

Veteran of the Week 10 (3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> October, 2021)

Master Bombardier Steve Stanford

B & Z Battery, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery

Afghanistan



Master Bombardier Steve Stanford of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2005 at the age of 19. He enlisted with the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery based out of CFB Shilo located in Shilo, Manitoba. He deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 and served 7 months in country (February to September 2008) on Roto 5. He was attached to B Company, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry while there. While in Afghanistan he was stationed at Patrol Base Sperwan Ghar in Kandahar Province. His job was to act as a forward observer and call-in artillery fire, something he said they did 1,2,3 times a day. In addition to his service in Afghanistan Master Bombardier Stanford was deployed domestically to help with the floods in Manitoba and he also participated in training other troops for deployment to Afghanistan.

Master Bombardier Stanford retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 2012 after a 7-year career. He is very active in several veteran's organizations and most recently aided an Afghan interpreter who worked with this unit in Afghanistan to escape the country and come to Canada, which was successful as the interpreter has made it safely to Canada. Master Bombardier Stanford's decorations are: the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee (2012) and the General Campaign Star South West Asia. In addition to these decorations, he received the Commanding Officers Commodation in 2010 and was awarded Top Soldier of the Regiment. This week we honour the service of Master Bombardier Steve Stanford of Gull Lake, Saskatchewan. Thank you for your service, Master Bombardier Stanford.

