



Master Warrant Officer Shane Batch, CD

Squadron Sergeant Major
44 Engineer Squadron
39 Combat Engineer Regiment

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Master Warrant Officer Shane Batch was born in Regina Saskatchewan and was moved with his family to Trail BC shortly after his birth. He grew up in Trail and is a graduate of J.L.Crowe secondary school. His military journey began with Trail's 531 Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air cadets in 1992, where he obtained the rank of Flight Sergeant.

MWO Batch joined the Canadian Forces Army Reserve in May of 1997 and began his career as a member of 44 Field Engineer Squadron. Throughout the next 3 summers he successfully completed his basic training and engineer trades courses to be promoted to Corporal in September of 1999. In the spring of 2000 MWO Batch (as a Cpl) deployed to Bosnia Herzegovina with 1 Section, 11 Field Troop, of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment. While there, he was employed as a Combat Engineer for de-mining operations and multiple construction and destruction tasks. He was also the section's operator for the MAMBA; a route proving vehicle designed to withstand a landmine blast.

After completing his Junior Leadership Course in 2001, MWO Batch moved to Edmonton and began working with 8 Field Engineer Regiment. 2002 continued to bring him a one year tasking with Field Training in Wainwright, and in the spring of 2003 he deployed once again to Bosnia Herzegovina; this time with the National Command Element as a mine monitor and driver storesman. While there, he was responsible for the supervision of de-mining operations of local military forces and conducted Mine Awareness Training for local schools and SFOR personnel. Upon return from this deployment, he and his better half returned to Trail to continue their life together.

While on a tractor dump course in Gagetown, New Brunswick in 2005, something clicked in his brain and he promptly informed his Spouse that it was time to start their own family. In March of 2006 he was blessed with a son, Ethan Cyril. MWO Batch and his wife, Tracy, were married on a beach in Mexico on April 15th 2008 and in November of 2008 were blessed with a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth.

In the fall of 2009, MWO Batch made the difficult decision that it was time to deploy once again. In January of 2010 he deployed to Afghanistan with the Persistent Surveillance System for a 4 month TAV (Tactical Aid Visit). There he ran a nine man detachment, operating one of Canada's newest pieces of surveillance equipment. His team was responsible in assisting coalition forces with the detection of insurgence and proved very successful over the course of this deployment. Upon his return he was presented his Canadian decoration for 12 years of service.

In November of 2012 MWO Batch was presented the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal for his participation in the CF. In January of 2014 MWO Batch attended his Tp WO's course in Gagetown NB for 3 months and was promoted to Warrant Officer that following May and was shortly after handed the position of Squadron Sergeant Major for 44 Engineer Squadron.

MWO Batch currently resides in Trail with his Family. In October of 2018 he was advance promoted to the rank of Master Warrant Officer. He remains the Squadron Sergeant Major for 44 Engineer Squadron, 39 Combat Engineer Regiment.