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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



**LCol Denis Janelle, CD**

After 36+ years of service with the CAF and the Corps of RCEME, LCol Denis Janelle will retire on 8 December 2020.

LCol Janelle was born in Cagliari, Italy. He joined the CAF on 31 Aug 84 and upon completion of phase training, was posted to 202 Workshop Depot in Dec 85 where he was employed as the spare parts manager for the Leopard tank Repair and Overhaul Program. From Jun to Dec 86, he served with UNDOF as the Maint O for the Cdn Logistics Bn.

In Jan 88, he was posted to Lahr, West Germany where he served with 129 Air Defence (AD) Battery, 4 AD Regiment, and then as the last 2IC of Maint Company, 4 Svc Bn. In Apr 92, he deployed to Croatia as the G1 of the UNPROFOR Cdn Contingent, where he received a Commander in Chief Unit Commendation.

He was posted to 1 Cdn Div HQ in Kingston in Jan 93 as the G4 Maint 2 and attended the Cdn Land Force Command and Staff Course from Jul to Dec 93. He then assumed the functions of G4 Plans 2 in Jul 94 where he was involved in the planning and implementation effort for two NATO exercises in Kaiserslautern, Germany as the Cdn Army's CSS National Representative.



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In May 95, he assumed the role of G4 Exs and was actively involved in the CSS planning and implementation for Ex ROYAL DAGGER, a II (GE) Korps CPX. He also participated in the ABCA Exs NORTHERN LIGHTS (Kingston, Jun 94), CASCADE PEAK (Ft. Lewis, Washington, 96) and RAINBOW SERPENT (Brisbane, Australia in Nov 98).

He attended the Land Force Technical Staff Course at RMC from Aug 96 to Jun 97 and was subsequently posted to Director Army Training where he was responsible for development of collective CSS Battle Task Standards and CSS collective training. On three occasions (97, 99, 00), he assisted the Cdn Land Forces Command and Staff College as an Italian language translator for their Gothic Line Battlefield Study Tour, as well as acting as personal assistant to the German War Veteran, Oberst Gerhard Muhm.

In Jul 99, he was appointed as Chief Instructor, CFSEME and in Oct 2000, he assumed the duties as the Executive Assistant to Commander Cdn Forces Recruiting Education and Training Systems. He was then posted to 5 General Support (GS) Bn in Valcartier in July 02 as the OC, 5 Field Workshop and assumed the role of DCO, 5 GS Bn in Sep 03. He completed Spanish language training from Sep 04 to May 05 and also completed and received his Bachelor of Military Arts and Science degree from RMC in Dec 84. He completed the US Army's Command and General Staff Course from Jul 05 to May 06 at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation in Ft. Benning, Georgia, USA.

As the G4 Plans in Army HQ from Jul 06 – Jun 09, he led Army CSS Capability Development and the Army Support Review project. In May 07, he attended the Conference of American Armies Logistics symposium in El Salvador. He was posted as the Assistant Army Advisor to the Cdn Defence Liaison Staff in London, UK, from Jul 09 to Jul 12 where he had the honour of representing the Cdn Army at many remembrance events. He was then posted as the Senior Project Manager with the CANSOFCOM PMO from Aug 12 to Jul 15.

He was posted to Director Capability Integration from Aug 15 to Jul 16, where he was awarded with a VCDS Commendation for his team leadership and efforts during the staffing of the CDS-mandated Force Mix and Capability Analysis. This was followed by a one-year appointment as the COS to Director General Capability and Structure Integration.

His last posting was to Canberra, Australia from Jul 17 to Jul 20 to serve as the Cdn Army's Liaison Officer to the Australian and New Zealand Armies and the Cdn Army's ABCANZ representative. His decorations and medals include the CD, SSM (NATO Bar), UNDOF, UNPROFOR, CPSM, the VCDS Commendation and the Commander in Chief's Unit Commendation.



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He is enormously grateful to his spouse Sylvie and three children, Philip, Mélanie and Dominik for joining him on his journey and putting up with his extended absences. Retirement plans include spending more time with his family and friends in the Ottawa area and enjoying his hobbies. There will be no formal Departure with Dignity ceremony due to the COVID restrictions in place. Any stories, messages and photos may be sent to LCol Dan Fontaine at [daniel.fontaine3@forces.gc.ca](mailto:daniel.fontaine3@forces.gc.ca).



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