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RETIREMENT MESSAGE



WO Nicolas Gauthier, CD

With just over 20 years of good and loyal service in the Canadian Armed Forces, WO Nicolas Gauthier will be retiring on December 1, 2020.

On 20 March 2000, WO Gauthier decided to enlist in the Canadian Forces at Quebec recruiting center. He enrolled as a vehicle technician and began his basic training on April 2th in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu. On 9 June 2000, he headed to Borden for his trade course.

After obtaining his QL3 qualification in June 2001, WO Gauthier was posted to the 5th General Support Battalion in Valcartier. Following his QL4, he was transferred to the 5th Combat Engineer Regiment in April 2003. Between March 2005 and July 2006, he ramped up for TF 02-06 but no deployment was to come from it.

Promoted to MCpl in 2008, he was finally deployed to Afghanistan in April 2009 at the forward operating base in Masum Ghar. In July 2010 he made a short stint at 5 Svc Bn before he was posted in May 2011 to Chilliwack.



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In March 2012, he was promoted to Sgt and returned to 5 Svc Bn in summer 2013, where he assumed the position of Tow Sgt. He was posted to 2R22R in 2014 until his promotion to WO in 2017, when he returned to 5 Svc Bn as Operations WO of the maintenance company. In September 2018, he obtained the last posting of his career as A / A Maintenance Platoon with the Service Company.

Nicolas would like to thank all his colleagues and all the people he has worked with throughout his career. Nicolas, his wife Amélie, their 3 sons, Aaron 8 years old, Lukas 5 years old and Édouard 3 years old, will stay in the Quebec region. He will now take care of his high performance knife company full time.

A Departure with Dignity (DDD) ceremony will take place at a later date, when possible. An invitation will then be sent. You can send your anecdotes and photos to francois.vezina@forces.gc.ca.



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