Master Warrant Officer R.A. Watters, CD

Master Warrant Officer Watters will be retiring from the CF on the 2 June 2017 after 35 years of loyal and dedicated service to Canada, the Canadian forces and the Canadian Military Engineers.
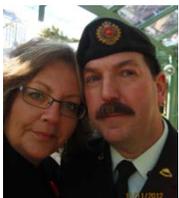

Andy Watters joined the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa in 1982 while still in High School. He component transferred to the Regular Force in 1984 and spent 10 wonderful weeks in sunny Cornwallis N.S. Upon completion of C.F. Recruit School, Pte Watters travelled west to enjoy 3 equally wonderful months at the P.P.C.L.I. Battle School located in the frigid wastelands of CFB Wainwright. After 5 years as an Infanteer at 1 PPCLI in Calgary, and reaching the lofty appointment to MCpl, Watters decided to get a `trade` and remustered to the Engineer Branch in 1990 as an Electrician. He was happily posted back to Calgary upon completion of his QL3.

As an ED Tech, Cpl Watters experienced world travel by first deploying to Rwanda in 1994 for Op PASSAGE, followed by 3 trips to the former Yugoslavia by the end of 1997. MCpl Watters was posted to 17 Wing, CFB Winnipeg in 1998, and completed a tour in the Golan Heights. After being promoted to Sgt, he spent 6 months at CFS Alert in the position of `Hydro One`. He was promoted to Warrant Officer in 2004 and posted to CFSME (Gagetown) as the Standards Rep to the ED Techs. In 2007 WO Watters was posted to 1 ESU (Moncton) and eventually promoted to Master Warrant Officer. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 on Op ATHENA as the 2 SET MWO, and was then posted to CE in Petawawa in 2010.

In 2011, MWO Watters had the privilege of being seconded to DFAIT and he and his wife Gayle spent 3 amazing years at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing, PRC. Upon returning to Canada in 2014, MWO Watters was posted back to Gagetown as the SSM at RPOD (Gt), retiring this summer.

Andy and Gayle plan to settle down in the Fredericton area in order to be close to their daughter Kelsey and son-in-law Jon.

(They are still waiting for grandchildren)