

MCpl D.J. Hillier, CD



After more than 17 years of loyal and dedicated service, MCpl Darrell Hillier, CD, will retire from the CAF on 10 September 2021. His CFTPO taskings and deployments include Afghanistan, Alert, Eureka, and Lithuania.

MCpl Hillier joined the Canadian Forces in 2004. After completing Basic Training, he was sent to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) in Gagetown, N.B., to complete Water, Fuels, and Environment (WFE) Technician QL3 training.

In 2005, he was posted to CFB Comox in B.C., where he would spend the next seven years. During his time in Comox, MCpl Hillier completed QL5 and QL6A WFE training as well as the PLQ. He deployed to Afghanistan on three different occasions: Roto 1 in 2006, Roto 6 in 2008, and Roto 9 in 2009-2010.

MCpl Hillier was posted to CFB Trenton in 2012 as 2I/C of the WFE Section. From there, he deployed to Alert on OP BOXTOP and to Eureka on OP NEVUS in 2014. MCpl Hillier was also the Unit Environmental Officer.

In 2015, MCpl Hillier was promoted to his current rank and posted to CFB Gander as I/C of the WFE Section, the Procurement Officer, and to be in charge of the Labour Section. He was sent to Alert for OP BOXTOP in 2016 and deployed to Lithuania on OP REASSURANCE in 2018-2019.

Throughout MCpl Hillier's career, he has been an avid runner. He competed in many local running events as well as national running championships in Ottawa. In 2009, MCpl Hillier participated in the four-day Nijmegen march in the Netherlands.

In September 2021, MCpl Hillier will complete his service with the Royal Canadian Engineers. Following his retirement, MCpl Hillier and his wife, Elaine, plan to live in Fortune, N.L., to be close to their children and to enjoy spending time with their grandchildren.

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