

## Major Vicki Ferg, CD



In 1991 while embarking on a Bachelor of Science (Geography) degree from the University of Victoria. Maj Ferg realized that she had great opportunity to subsidize her education through the Canadian Armed Forces by enrolling in the reserves under the Reserve Entry Scheme Officer (RESO) program as a Signals Officer with 741 Communications Squadron. Upon graduation from university and completion of Signals training in 1995 she continued to serve at CFB Esquimalt, as a full time reservist, writing environment assessments.

In 1996 she moved away from Victoria, to marry her husband Tim, and transfer into the supplementary holding reserve.

In 2003, after moving back to Vancouver, Maj Ferg re-engaged with the reserves with 6 Field Engineers, which soon became 39 Combat Engineer Regiment (CER), as a Logistics Officer. While with 39 CER she not infrequently covered off as the Adjutant while Regular Force Staff were away on courses or deployments. Enjoying full time service she accepting a position as a Military Career Counsellor with the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre. Serving at the Recruiting Centre for nine years provided her with the opportunity to assume every officer position within the Centre up to the Deputy Commanding Officer.



In 2009 Maj Ferg deployed with Joint Task Force Afghanistan, as part of Op ATHENA. Serving in Regional Command South (RC South) as a Duty Officer in the Tactical Operation Centre. Within the first few weeks of the deployment the lead Canadian General discovered her experience in horticulture and re-tasked her to the CivMil office. There she would work with other multinational government agencies (including USAID, US State Department, Dutch and Danish State Departments, and CIDA) on reconstruction and development of the agriculture sector within RC South. She engaged in projects such as dam/electrical reconstruction and the elimination of the use of ammonium nitrate fertilizers in agriculture

In July 2016 Maj Ferg left full time service at the Recruiting Centre and reengaged more completely with 39 CER. At this time she was promoted to Major and took on the role of OC Administration Squadron.

In October 2019 Maj Ferg deployed with 1 Combat Engineer Regiment on Op UNIFER as part of Task Force Ukraine. She served as the Chief of Staff for the newly stood up Multinational Coordination Cell, in Kyiv.

Upon returning from Ukraine Maj Ferg was appointed to Officer Commanding 54 Squadron in Chilliwack, BC.

