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Major Jean-Sébastien Lagrange, CD

After more than 22 years of dedicated and loyal service to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and to the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), Major Jean- Sébastien Lagrange will retire on 5 October 2020.

Born in Lévis, Que., Jean-Sébastien enrolled as a vehicle technician on 20 April 1998. Upon completion of initial occupational training, he was posted to 5th Service Battalion, where he had the opportunity to deploy on Op PALLADIUM in Bosnia-Herzegovina (2001-2002). Upon his return and completion of QL5 training, he was posted to the Headquarters and Signals Squadron, where he undertook a second deployment; this time, as part of Op ATHENA in Afghanistan (2004).

In the year following this deployment, Jean-Sébastien, took the opportunity to participate in the annual Nijmegen March in the Netherlands as part of the Valcartier contingent, where 168 km were covered over a four-day period. He was later promoted to the rank of Master Corporal and joined the officer ranks upon acceptance, in 2007, into the University Training Plan for Non-Commissioned Members (UTPNM).



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Upon completion of a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Laval University and initial occupational training as an RCEME officer, subsequent postings in the Montréal region included 202 Workshop Depot (2011), 5th Area Support Group Headquarters (2012), Operations Services (2013), Technical Services (2014), 34 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters (2016) and lastly to Royal Military College Saint-Jean (2017), where he was promoted to the rank of Major in 2019. Although Jean-Sébastien occupied the Montreal Transport and Maintenance Platoon Commander and Technical services Maintenance Officer positions, the majority of his time as an officer was spent in the operations and planning domain.

Jean-Sébastien has spent recent years managing a full work schedule while completing a Masters in Business Administration (MBA), focusing on physical fitness and spending quality time with his two children, Rémy (10) and Maude (6). He plans to remain in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and enjoy a lighter schedule for a few months prior to embarking on a second career in the management world.

Jean-Sébastien's Depart with Dignity (DWD) ceremony will be held at a later date (TBC) once COVID-19 conditions permit an appropriate in-person celebration. If you wish to be informed of the date and location of the DWD, once confirmed, please contact LCdr Blake Poirier by email at blake.poirier@forces.gc.ca or at by phone 1-514-589-4183. Please feel free to send your anecdotes, stories, congratulations and well wishes to LCdr Poirier at the email provided above.

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