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To CANADIAN FORCES MILITARY MEMBERS
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CANADA GAZETTE		NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS
18	27/12/25	**ASHWOOD, Russell Douglas Everett**	M/Sailor	Lead 2 CER Dive team rescue Chinook Helo	MSM CD
04	08/02/25	**BARONAITIS, Michael Steven**	Sergeant	Sr. Intelligence Analyst TF Latvia	MSM CD
16	27/12/25	**BOILEAU, Christopher Robert**	Major	Commander Joint Task Force – Ukraine	MSM CD
04	08/02/25	**BROWN, Kevin John**	Colonel	Performance & Competency Evaluation	MSM CD
05	08/02/25	**CARRIER, Roch Ronald Leo Joseph**	Major	Coord. Evacuation Cdns from Sudan 2023	MSM CD
18	27/12/25	**CLARKE, Ian Matthew**	Lieutenant(N)	Engine Room Fire HMCS Fredericton	MSM CD
18	27/12/25	**COTTENOIR, Joseph Yvan Engelbert Eric**	Major	UN Response Sexual Exploitation & Abuse	MSM CD
03	27/12/25	**DALLAIRE, Marie-Michèle Martine**	Sergeant	Cdn Defence Attaché Assistant in Poland	MSM CD
19	27/12/25	**DOYLE, Paul Joseph**	LCol	Control of Air Operations in Iraq	**MSM* CD BAR**
20	27/12/25	**FEUERHERM, Patrick Norbert**	Colonel	Review of CAF Ammunition & Explosives File	MSM CD
29	20/05/25cf	**FLEURY, Joseph François Paul**	CWO	Compensation and Recruit Reform	MSM CD
30	20/05/26cf	**FRAWLEY, Blaise Francis**	LGen	Deputy Cdr NORAD	**CMM MSM CD**
20	27/12/25	**GAUTHIER, Adam Marc**	Sergeant	CF Military Police handling Vehicle accident	MSM CD
20	27/12/25	**GENDRON-HOULE, Brian John**	LCol	Revitalized the managed Readiness of CAF	MSM CD
19	27/12/25	**GIROUARD, Luc Joseph**	LCol	CO 2 Air Expeditionary Squadron	**OMM MSM CD**
31	20/05/26cf	**GROS-JEAN, Martin**	MGen	CF Compensation Reform	MSM CD
21	27/12/25	**HARPE, Jordon Dean**	Major	Air planner NATO's Division-SE Romania	MSM CD
21	27/12/25	**HENRI, Alexander Joseph**	Sergeant	Liaison Remote-Maintenance Distribut. Ctre	MSM CD
14	27/12/25	**HEYWOOD, Kristopher Mark**	Sailor 1st Class	Retrieve Critical components Chinook helo	MSM
06	08/02/25	**HOLMAN, Fraser Robin**	Colonel	Leadership Acting Judge Advocate General	MSM CD
07	08/02/25	**IRVINE, Benjamin James Lane**	Colonel	TF Cdr UN Stabilization Mission Congo	MSM CD
08	08/02/25	**JOHNSTON, Eric James**	WO	Ukraine Op Union AS J35 Senior NCO	MSM CD
21	27/12/25	**KAEMPFFER, Nicholas Edward**	Major	Joint Fires capability NATO at SHAPE HQ	MSM CD
08	08/02/25	**KENNEDY, Tyler Jay**	Major	Multi-National Field Artillery Brigade project	MSM CD
23	27/12/25	**LAFLAMME, Marie-Pier Louise**	Sergeant	Support support France's Bastille Day	MSM CD
22	27/12/25	**LAURENT, Simon Mathieu Joseph**	Sergeant	Structures technicians Kingfisher a/c	MSM CD
24	27/12/25	**LAW, Richard John Sebastian**	Major	OC the United Kingdom Training Element	MSM CD
09	08/02/25	**McLACHLAN, Corbin Lewis**	Master Sailor	Member CF National Investigation Cmte	MSM
26	27/12/25	**MILLER, Nathan William Taylor**	WO	Dive operation to salvage a Chinook helo	MSM CD
09	27/12/25	**MOORE, Ryan John**	LCol	Sr. Military Advisor Security in Europe	MSM CD
10	08/02/25	**MORIN, Keven Gervais**	Major	Sr. Intelligence Office JTF Impact	MSM CD
24	27/12/25	**MacKAY, Cameron Alexander**	Major	Commander Tactical Air Lift Detach. Europe	MSM CD
25	27/12/25	**MAILLOUX, Simon**	LCol	US Joint Staff Washington Strategic Ops	MSC CD
24	27/12/25	**MARTINEAU, Jonathan Réal Denis**	LCol	D/Cdr Ops Training Security Group Ukraine	MSM CD

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26	27/12/25	**PAQUETTE, Paul Joseph**	Sailor 1st Class	Render safe cartridges in crashed Chinook	MSM
11	27/12/25	**PARSONS, Stephen Mark**	BGen	Deploy to Israel US Security Co-ord Org.	MSM CD
27	27/12/25	**PERRY, Shawn Edwin**	LCdr	Deputy Cdn Defence Attaché Poland	MSM CD
11	08/02/25	**RICE, Jennifer Ann**	Major	DCO Ops support Hub in Kuwait	MSM CD
12	08/02/25	**RUTLAND, Liam Wade**	BGen	Cdr JTF Impact / TF Central Kuwait	**OMM MSC MSM* CD Bar**
32	20/05/26cf	**RYAN, Neil Robert**	LCol	Aerospace School Training Reform	MSM CD
14	08/02/25	**SAUNDERS, David Donald**	Colonel	Cdn Defence Attaché to Iraq and Kuwait	MSM CD
15	08/02/25	**SKELSEY, Craig David**	Major	Cdn Artillery Battery Cdr Adazi, Latvia	MSM CD
33	20/05/26cf	**TATTERSALL, Victoria Catherine**	BGen	CF Compensation Reform	**CMM MSM CD**
15	08/02/25	**TÉTREAULT, Chantel Jocelyn**	Colonel	Chief of Liaison MFO (Sinai)	MSM CD
32	20/05/26cf	**TREMBLAY, Philippe Joseph Jean-Paul Sylvain**	LCol	COS NATO Brigade Operations Latvia	MSM CD
34	20/05/25cf	**VALLÉE, Jean-Sébastien**	Major	Cdr HQ & Signal Squadron Latvia	MSM CD
16	03/07/24cf	**ONE (1) NOT GAZETTED**	No Rank	Cdn Special Operations Forces Command	MSM
16	03/07/24cf	**ONE (1) NOT GAZETTED**	No Rank	Cdn Special Operations Forces Command	**MSM* BAR**

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BARONAITIS, Michael Steven MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Sergeant (now Warrant Officer) GH: 03 July 2024
Senior Intelligence Analyst Task Force Latvia DOI: July 2019 to July 2023

"For expertly leading the analytical cell as the Task Force- Latvia Senior Intelligence Analyst from July 2019 to July 2023 during what is described as a "period of extreme geopolitical and military change."

Warrant Officer Michael Steven Baronaitis, M.S.M., C.D.

"As the Task Force–Latvia senior intelligence analyst from July 2019 to July 2023, Warrant Officer, then Sergeant Baronaitis expertly led the analytical cell during a period of extreme geopolitical and military change in the region. Under his guidance, the cell provided timely and actionable intelligence support to allies and all Canadian Armed Forces deployed operations in Europe. Warrant Officer Baronaitis became recognized within the intelligence community as a trusted reference on Russia and Belarus military activity, bringing great credit to Canada.

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BROWN, Kevin John MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Colonel - PPCLI GH: 05 November 2025
Performance & Competency Evaluation DOI: August 2020 to April 2023



"For unwavering determination and technical acumen while serving as project director, leading the performance and competency evaluation system while in Ottawa, Ontario, from August 2020 to April 2023."

"From August 2020 to April 2023, Colonel Brown was the project director of the Performance and Competency Evaluation (PaCE) system. Colonel Brown was Instrumental in the research and development of policy and programs for PaCE by spreading awareness of the new tool. Colonel Brown extensively contributed to the PaCE Knowledge Centre, a virtual sounding board for test trials and adjustments, which set the conditions for the Canadian Armed Forces to attain culturally sensitive and evidence-based appraisals."

Awarded **USA MSM** as per **Canada Gazette** of 31 March 2018 in the rank of LCol.

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – OSM Haiti – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond – CD and 2 bars – MSM (USA)

Colonel Kevin John Brown, MSM, CD

Colonel Kevin Brown joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1986 and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada in 1990. He has served with the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the 1st and 2nd Battalions of the Royal 22e Régiment, at the Infantry School, the Canadian Forces College, QG 2ieme Division, the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre, NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, HQ US Army North and 1 Canadian Air Division HQ. Col Brown has deployed on operations in Croatia, Haiti and Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 2009 he was posted as the Deputy Canadian Defence Attaché in Kabul, whence he will return as the Canadian Defence Attaché in July, 2019. He then served as project director of the performance and competency evaluation system in Ottawa from August 2020 to April 2023 when he retired.

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CARRIER, Roch Ronald Leo Joseph MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Major GH: 03 July 2024
Coordinating the Evacuation of 739 Canadians from Sudan as the CJO Liaison in Djibouti DOI: 19 April to 04 May2023

"For brilliantly coordinating the evacuation of 739 Canadians and other civilians from partner nations from Sudan while deployed as the Canadian Joint Operations Command Liaison Officer in Djibouti from April 19 to May 4, 2023."

"Major Carrier displayed exceptional professionalism while deployed to Djibouti during the Canadian Armed Forces non-combatant evacuation operation in Sudan, from 19 April 19 to 4 May 2023. As the Canadian Joint Operations Command liaison officer, he brilliantly coordinated the safe evacuation of more than 800 Canadians and partner nation citizens from the conflict zone and ensured critical medical care. Major Carrier's leadership in a challenging environment brought great credit to Canada".

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DALLAIRE, Marie-Michèle Martine MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Sergeant GH: 05 October 2025
Exemplary dedication during her time as the Cdn Defence Attaché Assistant in Poland DOI: 2020 to 2023

"From 2020 to 2023, Sergeant Dallaire, Assistant to the Canadian Defence Attaché in Poland, demonstrated exemplary dedication and remarkable professionalism toward the Embassy and during several named operations, including AEGIS, REASSURANCE, UNIFIER and UNION. She played a pivotal role in coordinating diplomatic efforts, improving administrative efficiency and facilitating critical support to Canadian Armed Forces operations, notably during the evacuation of Afghan citizens and the war in Ukraine. Sergeant Dallaire's actions greatly enhanced the international standing of Canada and the Canadian." Armed Forces.

"For her "exemplary dedication and outstanding professionalism" during her time as the Canadian Defence Attaché Assistant in Poland from 2020 to 2023."

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HOLMAN, Fraser Robin MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)
Colonel - JAG GH:
Leadership Acting Judge Advocate General DOI: November 2021 to May 2023



"For leadership, dedication, and utmost professionalism after stepping into the role of Acting Judge Advocate General from November 2021 to May 2023."

"From November 2021 to May 2023, Colonel Holman served with high standards upon assuming the duties of acting judge advocate general (JAG). Leading the Office of the JAG under difficult circumstances, he ensured stability, streamlined legal services and embraced personal and corporate transformation, including the establishment of a new position for a vice-JAG. Colonel Holman developed and implemented profound changes to the Office of the JAG and its practices.

Brigadier-General (BGen) Rob Holman was born into an Air Force family and grew up in a variety of locations across Canada and in Germany. After graduating from high school in Toronto, Ontario, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in 1986 and attended the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) in Kingston. Upon commissioning, he undertook basic and advanced flying training, receiving his pilot wings in 1991. He subsequently served as a qualified flying instructor and later a standards officer flying the CT-114 Tutor jet trainer. In 1995, he returned to RMC, where he served as a squadron commander and supervised the Air Force's Continuation Flying Training program.

In 1997, BGen Holman was selected for sponsored legal education under the Military Legal Training Plan. He received his law degree from Queen's University and, after serving as a judicial law clerk at the Federal Court of Appeal in Ottawa, was called to the bar of Ontario and joined the Office of the Judge Advocate General as a legal officer in February 2002.

From 2002 to 2007, BGen Holman served as a military prosecutor, first as trial counsel before courts martial, and later as appellate counsel appearing before the Court Martial Appeal Court of Canada. In 2007, he deployed to Afghanistan where, as part of the American-led Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, he served as a legal advisor and mentor to the senior leaders of the Afghan National Army and Ministry of Defence Legal Departments. For the next several years, BGen Holman's work focused upon international law issues affecting CAF operations. During this time, he served in a number of positions, including as an Assistant Legal Advisor at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe during part of NATO's operations in Libya, as the Assistant Deputy Judge Advocate General for Operational Law and as Special Advisor to the Judge Advocate General.

Promoted to Colonel in 2013, he served as Deputy Judge Advocate General for Military Justice until 2017, leading a team responsible for supporting the Judge Advocate General in their role as superintendent of the administration of military justice in the CAF. From 2017 to 2020, as the Deputy Judge Advocate General for Operational and International Law, he was responsible for the provision of legal advice and services to all CAF international and domestic operations and to all Department of National Defence (DND) and CAF activities in the areas of national security and intelligence. In August 2020, he was appointed as Chief of Staff of the Office of the Judge Advocate General and Legal Branch Advisor, positions that he held until September 2022.

BGen Holman served as the Acting Judge Advocate General from November 2021 until June 2023. On 28 June 2023, he was appointed by the Governor General in Council as Canada's sixteenth Judge Advocate General. He serves as legal advisor to the Governor General, the Minister of National Defence, DND and the CAF in matters relating to military law; superintends the administration of military justice; and commands the Office of the Judge Advocate General, an integrated team of almost 400 military and civilian professionals spread across Canada and around the world.

BGen Holman is a graduate of RMC (B.Eng.), Queen's University (LL.B.) and McGill University (LL.M.). He has accumulated almost 2000 hours of flying time in gliders, small civilian aircraft and military jet aircraft. He is an avid reader and has ambitions to remain a mid-pack distance runner. He and his wife, Jenny, have three children: Alexandra, who teaches English in Japan; and Charlie and Clara, who attend school in Ottawa.

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IRVINE, Benjamin James Lane MSM CD
Colonel – ex Royal Canadian Regiment
Task Force Commander UN Stabilization Mission Congo

CG: 08 February 2025
GH: 05 October 2025
DOI: September 2022 to August 2023



"From September 2022 to August 2023, Colonel Irvine as the Task Force commander for Operation CROCODILE, and as the deputy chief of staff of Operations and Plans for the United Nations Organization (UN) Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo, demonstrated exceptional leadership. His remarkable innovation directly influenced operational decisions taken in support of one the largest UN mission. Despite working in a complex and dynamic political environment, Colonel Irvine maintained mission focus in both the UN and Canadian Armed Forces roles, which yielded far-reaching strategic impacts."

"For exceptional leadership and remarkable innovation while serving as Task Force Commander for Operation Crocodile and as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Plans for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo from September 2022 to August 2023.

Awarded **Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2019 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – Operational Service Medal ribbon – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar – Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)



A native of Toronto, Colonel Ben Irvine enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1998 and joined the Royal Canadian Regiment in 2001. He has spent 11 years with 2 CMBG having served in 3 RCR, 1 RCR and 2 CMBG HQ. Operationally, Colonel Irvine has deployed three times to Afghanistan (2003-04, 2006 and 2010) and most recently to Palestine (2017-18). His staff experience has been largely in the operations and training domain at the battalion and brigade levels. Operational and joint experience include three and a half years with the former Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command and one year at the Canadian Army Headquarters.

Colonel Irvine holds an honours degree in political science and economics, and a masters of defence studies from RMC. He has shared his journey through the Canadian Armed Forces with his wife Alinah and their two dogs.

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JOHNSTON, Eric James MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Warrant Officer GH: 05 October 2025
Ukraine Operation Union AS J35 Operations & Plans Senior Non-Commissioned Officer DOI: March to September 2023

"Received the award for outstanding proficiency and dedication to operational excellence and mission success during a deployment to Ukraine from March to September 2023 as Operation Union AS J35 Operations and Plans Senior Non-Commissioned Officer."

"From March to September 2023, Warrant Officer Johnston was deployed as part of Operation UNION, in support of the Global Affairs Canada (GAC) mission in Ukraine. As the J35 Operations and Plans senior non-commissioned officer, he displayed outstanding proficiency while planning and executing simultaneous high-risk operations. Warrant Officer Johnston's dedication to operational excellence and mission success directly led to a more efficient employment of task force resources, enabling GAC to expand its mission within Ukraine and to further Canadian interests abroad."

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KENNEDY, Tyler Jay MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Major GH: 25 October 2025
Officer of Primary Interest for the Multi-National Field Artillery Brigade project DOI: July 2019 to July 2023

"For exemplary leadership, innovation and professionalism at Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, United Kingdom, as Officer of Primary Interest for the Multi-National Field Artillery Brigade project from July 2019 to July 2023."

"From July 2019 to July 2023, Major Kennedy demonstrated exemplary leadership and innovation as Officer of Primary Interest for the Multi-National Field Artillery Brigade (MN-FAB) project at Headquarters Allied Rapid Reaction Corps, United Kingdom. His role in MN-FAB concept development, planning and execution of proof-of-concept exercises DYNAMIC FRONT 22 and 23 showcased his remarkable dedication and resulted in groundbreaking NATO doctrine. Major Kennedy was commended as the pivotal contributor to MN-FAB's realization, and his professionalism significantly enhanced Canada's reputation among NATO allies."

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McLACHLAN, Corbin Lewis MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Master Sailor - RCN GH:
Member of the Canadian Armed Forces National Investigation Committee DOI: 2017 to 2023

"From 2017 to 2023, following a Supreme Court of Canada appeal, Master Sailor McLachlan, a Canadian Forces National Investigation Service member, displayed impeccable dedication during a high-profile international investigation. His attention to detail and foreign co-operation with diplomatic services and host-country police authorities highlighted his cross-jurisdictional and international operability. He doggedly sought justice for victims while upholding the protections afforded to all Canadians under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

"Master Sailor Corbin Lewis McLachlan received the award for "impeccable dedication and determination" while undertaking a high-profile internal investigation and serving as a member of the Canadian Forces National Investigation. The investigation was launched in 2017 and lasted until 2023."

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MOORE, Ryan John MSM CD CG: 27 December 2025
Lieutenant-Colonel GH:
Senior Military Advisor Security in Europe Member of J5 SHAPE, Belgium DOI: 2020 to 2023

"For influential leadership and strategic vision during service as Senior Military Advisor to the organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe from August 2022 to September 2023."

"As a member of the J5 Staff at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, in Belgium, from 2020 to 2023, Lieutenant-Colonel Moore exhibited influential leadership and strategic acumen. His instrumental contributions encompassed formulating NATO's Land Domain Subordinate Strategic Plan, harmonizing regional plans and facilitating the revolutionary Concept for Deterrence and Defence of the Euro-Atlantic Area. The complexity of his work and its effect at the political and strategic levels in this multinational context demonstrated Lieutenant-Colonel Moore's tireless dedication and intellectual prowess, reflecting immense honour on Canada."

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MOORES, Charles Andrew MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Lieutenant-Colonel GH:
Senior Military Advisor the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe DOI: August 2022 to September 2023

"Lieutenant-Colonel Moores was the senior military advisor to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe from August 2022 to September 2023. He played a pivotal role in advancing Canada's diplomatic efforts in holding Russia accountable for its actions in Ukraine. As the Canadian representative to the Forum for Security Cooperation, he demonstrated influential leadership, with his weekly statements effectively exposing Russia's violations of the UN Charter. His strategic vision has advanced Canadian foreign and defence policy interests while upholding the principles of international order."

Medals: MSM - CD and Bar – General Service Medal (U.K.) – Iraq Medal (U.K.) – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee


Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Andrew Moores, Meritorious Service Medal

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MORIN, Keven Gervais MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Major - Intelligence GH: 05 November 2024
Sr. Intelligence Office JTF Impact DOI: November 2022 to April 2023

"For outstanding service, mentoring, and ability in summarizing complex military information in "plain language" during his deployment to Kuwait as a Senior Intelligence Officer with Joint Task Force Impact/Task Force Central from November 2022 to April 2023.

"During his deployment to Kuwait from November 2022 to April 2023 as senior intelligence officer with Joint Task Force IMPACT / Task Force Central, Major Morin skilfully oversaw the production and dissemination of intelligence products for multiple allied international organizations. He brilliantly mentored his team, creating an outstanding quality of intelligence. His ability to synthesize and explain complex military information ensured that senior officers made well-informed and timely decisions. Thanks to his exceptional service, he enhanced the Canadian Armed Forces' reputation for expertise, while strengthening Canada's influence in the Middle East."

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RICE, Jennifer Ann MSM CD CG: 08 February 2025
Major GH: 05 November 2024
Deputy Commanding Officer Operations Support Hub in Kuwait DOI: June 2022 to June 2023

"For superb leadership, remarkable tact and thorough work ethic while serving as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the Operational Support Hub- in Kuwait from June 2022 to June 2023."

"From June 2022 to June 2023, Major Rice was deployed to Kuwait as the deputy commanding officer of the Operational Support Hub–Southwest Asia, for Joint Task Force IMPACT / Task Force CENTRAL. She demonstrated superb leadership through her engagements with Kuwait's Young Ambassador Program and was as a strategic ambassador for Canada, promoting women, peace and security initiatives. Major Rice's tact and thorough work ethic directly enabled mission success, bringing great credit to Canada."

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PARSONS, Stephen Mark MSM CD CG: 27 December 2025
Brigadier-General GH:
Deployed to Israel US Security Co-ordination Organization DOI: June 2022 to July 2023

"For remarkable professionalism, transformational expertise, and guidance during a deployment to Israel from June 2022 to July 2023, which was within the United States Security Co-ordinator Organization.



"Brigadier-General Parsons displayed remarkable professionalism in various challenging positions within the United States Security Coordinator (USSC) organization while deployed to Israel from June 2022 to July 2023. As director of reform, command and control, he was instrumental in driving foundational changes within the Palestinian Authority Security Forces. As deputy coordinator of support and commander of Task Force Jerusalem, he made pivotal contributions to bolstering the credibility of the USSC's mission and objectives. Brigadier-General Parson's expertise brought great credit to Canada."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Expedition and one extra tour bar – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** probably in 2024 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Brigadier-General Mark Parsons, MSM, CD

Raised in Newfoundland and Labrador, BGen Mark Parsons joined the Canadian Armed Forces on the 25th of June, 1990 as a member of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals within the Canadian Army. He has commanded from Troop to Formation level, including 21 Electronic Warfare Regiment and the Canadian Forces Information Operations Group.

His key staff experiences include Senior Staff Officer Strategic Vision and Alignment for Defence C4ISR within Director General Cyber, Director Land Command Information and Army G6 within the Canadian Army headquarters, and Director of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.



BGen Parsons is a graduate of the Royal Military College, St-Jean (CMR) with a bachelor's degree in Space Sciences and has attained three Master's degrees which include an MBA and an MDS from the Royal Military College, Kingston (RMC) and an MSc from the College of Information and Cyberspace, National Defense University in Washington, DC.

BGen Parsons has deployments with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2007 and with the Office of the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority (USSC) in 2022 as Deputy Coordinator Support and Commander, Task Force Jerusalem (Operation PROTEUS).

BGen Parsons assumed the role of Director General Digital Enterprise Modernization within the Digital Transformation Office (DTO) in July 2023. In June 2024, he was appointed as the Commander of the 5th Canadian Division in Halifax. He is married with two children.

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RUTLAND, Liam Wade **OMM MSC MSM* CD** CG: 08 February 2025
Brigadier-General – ex PPCLI **BAR** GH: 05 November 2024
Commander Joint Taks Force Impact / Task Force Central Kuwait DOI: May 2022 to May 2023



"For exceptional efforts during deployment to Kuwait as Commander of Joint Task Force Impact/Task Force Central from May 2022 to May 2023. Rutland is described as having restructured the task force while "fostering harmonious relationships" with coalition, allies and host-nation partners."

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM and Bar – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Service Medal with ribbon Expedition – SSM – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – EIIR Platinum Jubilee (Alberta) – Order of Viesturs 4th Class (Latvia)

He was awarded the Officer of the **Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 and the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 11 February 2012.

Awarded the **Order of Viesturs 4th Class (Latvia)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 03 March 2018 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Brigadier-General Liam Rutland, OMM, MSC, MSM*, CD

Born and raised in Pembroke, Ontario, BGen Rutland joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1995. Following infantry officer training, he was posted to Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI) in 1999, where he served as a rifle platoon commander. In 2002, he was posted to the Second Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment (2R22ER), and spent the next two years as the unit's Reconnaissance Platoon commander. Following the exchange posting, he served at the Infantry School in Gagetown; in 2006 he was posted within the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command.



BGen Rutland became Officer Commanding Charlie Company, 1 PPCLI, in 2008. He stayed within the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in 2010, taking on the role of the Brigade Operations Officer (G3). BGen Rutland attended the Joint Command and Staff Program in 2011, and in 2012 he became the first Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Canadian Joint Operations Command following the amalgamation of the operational commands.

BGen Rutland remained within the National Capital Region in 2013, moving to the Vice Chief of Defence Staff organisation. During this period, he had the honour of serving on the PPCLI Regimental Executive Committee as a Regional Representative, which included assisting with the Ottawa 100th anniversary celebrations. He recently returned from the Middle East, having completed a tour as the Chief of Staff of Joint Task Force – Iraq.



BGen Rutland took command of a rifle company in 1 PPCLI in 2008. He remained within the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) in 2010, as the G3. BGen Rutland attended the Joint Command and Staff Program in 2011, and in 2012 became the Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Canadian Joint Operations Command. BGen Rutland remained within the Ottawa Region in 2013, moving to the Chief of Programme organization. In 2015 he completed a tour as the Chief of Staff of Joint Task Force – Iraq.

He then took command of 1 PPCLI. While at 1PPCLI, he deployed as the first Commanding Officer of the Enhanced Forward Presence (Latvia) Battle Group, which stood up in June 2017. During this deployment, he was named an **Officer of the Order of Viesturs**, awarded for contributions to promoting security and defense in Latvia.

Brigadier-General Liam Rutland, OMM, MSC, MSM*, CD
Former PPPCL
Commander 3rd Canadian Division and Joint Task Force West



In 2018 he became the Chief of Staff, 3rd Canadian Division and in 2019, he attended the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He commanded the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group from June 2020 until April 2022. Subsequently, he commanded Joint Task Force – IMPACT and Task Force - CENTRAL in Iraq from May 2022 until May 2023. In July 2023, Brigadier-General Rutland assumed the role of Chief of Staff Army Operations at Canadian Army Headquarters.

BGen Rutland has participated in operations in Bosnia, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and Latvia, as well as multiple domestic deployments within Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree and two Masters Degrees (Defence Studies and Strategic Studies). He is a graduate of the US Army Ranger Course. BGen Rutland was appointed Commander 3rd Canadian Division and Joint Task Force (West) on 27 June 2024.

On 10 December 2026, he was made the first Commander of the 1st Canadian Division which was stood up as part of the re-organization of the Canadian Army. He was promoted to Major-General earlier in 2026.

Within Canada, BGen Rutland took part in Operations GRIZZLY and LUSTRE. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from McMaster University, and a Master of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada. He is a qualified reconnaissance patrolman, parachutist, and a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School.



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SAUNDERS, David Donald ("Don") MSM CD
Colonel
Canadian Defence Attaché to Iraq and Kuwait

CG: 08 February 2025
GH: 05 October 2025
DOI: August 2021 to August 2023

"For strategic insight, diplomatic acumen and unfailing professionalism while serving as the Canadian Defence Attache to Iraq and Kuwait from August 2021 to August 2023."

"From August 2021 to August 2023, Colonel Saunders served as the Canadian defence attaché to Iraq and Kuwait. His strategic insight and diplomatic acumen superbly supported Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operations and defence diplomacy. He quickly grasped the complex politics of Iraq and proved himself a shrewd diplomat. Colonel Saunders' unfailing professionalism and dedication in a demanding operational environment brought great honour to the CAF and Canada."

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – CD and Bar

Colonel Donald Saunders, MSM, CD

October 2023 to Present	Director Foreign Liaison, NDHQ Ottawa
August 2021 to December 2023	Canadian Defence Attaché to Iraq and Kuwait
June 2020 to August 2021	J3 1st Canadian Division HQ
August 2018 to June 2020	Chief of Staff, Cdn Combat Brigade, Kingston, Ontario
April 2016 to July 2017	Commanding Officer Real Property Operations Unit (Ontario) - Toronto
July 2015 to April 2016	Commanding Officer 4 CDSB Engineer Services and 4th Canadian Division Engineer
August 2014 to July 2015	Senior Staff Officer National Security Programme, Cdn Forces College, Toronto
August 2011 to March 2012	Operations Officer, Base Construction Engineering, CFB Esquimalt



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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

SKELSEY, Craig David MSM CD
Major – Royal Canadian Artillery
Canadian Artillery Battery Cdr Adazi, Latvia

CG: 08 February 2025
GH: 05 October 2025
DOI: December 2022 to June 2023

"For exceptional work ethic and unparalleled professionalism during deployment as the Canadian Artillery Battery Commander in Adazi, Latvia, from December 2022 to June 2023."

"Major Skelsey was deployed to Adazi, Latvia, from December 2022 to June 2023 as the Canadian Artillery Battery commander. He took on the additional role of commander of the inaugural Multinational Field Artillery Battalion, a unit comprised of five artillery batteries from seven nations. Through exceptional work ethic, he successfully integrated these sub-units into a cohesive and operationally effective unit, which subsequently proved itself in live fire and combat-readiness evaluation. Major Skelsey's unparalleled professionalism brought great credit to Canada."

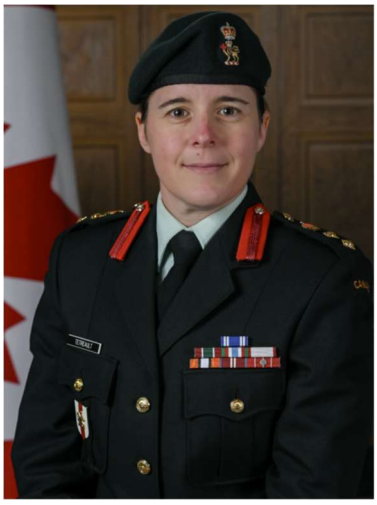
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TÉTREAULT, Chantal Jocelyne MSM CD
Colonel
Chief of Liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai)

CG: 08 February 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: July 2022 to August 2023

"For exceptional leadership and diplomacy during service as the Chief of Liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai) from July 2022 to August 2023."

"Colonel Tetreault exhibited exceptional leadership and diplomacy as the chief of liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai, from July 2022 to August 2023. She played a pivotal role in maintaining the freedom of movement within the MFO's area of operations, a critical element in upholding regional stability. Colonel Tetreault ensured the relationship between treaty partners Israel and Egypt remained cordial, underpinning the mission's broader objectives and the foundational Camp David Peace Treaty."



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with ribbon SWA – Peacekeeping – OSM ribbon Humanitas– Multinational Force (MFO) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

Colonel Chantal Tétreault enrolled in 1998 and graduated from the Royal Military College in 2003 with a baccalaureate degree in Chemical and Materials Engineering.

Upon completion of her combat engineer phase training, she was posted to 2 Combat Engineer Regiment (2 CER) where as a junior officer she mastered various positions. The most important being a troop commander which included an operational tour in Afghanistan. During her time in 5 CER, as the Regt Ops O, she participated in the International Disaster Relief in Haiti as part of Op HESTIA. Upon return to 2 CER in 2010, Colonel Tétreault spend time in both the support and field Squadrons as the Officer Commanding. Colonel Tétreault has had the privilege to Command 2 CER from 2018 - 2020.

Colonel Tétreault has also held various staff positions in Ottawa, including Canadian Expeditionary Force Command (CEFCOM), Commander's Aide-de-Camp, Capability Integration Engineer Officer and several positions at the Canadian Army Headquarters in the operations directorate. From 2020 to 2022 Colonel Tétreault was employed as the Deputy Commander of 4th Canadian Division Support Group.

Promoted to her Colonel in June 2022, Colonel Tétreault took command of TF EL GORAH and was employed as the Chief Liaison Officer with the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in South Sinai until August 2023. She is now employed as the Director of Military Career. Col Tétreault was appointed Director of Cadets at the Royal Military College of Canada in summer 2025. Colonel Tétreault holds two graduate degrees, a Masters in Defence Studies from the Canadian Staff College and a Master's degree in Emergency and Disaster Management.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

ONE (1) NOT GAZETTED MSM CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)
No Rank GH:
Canadian Special Operations Forces Command DOI:

"A **member of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command** was awarded the medal, but the name has been withheld for operational and security reasons.

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ONE (1) NOT GAZETTED **MSM*** CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)
No Rank **BAR** GH:
Canadian Special Operations Forces Command DOI:

"A **member from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command r**eceived the bar. However, the name and operation have been withheld for security reasons.



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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

BOILEAU, Christopher Robert **MSM CD**
Major – Queen's Own Rifles of Canada
Commander of Joint Task Force - Ukraine

CG: 27 December 2025
GH: 05 October 2025
DOI: September 2022 to March 2023



"While serving as the commander of Joint Task Force - Ukraine from September 2022 to March 2023, Major Boileau demonstrated exceptional leadership and an endless drive for mission success in a dynamic and volatile environment. His efforts directly resulted in the resumption of multiple training activities, leading to significant Canadian support to Ukraine and contributing to enhanced national reputation. The remarkable dedication, perseverance, diplomacy and mission focus demonstrated by Major Boileau brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 December 2017 in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with ribbon XXX and extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO - CD

He was born and raised in Mississauga, Ontario. In 2004, he enlisted in the Toronto Scottish Regiment. Over the following two years, he completed a number of courses within his selected infantry trade. Soon after being promoted to Corporal in 2006, he accepted an opportunity to become an Officer Cadet. Following his commissioning and promotion to Lieutenant in 2007, he held several positions as a junior officer within the unit. He served in A Company and the fledgling 75th (Mississauga) Company as both Platoon Commander and Company Second-in-Command, including during collective training events in the United States and the United Kingdom. In 2015, then Captain Boileau transferred to The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. That summer, he successfully graduated from the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre's Basic Parachutist course. Shortly after that, he became the Officer Commanding Buffs Company and was promoted to Major in the spring of 2016.

That same year, he deployed to Baghdad, Iraq under Operation IMPACT. Employed as the Operations Officer for the nascent Canadian-led Ministerial Liaison Team, he worked within the framework of the international Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve – to defeat the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. After ten months, he returned home to Canada in 2017. Lieutenant-Colonel Boileau was recognized for his accomplishments and was awarded the **United States Meritorious Service Medal,** in addition to the **Commander Canadian Joint Operations Command Commendation**.

For the next several years, he held command and staff positions within the Regiment, including Deputy Commanding Officer, Operations Officer and Officer Commanding 60th Company. He planned and supported unit participation on international exercises in Spain and Poland. He was proud to co-plan the 75th Anniversary trip to commemorate the Normandy landings in World War II and the World War I Memorial to the Fallen at Moss Park Armoury.

He deployed again in 2022 to Warsaw, Poland as part of the resurgent Operation UNIFIER. As the scope of the mission increased, he was promoted in an acting capacity to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed as Task Force Commander for Rotation 14. He commanded soldiers in the United Kingdom, Germany and Poland to facilitate the "train and equip" efforts for the Armed Forces of Ukraine. He returned to Canada in 2023. Lieutenant Colonel Boileau is a graduate of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College and the Canadian Forces College. He received a Master of Science degree from the University of Portsmouth in 2022.

In his civilian career, Lieutenant-Colonel Boileau is a **Staff Sergeant with a Greater Toronto Area police service**. Since entering law enforcement in 2008, he has worked in numerous branches and held roles in general patrol, street crime, public order, use of force training and police education.

Lieutenant Colonel Boileau assumed command of The Queen's Own Rifles from Lieutenant Colonel Scott Moody on 17 September 2023 at a parade held at Casa Loma in Toronto.

In October 2025, Lieutenant Colonel Boileau was presented with the **Meritorious Service Medal** by the Governor General at the Citadelle in Quebec City.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

ASHWOOD, Russel Douglas Everett MSM CD CanForGen 28 August 2025
Master Corporal – 2 Combat Engineer Regiment (2 CER) GH: 05 October 2025
Coordination of the 2 CER dive team to rescue a crashed Chinook Helo DOI: 20 June 2023



"For spearheading critical planning, preparation and coordination of the 2 CER dive team in the aftermath of a crashed Chinook helicopter, resulting in the recovery of the flight data recorder and one of the pilots, Petawawa, Ontario, 20 June 2023."

"On 20 June 2023 while serving with 2 Combat Engineer Regiment (2 CER), Master Corporal Ashwood demonstrated exemplary leadership and expertise as he spearheaded critical planning, preparation and coordination for the 2 CER Dive Team amidst treacherous aquatic conditions following the CH-147 helicopter crash. Although, as a combat diver, he is not trained in salvage operations, he recovered the flight data recorder and one of the pilots. Master Corporal Ashwood's actions are a testament to the professionalism of the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medal: MSM

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CLARKE, Ian Matthew **MSM CD** CG: 08 February 2025
Lieutenant(N) – RCN – HMCS Fredericton GH: 06 October 2025
Expertly handled an Engine Room Fire on HMCS Fredericton DOI: 18 November 2021

"While deployed on Operation REASSURANCE, Lieutenant(N) Clarke demonstrated exceptional leadership under extremely demanding circumstances. In response to a forward engine room fire on HMCS Fredericton on November 18, 2021, he expertly managed multiple chaotic inputs from damage control and engineering teams dispersed throughout the ship. This enabled the crew to extinguish the fire, restore propulsion and safely proceed to port for repairs. Lieutenant(N) Clarke's remarkable professionalism ensured Fredericton remained an asset to a vital Canadian military operation."

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COTTENOIR, Joseph Yvan Engelbert Eric **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Major GH: 06 October 2025
UN Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse at UN HQ in New York DOI: 1July 2018 to July 2023

"From July 2018 to July 2023, Major Cottenoir was posted to the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Office of the Special Coordinator on Improving the UN Response to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. His key contributions accelerated the implementation of the Secretary-General's Strategy on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, while advancing Canada's agenda for women, peace and security on the global stage. Major Cottenoir's exceptional leadership, expertise and professionalism greatly honoured the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada."

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

DOYLE, Paul Joseph **MSM* CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Brigadier-General - RCAF **BAR** GH: 06 October 2025
Director of the Combined Air Operations Center Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar DOI: June to December 2023



"While deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, from June to December 2023, Brigadier-General Doyle performed in an exceptional manner as the Combined Air Operations Center director. Responsible for leading one of the most active Air Operations theaters in the world, he expertly managed relations with eighteen participating coalition partners, eleven NATO nations and other regional actors. Brigadier-General Doyle's distinctive accomplishments in a highly visible coalition environment were at a high standard and reflected great credit upon Canada."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the Canada Gazette of 24 November 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 Bars – MSM (USA)

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GIROUARD, Luc Joseph **OMM MSM* CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Brigadier-General - RCAF **BAR** GH: 06 October 2025
As Director General Support / Strategic J4, Strategic Joint Staff Led the Spiral 2 Initiative DOI: 2022 to 2024



"From 2022 to 2024, Brigadier-General Girouard, Director General Support / Strategic J4, Strategic Joint Staff, Ottawa, Ontario, led the initial phase of the J4 Strategic - Spiral 2 initiative to address the unbalanced and inconsistent state of the Defence supply chain. Despite the completion of Spiral 1 in 2014, Spiral 2 was not initiated in 2015 as planned; he therefore re-launched the initiative and conducted thorough analyses. Brigadier-General Girouard received unanimous support for his logistical vision and recommendations, laying the groundwork for the strategic alignment of the logistics capabilities of the Canadian Armed Forces."

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 09 February 2013 in the rank of Major.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.as the CO 2 Air Expeditionary Squadron.

Medals: OMM – MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FEUERHERM, Patrick Norbert **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Colonel GH: 06 October 2025
Review of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Ammunition and Explosives portfolio DOI: 2020 to 2024

"From 2020 to 2024, Colonel Feuerherm, director of Logistics Programs, Strategic Joint Staff, Ottawa, Ontario, led a transformative review of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Ammunition and Explosives portfolio. His efforts identified critical gaps in inventory management and established foundational requirements with the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force. Colonel Feuerherm's leadership secured government funding under the Our North, Strong and Free defense policy update, greatly enhancing CAF readiness and national security outcomes."

Medals: MSM – SW Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Service Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 Bars.

Colonel Patrick Feuerherm, MSM CD



Colonel Feuerherm joined the Canadian Armed Forces through the Primary Reserve RESO Program with 28 (Ott) Svc bn in May 1988 (where he met his wife). He component transferred to the Regular Force in June 1990. Posted to Petawawa in 1991, he filled several roles within 2 SvC BN including a secondment as PA Comd SSF for 9 months. He was posted to 2 RCHA as the Regimental Quartermaster which saw his deployment in 1997 to Op ASSISTANCE in support of Canadians during the Red River floods. Posted on exchange as 2IC 94 Stores Sqn, 9 (UK) Supply Regt RLC between 1997 – 2000, Captain Feuerherm deployed to Croatia and Bosnia, and as the interim Regt Ops O, deployed the Regt to Macedonia in support of the ongoing Kosovo conflict. On return to Canada, he was employed at NDHQ as a J4 Log Ops Desk Officer followed by the Army G4 Eqpt, prior to assuming Company Command of S&T Coy, 2 Svc Bn in the summer of 2004. Deploying to Afghanistan as DCO NSE between JulY 2005 – MarCH 2006, MajOR Feuerherm deployed forward from Kabul to Kandahar to enable CAF expansion efforts in preparation for upcoming combat operations. Operational employment at CEFCOM and CANSOFCOM followed, and prepared him to assume command of Canadian Forces Support Unit (Europe) Geilenkirchen, Germany FROM JanUARY 2013 – JulY 2016. Upon return, he was posted for a short period of time back to the Army as Deputy Director land force development, and on promotion to his current rank moved across to Military Personnel Command as Director Military Careers Policy & Grievances. His final posting saw him join the within the Strategic Joint Staff AS Director Logistics Programs.

Colonel Feuerherm is married to Donna Feuerherm (nee Carr) of Brighton, ONtario, they have two children, Nadine (married to Aidan) and Michael (married to Mieka) and three beautiful grandchildren Harriet, Llewyn and Eliza;

Colonel Feuerherm has accepted a Federal Public Service position within the Strategic Joint Staff where he will be able to continue to work in support of the members of the Canadian Armed Forces. A Depart With Dignity (DWD) will be held at the NCR Officers' mess (formerly the Army Officers' Mess) located at 146 Somerset Street West, Ottawa on 22 August 2024.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

GAUTHIER, Adam Marc **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Sergeant – Canadian Forces Military Police GH: 06 October 2025
Investigative fortitude, leadership and empathy following a single-vehicle accident DOI: 29 April 2022

"As a military police investigator, Sergeant Gauthier demonstrated exceptional investigative fortitude, leadership and empathy following a single-vehicle accident on April 29, 2022, at Point Frederick, Royal Military College, in Kingston, Ontario. Despite not being on call, he immediately deployed to support investigators, orchestrating the complex involvement of multiple agencies and securing specialty services. Sergeant Gauthier's compassion and professionalism were evident in interviews with affected witnesses and in his interactions with the families of the deceased. His selfless actions exemplify the ideals of the Canadian Armed Forces."

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GENDRON-HOULE, Brian John **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Lieutenant-Colonel GH: 06 October 2025
Revitalized the managed Readiness of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) DOI: June to December 2023

"From June to December 2023, Lieutenant-Colonel Gendron-Houle, Section Head, Force Posture and Readiness, Strategic Joint Staff, Ottawa, Ontario, revitalized the managed readiness of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) by leading the digital transformation and developing new tools to enhance reporting and decision making. His leadership and collaboration significantly improved CAF readiness, earning him recognition from NATO and allied nations. Lieutenant-Colonel Gendron-Houle's efforts positively influenced senior leadership decision making, bringing great credit to the CAF and to Canada."

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

HARPE, Jordon Dean **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Major - RCAF GH: 06 October 2025
Air planner for NATO's Multinational Division Southeast (MND-SE) Bucharest, Romania DOI: 2021 to 2024

"From 2021 to 2024, as air planner for NATO's Multinational Division Southeast (MND-SE) in Bucharest, Romania, Major Harpe demonstrated remarkable leadership and professionalism in fundamentally transforming air-land integration. He developed the Joint Fires and Effects Team concept, overcoming resource constraints and earning NATO acclaim. His relentless work, which included training and conducting exercises, demonstrated MND-SE's tactical air command and control capability. Major Harpe's efforts enhanced NATO's capabilities and brought significant recognition to the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada."

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HENRI, Alexander Joseph **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Sergeant GH: 06 October 2025
Liaison officer to the Remote-Maintenance Distribution Centre – Ukraine DOI: January to July 2024

"While deployed to Rzeszow, Poland, from January to July 2024, as the liaison officer to the Remote-Maintenance Distribution Centre – Ukraine, Sergeant Henri revolutionized the maintenance network for Canadian donated armoured combat support vehicles. He greatly increased contacts within the Armed Forces of Ukraine and established protocols that streamlined information flow, thereby significantly reducing response times for critical maintenance issues. Throughout his deployment, Sergeant Henri demonstrated outstanding motivation and technical knowledge, furthering mission objectives, which brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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HEYWOOD, Kristopher Mark MSM CG: 27 December 2025
Sailor 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy GH: 02 November 2026
Retrieved critical components for an investigation and reduced the risk of contamination DOI: June to July 2023



"For demonstrating exceptional skill and steadfast resolve during the underwater recovery of a crashed Chinook helicopter, where he retrieved critical components for an investigation and severed a high-pressure air line, reducing the risk of fuel-oil contamination of the river, Petawawa, Ontario, June to July 2023."

"From June to July 2023, Sailor 1st Class Heywood demonstrated exceptional skill and steadfast resolve throughout several dives during the underwater recovery of a crashed Chinook helicopter from the Ottawa River. Diving alone into the wreckage, he retrieved critical components for the Directorate of Flight Safety investigation that were not expected to be recovered. Sailor 1st Class Heywood also severed a high-pressure air line, mitigating the risk of further fuel-oil contamination of the river and reducing the hazard for the diving team."

Medals: MSM - SSM

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

KAEMPFFER, Nicholas Edward **MSM CD**
Major – Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery
Synchronized Joint Fires capability in NATO while at SHAPE HQ Europe

CG: 27 December 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: August 2020 to December 2023

"From August 2020 to December 2023, as a member of the Joint Targeting and Effects Team at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, in Belgium, Major Kaempffer initiated the development and implementation of a targeting framework which established the first strategic-level, synchronized Joint Fires capability in NATO. His work directly advanced the Alliance's readiness to synchronize campaign-level joint targeting. Major Kaempffer's high level of professionalism, leadership and stewardship enhanced Canada's credibility on the international stage."

Major Nicholas Kaempffer, CD, is an artillery officer who was posted to Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in Mons, Belgium, where he is employed as a Targeting and Joint Fires Staff Officer. He previously commanded the Headquarters Battery at The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery School. A graduate of Queen's University, Major Kaempffer holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Honours) in Geography (with distinction). He is a three-time winner of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery's annual Geoffrey Brooks Memorial Essay competition, and all three submissions were re-published in the Canadian Military Journal. He is a veteran of Canada's War in Afghanistan.

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LAURENT, Simon Mathieu Joseph **MSM CD**
Sergeant - RCAF
Lead aircraft structures technician for CC-295 Kingfisher program

CG: 27 December 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: January to July 2023

"From January to July 2023, Sergeant Laurent demonstrated exemplary leadership as lead aircraft structures technician for the fixed-wing search and rescue aircraft (CC-295 Kingfisher) program. Thanks to his professionalism, dedication and technical expertise, he held several diverse roles that were essential to the success of this project. Sergeant Laurent's efforts played an important role in advancing Canada's fixed-wing search and rescue program. This capability will enhance the protection and support for Canadians from coast to coast for generations to come."

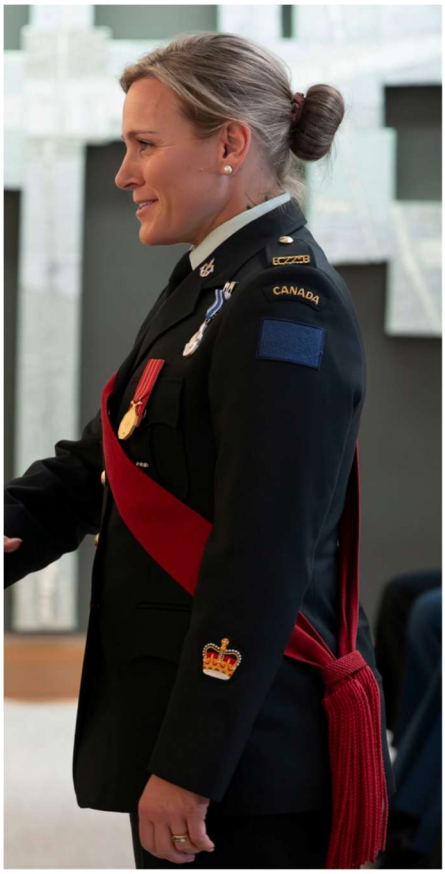


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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

LAFLAMME, Marie-Pier Louise **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2026
Sergeant – RCAF Musician GH: 06 October 2025
Canadian contingent on a joint mission in support of France's Bastille Day celebrations DOI: 06 July to 15 July 2023

"From July 6 to 15, 2023, Sergeant Laflamme led a five- member Canadian contingent on a joint mission in support of France's Bastille Day celebrations in Paris. She quickly demonstrated her leadership by working closely with two French lieutenant-colonels. Her contributions were vital to the success of this international partnership, which brought together 70 musicians from 14 countries, overcoming a series of logistical challenges. Sergeant Laflamme successfully influenced culture in a complex international environment through her skills and dedication to the collective well-being."





Sgt Marie-Pier Laflamme: RCAF Musician

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

LAW, Richard John Sebastian **MSM CD**
Major
Officer Commanding the United Kingdom Training Element

CG: 27 December 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: June 2023 to January 2024

"As officer commanding the United Kingdom Training Element from June 2023 to January 2024, Major Law demonstrated outstanding leadership in preparing the Armed Forces of Ukraine to adeptly defend against Russian aggression. In particular, important changes to explosive threat and medical training, as well as the incorporation of uncrewed aircraft systems into all aspects of training ensured students possessed the skills needed to thrive on the battlefield. Major Law strengthened relations and enhanced Canada's standing among the 10 nations participating in the United Kingdom's Operation INTERFLEX."

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MacKAY, Cameron Alexander **MSM CD**
Major - RCAF
Commanding the Tactical Air Lift Detachment Europe

CG: 27 December 2025
GH: 05 October 2025
DOI: February to June 2022

"While commanding the Tactical Air Lift Detachment Europe from February to June 2022, as part of Operation REASSURANCE, Major MacKay provided exceptional contribution to the Ukrainian resistance. With keen mission focus and unwavering dedication, he worked with international allies and partners to ensure the timely delivery of two million pounds of high-priority aid, with a 100-per cent sortie success rate. Major MacKay's impeccable efforts advanced the Canadian Armed Forces' reputation internationally and resulted in positive strategic and political impacts for Canada."

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MARTINEAU, Jonathan Réal Denis **MSM CD**
Lieutenant-Colonel
Deputy commander operational training within the Security Assistance Group – Ukraine

CG: 27 December 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: September to November 2022

"While posted to Wiesbaden, Germany, from September to November 2022, as deputy commander of operational training within the Security Assistance Group – Ukraine, Lieutenant-Colonel Martineau increased capabilities and results by harmonizing and synchronizing training among strategic partners. Specifically, he developed a sustainable conceptual framework and established a multinational branch that now serves as the primary coordinating structure for the delivery of training by all coalition countries. Lieutenant-Colonel Martineau's outstanding contributions have brought great honour to Canada."

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

MAILLOUX, Simon **MSM CD** CG: 27 December 2025
Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment GH: 06 October 2025
US Joint Staff Washinton worked on consolidated international strategic operations DOI: July 2021 to June 2024



"From July 2021 to June 2024, Lieutenant-Colonel Mailloux, posted to the United States Joint Staff in Washington, led the working group on consolidated international strategic operations, supporting the consolidation of strategic intelligence forecasting and increasing allied contributions. Within the Five Eyes community, he revised a multinational strategy and developed an implementation plan, guiding campaigns and capacity development in 12 interoperability forums. Lieutenant-Colonel Mailloux's strategic leadership, capabilities and exceptional efforts brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."

Medals: MSM – Sacrifice – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

He began his military career at the Royal Military College of Canada in 2001 and graduated as an infantry officer in 2006. Upon graduation from RMCC, he was posted to the 3rd battalion Royal 22e in Valcartier, Quebec and quickly joined the unit as a platoon commander preparing for deployment to Afghanistan. During his deployment, he was gravely injured in an IED explosion on 16 November 2007 which killed two soldiers, an interpreter and wounded several others. Following his evacuation from the battlefield, Mailloux underwent several surgeries and months of rehabilitation before regaining his ability to walk.

He was appointed Aide de Camp to the Governor General of Canada at Rideau Hall in Ottawa and helped coordinate the Presidential visit of Barack Obama to Ottawa, the 2009 visit to Haïti and the Emperor and Empress of Japan visit to Canada.

In 2009, after he demonstrated his ability to accomplish his tasks as an infantry officer, he was promoted to captain and joined the Task Force Kandahar Headquarters as a Brigade staff in preparation for deployment. Mailloux completed his deployment after nine months.

On 09 November 2009, he was one of the 46 first recipients of the Sacrifice Medal awarded at Government House by the Governor-General of Canada.

Upon his return from Afghanistan, he attended the University of Glasgow for a year before returning to Ottawa to work as a staff with the Counter-IED Task Force and help prevent further injuries like his. On 6 February 2012, Mailloux among other deserving Canadians was awarded one of the first 60 diamond jubilee medal recognizing "his leadership within the Canadian Forces and his efforts to help the soldiers injured during the war in Afghanistan which were given by the Governor General and the Prime Minister of Canada. Mailloux participated in the 2012 Army Run taking place in Ottawa, Canada and won first place of the 5 km run in the Amputee category.

In 2013 he was sent back to Quebec City to serve in the 1st battalion Royal 22e Régiment as a company second in command. T Over the following years, Mailloux filled different positions in the battalion until he was promoted to major in 2017 and assumed command of A Company 1st battalion Royal 22e Regiment. In October 2016, Mailloux was presented as co-captain for Team Canada for the 2017 [Invictus Games] to be held in Toronto, Canada, in September 2017. Mailloux was co-captain of the Canadian team of 90 Canadian athletes from across Canada and lit the torch during the opening ceremony for the Games at the Air Canada centre accompanied by his family and Dupuis.

Mailloux has subsequently deployed to Ukraine under operation Unifer which aimed to train and help the Ukrainian Armed Forces to confront separatist forces supported by Russia. When he left the battalion with a completed tour where he received a commendation from the Commander of the Canadian Joint Operations Command.

In 2019 Mailloux was sent to the Canadian Forces College in Toronto to complete the Joint Command and Staff Programme. He accomplished different staff appointments before being promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in 2021. He then was posted as an officer with the Joint Staff in Washington D.C.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

MILLER, Nathan William Taylor MSM CD CG: 27 December 2025
Warrant Officer GH: 06 October 2024
Orchestrating a complex dive operation to salvage a crashed Chinook helicopter DOI: 20 June 2023



"For orchestrating a complex dive operation to salvage a crashed Chinook helicopter, showcasing exceptional planning and problem-solving to safely extract one of the pilots, Petawawa, Ontario, 20 June 2023."

"On June 20, 2023, while serving with the 2 Combat Engineer Regiment, Warrant Officer Miller assumed a crucial role in orchestrating and navigating the complexities of a dive operation to salvage a downed Chinook helicopter. Amid perilous aquatic challenges, Warrant Officer Miller's meticulous planning and innovative problem-solving proved indispensable in safely extracting the second pilot. Warrant Officer Miller's steadfast commitment and outstanding performance exemplify the highest standards of military dedication, bringing honour to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – OSM with Expedition ribbon – SSM - CD

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PAQUETTE, Paul Joseph MSM CG 27 December 2025
Sailor 1st Class GH: 05 October 2025
Rendered safe several explosive cartridges by hand salvage from a crashed Chinook helo DOI: June to July 2023

"For demonstrating exceptional professionalism and technical skill throughout several dives during the underwater salvage of a crashed Chinook helicopter, where he rendered safe several explosive cartridges by hand and located vital lifting points, enabling its safe recovery, Petawawa, Ontario, June to July 2023."

"From June to July 2023, Sailor 1st Class, Paquette demonstrated exceptional professionalism and technical skill throughout several dives during the underwater recovery of a crashed Chinook helicopter from the Ottawa River. This was the Royal Canadian Navy's most complex salvage operation and the heaviest load it has ever recovered using in-water lifting techniques. Diving alone into the confined wreckage with extremely limited visibility, Sailor 1st Class Paquette rendered safe several explosive cartridges by hand and located vital lifting points, enabling the safe recovery of the helicopter."

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

PERRY, Shawn Edwin **MSM CD**
Lieutenant-Commander - RCN
Deputy Canadian Defence Attaché in Warsaw, Poland,

CG: 27 December 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: June August 2019 to August 2023

"From August 2019 to August 2023, Lieutenant-Commander Perry, Deputy Canadian Defence Attaché in Warsaw, Poland, excelled during the Ukraine crisis, facilitating Operation UNIFIER's redeployment and negotiating with Host Nation authorities under COVID restrictions. His diplomatic expertise ensured the evacuation of Canadian Armed Forces personnel and equipment, while his mastery of Polish procedures enhanced collaboration. Lieutenant-Commander Perry's exemplary leadership, dedication and professionalism brought immense credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada, solidifying his reputation as an indispensable asset in challenging circumstances."

Lieutenant-Commander Shawn Edwin Perry, MSM, CD, RCN

September 2024 to Present	Parliamentary Affairs Advisor to Senate of Canada (Civilian)
September 2023 to 31 January 2024	Staff Officer, RCN HQ (RCN for 35 years 7 months)
July 2018 to September 2023	Defence Attaché to Poland, Czech Rep, and Slovakia
August 2017 to July 2018	Military Assistant to the Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff
July 2016 to July 2017	Force Protection Officer Naples, Campania, Italy
July 2014 to July 2016	Military Assistant to Deputy COS (Ops) to the NATO General (French Army)
April 2013 to July 2014	Staff Officer – Personnel Generation Requirements NDHQ
November 2011 to April 2013	Watch Officer US Navy Oak Harbor, Washington
January 2009 to November 2011	Executive Officer of an RCN Shore Unit, Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 2007 to January 2009	Deck Officer – Head of Naval Boarding Team, Halifax, Nova Scotia
July 2005 to July 2007	Military Councillor (recruiting), Vancouver, BC
July 2003 to July 2005	Naval Intelligence Analyst, NDHQ Ottawa
July 2000 to July 2003	Flag Lieutenant to Chief of Maritime Staff, NDHQ Ottawa
January 1998 to July 2000	Communications Officer MARPAC, Victoria BC
May 1996 to January 1998	Deck Officer – Department Head Minor War Ships
May 1993 to May 1996	Naval Warfare Trainee, MARPAC, Victoria, BC
July 1989 to May 1993	Naval Cadet Officer RMC, Kingston

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FLEURY, Joseph François Paul **MMM MSM CD** GH: 02 November 2022
Chief Warrant Officer GH: 20 May 2026
CWO Military Personnel Command CWO enabled Compensation Reform for the CF DOI: 2025



"For visionary leadership as Military Personnel Command Chief Warrant Officer where he enabled the 2025 Canadian Armed Forces compensation reform and drove momentum in recruitment, retention and training systems in Ottawa."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **CanforGen** 11 December 2020 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSM – OSM ribbon Expedition – Peacekeeping – UN – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars

CWO François Fleury enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces as an Administration Clerk in January 1989 in Montreal, Quebec. Upon completion of his trades training at Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistics in Borden, Ontario, CWO Fleury was posted to Canadian Forces Base Uplands in Ottawa, Ontario.

Promoted to the rank of Master Sailor in July 1995, he was subsequently posted to Land Force Central Area Headquarters and served there for 2 years. In July 1997, he was posted to ASU Toronto as 2 i/c of the Base Orderly Room. In May 1999, he deployed to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in the Golan Heights. On return from the Golan Heights, he was promoted to the rank of PO2 and posted to the Queens York Rangers 1st American Regiment as the Chief Clerk. He remained with the QYRang until 2005, when he was promoted to the rank of PO1 and posted to ASU Montreal where he oversaw the Military Human Resources Centre. Although CWO Fleury joined as a member of the Royal Canadian Navy, he spent much of his career in Army billets, much to his dismay at the time. Recognizing he was not going to get posted aboard ship, he chose to change to the land environment.

In 2009, he was promoted to the rank of MWO and posted to LFQA HQ where he worked in the G1 cell responsible for the Interpretation of Policies and Procedures. In February 2010, on very short notice, he deployed to Port au Prince, Haiti as the Joint Task Force Superintendent Clerk. Upon return from Haiti, he was appointed Sergeant Major of LFQA HQ. In August 2014, he was posted to DGCB Ottawa and assumed the duties of Senior Adjudicator in DCBA 2 where he oversaw the adjudications specific to the Canadian Forces Integrated Relocation Program.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FRAWLEY, Blaise Francis **CMM (OMM) MSM CD** CG 02 November 2026
Lieutenant-General - RCAF GH: 20 May 2026
Work as Deputy Commander NORAD and Commander of Cdn element at NORAD HQ DOI: 2023 to 2025



"For exceptional leadership as Deputy Commander of NORAD and Commander of the Canadian element NOREAD, where he advanced North American security, strengthened Arctic defence and reinforced binational cooperation in Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America from 2023 to 2025." Awarded

"Lieutenant-General Frawley demonstrated exceptional leadership and strategic vision as Deputy Commander of NORAD and Commander of the Canadian Element NORAD from 2023 to 2025. He spearheaded modernization initiatives, integrating advanced surveillance and command systems that strengthened Arctic and continental defence. Through visionary strategy, operational excellence and international engagement, he reinforced binational cooperation, NATO partnerships and Canadian sovereignty. Lieutenant-General Frawley's outstanding service has significantly advanced North American security and left a lasting impact on Canada's defence posture."

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2015 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **CanforGen** of 19 December 2019 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 December 2014 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – General Campaign Star with Allied Forces ribbon – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon and 1 extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – MSM (USA)

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL Blaise Francis Frawley, CMM, MSM, CD, RCAF
Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command

Lieutenant-General Blaise Frawley is Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Lieutenant-General Frawley joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1985, and upon completion of pilot training was posted to 425 Squadron at 3 Wing Bagotville, Quebec. His flying experience includes two operational tours on 425 Squadron, an F/A-18 exchange tour with the United States Marine Corps in El Toro, California, and three instructional tours on 410 Squadron at 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta. Lieutenant-General Frawley has flown combat missions over the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Kosovo in support of Operation Allied Force and was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Task Force Aviano National Command Element at Vicenza, Italy, and the Air Mobility Division Deputy Director, 609th Combined Air and Space Operations Centre at Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar.

Lieutenant-General Frawley has held staff positions at 3 Wing Bagotville Operations as Chief of Plans, Training and Evaluation and within the Directorate of Aerospace Requirements in Ottawa. He has also held the appointments of A3 Fighter 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Deputy Commander 1 Canadian Air Division, and a year as the Director General Space within the Royal Canadian Air Force Air Staff in the National Capital Region, Ottawa. In 2017, he moved on to a four-year role as the Deputy Command of the Air Force, then went on to serve as the Deputy Vice chief of Defence Staff until June 2023.
Lieutenant-General Frawley's command tours include Commanding Officer of 410 Tactical Fighter / Operational Training Squadron in Cold Lake, Commander of both 17 Wing and the Air Force Training Centre in Winnipeg, and selection as Combined Force Air Component Commander for Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2016.

During his many operational and instructional flying tours, Lieutenant-General Frawley has accumulated over 3,000 hours on the CF-18 Hornet. He is a graduate of the Fighter Weapons Instructor and the Fighter Electronic Warfare Advanced Radar courses. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto and the United States Air Force Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He holds a Bachelor of Military Arts and Sciences from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Air Force Air University. In May 2023, Lieutenant-General Frawley was promoted to his current rank, and in June 2023, was appointed as the NORAD Deputy Commander and served until 20025 when he retired.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

GROS-JEAN, Martin **CMM MSM CD** CG: nil
Major-General – Canadian Forces Engineers GH: 20 May 2026
Leadership in Advancing the 2025 CF Compensation Reform DOI: 2025



"For pivotal leadership in advancing the 20025 Canadian Armed Forces compensation reform as Assistant Chief of Military Personnel, where he generated lasting momentum in recruiting, retention and training systems to meet National Defence ambitions in Ottawa."

"As assistant chief of Military Personnel, Major-General Gros-Jean's exceptional leadership and strategic coordination were pivotal in advancing the 2025 defence compensation reform. His efforts enabled the Government's vision to grow and modernize the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), generating lasting momentum in recruiting, retention and training systems. Through high-level engagement and clear communication, he delivered transformative change, strengthening operational readiness and institutional excellence for future generations of CAF personnel, ensuring the CAF is future-ready to meet national defence ambitions."

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **CANFORGEN** of 13 December 2024 in the rank of Major General.

Medals: CMM – MSM – Peacekeeping – UN Stabilization Force Congo– NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

Major-General Martin Gros-Jean, CMM, MSM, CD



Major-General Martin Gros-Jean enrolled in the Canadian Forces in January 1997. After obtaining a degree in electrical engineering from Laval University and holding a number of civilian jobs, he decided to join the Forces as a military engineer.

During his career, Major-General Gros-Jean has worked in a variety of capacities in the Canadian Armed Forces, in combat engineering, construction engineering and in others. To name a few, he has been Commanding Officer of Engineering Services, Senior Staff Officer for Force Posture and Readiness, Chief of Staff of 1 Canadian Air Division, Commander of the CF Real Property Operations Group and Chief of Staff for the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command.



His postings have taken him to Gagetown, Valcartier, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Winnipeg. In Canada, he participated in humanitarian operations during the Red River flood in Manitoba in 1997 and the ice storm in Quebec the following year. He has taken part in two operations abroad: one in Bosnia- Herzegovina in 1999–2000 and another in 2008–2009, when he spent over 11 months as Chief liaison officer to the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Major-General Gros-Jean is a Professional Engineer since 2002. He graduated from the Joint Command and Staff Program and has a Master's degree in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston. He is also a graduate of the National Security Program from the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.

Major-General Gros-Jean is currently occupying the position of Chief of Staff for ADM(IE) as well he is the CAF Chief Military Engineer. He lives with his wife of 27 years and their two sons, aged 16 and 18 (2025 dates)

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

RYAN, Neal Robert MSM CD GH: 02 November 2026
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF GH: 20 May 2026
Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations DOI: July 2003 to 2025



"For proactive leadership as Commandant and Force Generation Manager at the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operation, where his innovative training reform and international collaboration improved student success rates and achieved over 157,000 dollars in savings at Cornwall, Ontario.

"Since assuming command of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations in July 2023, Lieutenant-Colonel Ryan has demonstrated exceptional leadership and strategic vision as commandant and force generation manager for the Aerospace Control Officer and Aerospace Control Operator occupations. Through innovative training reform and international collaboration, he improved student success rates, reduced course durations and achieved over $157,000 in savings. His proactive efforts in infrastructure planning and recruitment revitalization have strengthened force generation, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star Expedition – General Service Medal ribbon Expedition – Peacekeeping - UN Stabilization Force Congo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal – CD and bar – USA Air Medal

Lieutenant-Colonel Neil Ryan is an Aerospace Control Officer with extensive experience in military air traffic control and joint operations. After excelling on his Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) course, he served at Moose Jaw as Chief Controller (IFR). He later qualified as a Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) and supported Canadian Army training at CFB Gagetown as G3 (Air). Posted to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, he served as Mission Crew Commander on USAF E-3 AWACS and held leadership roles in operations, including Assistant Director of Operations and Deputy Commanding Officer of the Canadian Detachment. He is a graduate of the USAF Air Command and Staff College, holds a BA (Psychology) and MA, and now leads training as Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations.

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TREMBLAY, Philippe Joseph Jean-Paul Sylvain MSM CD GH: 02 November 2026
Lieutenant-Colonel GH: 20 May 2026
Chief of Staff of the Multinational Brigade at Adazi, Latvia established HQ DOI: May 2003 to June 2025

"For outstanding leadership where his unifying approach laid the foundation for NATO Brigade operations and establishment of a headquarters structure for over one hundred members from fourteen countries as Chief of Staff of the Multinational Brigade in Adazi, Latvia from May 2024 to June 2025."

"During his deployment to Ādaži, Latvia, from May 2024 to June 2025, Lieutenant-Colonel Tremblay demonstrated exceptional leadership as the chief of staff of Multinational Brigade – Latvia. Despite limited resources, he quickly set up a headquarters structure for a staff of more than 100 members from 14 countries. In addition, his unifying approach laid the foundation for the NATO brigade's operations and enabled the planning of complex multinational exercises. Lieutenant-Colonel Tremblay's professionalism and strategic vision contributed to the success of the mission and brought credit to Canada."

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

TATTERSALL, Virginia Catherine **CMM MSM CD** CG: nil
Brigadier-General GH: 20 May 2026
Leadership in Advancing the 2025 CF Compensation Reform DOI: 2025

"Brigadier-General Tattersall's visionary leadership as the director general Compensation and Benefits, drove the 2025 defence compensation reform, expertly guiding multidisciplinary teams through accelerated policy development and briefing support in highly compressed timelines. Her ability to maintain a relentless pace, ensure rigorous senior reviews and unify stakeholders enabled swift approval and public rollout. These efforts empowered recruiting, retention and training systems, directly advancing Canada's ambition to grow and future-proof the Canadian Armed Forces, while strengthening readiness, morale and institutional confidence."

"For visionary leadership as the Director General Compensation and Benefits, expertly guiding multidisciplinary teams through accelerated policy development, rigorous senior reviews, stakeholder alignment and public rollout of the 2025 Canadian Armed Forces compensation reform in Ottawa."

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **CANFORGEN** of 20 December 2022 in the rank of Brigadier General.

Medals: CMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia – CD and Bar



Brigadier-General Virginia Catherine TATTERSALL, CMM, MSM, CD

Brigadier-General Virginia Tattersall was promoted to Brigadier-General (acting while so employed) in June 2017 and was the Deputy Commander at the Military Personnel Generation/Canadian Defence Academy in Kingston. She was made a substantive Brigadier-General in 2018. She was appointed **Director General, Compensation and Benefits, at Military Personnel Command**, in Ottawa in June 2019. She joined the Forces in 1985 and graduated from the Royal Military College with a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and History). She later earned a Master's degree in Defence Science from RMC. She is also a graduate of the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy in Washington D.C where she earned a Master's of Science in National Resource Strategy.

Positions held included Platoon Commander with 5 Service Battalion (1989-1992), Materiel Control Officer CFB Kingston Base Supply (1992-1994), Quartermaster to 1st Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (1994-1997), served on the Army Staff (1999-2002), with the Materiel Acquisition and Support Optimization (2003-2004), OC Supply 2 General Support Battalion Petawawa (2004-06), with CANOSCOM HQ (2008-2010) and as the Commanding Officer of the Mission Closure Unit/Op ATHENA Mission Transition Task Force (2010-2011). She then served on the Strategic Joint Staff (2012-2014). Prior to her promotion to Brigadier-General, she was the Commander of the Canadian Materiel Support Group. Staff appointments have included J3 CANOSCOM HQ and J-34 Strategic Joint Staff. Her operational tours include the United Nations Transitional Authority in Phnom Penh Cambodia, the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force Camp Faouar Syria and commanded the Mission Closure Unit/Op ATHENA Mission Transition Task Force in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Brigadier-General Tattersall has served overseas with the United Nations Transitional Authority Cambodia and the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force Golan Heights (at Camp Faouar, Syria). In December 2022, she was made a **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM).** She **retired in December 2025** and received the MSM in 2026 for steering the CF Compensation Reform.

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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

VALLÉE, Jean-Sébastien MSM CD GH: 02 November 2026
Major GH: 20 May 2026
Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations DOI: December 2024 to June 2025

"For outstanding leadership during exercise Oak Resolve, where he digitized the brigade communications, ensuring success and advanced tactical capability as Commander of Headquarters and Signal Squadron and G6 of the Multinational Brigade in Adazi, Lative from December 2024 to June 2025."

"While deployed to Ādaži, Latvia, from December 2024 to June 2025, Major Vallée demonstrated exceptional leadership as the commanding officer of the Headquarters and Signal Squadron and the G6 of the Multinational Brigade. He modernized communications systems and integrated complex initiatives from 14 nations, enabling the brigade to support NATO. During Exercise OAK RESOLVE, he digitized the brigade's communications by integrating units and sensors, ensuring the achievement of targets and an advanced tactical capability. Major Vallée's remarkable efforts laid a solid foundation for future rotations, bringing credit to Canada."

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