

Biography

Captain D.J. Burns, CD

Captain Burns joined the Canadian Military at CFS Sydney in Nova Scotia and was sworn in Nov 1980. He began recruit training at CFB Cornwallis 7 January 1981, upon completion he was sent to CFB Borden to complete driver wheel training. Captain Burns was then posted to 2 Combat Engineer Regiment at CFB Pettawawa, shortly after arriving he departed to CFB Gagetown for Exercise Rendezvous 81. Shortly after his return to Petawawa, he departed for CFB Chilliwack to conduct his Field Engineer Trade Qualification 3 training (TQ3). Once completed, he was posted to 22 Field Squadron at CFB Gagetown, during this time he married his wife Margaret in 1983. He completed his TQ5A Fd Engr course in 1984 and their daughter Courtney was born in 1985. In 1985 he deployed with the Armoured Engineer Section to sunny CFB Wainwright for Exercise Rendezvous 85, once the exercise was completed he was posted to 4 Combat Engineer Regiment at CFB Lahr in Germany as an Armd Engr. During this time he completed his Heavy Equipment Course TQ5A at CFB Chilliwack and remained in Germany till 1989. He was posted to CFB Gagetown 22 Fd Sqn and a promotion to MCpl that year, he remained there as the Armd Engr section commander for a year, during this time he completed the Combat Arms Advanced Driver Maintenance Specialist and was sub sequentially posted to the Armoured School at CTC Gagetown for the next 3 years. He completed his TQ6A during this time and was promoted to Sgt and posted to 4ESR as the Armd Engr Tp WO.

In 1995 he packed up his family and headed to CFB Shilo to be employed as a fire shift /range maintenance supervisor for the German Army Training Establishment Shilo for the next 4 years. During this time he completed the Heavy Equipment TQ6B course and was promoted to WO and posted back to 4ESR at Gagetown once again as the Armd Engr Tp WO and Hvy Eqpt Ops WO. During the next 2 years he was attached to 1 Engineer Support Unit at Moncton for the force bed down for Op Eclipse in Eretria Africa and the redeployment to close out the Op a year after. In 2001 he was posted to Base Construction Engineering in Gagetown as the Range Training Area WO. During this posting he competed the Project Management and Watercourse Alteration Courses.

In 2004 he packed up his family and headed to CFB Cold Lake Alberta and the 4 Airfield Engineer Squadron as the Ops WO. He remained there til 2006 and a posting back to Gagetown, Canadian Forces School Military Engineers as the Hvy Equipment Tp WO and as a Standards WO, he remained there til July 2009. He was then posted to 1 ESU at Moncton where he deployed to Camp Wilson Smith in Kandahar, Afghanistan, as a member of the Provincial Reconstruction Team. When he returned he was promoted to MWO and posted to CFSME FETS as the Chief Instructor for that Squadron, while there he applied for his commission and was accepted in 2010 and was promoted in 2011 to Captain. He was then posted the Combat Training Center under the Army Training Design G7 Branch. He is releasing Feb 2015 after 34 plus years, he will stay in the Oromocto area and plans on traveling to Ottawa with Margie to visit his grandson Matthew, daughter Courtney and Eric. His plans upon retirement are to complete some restoration projects and golfing.