

Lt(N) Melanie Graham Bio September 2011:



Lt(N) Melanie Graham retired from the Canadian Forces in September 2012. She served as a Naval Public Affairs Officer and enjoyed almost eleven years in the Regular Forces. She began her career, in October 2000, as a Naval Reservist, but began working with DND Public Affairs shortly after her transfer to the Regular Forces.

Graham has served in a variety of capacities including: Liaison Officer for the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74)USS; Base Tours supervisor CFB Esquimalt, a community outreach program that trains and employs University of Victoria students as summer guides for the base; and, Assistant Adjutant at the Transport Unit of Canadian Force Base Esquimalt.

More recently Graham deployed as the PAO with Task Force Vancouver, and Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). The Task Force was a component of Operation PODIUM, a joint RCMP-led security support operation for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. Following Operation PODIUM, Graham was posted to 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group where she served as PAO until 25 July 2011.

Graham completed a BA in International Studies at the University of British Columbia and successfully defended her MA thesis on Strategic Culture in April 2012.

Graham has three grown children and one grandchild, enjoys an active outdoor lifestyle in her spare time, and is a volunteer with the Canadian Ski Patrol.