

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER J.R.D. LAPOINTE, MMM, CD

COMMAND SERGEANT-MAJOR

MULTINATIONAL CORPS NORTHEAST



Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Lapointe was born and raised in Pointe-Calumet, Quebec, Canada. He graduated high school in June 1989. Three months later, he enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces and completed basic training.

Throughout his career, he has completed all Combat Engineer career courses at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) and also a number of specialty courses. He also graduated the American Sapper Leader Course in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri in 1999, the Battle Staff NCO Course in Fort Bliss, Texas in 2014 and the Command Senior Enlisted Leader Course (CSELC) at the Baltic Defence College in Tartu, Estonia in 2023.

In 1993-94, he deployed for the first time to Visoko, Bosnia. This particular tour was cut short at the end of January 1994 when he was hit by a sniper round during a Croatian ambush against the United Nations convoy he was part of. He had to wait eight years before his next deployment, this time to Afghanistan on Op APOLLO in 2002. He deployed to Afghanistan twice after. His second Afghan tour was on Op ARCHER for the opening of the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in downtown Kandahar in 2005/06 and his third was the Op ATHENA Mission Transition Task Force (MTTF) in 2011. CWO Lapointe also deployed to the South Sinai region of Egypt for a year with the Multinational Force and Observer (MFO) from July 2021 to July 2022.

Over the last 35 years, he was posted to CFLRS Saint-Jean, CFB Cold Lake, CFSME Chilliwack, 5 RGC BFC Val Cartier, CFSME Gagetown, 1 CER CFB Edmonton, RSS 6 FES North Vancouver, CMTC Wainwright, CTC Gagetown, MFO Egypt and Multinational Corps North-East (MNCNE) in Poland.

His CWO positions included the CFSME School CWO, The Combat Training Center Formation Sergeant-Major (FSM), the Royal Canadian Engineer Corps SM, the MFO FSM and in 2022, he assumed the position as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader at NATO's MNCNE in Poland.

At the turn of the millennium, he married his wife Barbara, and since then, they have welcome two children; their twenty years old daughter, Genevieve, and sixteen years old son, Declan.