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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



### **LCol Sophie Pellicano, CD**

After 29 plus years of loyal service to the Canadian Armed Forces and 27 plus years with the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, LCol Sophie Pellicano will leave the Regular Force on 25 February 2021.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sophie Pellicano (née Levesque) joined the CAF in October 1991 as a Reservist Infantry Soldier with the Governor General's Foot Guards in Ottawa. She transferred to the Regular Force in June 1993 to attend RMC in Kingston and completed a Mechanical Engineering Degree in May 1997.

Upon completion of occupation training, she was posted to Maintenance Company, 2 Service Battalion CFB Petawawa in January 1998. She assumed the roles of Maintenance Company Administration Officer, Forward Repair Group Platoon Commander followed by a deployment with the National Support Element to Kosovo in December 1999 as the Maintenance Officer. Upon her return to Canada, she was reassigned as the Maintenance Officer for 2 Combat Engineer Regiment for 2 years and eventually returned to 2 Service Battalion as the Maintenance Company 2IC.



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In the summer of 2003, her family was posted to Ottawa for 2 years and she was employed in multiple positions: within the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) project, Directorate Land Equipment Program Staff (DLEPS) Operations and 1 year as the Close Area Support Weapon (CASW) Project Manager.

Following this posting, her family was then posted to CFB Gagetown in 2005. She assumed the position of G3 Future Plans in 3 Area Support Group (ASG) HQ for 2 years and in 2007, she had the incredible opportunity to take over the position of Officer Commanding Maintenance Company within Technical Services Branch 3 ASG – a great privilege.

In July 2009, her family was then posted back to Ottawa where she assumed the position of Executive Assistant to the Chief of Staff Land Operations in the Canadian Army HQ, but within 2 months, she was reassigned to the Close Combat Vehicle (CCV) Project (a higher priority at the time). In 2010, she was promoted to her current rank and was retained in the Project Management Office (PMO) CCV as the Integrated Logistics Support Manager (ILSM). In July 2011, she was moved within ADM (Material) to Directorate General Material Systems and Supply Chain (DGMSSC) as the Directorate Material Policy and Procedures (DMPP) Chief of Staff and Section Head of DMPP 2. During her tenure, she also completed the Joint Command and Staff Program (JCSP).

In July 2013, she was reassigned to the Canadian Army HQ as the Army G4 Plans, during a time of significant transformation. In 2015, she was posted to the Strategic Joint Staff as part of the implementation team for the Strategic J4. Upon completion of the implementation in December 2016, she was transferred to the newly established Sustainment Plans position. Following 4 years with SJS, she was posted to her current position in the Directorate General Land Equipment Project Management (DGLPEM), as the Directorate Support Vehicle Program Management (DSVPM) Chief of Staff and Section Head for the Standard Military Pattern Light and Medium wheeled vehicle fleets including the Expedient Route Opening Capability (EROC) fleet – another amazing opportunity.

Her husband, Eric, is an Infantry Officer Lieutenant-Colonel in the CAF and is currently employed in the Canadian Joint Operations Command. They have two wonderful daughters, Camille (age 18) and Léah (age 15).

Finally, after many years serving in military uniform, she has decided that it was time to finish this chapter and start a new one as a Public Servant. She will return to the Strategic Joint Staff as a Sustainment Planner, still very much serving the CAF and Canada of which she would not have it any other way.



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Due to the current pandemic situation, there will be no formal Depart with Dignity celebration, but she would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has crossed her path. From the incredible people she has met, be it peers, colleagues, supervisors, and especially all who have been her subordinates – THANK YOU!! She has been blessed by an incredible level of support in her duties, in her career and towards her family. Everyone has played a significant role in her life and for this she is incredibly thankful and very much so honoured to have been part of this utterly amazing family. She is hanging up her uniform with no regrets and is looking forward to the new challenges ahead and continuing to be fully dedicated to supporting the CAF soldiers be it in Canada or abroad. She wishes you all the absolute best and hopes to cross paths with you again.

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Should you like to send a congratulatory message, anecdote(s) and/or best wishes, please send to LCol Guillaume Olivier at [Guillaume.Olivier@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Guillaume.Olivier@forces.gc.ca).



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