

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER L.G. BURTON, CD



Chief Warrant Officer Leslie Burton was born in Londonderry, Ireland, where her father served with the Royal Navy. She enrolled in the Canadian Forces in May 1980 and after recruit school trained as a Vehicle Technician at CFSAOE, CFB Borden. In 1981, CWO Burton remustered to Dental Clinical Assistant and was posted to 12 Dental Unit in Nova Scotia.

CWO Burton worked as a chairside Dental Assistant in the dental clinic in Shearwater for two years and was awarded the Base Commander's Commendation in 1982. Promoted to Cpl in 1983, she moved to the clinic in Halifax where she was employed in the Oral Surgery and Perio departments.

In 1991, as a newly promoted Sgt, CWO Burton was posted to CFB Moose Jaw as the Dental Clinic Coordinator. In Moose Jaw she was heavily involved with fund raising and volunteer activities within the military community.

Six years later, when promoted to Warrant Officer in 1997, CWO Burton was posted to 8 Wing Trenton as Dental Clinic Coordinator. While in Trenton, CWO Burton was tasked on several occasions as incremental staff at CFDSS. She was an instructor and Platoon Warrant Officer for the Dental Clinical Assistant Supervisors Level Course in 1997 and 2000. She also completed several OPDP courses and many management courses and was tasked as 2 I/C to Director of Concessions for Quinte International Air Show 99.

After four years in Trenton, she was promoted in 2001 and posted to Ottawa to assume the duties of 1 Dental Unit MWO. In this capacity she had the opportunity to travel nation-wide in support of the twenty-six 1 Dental Unit Detachments. In September 2003, MWO Burton was tasked as the Staff Sergeant-Major for the Role 3 Multinational Integrated Medical Unit in Sipovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. In February 2004 she was tasked as the Sipovo Station Sergeant-Major.

Upon her return to Canada in April 2004, CWO Burton was promoted to her present rank and selected for her current position of Canadian Forces Dental Services Branch Chief Warrant Officer. CWO Burton was presented the Thompson Trophy award in 2005 for her significant contribution to the operational role of the CFDS.