



## **Command Senior Enlisted Leader Multinational Corps South-East (MNC-SE) Chief Warrant Officer (OR-9) Yannick Godbout**

Chief Warrant Officer Yannick Godbout assumed duties as the first Command Senior Enlisted Leader (CSEL) of the Multinational Corps South-East (MNC-SE) on 12th of July 2021. Prior to this post, he was the Task Force Latvia Sergeant Major in support of enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) in Latvia.

CWO Godbout joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990 as a Combat Engineer. Upon completion of basic and English language training in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu and Combat Engineer training in Chilliwack in 1992, he was posted to “5e Régiment de Génie de Combat” in Valcartier, Quebec.

In 1999, CWO Godbout, then Master-Corporal, was posted to 1 Combat Engineer Regiment in Edmonton, Alberta and subsequently he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He was given the opportunity to command and to act as an Engineer Reconnaissance Specialist. In 2005 he was posted to Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School as an instructor for enlisted and officers of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Upon promotion to the rank of Warrant Officer in 2006, CWO Godbout was posted to the Canadian Forces Joint Support Group Headquarters in Kingston, Ontario where he was employed as a training team leader for international deployments. Promoted to the rank of Master Warrant Officer in 2009 and he returned to “5e Régiment de Génie de Combat” as a Squadron Sergeant Major.

He was posted to Montreal in 2011 as the Garrison Sergeant-Major and promoted to his current rank in 2014. CWO Godbout was posted for a third time to “5e Régiment de Génie de Combat” as the 24th Regimental Sergeant-Major in June 2015. In July 2018, he was appointed as the Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group in Montreal.

CWO Godbout deployed on 8 international missions to include: Croatia, under United Nation in 1992, in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1996 and 2001, in Kosovo in 1999. He also deployed in Turkey in 2006 and he spent a total of 14 months in Afghanistan split between 2004 and 2011. His last operational deployment was in the Middle East in Jordan in 2018.

CWO Godbout attended many technical and leadership courses and programs throughout his career and he is a graduate of the Baltic Defense College in Tartu.

He is the proud father of two sons, and passionate about alpinism.