

Master Warrant Officer Wayne Kennie

Canadian Armed Forces

Family Life:

Wayne Joseph Kennie was born to Anna Walter and Russell Kennie in March of 1967, at Walkerton, Ontario.

Wayne grew up in Mildmay and attended high school in Walkerton. Wayne married his wife Monica on May 28, 2014, at London Ontario. They have three children, Jesse Bruce Sr., Brittany Bruce, and Jesse Kennie Jr.

Before joining the military, Wayne was a farmer for ten years. After he retired from the military, he was employed by General Dynamics Land Systems located in London, Ontario. He retired from GDLS in 2020 and he and Monica live in beautiful Meaford.

Military Service:

MWO. Kennie enlisted for military service right out of high school when he was recruited in Walkerton, at only 17 years old in 1985. He did his basic training at Petawawa and was attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment.



He qualified in Driver Track, TOW Gunner, Infantry 2 I/C, Urban Ops, QL6B, Unarmed Combat Instructor and Small Arms Courses.

MWO. Kennie was an Infantryman who started out as a Private in 1985 and rose to the rank of Master Warrant Officer in 2008. He was posted CFB Petawawa, Ontario and the 4th Division Training Centre at Meaford.

During his 27 years of service with 1 RCR, 3 RCR and the Battle School he was deployed on three tours. MWO. Kennie was in Cyprus as a Corporal in 1989, where he patrolled the zone of separation.

In 1994, he was deployed to Bosnia as a sergeant doing UN patrols of the zone of separation for 8 hour stints as part of the Quick Reaction Force.

While in Afghanistan he was assigned to the Main Battle Group training the Afghan National Army on battle tactics and leadership.



Decorations:

Cyprus Medal
Bosnia Medal
Canadian forces Decoration 1st Clasp
Afghanistan Campaign Medal

Lessons Learned:

Wayne often said, "Soldier First" and that says a lot! He also learned leadership, brotherhood, teamwork and camaraderie.