



Retirement of WO Garth Nixon

307 Construction Engineering Superintendent

Garth was born in Halifax NS and is the youngest of four children. His father was in the navy and before his first birthday the family moved to the west coast. In the summer of 1979 Garth joined the reserves in Victoria BC. He served four years with 5 BC Field Battery prior to transferring into the regular forces in Nov of 1983 as a Bombadier and was immediately posted to Canadian Forces Base Gaagetown.

His first posting was with W Battery in Gaagetown. During his posting with W Battery, Garth deployed with 2 RCHA for a tour of duty in Cyprus in 1985 and was promoted to Master Bombadier in 1988. After eight years in Gaagetown WO Nixon was posted to an RSS position in Portage La Prairie 12 Aug 1991 as a storesman/ instructor for 13 Fd Battery. It was during this posting that WO Nixon made a career change and remustered into the Engineer Branch as a Structures Technician. This cut his posting to Portage La Prairie short and he was on the move again with his wife and new born son to Chilliwack in 1992.

Upon completion of his Str Tech QL3 package he was posted to Wainwright Alberta. He spent 4yrs working in the carpenter shop at Canadian Forces Detachment Wainwright. During this time he returned to CFB Chilliwack to complete his QL5 course.

On the 9th of July 1997 he was posted to the Military Construction Team at CFB Borden Ont. After a short 2yrs at CFB Borden the Military Construction Team was disbanded and Cpl Nixon was posted to 1 Construction Engineering Unit.

This posting came at a time when 1 CEU was deep into the transition from being construction focused to its present design and support focus. In addition, the amalgamation of the Structures Tech and Drafting trades to the Construction Technician left the unit short on qualified draftsman. Cpl Nixon volunteered to attend New Brunswick Community College and completed the first year of civil technologist graduating with honours.

Cpl Nixon then began a progression of deployments and promotions to his retirement rank of Warrant Officer.

His tours included:

East Timor	Oct-Dec 1999
South West Asia UAE	Dec 2001-May 2002
Camp Julien Kabul	Apr-Aug 2003
KPRT Kandahar	Jun-Aug 2005
KAF Kandahar	Dec 2005-Jan 2006
KAF Kandahar	May-Jul 2006
KPRT Kandahar	Jul 2007-Mar 2008

Garth and his wife Tracy have 3 children, Alex 16, Ashley 14 and Matthew 10.

They plan on staying in Hillsborough where during the summer they will be operating the local ice cream shop. Garth will be component transferring to the reserves and staying with 1 ESU in a class B Drafting and Surveying position.