

Veteran of the Week 3 (August 15-21, 2021)

Master Corporal Calvin McCrie

408th Tactical Helicopter Squadron & 15 Wing CFB Moose Jaw

Royal Canadian Air Force

Afghanistan & Iraq



M/Cpl McCrie at the Edmonton Squadron's 75th Anniversary

Master Corporal Calvin McCrie – Retired

Served in the Canadian Air Force from September 12, 2005 to July 20, 2020

One tour in Kandahar, Afghanistan and two tours in Erbil, Iraq.

Calvin McCrie was born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan and raised on the family farm. From the time Calvin was a small child, he always had an interest in aircraft. His parents, Barb and Neil McCrie, were told that their son's interest in airplanes was "just a phase". That phase lasted 30 years. Following graduation from Swift Current Comprehensive High School, Calvin attended Carlton University in Ottawa, Ontario and earned his Bachelor's of Engineering Degree - Aerospace. Calvin also worked at Springbank Airport from the fall of 1998 to the spring of 1999 and obtained his Private Pilot's License.

Following University, Calvin joined the Canadian Air Force and attended basic training in Borden, Ontario. He was then posted to 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron CFB Edmonton where he remained from October 2007 to January 2019 working as a Griffon Helicopter Mechanic. During his time at 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron CFB Edmonton, Calvin was deployed overseas three times. His first tour was in 2009-2010 in Afghanistan at Kandahar Air Field for 10 months. He was later deployed to Erbil, Iraq for Operation IMPACT, Roto 4A from April to July 2017 and again on Roto 5B from February to May 2018.

In 2019, Calvin and his wife relocated back to Swift Current, Saskatchewan to be closer to their families. At that time, Calvin retired from reg force and transitioned over to reserves force at the

Canadian Forces Base CFB Moose Jaw. Calvin is now fully retired from the military and is employed at AGI in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Calvin is now a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56. His wife and family are very proud of his accomplishments while serving in the military.

DECORATIONS:

General Campaign Star - South West Asia (with Bar)

General Campaign Star - Expedition

Canadian Forces Decoration

This week we honour the service of Master Corporal Calvin McCrie, who served 15 years in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Thank you, fellow Legion comrade Master Corporal (Ret) Calvin McCrie for your Service.



L to R: Taken at the Swift Current Airport when Griffon helicopters landed there on the way back from operations during the floods in Ontario

M/Cpl McCrie and his wife at the Squadron's 75th Anniversary in Edmonton, AB

Taken on deployment to Afghanistan