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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

SCHOUTEN, Paul

Captain – Royal Netherlands Army

Netherlands Defence Force liaison officer to the Task Force Mali Aviation Battalion

MSM

Netherlands Citizen

CG: 04 January 2020

GH: 26 August 2019

DOI: July to October 2018



“Captain Schouten served as the Netherlands Defence Force liaison officer to the Task Force Mali Aviation Battalion from July to October 2018. He displayed exemplary initiative and professional acumen in enabling the seamless execution of operations involving Dutch ground forces and Canadian aviation assets, and was instrumental in the timely and efficient delivery of the Aviation Battalion’s operational capability. Captain Schouten’s outstanding efforts decisively contributed to Canada’s high standing with international partners in Mali, bringing great credit to himself.”

SIMPSON, Daniel Lawrence

Brigadier-General - USAF

Director of Intelligence (J2) for NORAD and US Northern Command

MSM

American Citizen

CG: 04 July 2020

GH:

DOI: June 2017 to March 2019

“For outstanding leadership and support to NORAD and US NORTHCOM as Director of Intelligence (J2) from June 2017 to March 2019.”



“From June 2017 to March 2019, Brigadier General Simpson provided outstanding support to the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). As the NORAD and United States Northern Command Director of Intelligence, he significantly improved the quality of intelligence provided to Canadian senior decision makers, and elevated the NORAD profile within Canadian and American intelligence communities. Brigadier General Simpson’s outstanding leadership helped strengthen the relationship between Canada and the United States, and contributed greatly to Canada’s defence and security.”

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

Now Major-General Daniel Lawrence Simpson, MSM, USAF
Director of Intelligence (J2) for NORAD and US Northern Command

Now Major-General Daniel L. Simpson is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Operation Resolute Support and Director of Intelligence (CJ2) US Forces-Afghanistan, Kabul, Afghanistan. In this capacity he serves as the senior Intelligence Advisor to the Commander Resolute Support and USFOR-A and directs all intelligence activities for NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

MGen Simpson enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1986, starting his military career as a combat communications specialist. In 1988, he was selected to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, graduating in 1992. He is a career intelligence officer and has served as a Weapons Officer at both the tactical and operational levels, as well as instructed at the U.S. Air Force Weapons School. At the strategic level, he was entrusted with the nuclear "football" as the Military Aide to the Vice President of the United States. He has commanded at the squadron, group and joint wing-equivalent levels and has operational Joint Task Force and staff tours at the Major Command and Combatant Command levels. Maj. Gen. Simpson has multiple combat deployments for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Odyssey Dawn, Freedom Sentinel and Resolute Support. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Director of Intelligence (J2) for North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command.

EDUCATION

1992 Bachelor of Science, General Engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colo.
1996 United States Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
1997 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2001 Master of Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Las Vegas
2004 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., non-residence
2005 Master of Military Operational Art and Science, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2008 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., non-residence
2012 Master of Science, National Security Strategy, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, DC
2014 National and International Security Leadership Seminar, Washington, D.C.
2015 Center for Creative Leadership Program, Greensboro, N.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. January 1986–February 1986, Trainee, 3704th Basic Military Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
2. February 1986–July 1986, Student, Technical Control Communications training, Keesler AFB, Miss.
3. July 1986–July 1987, Combat Technical Control Specialist, 3rd Combat Communications Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
4. July 1987–June 1988, Cadet candidate, U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School, Colo.
5. July 1988–May 1992, Cadet, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.
6. July 1992–March 1993, Student, Intelligence Applications training, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
7. March 1993–December 1995, Chief, F-15E Squadron Intelligence, 391st Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
8. January 1996–June 1996, Student, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
9. June 1996–December 1998, Chief, Intelligence Training and later, Chief, Intelligence Operations, 20th Fighter Wing, Shaw AFB, S.C.
10. December 1998–January 2002, Scheduling Flight Commander and later, Assistant Director of Operations, Intelligence Division, U.S. Air Force Weapons School, Nellis AFB, Nev.
11. January 2002–July 2004, Chief, Intelligence Force Development Branch and later, Chief, Intelligence Plans and Programs Branch, Air Force Special Operations Command, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
12. July 2004–June 2005, Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
13. June 2005–October 2006, Director of Operations, 26th Air Intelligence Squadron, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
14. October 2006–March 2007, Deputy Chief, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Division, 613th Air and Space Operations Center, Hickam AFB, Hawaii

now Major-General Daniel Lawrence Simpson, MSM, USAF

15. March 2007–December 2007, Executive Officer to Commander, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
16. December 2007–February 2008, Chief, Threat Analysis Division, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam AFB, Hawaii
17. March 2008–June 2010, Military Aide to the Vice President of the United States, Office of the Vice President, Washington, D.C.
18. June 2010–October 2010, Commander, 480th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group (Provisional), Fort Gordon, Ga.
19. June 2010–June 2011, Commander, 31st Intelligence Squadron, Fort Gordon, Ga.
20. July 2011–June 2012, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, D.C.
21. June 2012–June 2014, Commander, 659th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, Fort Meade, Md.
22. June 2014–April 2016, Commander, National Security Agency Texas, San Antonio
23. April 2016–April 2017, Deputy Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy, Deputy Chief of Staff of Intelligence to NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan
24. June 2017–July 2019, Director of Intelligence and Information, North American Aerospace and Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
25. July 2019–present, Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence to NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan
26. July 2020 to present - Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance of **USAF**.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. March 2008–June 2010, Military Aide to the Vice President of the United States, Office of the Vice President, Washington, D.C., as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2014–April 2016, Commander, National Security Agency Texas, San Antonio, as a colonel
3. April 2016–April 2017, Deputy Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a brigadier general
4. June 2017–July 2019, Director of Intelligence and Information, North American Aerospace and Defense Command and United States Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a brigadier general
5. July 2019–present, Director of Intelligence, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, and Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, NATO Resolute Support Headquarters, Kabul, Afghanistan, as a major general.

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Legion of Merit
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
U.S. Army Military Intelligence Corps Knowlton Award
U.S. Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant	27 May 1992
First Lieutenant	27 May 1994
Captain	27 May 1996
Major	01 Dec. 2002
Lieutenant Colonel	01 Aug. 2007
Colonel	01 September 2011
Brigadier General	11 May 2017
Major General	22 May 2020



(Current as of May 2022)

**CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS**

HEISNER, Aslak

Colonel – Federal Republic of Germany Army
Commander of Germany's Intelligence Surveillance in Mali

MSM
German Citizen

CanForGen: November 2020 #144/20
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: January to October 2018

“For Exemplary leadership and professional acumen as the Command of Germany's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Task Force serving with the United Nations in Mali from January to October 2018.”

“From January to October 2018, Colonel Heisner was the commander of Germany's Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Task Force, serving with the United Nations in Mali. He displayed exemplary leadership and professional acumen in orienting his team to facilitate the inflow and establishment of the Canadian Aviation Task Force that joined the mission in July, and personally assured that Canada had full access to his unit's resources. Colonel Heisner's outstanding efforts were instrumental in enabling Canadian operations within Mali.”



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

DODU, Petru Eduard

Comandor – Romanian Air Force

Deputy Commander of Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base

MSM

Romanian Citizen

CanForGen: 17 December 2020 #173/20

GH: Nil

DOI: May 2017 to December 2019

“For boundless determination and enthusiasm while supporting Canada's contribution to NATO enhance air policing, Deputy Commander of Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base from May 2017 to December 2019”.

“From May 2017 to December 2019, Commander Dodu, deputy commander of Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base, Romania, demonstrated boundless determination and enthusiasm while supporting Canada's contribution to NATO enhanced Air Policing. His unwavering commitment to optimize Romanian support through the resolution of procedural and policy issues was instrumental to the greater success of three Air Task Force rotations, and helped ensure the Canadian Armed Forces' ability to successfully conduct operations in a timely and effective manner, thereby bolstering Canada's reputation on the international stage.



**CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS**

FESLER, Peter Matthew
Brigadier-General - USAF
Deputy Director NORAD Command

MSM
American Citizen

Honours Book: 2021
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: 2017 to 2020

“As deputy director of Operations for North American Aerospace Defense Command from 2017 to 2020, Brigadier General Fesler demonstrated selfless commitment to the defence and security of Canada and the United States. He contributed immeasurably to innovative thought on continental deterrence and on a prioritized investment and modernization strategy for defending Canadian and American sovereignty. Brigadier General Fesler undeniably enhanced the evolution of continental defence within the long-standing and iconic defence relationship between Canada and the United States.”

(now) Major General PETER Matthew FESLER, MSM

MGen Pete M. Fesler is the Deputy Director of Operations, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. As the Deputy Director, he is responsible for supporting the execution of aerospace warning, aerospace control and maritime warning for North America, to include the Canadian, Alaskan and continental U.S. NORAD Regions within the bi-national command. Maj. Gen. Fesler is also the lead for USNORTHCOM and NORAD Homeland Defense/Continental Defense Cross Functional Team. In this role, he leads the development of a comprehensive design for bi-national, all-domain defense of North America.

MGen Fesler graduated in 1994 from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science, and earned his commission through ROTC the same year. He is a graduate of the School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, and is a Distinguished Graduate of both the Naval Postgraduate School and National War College.

MGen Fesler has served in a variety of flying and non-flying operational, educational and staff assignments, including multiple tours in both the F-15C and F-22A. He has commanded at both squadron and wing levels. Prior to his current assignment, Maj. Gen. Fesler was stationed at Langley AFB, Virginia, where he commanded the most historic wing in the U.S. Air Force, the 1st Fighter Wing.



MGen Fesler is a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Weapons School, and a command pilot with more than 2,200 hours, primarily in the F-15C and F-22A. He has participated in multiple deployments, numerous joint and coalition exercises, and has flown more than 50 combat missions in the skies over Iraq.

EDUCATION

1994	Bachelor of Science, Political Science, University of Utah, Salt Lake City
1999	Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2003	Air Force Weapons Instructor Course, Nellis AFB, Nev.
2006	Master of Arts, Security Studies, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
2006	U.S. Naval War College in Seminar, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
2007	Master of Arts, Airpower Art and Science, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2009	Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2013	Master of Science, Security Studies, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. September 1994–November 1996, Student, Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas
2. December 1996–June 1997, Student Pilot, Tyndall AFB, Fla.
3. June 1997–February 2000, F-15C Flight Lead and Chief, Systems Integration Section, 390th Fighter Squadron, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
4. March 2000–March 2001, Flight Commander and Fighter Duty Officer, 604th Air Support Operations Squadron, Camp Red Cloud, South Korea
5. March 2001–June 2003, F-15C Instructor Pilot and Flight Commander, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
6. December 2003–June 2005, F-15C Instructor Pilot and Weapons Officer, 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska
7. July 2005–June 2006, Student, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.
8. July 2006–June 2007, Student, School of Advanced Air and Space Studies, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
9. July 2007–August 2008, Aide-de-Camp to the 18th Chief of Staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
10. January 2009–February 2010, Director of Operations, 94th Fighter Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.
11. March 2010–November 2011, Commander, 27th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
12. December 2011–June 2012, Deputy Commander, 1st Operations Group, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
13. July 2012–June 2013, Student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
14. June 2013–May 2014, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow and Chief of Staff, Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
15. May 2014–June 2015, Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow and Assistant Deputy Director, J5 Western Hemisphere Politico Military Affairs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
16. July 2015–June 2017, Commander, 1st Fighter Wing, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va.
17. July 2017–July 2018, Vice Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
18. July 2018–August 2021, Deputy Director of Operations, NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo.

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. June 2013–May 2014, Chief of Staff, Pakistan Afghanistan Coordination Cell and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a lieutenant colonel and colonel
2. May 2014–June 2015, Assistant Deputy Director, J5 Western Hemisphere Politico Military Affairs and Chief of Staff of the Air Force Fellow, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., as a colonel
3. July 2017–July 2018, Vice Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., as a colonel
4. July 2018–August 2021, Deputy Director of Operations, NORAD, Peterson AFB, Colo., as a colonel, brigadier general and major general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 2,200

Aircraft Flown: T-37, T-38A/B, T-41, F-15A/B/C/D, F-22A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

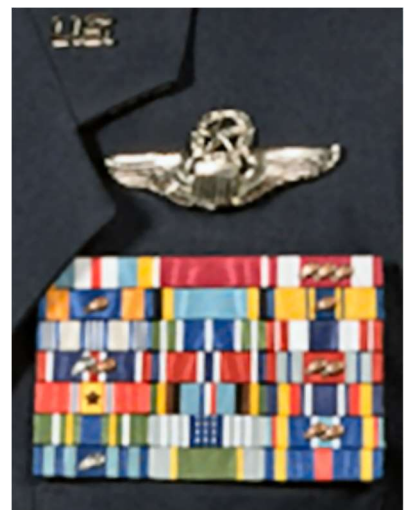
Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Army Achievement Medal

Canadian Meritorious Service Medal (not shown)



EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant June 9, 1994

First Lieutenant June 9, 1996

Captain June 16, 1998

Major Feb. 1, 2005

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2009

Colonel Oct. 1, 2013

Brigadier General Oct. 12, 2018

Major General Aug. 2, 2021

(Current as of August 2021)

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

HUNT, Bryan William	MSM	Honours Book:	2021
Colonel – US Army	American Citizen	GH:	08 November 2021
Deputy Commander – Canadian Army Training Authority		DOI:	July 2019 to July 2021

“From July 2019 to July 2021, Colonel Hunt demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication as the deputy commander of the Canadian Army Training Authority. His expertise on collective and individual training files, before and during the pandemic, had a direct impact on the operational readiness of the Canadian Army. His work to collect COVID-19 lessons learned from our allies and adapt them to Canadian Armed Forces training concepts for restarting readiness activities brought great credit to the Forces and to the U.S. Army.”

Colonel Bryan HUNT, MSM, US Army

June 1996 to Present Served as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army (25 ½ years)

Education:

1994 to 1996 California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo – BA in History - ROTC

2016 Webster University – Master’s Degree in Management and Leadership

2017 to 2018 The United States Army War College – MS in Strategic Studies.

Degree Name	BA
Field Of Study	History
Dates attended or expected graduation	1994 – 1996
Activities and Societies:	ROTC



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**CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS**

IRELAND, Christopher James

Brigadier-General - USAF

Deputy Combined/Joint Force Air Component Commander 1 CAD NORAD Region

MSM

American Citizen

Honours Book: 2021

GH: 08 November 2021

DOI: August 2017 to August 2019

"From August 2017 to August 2019, Brigadier General Ireland served as Deputy Combined/Joint Force Air Component commander at 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He led the daily apportionment and execution of air support for all Canadian Armed Forces domestic and international operations. His many contributions and dedication to the Royal Canadian Air Force mission, while serving in this critical role, brought great credit to both Canada and the United States, strengthening the binational relationship and promoting Canadian interests globally."

Brigadier General Christopher J. IRELAND, MSM

Brig. Gen. Christopher J. Ireland is the Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He develops and implements, policies, plans and programs on behalf of the Commander for the strategic planning and operational execution of forces in support of U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command. He concurrently directs and supervises the organization and administration of the Headquarters USAFE-AFAFRICA staff, consisting of more than 2,000 personnel, including 13 general officers and 48 colonels and guides the overall management and sustainment of forces across two areas of responsibility spanning 104 countries



Brig. Gen. Ireland graduated from Virginia Tech, earning his commission through the ROTC program. Over the course of his career, he participated in multiple combat and contingency operations in Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq, Kosovo and Colombia.

Prior to his current position, he was the Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Combined and Joint Force Air Component Commander for 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

EDUCATION

- 1991 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg
- 1997 Squadron Officer's School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2000 Masters of Science, Aviation Management, Embry-Riddle University, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- 2005 Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2006 School of Advanced Military Studies, Masters of Military Arts and Sciences, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 2012 Naval War College, Masters of National Security and Strategic Studies, Naval War College, R.I.

ASSIGNMENTS

- 1. February 1992–December 1992, Student, Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
- 2. January 1993–April 1996, MC-130E Instructor Electronic Warfare Officer, 8th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 3. April 1996–November 1997, MC-130E Evaluator EWO, 19th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
- 4. December 1997–February 1999, Student, Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss., and Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
- 5. February 1999–September 2002, C-130H Pilot and ADO, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
- 6. October 2002–June 2004, MC-130H Aircraft CC and Flight CC, 7th Special Operations Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom
- 7. June 2004–June 2005, Student, Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.
- 8. June 2005–June 2006, Student, School of Advanced Military Studies, Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

9. July 2006–May 2009, Operations Officer and Commander, 15th Special Operations Squadron, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
10. May 2009–June 2011, Operations Officer, Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Joint Staff, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
11. July 2011–July 2012, Student, Naval War College, Naval Station Newport, R.I.
12. July 2012–April 2014, Commander, 352nd Special Operations Group, RAF Mildenhall, U.K.
13. April 2014–May 2015, Commander, 1st Expeditionary Special Operations Wing and Combined Joint Special Operations Air Comp, Afghanistan
14. July 2015–September 2016, Special Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
15. September 2016–August 2017, Deputy Director, U.S. Special Operations Command, Strategy, Plans and Policy, MacDill AFB, Fla.
16. August 2017–August 2019, **Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Combined and Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada**
17. August 2019–present, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight hours: more than 3,100

Aircraft flown: C-130E/H, MC-130E/H



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

(27 ribbons in all)

Defense Superior Service Medal
 Legion of Merit
 Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters
 Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
 Air Medal
 Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters
 Air Force Achievement Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Sept. 25, 1991

First Lieutenant Sept. 25, 1993

Captain Sept. 25, 1995

Major July 1, 2002

Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2006

Colonel Oct. 1, 2010

Brigadier General July 3, 2017

(Current as of September 2019)

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

DE VRIES, Derk Jan Machiel	MSM	Honours Book: 2021
Warrant Officer 1 st Class – Royal Netherlands Army	Netherlands Citizen	GH:
Command Sergeant-Major International Four Day Marches, Nijmegen		DOI: 2004 to 2017

“As the Royal Netherlands Armed Forces Command Sergeant-Major for the International Four Day Marches Nijmegen, Warrant Officer 1st Class Derk de Vries has been a steadfast champion of Canadian interests for 17 years which has further strengthened the ties between the Canadian Armed Forces and the Netherlands. His exemplary professionalism, dedication and significant contributions to the Canadian Military Contingent and commemorative events has have a direct and lasting benefit; bringing honour to the Canadian Armed Forces in the eyes of both the Dutch citizens and foreign nations.”

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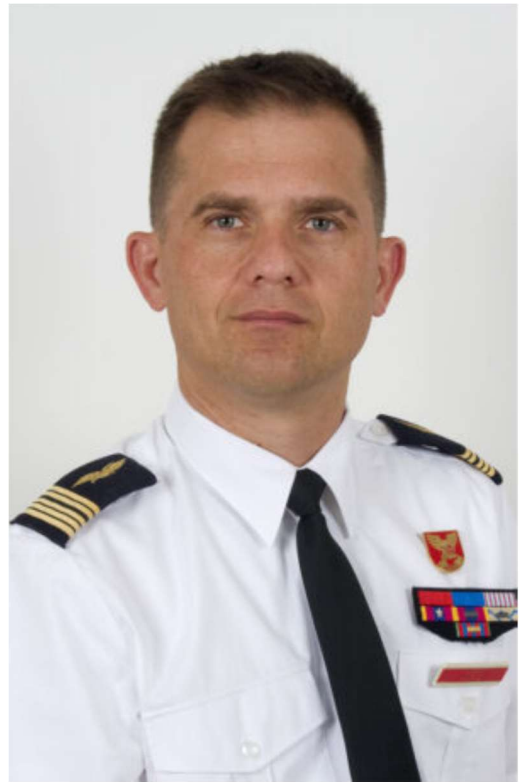
LACROIX-LECLAIR, Jérôme	MSM	Honours Book: 2022
Colonel – French Air Force	French Citizen	GH: 09 November 2023
French Defense Attaché to Canada		DOI: June 2019 to June 2022

“Between June 2019 and June 2022, as a French defence attaché to Canada, Colonel Lacroix-Leclair strengthened the strategic alliance between France and Canada. Through his outstanding leadership and professionalism, he carried out the duty of remembrance, revived ministerial bilateral relations, renewed the unit exchange program, and played a key role in building a monument celebrating the friendship between Canada and France. Colonel Lacroix-Leclair's diplomacy and attention to detail brought the two military forces closer, establishing permanent ties between the two Francophone countries.”

Colonel Jérôme Lacroix-Leclair is a senior officer and fighter pilot in the French Air Force. He is a graduate of the War School and the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. He holds a Masters in Physics and a Masters in Defense Studies from the Royal Military College. He is also a member of the Canadian Armed Forces Institutional Analysis Center and the Franco-Canadian Association for Strategic Studies.

Medals: Legion of Honour (Chevalier) – Legion of Merit -

He had retired by 2023.



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS

LYNE, Richard

Colonel – British Army

Member Canadian Ministerial Liaison Team Iraq

MSM

United Kingdom Citizen

Honours Book: 2022

GH: Nil

DOI: November 2018 to June 2019

“Colonel Lyne of the British Army was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, from November 2018 to June 2019, as a member of the Canadian Ministerial Liaison Team, which evolved into the Directorate of Influence and Information. He is credited with Establishing and setting coalition standards for detailed planning, and inspiring solution to address future battle space. Colonel Lyne led the Canadian Directorate during a crucial time, ensuring the coalition’s success and bringing credit to the Combined Joint Task Force and the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Member of the Royal Anglian Regiment

Medals: General Service Medal with 2 bars and MID – UN – NATO – 9 more – MSM (Canada)



**CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS**

SCHWARTZ, Mark Christopher

Lieutenant-General – US Army
United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestine Authority

MSM
American Citizen

Honours Book: 2022
GH: Nil
DOI: 2019 to 2021 (and retired)

“From October 2019 to November 2021, Lieutenant-General Schwartz held the position of United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority. In this role, he brilliantly commanded a multinational team consisting of a large percentage of Canadian Armed Forces and Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel. Operating in an extremely complex mission area and during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, he helped ensure the successful outcome of Canadian initiatives designed to improve the lives of the Palestinian people.”

Lieutenant General Mark C. Schwartz served from 2019 to 2021 as the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Prior to arriving at the United States Embassy Jerusalem, LTG Schwartz served as the Deputy Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command. He retired in 2021. His other general officer assignments include; Commander, Special Operations Command Europe, Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver, 1st Cavalry Division and Deputy Commander Special Operations Joint Task Force – Afghanistan.

A career Special Forces officer, prior to being promoted to brigadier general, LTG Schwartz served in Special Operations key developmental command and staff assignments including; Chief of Staff, Joint Special Operations Command; Commander, 3rd Special Forces Group; Commander, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force –Afghanistan; Director of Operations, Combined Forces Special Operations Component Command –Afghanistan; Deputy Commander for Operations, CJSOTF-A; Executive Officer and Deputy Commander, 3rd Special Forces Group; Commander, 4th Battalion 1st Special Warfare Training Group; Special Operations Plans Officer, Joint Forces Command Brunssum the Netherlands NATO.

He is a graduate of the Naval War College, Newport, RI and the Command and General Staff College, Leavenworth, KS. LTG Schwartz is a native of Colorado. He attended Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID majoring in Finance and was commissioned an Armor second lieutenant in December 1987 through ROTC.



MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

(20 ribbons in all – MSM Canada not shown)



Defense Superior Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Legion of Merit
Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf cluster
Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster

**CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)
FOREIGN SERVICE MEMBERS**

VAUGHAN, Edward Lawrence

Brigadier-General – US Air Force

Deputy Commander Canadian NORAD Region Winnipeg

MSM

American Citizen

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: August 2019–August 2021



“From August 2019 to July 2021, Brigadier-General Vaughan served as deputy Joint Force Air Component commander and Deputy Commander of the Canadian NORAD Region in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He demonstrated exceptional dedication in the delivery of air power for all expeditionary operations and NORAD missions. His commitment to promoting diversity and inclusivity positively impacted the professional development of American and Canadian air force personnel. His inspiring leadership is a credit to his nation and has strengthened the relationship between both countries’ air forces.”

Major-General Edward Laurence Vaughan, MSM, USAF

Major General Edward Laurence “Hertz” Vaughan serves as Deputy Director for Partnering, Security Cooperation, Policy and Space Capabilities, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany. He leads engagements, activities, and investments that enhance security relationships in Europe. He serves as acting co-chair for the Arctic Security Forces Roundtable and as program lead for Presidential Drawdown Authority and Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative tranches, accelerated through participation in the Department of Defense’s Senior Integration Group. He is also co-champion, Department of the Air Force’s Disability Action Team.

Following Air Force ROTC, Major-General. Vaughan was commissioned as honor and distinguished graduate from Air National Guard officer training. He led at the squadron, group, wing and higher levels, including command of a flying wing. Prior to his current assignment, he served as Deputy Joint Force Air Component Commander for Canada, and Deputy Commander, Canadian NORAD Region. As an Air University and National Defense University faculty, he taught strategy with U.S. Air Force Blue Horizons warfighting futures team. In 2008, he became the first Reserve officer inducted in the U.S. Air Force Safety Hall of Fame.

Brig. Gen. Vaughan is a Command Pilot with over 2,700 flying hours in F-16, C-130, and A-10, including more than 200 combat flying hours, fighting in Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Southern Watch. Additionally, he has extensive joint experience flying and leading international operations, including deployed command in Antarctica. Staff assignments include Office of the Secretary of Defense, Indo-Pacific Command, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and the National Guard Bureau. He has private sector and military experience in engineering, industrial management, cross-cultural negotiations, and leading change in diverse, multilingual environments, specializing in Latin America, Southeast Asia and Africa.

EDUCATION

1991 Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.
 1997 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
 2002 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
 2003 Joint Air Commanders Course, Air Warfare Center, Nellis AFB, Nev.
 2009 Master of Strategic Studies, with Distinction, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2010 Joint Air Operations Planning Course, LeMay Center for Doctrine, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
 2012 Joint Faculty Development Course, Air War College, Ala. and Joint Forces Staff College, Va.
 2015 National Security Studies Program, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
 2017 Director of Mobility Forces Course, U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Operations School, Hurlburt AFB, Fla.
 2017 Joint Task Force Commander Training Course, U.S. Northern Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.
 2019 Senior Leader Orientation Course, Joint Base Andrews, Md. and Joint Base San Antonio, Texas
 2020 Capstone General and Flag Officer Course, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

2021 Leading Strategically Experience, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs, Colo.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1992–February 1993, Distinguished Graduate and Ira J. Husik Trophy, Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training, Mather Air Force Base, Calif.
2. February 1993–April 1993, Student Navigator, Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Replacement Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
3. May 1993–August 1995, LC/C-130 Navigator, 139th Airlift Squadron, Stratton Air National Guard Base, N.Y.
4. August 1995–August 1996, Military Training Trophy, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, Miss.
5. August 1996–December 1996, Distinguished Graduate, C-130 Replacement Training Unit, Little Rock AFB, Ark.
6. December 1996–March 1998, LC/C-130 Tactical Airlift and Ski-plane Pilot, 139th Airlift Squadron; Flying Executive Officer, Airdrop Pilot, Supervisor of Flying, 109th Operations Group, Stratton ANGB, Scotia, N.Y.
7. April 1998–July 1998, Student, T-38 Requalification and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Columbus AFB, Miss.
8. August 1998–July 1999, Student, Academic Award, F-16 Replacement Training Unit, Luke AFB, Ariz.
9. July 1999–December 2000, F-16 Fighter Pilot, Squadron Scheduler, Bomb Range Control Officer, Squadron Training Officer, 138th Fighter Squadron, Hancock Field, Syracuse, N.Y.
10. December 2000–March 2002, F-16 Instructor Fighter Pilot, Standardization and Evaluation Liaison Officer, 163rd Fighter Squadron; Wing Plans Officer, 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne International Airport, Ind.
11. March 2002–February 2005, Chief of Wing Safety, Instructor Fighter Pilot, 122nd Fighter Wing, Fort Wayne IAP, Ind.
12. February 2005–July 2008, Chief, Aviation Safety Division and Deputy Director, Safety, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va.
13. July 2008–October 2009, Student, Air War College; Deputy Director, U.S. Air Force Blue Horizons, Center for Strategy and Technology, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
14. October 2009–September 2011, Chief, Joint Operations and Plans, Joint Task Force - Support Forces Antarctica, U.S. Pacific Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii; Concurrently, Commander, Forward and Garrison, Detachment 1, 13th Air Expeditionary Group, JTF-Support Forces Antarctica, McMurdo Station, Antarctica
15. September 2011–October 2013, Air National Guard Advisor to the Commander and President, Air University, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
16. November 2013–October 2015, National Director of Safety, Air National Guard, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Joint Base Andrews, Md.
17. October 2015–June 2017, Wing Commander, 156th Airlift Wing; Base Commander, Muñiz ANGB, Carolina, Puerto Rico
18. June 2017–July 2018, Director for Integration, Office of Personnel and Readiness, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
19. August 2018–August 2019, Deputy Director, Readiness and Training; Lead, Air Force Physiological Episodes Action Team, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va.
20. August 2019–August 2021, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
21. August 2021–present, Deputy Director for Partnering, Security Cooperation, Policy, and Space Capabilities, ECJ5, U.S. European Command, Stuttgart, Germany

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. October 2009–September 2011, Chief, Joint Operations and Plans; Joint Task Force-Support Forces Antarctica, United States Indo-Pacific Command, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, as a lieutenant colonel
2. June 2017–July 2018, Director for Integration, Office of Reserve Integration, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Pentagon, Arlington, Va. as a colonel
3. August 2019–July 2021, Deputy Commander, Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Region, and Deputy Joint Forces Air Component Commander, 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, as a brigadier general
4. August 2021–present, Deputy Director for Partnering, Security Cooperation, Policy, and Space Capabilities, ECJ5, U.S. European Command in Stuttgart, Germany, as brigadier general

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Ratings: command pilot and former navigator

Flight Hours: more than 2,700, including more than 205 combat hours

Aircraft Flown: F-16, C-130, A-10, WC-130, LC-130, AT-38, T-38, T-37, T-43 and T-3A

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal
Aerial Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air and Space Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award with "V" device & 3 oak leaf clusters
Antarctica Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal with bronze service star
Humanitarian Service Medal with bronze service star
(Canadian) Meritorious Service Medal with MSM post-nominal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

2004 Co-creator, Project Black Mountain, leading joint, multi-domain tactical datalinks in CENTCOM AOR
2006 Created the Wingman Project, which later evolved into the USAF Wingman Toolkit
2007 Chief of Staff of the Air Force Individual Safety Trophy for Wingman Project (U.S. Air Force level)
2008 Inductee to the Air Force Safety Hall of Fame (U.S. Air Force level)
2009, Paper presentation on "Case for Embedding Ethical Algorithms in Autonomous Combat Machines," plenary session of AsMA International Science Conference, Los Angeles, Calif.
2011 Patent, Co-inventor, "U.S. Air Force method and apparatus for mitigating aircrew fatigue"
2012 Executive Producer, "Welcome to 2035 ... Age of Surprise," U.S. Air Force Innovation Video
2018 Co-founder, Joint Physiological Episodes Action Team, with NASA and U.S. Navy



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