

RAF NORTHOLT HAS A NEW STATION WARRANT OFFICER

Warrant Officer Elisha Evans MBE has taken over the role of Station Warrant Officer at RAF Northolt.

She officially took control of the Station Warrant Officer's cane on 23 September from Warrant Officer Colin Sharp. A logistician by trade, Mrs Evans joined the RAF in April 1991 and on completion of her logistics training she was posted to RAF Lyneham and was employed in the Passenger, Cargo and Traffic sections.

Subsequent assignment to RAF Brize Norton saw Mrs Evans nominated for her Movement Controller course. An assignment followed to RAF Aldergrove in June 1996 and a return to RAF Lyneham in 1998. It was during her next tour to RAF Brize Norton that in Nov 2000 she was promoted to the rank of Cpl and worked on all sections of the Air Movements Squadron there.

Following promotion to Sergeant in Oct 2004, Mrs Evans was selected for instructional duties at the Defence Movements School, where she also completed a role as a course designer. During this assignment she deployed to Kandahar to work in Combined Air Transport Operations, Kandahar Airfield (KAF). This deployment saw



Warrant Officer Evans receives the Station Warrant Officer's cane

her receive the COMKAF Commendation for leadership and professionalism, whilst improving all Cargo operations.

On promotion to Flight Sergeant in May 2008, Mrs Evans was posted to DE&S Andover where she worked in the Compassionate Cell, in addition she played a key role in relocating the section to MOD Abbey Wood, before moving into the role of Charter Co-ord. It was during this tour that Mrs Evans again deployed to Afghanistan this time serving in Camp Bastion as the FS Mov, Force Movements Control Centre.

Following her tour of DE&S, Mrs Evans returned to the training environment

to the newly titled Defence Movements Training Squadron, as the RAF Training Supervisor. In June 2013 she was selected for promotion to Warrant Officer. Remaining at RAF Brize Norton she assumed the role of WO Cargo, Air Movements Squadron where she was responsible for overseeing the redeployment of equipment from Op HERRICK. During this time she took on the role of CMC of the WO's and Sgts' Mess.

She has also seen deployments to RAF Akrotiri, Dulles Washington, Incerlik Turkey, RAF Mount Pleasant and RAF Ascension Island. Appointed to the Air Mobility FHQ as the A4 WO in Jul 2015

she was awarded an MBE in the 2016 New Year's Honours List. Hugely experienced, Mrs Evans is looking forward to her role on unit. She said: "I'm delighted and honoured to have been appointed RAF Northolt's Station Warrant Officer. It's already clear to me what a professional and dedicated team Northolt possess and I'm looking forward to playing my role in that".

Warrant Officer Evans is married to Neil, a Flight Sergeant currently assigned to MOD Abbey Wood and lives in Swindon. Mrs Evans loves swimming and learning new sports; currently taking on fencing, cycling and clay pigeon shooting.

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