Allen Sturt – MM Beneficiary

Allen joined the REME in December 2001, embarking on a journey that would see him serve for over 16 years. He started his career as a young apprentice in Arborfield, moving on to Bordon to conduct his trade training to qualify as a Vehicle Mechanic. Allen's first unit after training was 3 Logistic Support Regiment, where he saw operational deployments to Iraq on OP TELIC 4 and 6.

His next posting would see him move to Germany, joining 1 Bn REME in Osbnabruck, deploying to Canada, Poland and OP Herrick 7. He was soon back in the UK for his next step as a Class 1 mechanic. After completing the Class 1 course he was posted to 4 Medical Regiment and then to the Combat Service Support, Trials and Development Unit. From here he started his Artificer Vehicles course and quickly found himself as an Artificer at 27 Regiment RLC in Aldershot. Sadly at this point, injuries sustained through service meant he would soon see his career in the Armed Forces come to an end.

After sustaining his injury, Allen quickly realised that there was no longer a place for him in the Armed Forces, so he began preparing for his eventual discharge. This was a daunting process to say the least, trying to identify where he sat and what value he could add outside of the military. Learning how to write a CV was a big obstacle, being able to condense 16 years of service onto two A4 pages was tough. This is where the support from Mission Motorsport came in. Having applied for 100's of jobs without success Allen was at a loss as to which direction to follow, through Mission Motorsport he was able to access opportunities he didn't even know existed.

"With the help of Emma Morton and the Mission Motorsport team, I found a role within Jaguar Land Rover as a Regional Technical Manager. Without their support and network connections within the automotive industry, I may not have transitioned as smoothly as I did. I would recommend to anyone going through the difficult stages of transition to contact Mission Motorsport".