

MASTER WARRANT OFFICER G.W. BAIRD
2 Cdn Air Div, AF CE Trg
CFB Winnipeg, MB

MWO Glenn Baird joined the Canadian Forces in 1983 as a Rifleman and upon completion of Infantry training at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Petawawa, ON., he was posted to 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment based at CFB London, ON. During his time with the regiment, he served with the United Nation Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and completed Basic Winter Warfare training in Tromsø, Norway.

Posted to CFB Petawawa Base Operations in 1985, MWO Baird remustered to the Construction Engineers in 1990. Following basic trades training (611 CE Tech) at CFB Chilliwack, B.C., he was posted to CFB Toronto, ON, where he worked in the Drafting Office until that base was closed in 1996. Subsequently, he was posted to 191 Airfield Engineering Flight (CEF), 19 Wing Comox, B.C.

Promoted to Master Corporal in 1997 and appointed Commander - Construction Section, he completed two TAVs to Bosnia and Herzegovina, was a member of ROTO 0 (Op Kinetic), Kosovo in 1999, sat on the first Tactical Drafting & Survey QSWB and completed his QL6A Construction Technician qualification in 2000.

Following his promotion to Sergeant in 2002, MWO Baird was posted to 15 Wing Moose Jaw as a Contract Inspector. The following year, he assumed the duties of Acting Wing Construction Engineering Officer for which he was presented with a Wing Chiefs Coin, and both a Wing Commander's and the 15 Wing Heritage Commendation. During his posting he had the opportunity to go flying with Maj Bob (Cowboy) Painchaud (Ret'd), (Snowbird 1, 1999 – 2001). Prior to being posted to 8 Wing Trenton, ON, in 2005 he was promoted to Warrant Officer and then assumed the duties of Operations / Training WO with 81 CEF.

Upon completion of his Intermediate Leadership Qualification he was awarded an "Honorary Lifetime Membership" to the "Friends of the Canadian War Museum". He then moved to the Wing Construction Engineering at 8 Wing as the CE Ops WO, (the "Whip"). While at CE he not only completed his QL6B qualification but also a tour to Camp Mirage as 8MSS AE Flt WO.

In 2008 he was promoted to his present rank and posted to Fleet Construction Engineering, CFB Halifax, N.S. While at FCE, he assumed the position of Plant Operations Officer (UTIL O), managing six central heating plants and the WFE Section.

In 2009 MWO Baird was posted to 2 Canadian Air Division, Air Force Construction Engineering Training at 17 Wing Winnipeg MB, to expedite the redevelopment of the Drafting & Survey Specialty Specification.

On 11 Nov 2009 he was appointed Station Warrant Officer (SWO) of CFS Alert serving 6 months and became the last of 26 Engineer SWOs to be tasked by 1 Cdn Air Div, A4 CE and was commemorated by a photo opportunity at the new "Welcome to Alert" sign with CWO Jim Wall (Ret'd), the first CE SWO, CFCWO CWO Lacroix, and Canadian Forces Northern Area CWO, CWO Saulnier. During his tour, the Station saw the first landing of the C-17, received a very cold and wet Aussie pulled from the ice 200 km from the North Pole and witnessed the first CF (Res) swearing in ceremony by the CDS and MND.

Master Warrant Officer Baird is retiring on 06 Jun 2011 and relocating to Windsor, ON with his wife Mona. He is planning to pursue his hobbies in landscape painting and the study of family history.