmonton was also important personally as he and his wife welcomed the newest member of the family with the birth of their daughter, Zoe, in January 2011.

In 2013, LCol Wright was posted to DGLEPM for the first time, joining the WLAV EMT as the EMT Coord. LCol Wright was then posted in 2014 to the Canadian Forces College in Toronto for the Joint Command and Staff Program, during which he earned a Masters Degree in Defence Studies. Promoted to his current rank in 2015, LCol Wright returned to DGLEPM where he joined PMO LAV Upgrade as the Integrated Logistics Systems Manager. This was then followed by a two-year stint as the EMT Leader for the Wheeled LAV fleet. From September 2018, LCol Wright's final year of military service, he served as the first full-time leader of the Land Materiel Assurance program, a position which, following his release, he will continue to hold as a DND Public Servant.

LCol Wright, his wife Jamie and their two children, Alex and Zoe will continue to make Ottawa their home. LCol Wright's DWD will be held on 2 March 2020 at 1330 at the Army Officers' Mess, 149 Somerset Street West, Ottawa, ON, K2P 0H7. RSVP, congratulatory messages and anecdotes can be sent to LCol Jeff Spitzig, Jeff.Spitzig@forces.gc.ca, 819-939-4423.



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