

Colonel David Orr



RSS Officer and 6 FES DCO 2000-2003

Colonel David Orr was born in Lahr, Germany and joined the Canadian Forces in 1992 in Vancouver, British Columbia, and upon graduation from RMC in Kingston was commissioned as Military Engineering Officer. On completion of training at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in Chilliwack, BC, he was posted to 4 Engineer Support Regiment in Gagetown as a Troop Commander where he led his troop overseas as part of the NATO Stabilization Force in the Former

Republic of Yugoslavia in 1999.

Col Orr then went on to serve as the Regular Support Officer and Squadron 2nd in Command for 6 Field Engineer Squadron in North Vancouver in 2000. Upon promotion to Major in 2003, he was posted to Land Forces Central Area Headquarters as the Staff Officer Engineering Operations for the Command. During this posting, he completed his first tour in Afghanistan as part of Operation ATHENA as the Officer Commanding Engineer Support Squadron, then assumed the duties of the Deputy Commanding Officer of the National Support Element in Kabul. Upon completion of his tour. Col Orr was posted in 2005 to Moncton as the Officer Commanding the Engineering Squadron in 1 Engineer Support Unit. Post squadron command in 2007, he was posted to Halifax as the Deputy Commanding Officer of Base Construction Engineering, this posting being where he served his second tour in Afghanistan as the Deputy Divisional Engineer for Regional Command Headquarters South, in Kandahar.

From Halifax, Col Orr was posted to Ottawa as the Career Manager for the Army side of the Military Engineer Officers. Completing his Command and Staff Course in Quantico Virginia with the United States Marine Corps he was promoted to LCol in 2011 and served as the Technical Services Officer for the Chief of Military Personnel Command where he oversaw all capital construction projects within CMP's purview as well as all logistical support to training and capital equipment project issues for the Command. He was also fortunate enough to be selected to command the Formation Construction Engineering Unit in Halifax and led the Unit

through transformation becoming the first CO of Real Property Operations Unit (Atlantic) followed by a posting to the position of Assistant to the Chief Military Engineer. Col Orr was promoted to his current rank in 2018 and served as the Special Advisor to the Director General of Portfolio Requirements until Nov 2018 when family considerations lead him to early retirement.

Col Orr holds a Bachelor's of Engineering (Civil) from RMC, an MBA from Heriot-Watt University in Scotland, and is a registered Professional Engineer in the province of British Columbia. Col Orr now lives in Vernon, BC and is married to Sarah, a retired naval Lieutenant- Commander who worked within Health Services, and they are the proud parents of two beautiful daughters, Addison and Payton.