

Capt. J.J.L.D. (Dan) Lacasse, CD

Capt. Lacasse will be retiring from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) on 8 Jan 2015 after 29 ½ years of loyal and dedicated service to the Forces and the Engineer Branch.

Capt. Lacasse joined the CAF in May 1985 under the YTEP program. He completed Basic Training at CFLRS, St-Jean, QC in August 1985, Field Engineer QL3 in December 1985 and was posted to 5 RGC, Valcartier in January 1986. In the fall of that year, as a young Sapper, he found himself on a first major exercise, EX BRAVE LION, in Norway. After completing his QL5 course in May 1988, he was posted to 4 CER, Germany for a 5 year posting. While stationed in Germany, he completed his Combat Leadership Course and saw his first operational deployment to Croatia – ROTO 0 UNPROFOR from Apr – Oct 1992.

Posted back to Canada in May 1993, Capt. Lacasse was transferred to 4 ESR, Gagetown. During his stay in 4 ESR, he deployed to Rwanda in 1994 and Haiti in 1996 and participated in SOVOP in Iqaluit during a frigid month of January 1997. In July 1997, he was posted to CFSME, Gagetown as Bridging Instructor, a position he held for 5 years. During his 9 years in Gagetown, he completed his QL6A and QL6B courses.

Posted to 1 CER, Edmonton in July 2002 as Recce Sgt for 1 Troop Combat Rats, he deployed to Bosnia from September 2002 until March 2003. Promoted to WO in May 2003, he took over as Heavy Equipment Troop WO until his posting to 1 CMBG Hq & Sig Sqn in July 2004. Capt. Lacasse completed his ILQ course early 2004. During his stay at 1 CMBG HQ, he occupied the position of Support Troop WO, worked in G3 Trg Resources as Bde Ammo NCO and completed BTE 05. In November 2005, he was posted to D Mil C as Career Manager for Jr Rank of the Combat Engineer trade and remained in that position until July 2008. During this posting, he completed his ALQ course in May of 2008.

July 2008 until June 2009 was a busy year. This is when Capt. Lacasse completed the Army Technical Warrant Officer Program (Master Gunner Course) at AMS, Kingston and received his promotion to MWO. On completion of the program, he was posted to DGLEPM, DCSEM 2 and took over the reins as LCMM for Water Supply Equipment (Land). He held this position for 15 months until he was commissioned from the rank in October 2010. Since his commissioning, he has held the position of Equipment Management Team Leader within DCSEM 3 – Combat Engineer Equipment.

Capt. Lacasse has been married to his wife, Penny, since August 16, 1986. They have two daughters, Kattrina (26) and Sabrina (23). They also have two grandchildren, Jasmine (6) and Nathan (3); both of which are his eldest daughter's children.

Since Capt. Lacasse has accepted a civilian position within DGLEPM and Penny has recently started in a position as an Optician Manager, he and his wife will be settling down in the Ottawa region, close to family and friends.

A DWD lunch will be held on January 21, 2015 beginning at 12:00 in the NDHQ WO's and Sgt's Mess in Ottawa for a cost of \$20. For planning purposes, confirmation of attendance to the lunch, congratulatory messages, anecdotes, and best wishes can all be forwarded to Capt. Pete Wessel (Pieter.Wessel@forces.gc.ca) NLT 12 Jan 2015.