



Sgt J.P. (Jimmy) MacNeil

Sgt MacNeil enrolled at Sydney N.S. Canadian forces recruiting center on the 13th day of the year 2000 and found himself in basic training 3 days later embarking on his career with the Canadian Military Engineers. Upon completion of his Basic Military Qualification at Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in St-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, he went on to learn his trade at Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in CFB Gagetown, Oromocto N.B. After a 6 month combat engineer qualification course he had been taught all the skills and techniques he would require to perform as a sapper in an operational combat engineer regt. He was then posted to his new home at 2 Combat Engineer Regiment at CFB Petawawa.

Upon Sgt MacNeil's arrival at 2 CER in early March of 2001 he was quickly recognized as an in shape motivated young soldier who was perfectly suited to endure the strenuous demands of a new sapper in the regt. These characteristics remained with Sgt MacNeil throughout his decade of service with the Canadian Forces and were faithfully utilized when performing the duties asked of him. This was obvious, given that he had been selected for and had executed every job title in a field engineer sect, from sect mbr to sect dvr, gunner, storeman, 2 ic and then ultimately the head of his own sect in his current position as sect commander. Although these are all positions soldiers are asked to carry out during their time in the military, Sgt MacNeil had been employed with every one of these tasks while under the pressure of being deployed in a theatre of operation and has displayed that he had truly earned his rank and position through his dedication, professionalism, courage and without question of his experience.

Sgt MacNeil solidified his position as a leader after his last deployment to Afghanistan, earning the Top MCpl award in 2009 for outstanding Jr leadership throughout the year. Jimmy MacNeil's accomplishments and tireless efforts helped him to achieve an early promotion to Sgt later that fall and a position on his 4th deployment to Afghanistan.

Sgt MacNeil's Operational Deployments include:

Op ATHENA with 3 RCR Battle Group Aug 13 2003 to 13 Feb 2004 as recce sect gunner;

Op ATHENA/OP ARCHER with 3 RCR Battle group from 22 July 2005 to 03 dec 2005 as a section mbr;

Op ARCHER TF-A 3-08 Roto 6 with 3 RCR Battle Group from 22 sept.2008 to 05 may 2009 as sect 2IC; and

Op ARCHER TF-A 1-10 Roto 9 with 1 RCR Battle Group from 13 May 2010 to 21 June 2010 as sect commander.

Sgt MacNeil's selflessness and devotion to his country and its missions has been as consistent as his deployments and through his unwavering loyalty to these very causes he has proven his worth among our nation's top patriots.

Jimmy shall forever be remembered as a Hero, a friend, a leader and a brother. .

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