

Major-General Michael Charles Wright, CMM, MMV, MSM and Bar, CD
Commander Canadian Army
2024

Born and raised in Southern Ontario, Major-General Wright enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990 and joined Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in 1994. He has served in all three Canadian Mechanized Brigade Groups and deployed on operations with all three Regular Force infantry regiments. He spent 11 years with 2 PPCLI in Winnipeg and Shilo, commanding at the platoon, company and battalion level. He also served three years with the Second Battalion of the Royal 22e Regiment. He commanded 2 CMBG from 2017-2018. He was appointed Commander CFINTCOM and Chief of Defence Intelligence in June 2021.



Operationally he has deployed to Bosnia, Afghanistan, and the Middle East, and served on domestic operations in support of the 2010 Winter Olympics and the 2011 Manitoba floods. He was awarded the **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)** and the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)**¹ as a rifle company commander serving with the First Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group in Kandahar Province in 2006-07. From May 2020 to May 2021, he commanded Joint Task Force Impact and Task Force Central, the CAF missions to enhance stability in the Middle East.

Major-General Wright has served in staff positions as the Chief of Staff of CFINTCOM, J3 of the Canadian Joint Operations Command, Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Defence Staff, Chief of Staff and G3 of 1 CMBG, as well as positions at the Canadian Army Headquarters and the Canadian Forces Joint Headquarters. He also served as the PPCLI Regimental Colonel from 2014 to 2016. Upon his promotion to Brigadier-General, he was posted to Canadian Forces Intelligence Command as the chief of staff. He was made a **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** in December 2023.

He was promoted to Lieutenant-General and on 12 July 2024, became the 52nd Commander of the Canadian Army.²

Major-General Wright holds an Honours Degree in History and Political Science and a Masters of Defence Studies from RMC, is a graduate of the National Security Programme, and has completed the Joint Force Land Component Commander Course at the US Army War College and the Near East South Asia Senior Executive Seminar.

Awarded **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 February 2007 in the rank of Major serving in the PPCLI in Afghanistan.

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Major.

Awarded the **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **CanForGen** of 15 December 2023 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded a **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of BGen.

Medals: CMM - MMV – MSM and bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star with Expedition Ribbon – General Service Medal with Expedition Ribbon with extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon - Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia with 2nd tour numeral – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – USA MSM

¹ In 2023, he received a **bar to his Meritorious Service Medal** as the Commander of Joint Task Force Kuwait/Iraq as part of Op Impact from May 2020 to May 2021.

² 8th Chief of the Army Staff and Commander of the Canadian Army (the title since 2011)