

A Jamaican in 14 CES

Lt Carl Clarke, a military engineer officer of the Jamaican Defence Force (JDF), was introduced to some of the members of 14 CES in August 08 and since then has quickly become part of the squadron's extended family. Lt Clarke has been working with 14 CES personnel in preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan as part of the Construction Management Organization (CMO). Since August 08 Lt Clarke has become an integral part of the CMO and attended unit training at CFJSG Kingston, CTC Gagetown and 14 CES as well as exercises in Jamaica and Wainwright. In mid-January Lt Clarke left sunny Jamaica and came to Lunenburg County to spend 6 weeks with 14 CES on their "home ground".



Lt Clarke joined the JDF in September 2004 after completing his engineering degree at the University of Technology Jamaica. He graduated from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, in England, in April 2006 and then spent 5 months as an infantry platoon commander in the JDF. Carl was then posted to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, to attend the US Army captain qualifying course for combat engineers. He then took on a six-month duty as a troop commander with 1 Engineer Regiment of the JDF. Lt Clarke was then sent to the Royal School of Military Engineering in Chatham England to attend the troop commander course. Upon return to 1 Engineer Regiment JDF, Karl was selected to work with the CF in preparation for Exercise Tropical Hammer 0802 which included conducting construction projects in Jamaica as well as pre-deployment training for Afghanistan.

Lt Clarke has enjoyed his time with 14 CES and hopes to deploy with the unit to Afghanistan as part of the CMO. Currently Canadian and Jamaican diplomatic processes are being utilized to authorize a position for Lt Clarke, within CF contingent, of the NATO-lead operation in Afghanistan.

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