

Warrant Officer Allan Johnson

The Royal Canadian Regiment

Family Life

Allan Johnson was born in Galt, Ontario, on April 18, 1967. To Linda Mary Johnson (nee Hamilton) and George Laverne Johnson.

He attended several elementary and high schools, finishing his high school education at West Hill Secondary School (now OSDSS). He always had an aptitude for english, math, and the sciences.

He worked in the trades part time from the age of 16. Allan's mother passed away while Allan was in Kosovo in 2000. He had two children, Shawn and Ashleigh, with his wife Mary.



Decorations

- General Service Medal, South-West Asia with 3 Bars
- Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal
- UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
- Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee Medal
- Canadian Forces Decoration with 2 Bars

Military Service

Warrant Officer Johnson joined the Army Reserves on March 2, 1985. He transferred to the regular force in 1998. He assisted with recovery efforts during the severe ice storms of 1998-1999. In early 1999, Warrant Officer Johnson briefly served with Joint Task Force 2. He was deployed to Kosovo between December 1999 - May 2000 and served as a loader and radio specialist for an M113 Armoured Personnel Carrier. Warrant Officer Johnson deployed to Afghanistan three times: 2003-2004, 2006-2007, and 2008-2009. In September 2006, he experienced a friendly fire incident, when an American warplane accidentally attacked his company outside of Kandahar. He served at Meaford and Petawawa between 2009 and 2019, training soldiers. Warrant Officer Johnson left the military on February 28, 2019 after a combined 34 years in service.

Allan notes that he chose a military career because of his family's long history of military service, and out of hope for a stable, consistent job. He doesn't regret his career, noting that he retains medical benefits due to his service. He also notes that his time in the military has taught his family about the world, as well as preparing them to take care of themselves during tough times.