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## RETIREMENT MESSAGE



### WO Bertrand, CD

After 30 years of service to the Canadian Armed Forces and the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, WO Bertrand will leave the Regular force on 5 February 2021.

Warrant Officer Robert Bertrand was born on October 17, 1965, in Brandon, MB, Canada. He joined DND on 26 September 1990 as a Vehicle Technician (L). He began his basic trades training at the School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering at CFB Borden and completed his QL3 course in 1992. He was promoted to Corporal in 1994, then completed QL5 in 1995.

Posted to Petawawa's Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD) in 1996, he spent few years working on vehicles. On July 2003, he re-mustered to his actual trade as EO Technician. Cpl Bertrand was posted to 2nd GS Battalion where he completed his OJT and subsequently obtained his journeyman qualification in 2005. Then, he spent 2 years at 2 Combat Engineer Regiment. Back to the 2nd Service Battalion in 2007, he started the operational training and got deployed in Afghanistan, Roto 6 in 2008. He was promoted to Master Corporal that year.



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Back from tour, he got posted a second time to the RCD until 2011. In 2012, he obtained the DP3 qualification, promoted to Sergeant and posted to 1 Royal Canadian Regiment as section commander. In 2016, he moved to 32nd Service Battalion in Toronto. In 2017, he goes to 4 Engineer Support Regiment in Gaagetown as section commander then Unit Ops NCO. Promoted to Warrant Officer in 2018, he was posted to Director General Land Equipment Program Management (DGLEPM) as an Integrated Logistic Support Technician where he worked on various projects and new optics equipment.

Currently on the DSSPM 9 team, he has provided technical expertise including the Sniper Systems Project. Throughout his military life, he had to travel a lot and his career path allowed him to develop an impressive technical know-how. His knowledge of the topics of optics and electronic make him a specialist in the field and many will see him for his opinion and advice.

It is officially February 5th, 2021 that Robert will retire from the Regular Force after 30 years of dedicated service. He will nonetheless continue in a career as a public servant at DSSPM 7. No event will be held as Robert would like to move smoothly to his next employment.

“I would like to thank everyone I had the privilege to work with during my military career.”

- Rob

To send your congratulations and anecdotes, please contact MWO Francis Rose by email at [Francis.Rose@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Francis.Rose@forces.gc.ca).



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