



CPL CHRISTOPHER PARNELL

Chris's military experience started in 1984 when he joined the Lord Strathcona's (RC) Army cadet corps in Calgary. He then joined the Reserve Force with the Hasting and Prince Edward Regiment (Infantry) in Belleville, Ont in 1986. He completed 4 Years of service achieving the rank of Master Corporal before transferring to the Regular force in 1990.

In 1990 he joined as an Artillery Officer and was posted to CFB Chilliwack for BOTC and then CFB St Jean for one year of SLT. He was then posted to CFB Gaagetown FD Arty School where he attended Ph 2 and 3 Arty officers training until his reversion in 1993 to the Infantry as a Pte. He was then posted to CFB Wainwright where he attended QL3 Inf with the PPCLI and then posted to 1 PPCLI, in Calgary. On arriving in Calgary he was promoted to Cpl and assigned as an M113 Dvr. He deployed overseas to Bosnia CANBAT 2, attached to the LdSH BG in Visiko, Bosnia in 1994 with B Coy 1 PPCLI. On return from Bosnia he was cross posted to RECCE Pl as the Pl Sigs NCO until 1996. In 1996 was promoted to MCpl then cross posted to A Coy as a Wpns Det Comd and participated in Op Assurance (Rwanda) as part of CF Dart Team in 1996. In 1997 he was posted to PPCLI Regimental HQ and moved to CFB Edmonton employed until 1999. In 1999 he was posted to 3 PPCLI as a Sect 2IC and deployed in 2000 to Bosnia with the 3 PPCLI Btl Gp. In 2000, promoted to Sgt and cross-posted to C Coy. In 2001 he was cross-posted to Para Coy and deployed to Afghanistan with the 3 PPCLI Btl Gp as a Sect Comd. Remained in Para/LRP Coy as a Sect Comd/Pl WO until OT in Jun 2005. In summer 2005 was posted BTL and started Contact Trg with Eng Svc Coy/WFE Section until Jan 2006.

In 2006, Chris attended CFSME and the QL3 Water, Fuel and Environmental Technician course and was then posted to CFB Wainwright in Jul 2006 on completion of the course. There he was employed as a Water Treatment Plant operator and Safety NCO. In fall 2008 was posted to CFB Edmonton as a WFE Tech in Engineer Service Company in preparation for his retirement in Feb 2009.

Chris retired in the Edmonton Area with his wife Lara and is now employed with Engr Svcs Coy in CFB Edmonton as a Civilian WFE Tech.

During his career in the CF, Chris was awarded, South West Asia Service Medal, Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, UN Service Medal UNPROFOR, NATO Service Medal for Former Yugoslavia, Canadian Forces Decoration (1), 1 CMBG Commander Commendation, and CincC Commendation for Afghanistan.

There will be a BBQ 24 Jul 09 to celebrate Cpl Parnell's retirement from the CF. Please send all congratulatory messages or anecdotes to CWO A. Demeria at Archie.Demeria@forces.gc.ca