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DEATH OF A MEMBER



Lieutenant-Colonel James Bower
20 February 1966 – 11 June 2020

Lieutenant-Colonel James Bower was born on 20 February 1966 in North Bay, Ontario. Upon completion of his secondary studies he enrolled in the Canadian Forces in June 1985 as an EME Officer. After completing his computer engineering degree in 1989 at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, he finished his officer's training in electrical and mechanical engineering in Borden, and was transferred to Ottawa.

He was part of a team tasked with developing software to transform the workshop-depot data collection system. In 1994, he was transferred to Toronto as Commander Vehicle Platoon and G4 Maintenance at Land Force Central Area Headquarters.

In 1996, he was appointed Maintenance Officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Petawawa. He participated in a mission with the National Support Element for the Canadian contingent of NATO's Stabilization Force in Bosnia. In 1998, Lieutenant-Colonel Bower was posted to 2 Service Battalion, where he held the following positions: Adjutant, 2IC Maintenance Company, Officer Commanding Administration Company, and Officer Commanding Maintenance Company. In 2002, he was transferred to Ottawa, to J4 Logistics, and worked in support of the missions in Bosnia and Afghanistan.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bower returned for the second time to the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering in 2005, where he worked as Officer Commanding Regimental Company and Deputy Commandant. Promoted to LCol in 2009, he returned to Ottawa to manage the Mounted Soldier



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Survivability Program in DASPM. In 2012, on his third posting to Borden, he took command of the Canadian Forces School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering in Borden and served a two year tenure.

In 2014, he was posted to the Canadian Army Command and Staff College as Directing Staff and subsequently in 2015 to Canadian Forces College in Toronto to manage the National Security Program. In 2018, Lieutenant-Colonel Bower returned to Borden a fourth time to join the Canadian Forces Recruiting Group Headquarters. In 2019, he was transferred to the Transition Center in Borden after 34 years of service.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in Kingston and the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto. Lieutenant-Colonel Bower was the devoted husband to Donna and proud father of three children, Claire, Heather and Scott.



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