

Sergeant Terry Bates

Canadian Military Communications and Electronic Network

Family Life:

Terry was born to Robert and Leona (nee Culbertson) Bates on December 28, 1958, in Midland, Ontario. After completing his elementary education, Terry attended Midland Secondary School where he graduated in 1977. Margaret (nee Weyman) and Terry were married on October 9, 1982. The couple were blessed with two children, Jennifer and Steven and three grandchildren, Keegan, Jordanna and Tucker. Since retirement Terry and Margaret have lived in Meaford.

Service History:

Sergeant Bates almost joined the Navy but opted for Army enlistment with the Canadian Armed Forces in November 1978. He completed his recruitment training at Cornwallis and then was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Communications and



Decorations:

- Special Service Medal, 1987
- Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal, 2001
- NATO Medal, Former Yugoslavia, 1998
- Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal, 2003
- Canadian Forces Decoration, 1990, CD2, 2010

Service History continued:

Electronics. While posted to 1 Canadian Signal Regiment, Sgt. Bates qualified for Radio Operator Trade Levels 3, 4 and 5.

In 1984, he was attached to NATO Headquarters Allied Forces Central in Brunssum, the Netherlands, as a Technical Controller. Sgt. Bates returned to Canada to take up signal positions with the 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and completed the Combat Leaders Course. He returned to the CFSCE as an instructor.

Subsequently, Sgt. Bates was attached to the 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters and 700 Communication Squadron, CFB Borden to supply communication resources.

He finished his thirty-three year career in the military at the Land Force Central Area Training Centre as Communications Supervisor.

Interesting Stories: I was always posted to the right places that fit well with my career. In advance, I would seek out advice about the unit I was being transferred to and found ways to fit in. I always pushed myself to do a good job!

Lessons Learned: Number one for me was the camaraderie that existed throughout my thirty-three year career. We always worked hard and played harder. The people I met across our country and in Europe will always be memorable to me and my family. Good people all with their skillsets and stories. When it came time to train and deploy on numerous occasions one could count on that member to be there.