



MAJOR (Ret'd) KIM NELSON, CD2, Itsp

Although born in Campbellton New Brunswick Kim spent the better part of his childhood growing up in Gatineau, Quebec. After much deliberation, and a UN tour to the Golan Heights as a Reservist, Kim entered the Canadian Forces in 1976 as an armoured crewman and was posted directly to the 8th Canadian Hussars (PL) in Petawawa, Ontario. From 76-85 Kim was promoted to Cpl, MCpl, and Sgt and remained Regimentally employed with the 8th Hussars in numerous Regimental positions and Squadrons.

In 1985 Kim was course loaded on the CH 136 Tactical Helicopters Observer Course and then posted to 444 Sqn as a Line Observer and later Flight WO. In 1988 Kim was posted back to the 8th Hussars where he served an additional four years in Germany as a Tp WO, IG for CAT 89 and SQ for B Sqn. In 1992 Kim was posted back to Canada this time to 430 Escadron tactique d'hélicoptères at BFC Valcartier where he remained for five years employed as a flight WO and later Squadron Sgt Major. In Sep 96 Kim would depart on his 3rd UN tour this time to Haiti as Sgt Major of a composite twin huey helicopter Sqn. Upon return from Haiti Kim was posted back to the 8th Hussars, this time to CFB Gagetown where he was appointed the Sgt Major of A Sqn 8CH until the

Regiment was removed from the order of battle in 1998. Kim was then transferred to the Armour School, rebadged to 12RBC and, became the Sgt Major of Combat Vehicle Support Sqn. He also Instructed on the TQ 7 Courses until Commissioning from the Ranks in 1999.

Capt Nelson was then posted to the Régiment de Hull as the Regular Support Staff Officer. In 2001 after what seemed an eternity Kim was selected to attend the Land Force Technical Staff Programme at RMC. In Jun of 2002 Kim was posted again, this time to the Canadian Forces Joint Headquarters in Kingston. In 2003 Kim managed to wangle another posting and was posted to the Bi-National Planning Group in Colorado Springs as an Exercise Planner. In Jan 2005 Kim returned to Canada where he was briefly employed at the Directorate of Land Requirements as the Deputy Project Manager responsible for the upgrade of the In Service Sensors for the Coyote Armoured Reconnaissance Vehicle. In the fall of 2006 he attended the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College and upon the successful completion of the Army Operations Course was posted to newly formed Canada Command as the Adjutant. Later that year he was moved to the Joint Command Centre as the Coord and promoted WSE to Major. Kim remained in the Command Centre until retiring on the 12 of Feb, 2007.

On the 13th of Feb Kim started working for the Security Operations Branch of the Department of Foreign Affairs as an Armoured Vehicle Consultant.