Corporal Brian Allan Kay Canadian Armed Forces

Family Life:

Brian was born in Owen Sound, Ontario, to Michael and Pat Kay (nee Wright) in June of 1965. He spent two years in Owen Sound.

Brian moved with his family to Leith, Ontario, in 1967, where he stayed until he graduated from the Owen Sound Collegiate and Vocational Institute in 1984. While attending high school, Brian worked at A&P in Owen Sound until 1984.

He attended Centennial College in Toronto from 1984 to 1986.

After his military service, Brian worked at Nucomm in Owen Sound from 2007 to 2009. He then worked at NCR in Owen Sound for three years prior to obtaining his current position at First Student in 2015.

On May 25th, 2019, Brian married Aggie Thiessen at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 6. They have one son, Jack Klassen.

Military Service:

Corporal Brian Kay joined the military in Toronto in 1986.



Decorations:

Commanders Commendation 1990

Canadian Forces Decoration 1997

From September to November 1986, Cpl. Kay underwent basic training at Canadian Forces Base Cornwallis. From November 1986 to May 1987 he qualified as an Airframe Technician, training at CFB Borden.

From 1987 to 1993, he was deployed at CFB Trenton as part of the 8 Air Maintenance Squadron. Cpl. Kay was then stationed at CFB Cold Lake, Alberta, with the 410 Tactical Fighter Operational Training Squadron from 1993 to 2006. In 1990 he was promoted to Corporal.

As an Airframe and Aviation technician, Cpl. Kay worked on several aircraft including the CC137 Boeing 707, the CC130 Hercules and the CF188 Hornet. Cpl. Kay received a Commanders Commendation for finding a crack in the rib on a stabiliser of a Boeing 707. Subsequently, given the discovery of this serious flaw the entire fleet was grounded for further inspection.

Corporal Brian Kay was discharged in October of 2006.

Lessons Learned:

Brian has learned that dedication and hard work will always pays off and will get you noticed. He also recommends to never forget to play as hard as you work!