

Biography Chief Warrant Officer (ret'd) Kevin West, MMM, MS,CD

Kevin enrolled in the Naval Reserve's in the summer of 1983 as a Naval Signalman.

In January of 1985 he transferred to the regular force as a Naval Signalman. Kevin sailed on the East coast in numerous ships.

In 1990, he was accepted for an occupational transfer to Airborne Electronic Sensor Operator (AESOp). He was awarded his Wings in 1991 and served initially in the Maritime Patrol community. First in 415 Squadron as a crew member, crew lead, Operation's NCO and Standards & Training NCO. In 1995, promoted to Sergeant and posted to the Maritime Proving and Evaluation Unit as an AESOp Project Officer. Promoted to Warrant Officer in 1998 he was posted to 405 Squadron as the AESOp Standards Officer.

In February of 2000, he was posted 423 Maritime Helicopter in Shearwater serving with the Helicopter Air Detachments of HMCS Iroquois and Preserver. In 2001, he was posted to 406 Maritime Operational Training Squadron as the AESOp Training Officer.

Promoted in 2004 to Master Warrant Officer he was posted to 1 Canadian Air Division HQ in Winnipeg as the A3 Maritime AESOp. In June 2006, Kevin was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer and posted to Canadian Forces Air Navigation School in Winnipeg as the School Chief.

In June 2007, he was appointed as the first Non-Commission Member Commandant of the Chief Warrant Officer Robert Osside Profession of Arms Institute in Saint Jean.

In July 2009, he was appointed as the 8 Wing Chief Warrant Officer in Trenton, dealing with one of his biggest leadership challenges, Russell Williams was his boss. In 2011, Kevin deployed as the Joint Task Force-Afghanistan Air Wing Chief for Roto 11.

Kevin was appointed as the RCAF Command Chief in November 2012. He was then selected as the 12th Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer in July 2013, a position he held until his retirement in July 2018. Kevin was invested as a Member of the Order of Military Merit, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation, Commander Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Navy Commendations.

Kevin holds a Master of Arts degree in Leadership from Royal Roads University. He is also a graduate of the National Security Studies Programme, and the only NCO to attend and graduate from the, General, Flag Officer, and Ambassador Course at the NATO Defence College in Rome.

He currently consults on leadership and organization change, when it doesn't interfere with his passion for his horses.