



CWO Leigh Taylor, MMM, CD

CWO Leigh Taylor was born in Perth, New Brunswick on 09 May 1966. He joined the military in Feb 1985 and began basic training on 27 July at the Cornwallis Recruit School in Annapolis Royal Nova Scotia.

Once he completed Basic, he was posted to Lord Strathcona's Horse in Calgary Alberta on 04 October 1985 and completed his Basic Armoured Crewman training with the Regiment. He then moved to 1TP Recce Sqn and received Tracked Reconnaissance Driver in March 1986.

CWO Taylor was trained as an Assault Trooper in March 1988 and served a brief time in 4TP Recce until posted to the Armour School, NB in August 1988. He received his Combat Leaders Course in December 1989 and continued to serve at the School until posted back to LdSH (RC) in August 1991, when he was promoted to the rank of MCpl.

CWO Taylor served as a Crew Commander in C Sqn until posted to CFB Suffield in July 1993. While there, he received his Landmine Warfare Instructors course and Combat Arms Telecommunications Specialist. He then returned LdSH (RC) in March 1997 and deployed for his first operational tour with the Strathcona Battle Group to Bosnia from July 1997 until January 1998, as a Cougar Crew Commander. He returned from tour and became a Tank Crew Commander in both A Sqn and C Sqn until his next operation to Kosovo in 1999.

In December 2000, CWO Taylor completed his QL6A course and was promoted to the rank of Sgt on 10 September 2001. He was qualified Armoured Gunnery Specialist for Leo C2 and Coyote in 2002. CWO Taylor was able to deploy one final time to Bosnia in March 2003 as Recce Sqn Adm Sgt returning October 2003.

In February 2004 he completed his DP3 Armoured Troop WO course and after receiving the Milroy Crossbelt in 2004, he was promoted to Warrant Officer. He was then posted back to the Armour School where he became a Course Warrant and spent a short time as the Standards WO.

In 2007 he was posted back to LdSH (RC) as a Troop Warrant in B Sqn, he deployed to Afghanistan for the first time in February 2008. CWO Taylor returned from

Afghanistan in July 2008 and became the Regimental OPS WO until he completed his DP4 Armoured SSM course in 2009. He then returned to Afghanistan in April 2010 as the SQ for A Sqn. He received the Neatby Pacestick in March 2011 and was promoted to MWO in June 2011, becoming the SSM for A Sqn. He was awarded the Member of Military Merit in 2012 and was posted to RMC ST Jean in 2013 as a DS for the ALP, SLP and later became the ILP Director.

CWO Taylor was posted back to LdSH (RC) for the last time in 2016 where he served as the TQMS for one year. He was posted to Gagetown New Brunswick in the summer of 2017 as the Drill Sargent Major for the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School. He was promoted to his current rank on 02 July 2018 and assumed the position of School RSM on 12 July 2018. He has been married to the love of his life Kelly for 30 years and has two boys Travis and Dustin.