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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



### Cpl Davidson, CD

After 17+ years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (RCEME), Cpl Brad Davidson will retire on 21 March 2021.

Cpl Davidson first joined the CAF on 19 Dec 2001 in Fredericton N.B as an Infantryman. After completing his basic training in Meaford ON and his basic infantryman QL3 course, he was posted to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion RCR in Petawawa ON, where he was trained and thrown into the hatch of a Coyote turret as an operator. In March 2003, Pte Davidson deployed on his first mission to Bosnia with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion. Upon his return he was loaded onto his DP2 and, on Jan 2005, he found himself back on a plane to Afghanistan on Roto 3.



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Four years to the day of enrolment, he was promoted to the rank of Cpl. That APS, Cpl Davidson was posted to CFB Gagetown infantry school where he was employed as a small arms coach. In Nov – Dec 2007, Cpl Davidson completed his Basic Para course and shortly after his PLQ.

April 2009, Davidson was promoted to the rank of MCpl and remained at the school teaching CAP/BMOQ-L until Oct 2012 when he released from the military. After a short 2 year hiatus from the CAF he realized he had a passion for fabrication and working with his hands, so on 2 Oct 2014 he walked back into the recruiting office in Fredericton N.B and joined the RCEME Corps as a Materials Technician.

April 2015 Cpl Davidson completed his DP1 Mat tech course and was posted to 5 CDSB Gagetown OJT cell where he complete his OJT package at 4 ESR. Nov 2017 he found himself driving back to Borden for his DP2 Mat Tech journeyman training which was accompanied with a posting message to 5 CDSB Gagetown Tech Svcs. In July 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cpl Davidson moved over to 4 ESR as an MRT commander.

After a combined 17 years 3 months of service, Cpl Davidson has decided his true passion is to become a lawyer and has enrolled as a part time student at UNB until his release on 21 March 2021. Brad plans to stay in the Oromocto area with his son Andrew, daughter Emma and his girlfriend Erin.

Due to COVID restrictions and on Cpl Davidson's request, a Departure with Dignity (DWD) will not be held. Stories, messages and photos can be sent to Sgt Doherty at [Ryan.doherty2@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Ryan.doherty2@forces.gc.ca).



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