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After 32 years of loyal and dedicated service in the Canadian Armed Forces and to the Corps of Royal Canadian Electrical & Mechanical Engineering, MWO Dan Ferland will retire on 19 Aug 2020.

MWO Ferland enrolled in the CAF in June 1988, completing his basic training at CFRS Cornwallis. He then went to Borden for Driver training, Pat Platoon and Weapons Tech TQ3 training on course 8806. Upon completion of his trade qualification in May 1989, he was posted to B Maint at CFB Chilliwack where he spent 4 phenomenal years of 100% ATIs, exercises in Fort Lewis and Yakima WA, countless ranges and the support to all mainland BC units.

He returned to Borden for his TQ5 in 1993 and posted to Gagetown NB at B Maint as a Cpl. His time was divided between W Bty in the K lines and the 2nd line WKSP in B7. He completed his JLC LFC in late 1996. With a message of deployment, he was going to the Golan but then received a posting to 210 Air Defense WKSP at 4 AD Regt. Thus the Golan or meeting digger had to wait. He was promoted to MCpl and participated in the ice storms in St-John NB, OP Persistence at Peggy's Cove and Ex Marcot in Stephenville NL. The short timer at 4 AD received a posting to Borden as an instructor at the Wpns Tech Trg Pl during in summer 1999.

During his 4 years of instruction, he saw a rather impressive blend of events, people and scenarios. One of his favorite accomplishments, with his counterpart Tony Beresford, was the rebirth of the RCEME Heritage project. Also, it should go without saying, the inferno chicken wings at course parties were memorable. With a promotion to Sgt, he moved down the hall to the standards cell where he made positive changes to tests and adjusted some findings from his days as an instructor.



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After 7 glorious years in Borden, he finally got a posting out west to 1 Svc Bn in 2006. Not only out west, but like one character said, he doubled his medal group with a long awaited deployment overseas to Afghanistan on TF 1-08 with the NSE as the Wpns Sect IC. After his deployment and a multitude of exercises to Wainwright, Shilo and Suffield, he was posted to Ottawa in 2009.

Ottawa is unlike the typical posting where countless positions exist. He first began his tour with the Close Combat Vehicle (CCV) Project. Promoted to WO and then due to a staff shortage, he was a chief clerk for 3 months at DGMPD while the CCV project was on a project stoppage during RFP 1. The project revived and it was back on track for RFP 2. During that time, he also contributed to the Tactical Armoured Vehicle Project. Due to another staff shortage, concurrently, he pitched in at DSSPM with the anti-armour and support weapons. With the final closing of the CCV project, in Jan 2014, he was posted to the workshop at the Land Engineering Support Centre in Uplands. For a short time, he also assumed the role of the National TFR and UCR coordinator.

In Feb 2017, he completed the QL7 Tech Admin Sup course and upon his return, he was posted to CMP with the Military Employment Structure (MES) Review team as the SME for the Wpns trade. He was promoted to MWO and remained with the MES until Jul 2018 where he returned to DSSPM as LCMM for the C16 AGLS and secondary to other support weapons. In Feb 2019, since the MES was not finalized, he returned to CMP for a short stint with the MES team.

In Dec 2019, he saw an opportunity for a second career. With an application, discussions with his spouse Barbara, he accepted a position with the public service as the TA for Badges, Insignia, Flags and Ceremonial with DSSPM 2 at DGLEPM in Ottawa.

He enjoyed his career and always strived to help his trade and his corps, to seek different experiences and various deployments and to be an active member within each of his positions. He would like to thank all who assisted, mentored and supported him over the years. MWO Ferland is grateful for the opportunities he received and for the friendships for which some will last for many years to come.

Due to the COVID 19, he elected to wait until the last opportunity before making the difficult decision not to have an official DWD. Should it become feasible in the near future, a very casual gathering may be organized and invitations will be sent.

Congratulatory messages and anecdotes can be sent directly to Daniel.Ferland2@forces.gc.ca as he will be retaining his profile on the DWAN.

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