

Major-General Michel-Henri St-Louis, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD
Acting Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army
19 April 2021 to 16 June 2022



Major-General Michel-Henri St-Louis was born in Managua, Nicaragua, where he lived until 1977, when his family moved to the south shore of Montreal, province of Quebec.

Major-General St-Louis began his career at the Collège militaire royal (CMR) de Saint-Jean in August 1987, graduating in May 1992 as an infantry officer with the Royal 22e Régiment (R22eR). He has been posted to Saint-Jean (Quebec), Quebec City (Quebec), Oromocto (New Brunswick), Ottawa (Ontario), Toronto (Ontario), Winnipeg (Manitoba) and Washington, D.C. He commanded at the tactical level within 2nd Battalion, R22eR, and then within 1st Battalion, R22eR. He was an instructor at the Infantry School and commanded the Richelieu Squadron at CMR.

Major-General St-Louis has taken part in five different overseas missions. He commanded a mechanized infantry platoon in Srebrenica, Bosnia, in the summer of 1993. He served as the intelligence officer of the Canadian Battalion Group in Rastevic, Croatia, in the summer of 1995.

In 2002, he was the second-in-command of the headquarters and S3 Plans Company in Zgon, Bosnia. He went on his first tour in Afghanistan in February 2006 as part of the Strategic Advisory Team

– (SAT), which brought together a team of strategic advisors for Afghanistan. During his last deployment, from November 2010 to July 2011, he commanded the last battle group that conducted combat operations in the Panjwayi district of Kandahar Province.

He is a graduate of the National War College (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.), the Canadian Forces College, the Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean, the Royal Military College in Kingston, and the Canadian Army Command and Staff College. His three masters have focused on war studies, military history, strategy and defence.

He served at the operational level as the first Army officer to hold the position of 1st Canadian Air Division Chief of Staff. He also served as a staff officer at the strategic level with the Director General, Strategic Planning, of the Canadian Armed Forces, within the Army Staff and, recently, with the Strategic Joint Staff at National Defence Headquarters. From 2015-2017 he was the 28th Commander of the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group

Brigadier-General Michel-Henri St-Louis (Canada) served as the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of First Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington from 2018 to 2019. As a globally responsive and regionally aligned force under the US Pacific Command, First Corps is prepared to deploy as a Joint Task Force and provide mission command over combined, joint, and Army forces in order to achieve national objectives and win decisively in any environment.

Major-General St-Louis assumed command of Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre Headquarters on August 2020.

Major-General St-Louis then succeeded Major-General Derek Macaulay as acting Commander of the Canadian Army on April 19, 2021. He served in this position until 16 June 2022.

On July 13, 2022, Major-General St-Louis was appointed to serve as the Defence Attaché to the United States, succeeding Captain William Quinn.

Decorations of Major-General Michel-Henri St-Louis, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 December 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with the R22eR in Afghanistan.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the **Government House** of 08 November 2021 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** 01 01 August 2020 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Grand Officer of the Order of Military Merit (Brazil)** as per the **CANFORGEN** of 22 September 2023 in the rank of Major-General while service as the Head of the Canadian Attaché in Washington, USA



Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – Officer Legion of Merit (USA) - Grand Officer of the Order of Military Merit (Brazil)

