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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



### MWO Alain Blanchette, CD

After more than 35 years of good and loyal service in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the RCEME Corps, MWO Alain Blanchette will retire on December 11, 2020.

On January 22, 1985, MWO Blanchette enlisted in the CAF in the Montreal area as a vehicle technician. After completing his basic training, he was assigned to the RCEME School in Saint-Jean to complete his QL3 trade course. In January 1986, he was transferred to CFB St-Jean until July 1987 where he joined the 3 RCHA in Shilo.

In July 1992 he was transferred to 5 CER. He was promoted to the rank of MCpl while deployed in Bosnia in July 1993. In 1996, he was once again deployed to Bosnia, this time as A/Sgt. Upon his return, he was transferred to CFB Edmonton, where he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in July 1997. In January 1999, he deployed to CFS Alert, Nunavut. In July 2002, he was transferred to 5 Svc Bn Maint Coy and promoted to Warrant Officer in 2003. The following year, he deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan with the NSE. After this deployment, he was assigned to 2 R22ER in Valcartier.



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Promoted to the rank of MWO in 2007, he joined 5 Svc Bn for the second time. In 2009 he was transferred to 5 RALC as ETQMS. In 2011, he was assigned to the MSVS SMP Project in Ottawa. In 2016, he was transferred to 35 GBC HQ as G4 Maint and USM. In 2019, he was transferred to 5 Svc Bn for a third and final time.

Alain would like to thank all his co-workers and all the people he has worked with throughout his career. Alain would especially like to thank his wife Sylvie for supporting him throughout his career. They will remain in the Quebec City area, where they will enjoy Alain's full-time retirement.

Alain does not wish to have a departure with dignity, but simply a lunch with the staff he met during his last assignment. If you would like to provide special thanks and/or anecdotes, you can send them to [Daniel.Beaulieu@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Daniel.Beaulieu@forces.gc.ca).



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