

Major David Rutkay

Maj David Rutkay joined the CF in 1984, and after completing basic and classification training at CFB Chilliwack, he was posted to 22 Fd Sqn at CFB Gagetown in 1986. In 1988, he was posted to NDHQ in the Directorate Military Engineering Requirements (an earlier version of what is now DLR 7), responsible for counter-mine projects. He subsequently completed tours at LETE as the Field Engineer Trial Officer and the DRDC Suffield as the military presence in the Threat Detection Group, focusing on mine-countermine technology. After a tour with 1 CER and LFWAHQ in Edmonton, Capt Rutkay was selected to attend LFTSP in 1998. Upon completion on the course in June 1999, he was posted to DGLEPM / DCSEM as the project manager for the Improved Landmine Detection System (ILDS). He was promoted to his current rank in May 2001 and became section head for DCSEM 3, responsible for life cycle management of combat engineer related equipment. In 2006, he was posted to J Engr which was at the time double hatted as DLR 7, where his main duty centered on being the Project Director for the EROC project. During the six years at DLR, he served as Coord 3, section head for both DLR 6 and DLR 3, as well as completing the DL version of JCSP. In 2012, he deployed as a WSE LCol to Kabul as part of Op ATTENTION ROTO 2 where he served as the Chief for the Language Training Branch. Upon return to Canada in 2013, he was posted to CFD for 2 years as the Coord for D Cyber FD. In his latest return to DLR, he has served as Coord 2 until becoming the DLR 7 section head in August 2016.

Maj Rutkay has been married to his wife Janice since 1983. They have two sons Brian and Kevin, who are successfully launched into their chosen engineering fields of work. David and Janice currently plan to remain in the Ottawa area upon retirement.