

## Appendix 7

### Regimental Sergeant Majors

Rank	Name	Dates where known	Decorations	/
WO1	<b>STEWART, John McNeill</b>	02/1944 to 06/1945	MBE	
WO1	<b>FRAINE, Del</b>	06/1946 to 1951		
WO1	<b>TUFTS, Ernie</b>	1951 to	EM CD	
WO	<b>BENSON, Gail</b>			
WO	<b>GREGOR, Sid</b>			
MBdr	<b>CULVER, Shane</b>	Acting RSM		
WO	<b>GREENWOOD, Teresa</b>		CD	
WO1	<b>FERGUS, Gordie</b>		CD	ex Seaforth
PO	<b>PATMORE, Dwayne</b>		CD	
WO2	<b>MEEHAM, Don</b>		CD	
CWO	<b>FROST, Ken</b>	- 1995	CD	ex Air Force
CWO	<b>STEWART, Frederick <u>Scott</u></b>	1995 - 2001	MSIJ CD	
CWO	<b>GIBSON, Wayne L.</b>	2001 - 2005	CD	
CWO	<b>VAN RIENEN, Peter</b>	2005 – 2008	CD	
CWO	<b>LU, Nan</b>	2008 – 2011	CD	
CWO	<b>STEWART, Frederick <u>Scott</u></b>	2011 – 2016	MSIJ CD	
CWO	<b>ARDEN, Mark T.</b>	2016 – present	MMM CD	

## Appendix 8

### REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR'S BIOGRAPHIES

#### Chief Warrant Officer Mark T. Arden, MMM, CD

CWO Arden's military life started with the British Columbia Regiment (DCO) when he enrolled with the 2290 Cadet Corps BCR (DCO) in 1975 later transferring to the Reserves in the fall of 1978. In 1984, he led the Unit's contingent of soldiers that provided local security for Pope John Paul II's visit to Vancouver. The BC Regiment won the coveted Worthington Trophy that year for 'Top Armoured Regiment in Canada' and MCpl Arden was awarded the 'Armour Branch Certificate of Merit' - presented to him by Brigadier General Radley-Walters, CMM, DSO, MC, CD.

In 1996 WO Arden was recognized for service to the unit and the Brigade with a 'British Columbia District Commanders Commendation'. For service to the unit and the community in 1998, he received the 'Commanding Officers Commendation'. MWO Arden was presented the 'Queen's Jubilee Medal' in 2002 for volunteer work within his community namely: Junior Achievement, GF Strong, Vancouver Christmas Bureau and Dragon Boat Festival and he was subsequently promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in January 2003.



CWO Arden served as the Task Force (Yakima) Sergeant Major during Cougar Salvo 2004 and as the Task Force RSM for Domestic Operations 2004/05. CWO Arden completed his first term as RSM on September 15, 2005 and was subsequently 'attached out' to Joint Task Force Pacific, Canada Command as the South West Regions Primary Liaison Officer. During Operation Pontoon in 2007 CWO Arden received one of JTFP's first Commanders Commendations. CWO Arden has also continued his community volunteer work in support of the City of Vancouver as the Remembrance Day Parade Marshal for 2007 & 08. In 2009 he returned to the Dukes as the first RSM to do a second term. For his dedication and 33 years

of service he was awarded the Order of Military Merit in November of 2010. 2011 he was attached to 39 CBG as the 2IC for Recruiting. In April of 2013 he was appointed Brigade Sergeant Major. Completing that post in May 2016 CWO Arden was named RSM 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance RSM on 29 July 2016. CWO Mark Arden & his wife Heather reside in South Vancouver. His son Karl is completing a degree at UBC and daughter Alita is a budding fishing guide. In civilian life he is a Construction Director for retail projects.

#### **Captain (former CWO) Peter VAN RIENEN, CD**



Peter is an Electrodiagnostic Neurophysiology Technologist (honest) at the Vancouver General Hospital - a highly specialized medical technician.

In his military role, Peter has 30 years of service including the appointment as the Regimental Sergeant Major of 12 Field Ambulance. In 2008 he took his commission as a Captain. He then took time out from his family and his civilian job to serve on Roto 8 Operation Athena in Kandahar as a CIMIC (Civil Military Co-operation) Operator. This role put him “outside the wire” for much of his tour exposing him to danger throughout his tour. He became the commander of the Medical Platoon for the Unit. In 2017, Peter was promoted to Major and is now the Adjutant of the unit.

Peter’s medals include the General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon, the EIIR Diamond Jubilee and the CD with one bar.

#### **Captain (former CWO) Nan LU, CD**



Nan is a Civilian Forensic Specialist with the West Vancouver Police Department (yes CSI).

She has served for 25 years in the Canadian Forces and until this 2011 was the Regimental Sergeant Major for 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance, the senior non-commissioned member in the unit. She then took over as the Operations Officer for the unit and was commissioned as a Captain in 2012.

Nan is a mother – while pregnant, she continued to serve as the RSM for 12 Field Ambulance. She has taken time out of her civilian career to do two tours with the Regular Force – the first with the United Nations in the Former Yugoslavia and the second with the NATO Forces in the Former Yugoslavia. Her medals include the Special Service Medal with bar NATO, Peacekeeping Medal, United Nations former Yugoslavia Medal (UNPROFOR), the NATO Medal with bar former Yugoslavia, and the CD and bar.



Nan with her husband at the 2018 Sogel Dinner

### **Chief Warrant Officer Wayne L. Gibson, CD**

Wayne was born on 28 January 1954. He served as the Regimental Sergeant Major for 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance from 2001 to 2005. Wayne died in Terrace at a very young age (54) on 11 June 2008 while still serving on duty with the Canadian Forces. Wayne is survived by his loving spouse Linda Basque; son Jason; daughter Lisa; his parents Leonard and Patricia; brothers Jim (Lynette) and Bill; sister Lynn; several nieces and nephews, his special nephew Kevin whom he adored and his girl, Holly The Dog.



### **Chief Warrant Officer Frederick Scott STEWART, MStJ, CD <sup>1</sup>**

In his civilian occupation, Scott was a Police Officer with the New Westminster Police Department and a member of the Integrated Street Patrol Unit in the Lower Mainland.

He began my military career with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada in 1975 and transferred to 12 Medical Platoon of 12 Service Battalion just before Christmas 1977. Shortly after he moved to the Service Battalion, the Medical Platoon became 12 Medical Company. After the move to Jericho, he rose in the ranks to become the Acting Regimental Sergeant Major under LCol O'Connor. He had a tiny office on the first floor near the Quartermaster at Jericho and until the unit moved upstairs where they are presently. He became the permanent RSM and served in that role until 2001.



However, he did not just serve in Canada. He went to Germany with the Canadian Forces Health Services in 1984 and worked in Preventative Medicine in the field. In 2002, he served a 6 month tour in Bosnia as a Civilian Military Liaison Officer for the PPCLI. He was pivotal in building an agricultural veterinary clinic, a medical clinic and a soccer pitch. His main job was to “normalise” relations between NATO/EU monitors and the local police.

He was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in 1995. After ending his RSM stint with 12 Field Ambulance, he served as a Liaison Officer for Joint Task Force Pacific. He is currently the lead liaison officer for the Northeast Region Emergency Operations Centre. The job of the liaison officers is to know the civilian counterparts in British Columbia so that in event of a disaster, they can liaise quickly and advice the Commander Maritime Command Pacific of events and any requirements for military support to the civilian authorities.

When 12 Field Ambulance needed an experienced RSM in 2011, they turned to Scott Stewart and he has taken over his former position with the unit. He is now doing two jobs in the Reserve forces, his liaison position and his RSM position. He is a volunteer on the Board of Directors for the Gateway Theatre, on the Branch executive of the St John Ambulance in New Westminster, on the St John Ambulance Provincial Volunteer Committee and is a member of the Steveston Rotary Club. He ran as an MLA in the provincial election of 2013 in Richmond-Steveston and finished second to the incumbent.

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<sup>1</sup> CWO Scott Stewart with Lieutenant-Colonel Rod Needham and HLCOL (now HCOL) Michael Sanderson

## HONORARY COLONELS

<b>Ernie Bowmer</b>	1984	to	2001
<b>Tony Grasset</b>	2002	to	2006
<b>John Blatherwick</b>	2006	to	2013 (February)
<b>Michael Sanderson</b>	2012	to	2015

### **Honorary Colonel Ernie Bowmer, MC, KStJ, CD, MD, FRCP(C)**

Received the Military Cross at Monte Casino in Italy during WWII  
 Outstanding postwar career in British Army where he developed three of the six Botulism anti-toxins  
 Commanded 12 (Vancouver) Medical Company  
 Later became head of the Provincial Laboratory of British Columbia until he retired

### **Honorary Colonel Anthony ('Tony') Grasset, KStJ, CD, MD**

Served in WWII with the Royal Berkshire Regiment including service in North Africa  
 Long time Family Physician in West Vancouver  
 Regional Surgeon in British Columbia with the militia

### **Honorary Colonel Francis John Blatherwick, CM, CStJ, OBC, CD, MD, FRCP(C), LLD**

39 years in the Canadian Forces including time in the Governor General Foot Guards,  
 the RCAF, the RCAMC and RCNVR / Maritime Command  
 36 years a Medical Health Officer in British Columbia, the last 23 as the Chief Medical Health  
 Officer in Vancouver / Vancouver Coastal Health

### **Honorary Colonel Michael Sanderson, SBStJ <sup>2</sup>**

Executive Director of the Lower Mainland B.C. Ambulance Service  
 Responsible for all ambulance services at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics  
 Former Sea Cadet – Director of Ambulance Service in Hamilton, Ontario (HCol 23 Field Amb)



<sup>2</sup> Remembrance Day at UBC Memorial Gym 2011 has LCol Rod Needham, HLCOL (now HCol) Michael Sanderson, LCol Ben Roth, the new HLCOL Rob Watt and LCol Dave Lowe all together. My three Commanding Officers and two Honorary Lieutenant-Colonels at 12 Field Ambulance



## HONORARY LIEUTENANT-COLONELS

<b>Ernie Bowmer</b>	1981	to	1984
<b>Mike Warrington</b>	1985	to	1988
<b>Tony Grasset</b>	1988	to	2002
<b>Tom Speed</b>	2002	to	2006
<b>Michael Sanderson</b>	2007	to	2011
<b>Robert ('Robb') Watt</b>	2012	to	2018 and ongoing

### **Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Ernest ('Ernie') John Bowmer, KStJ, MC, CD, MD, FRCP(C)**

See note previous page under Honorary Colonels

### **Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Warrington, OStJ, CD, MD**

Commanded 12 Medical Company 1981 to 1983

Long time Family Physician in North Vancouver

Responsible for the CF Health Services Motto: Militi Succurimus

Troop Leader in Recce Troop, 1st Royal Tank Regiment, 7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats) WWII

### **Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony ('Tony') Grasset, KStJ, CD, MD <sup>3</sup>**

See note under Honorary Colonels

### **Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Speed, CD**

Minister in North Vancouver

Kept the Defence Medical Association Group in Vancouver going for many years

### **Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Sanderson, SBStJ**

See Note under Honorary Colonels

### **Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Robert ('Robb') Watt, LVO, OStJ**

First Canadian Herald

Canadian Herald Emeritus

Citizenship Court Judge



<sup>3</sup> CWO (now Captain) Peter Van Rienen, HCol Tony Grasset and HLCOL Mike Warrington at Freedom of the City and Sogel Mess Dinner in 2007

### Biographies of the Honoraries <sup>4</sup>

#### Honorary Colonel Tony Grasset, KStJ, CD, MD

HLCol 1988 to 2002

HCol 2002 to 2006

Tony was born in London, England and educated at Mount St. Mary's College near Sheffield. In March 1939, he enlisted in the British Territorial Army, The Kensington Regiment. He was posted to Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and shortly after the outbreak of WWII passed out as a Second Lieutenant, Royal Berkshire Regiment (May 1940). He was lent to the Bristol Aeroplane Company as Assistant Defence Officer during the Battle of Britain period.

Returning to the Royal Berkshire Regiment, he landed in Algiers, North Africa in December 1941 and served with the 56 Recce Regiment of the 78th British Division in North Africa. He remained with the 78th British Division when they went to Sicily and Italy. In 1944, he was posted to Headquarters of the Eighth Army as GSO III. In 1945, he was a member of the Military Mission to the Italian Army which was tasked with training Italian forces to fight with the Allies until the end of hostilities. He then served with the Allied Screening Commission (Italy) whose task was to investigate and acknowledge Italians who aided escaped Allied POWs. He was released from the British Army in September 1946.



Tony once told me that the best advice he every received was from a grizzled veteran was: "Don't worry about the bullet that you hear, it hasn't and can't kill you. You'll never hear the one that will kill or maim you!" After that piece of advice, he stopped worrying.

Returning to school after the war, he went to medical school and graduated from the Middlesex Hospital (London, England) in 1954. After his internship, he joined the resident staff of the American Hospital in Paris (France) from 1955 to 1961.

He moved to Canada in 1961 and was appointed the Chief Resident at Shaughnessy Hospital. At this time he enrolled in the RCAMC (Militia) and served as a Regimental Medical Officer. He was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel in 1974 and served until December 1981 as Area Surgeon (Pacific). He served as President of the Defence Medical Association from 1985 to 1987.

After his term as Chief Resident at Shaughnessy Hospital, he became a General Practitioner in West Vancouver. He was on the staff of Lions Gate Hospital and the Honorary Staff of Shaughnessy Hospital. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the BC Corps of Commissionaires. He was very active in the work of St. John Ambulance (member of the Provincial Medical Advisory Board and Vice-Chair of the North Shore Branch). The first aid section found in the Yellow Pages of the telephone directories was due to his hard and determined work. While he is credited in the most recent history of the CFHS <sup>5</sup> with proposing the CFMS Motto, *Militi Succurrimus*, it was actually Mike Warrington who suggested the motto and Tony just forwarded it to the Surgeon General in Ottawa.

Tony's medals include: Knight of the Order of St. John, 1939/1945 Star, Africa Star with 1st Army clasp, Italy Star, Defence Medal, 1939/1945 War Medal – EIIR Silver Jubilee Medal – Efficiency Medal (GVI) – Canadian Forces Decoration (EIIR) and the Service Medal of the Order of St. John

<sup>4</sup> The biographies of the HCol Bowmer and HLCol Warrington are found under Commanding Officers

<sup>5</sup> Canadian Forces Medical Services – Introduction to its History & Heritage 2003

**Honorary Colonel Michael SANDERSON, MStJ, BA, MSc**

HLCol 29 December 2008 to 29 December 2011

HCol 29 December 2011 to 29 December 2014

Michael served in the Sea Cadets and went with a Canadian group of ships to Australia as a cadet spending three months at sea.

Prior to moving to Vancouver, Michael has moved through a range of paramedic, educational, supervisory, management, and executive roles since first starting as an ambulance attendant in Port Hope Ontario in 1974. These postings include Manager Pembroke and District Ambulance (1980-1987), Director Peterborough District Ambulance (1987-1990), Director of Paramedic Service Royal Victoria Hospital Barrie (1990-2001).

Educational experiences include his initial "Casualty Care Attendant" training at CFB Borden, the Humber College Ambulance and Emergency Care (Paramedic) program with Honours; completion of the American Ambulance Association Ambulance Service Management Program, the Ontario Police College Ambulance Service Investigators Course, and the Canadian Hospital Association Departmental Management Program. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (Sociology) from Sir Wilfrid Laurier University as well as a Master of Health Sciences (Health Administration) from University of Toronto. Most recently he completed the inaugural Simon Fraser University / Health Care Leaders Association of BC Leaders for Life Certificate program.

Michael served as the Executive Director of the British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) Lower Mainland Region from March 2001 to 2011. He was responsible for ambulance service delivery to more than 2.6 million British Columbians in an area of more than 90,000 square kilometres with an annual response volume in this diversified area exceeding 400,000. With the 2010 Olympic and Paralympics Games operating entirely within the Lower Mainland Region his role included designation as the Provincial lead for EMS provision to the Games, a responsibility off without a hitch. He provided yeoman service during the long BC Ambulance strike putting in many extra hours to keep the service going.

Michael represented the BCAS on the Board of Directors for E-Comm. Professional memberships include the EMS Chiefs of Canada and the Canadian College of Health Service Executives. Honours and awards include admission as a Member of the Order of St. John (MStJ 2000), the Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal (with bar), and appointment as Honorary Lieutenant Colonel 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance. He was appointed as the Honorary Colonel on 29 December 2011 for a period of three years. <sup>6</sup>



<sup>6</sup> Top Photo: Michael in CFHS Mess Dress with Surgeon General Commodore Hans Jung and HCol (in his Captain(N) uniform) John Blatherwick in Ottawa; Below Photo: HCol Michael Sanderson with HCol John Blatherwick (until 12 February 2012 and then he expired – it said so on his ID card) and LCol Ben Roth at New Year's Day Levee 01 January 2012.

During his time as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel for the 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance, Michael raised over \$2,500.00 in Tim Horton coupons for the members of 12 Field Ambulance serving in Afghanistan. He also made available training opportunities for the Field Ambulance with BC Ambulance. In 2010, Michael became the President of the Canadian Chiefs of Ambulance Services. He and his wife love to ride their motorcycles and in the summers will put on 1,000's of miles driving to Ontario and other places. His medals include the Member of the Order of St. John and the Ambulance Service Exemplary Service Medal and bar.

A change in Michael's civilian employment had him move to Ontario where he became the Deputy Chief of Ambulance Services for the Niagara Region and in 2014 the Chief of the Paramedic Services for Hamilton and the Honorary Colonel of 23 (Hamilton) Field Ambulance as of 23 January 2014.

**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Robert ("Robb") Douglas WATT,  
LVO, OStJ, BA, MA, FRHSC, FHS (Hon), AIH**

Robb was born in 1945 in Picton, Ontario, in Prince Edward County, the son of an NCO in the RCAF and a farmer's daughter. His maternal grandmother was very proud of her Loyalist heritage and passed her fascination with the County's history on to me. When his father returned to his birthplace on the North Shore in 1953, his father added to his historical interests by recounting tales of his boyhood in the Scottish Lowlands near Linlithgow in an area right beside the site of the northernmost Roman wall. He even had some Roman coins he had dug up in a field next to the schoolhouse where his father was the headmaster.

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By the time he finished High School in West Vancouver, history seemed the best choice for a degree, which he began at UBC and completed, with an MA in Canadian history, at Carleton University in Ottawa in 1968. After teaching briefly at Capilano College, he returned to Ottawa and began a career lasting nearly four decades in what he call "applied history", first at the Public Archives in Ottawa and then, returning to the Coast, as City Archivist in Vancouver, then Curator and ultimately Director at the Vancouver Museum.

In 1972, Robb met his wife Alison and we were married the next year in the Temple Church in London, made much more famous now by Dan Brown in the 'Da Vinci Code'.

In the light of his subsequent career, one story from the late 60s deserves particular mention. While training at the Public Archives, Robb was mentored by Bob Rosewarne, the newly appointed head of exhibits for the Archives, who encouraged me to join the then fledgling

Heraldry Society of Canada. Robb can still remember his comments as he dropped the membership leaflet on his desk. "Robb", he said, "With your interest in history and love of art, you should join this. It's a good group". Little did he know at the time what this would ultimately lead to? Like most people, historians included, Robb thought heraldry was a purely antiquarian matter that had died out when the last knight hung up his lance, so he was startled to discover that it had a contemporary face and new coats of arms were being regularly granted, including to the City of Vancouver in 1969.

In the years between 1970 and 1988, Robb enjoyed a rich and varied professional career and the pleasures and fascinations of becoming a parent, with the birth of our son Michael in 1982 and daughter Catherine in

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<sup>7</sup> Robb Watt outside of Buckingham Palace after receiving the Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order (LVO) from HRH The Prince of Wales, Prince Charles. With him is his daughter Catherine, son Michael and wife Alison.



1985. While City Archivist, he worked to bring order to the mass of material collected by the indefatigable and often irascible Major J.S. Matthews. Shortly after succeeding him, Pierre Berton visited me at the office, then in the Library Building on Burrard. From his comments it became clear that the Major and Robb hadn't really hit it off and Pierre often left the premises a very frustrated researcher. Robb was evidently a breath of fresh, young and professional air.

Robb carried his enjoyment of organizing and giving access to archival heritage over to the City Museum in the shadow, literally and figuratively, of the Planetarium. His love affair, still going strong, with art and stained glass, unfolded there, as did his determination to save some of Vancouver's neon. Most fortunately for Robb, he began to learn something of the extraordinary material culture of the First Peoples of the Northwest Coast and of the renaissance in North west Coast art, then getting firmly underway. Peggy Martin, our gift shop manager was one of his guides and he remains proud that the Museum, with the help of Bill Reid was able to develop a goldsmith's Jubilee workshop in 1977 in one of our galleries, which matched the artistry of a young English goldsmith, Peter Page, with six of the finest up and coming young First Nations artists, all suggested by Bill Reid.

During this same period Robb served as editor of the Material History Bulletin, with an Ottawa colleague and as President of the B.C. Museums Association, both experiences which brought me into contact with some of the best museologists and material historians in Canada. A term on the City's first Heritage Advisory Committee, introduced me to dangers which threatened Vancouver's built heritage and the challenges of saving important structures like the Orpheum.<sup>8</sup>



Volunteering took several forms, serving as a president or Director of a number of heritage groups but also as a technical consultant for a number of area municipalities which wanted to acquire an official coat of arms. These included Richmond, the City of North Vancouver, West Vancouver, Campbell River, Delta and Port Moody. This activity dramatized for me the anomaly of Canadian institutions having to use the Crown's older heraldic offices in London and Edinburgh to receive official heraldry. His position on the executive of the Heraldry Society of Canada gave me a front row seat on developments in Ottawa regarding the possibility of creating a Canadian Heraldic Authority. That this came to pass is due largely to the advocacy of a BC First Nations woman, Teresa Nahanni and to the Hon. David Crombie, who pushed the concept in cabinet when Brian Mulroney was Prime Minister. The full story is far too long to tell here, but miraculously, the Authority was created by Royal Letters Patent in 1988. Robb had the great good fortune to be chosen as the first Chief Herald of Canada by Governor General Sauvé on 4 June that year.

For a little over 19 years Robb watched as his colleagues and he were able to take this very old and beautiful European idea and make it live and flourish in Canada. Our heraldry is now widely considered to be among the finest in the world, a pioneering effort in terms of gender equal symbolism, a symbol system that accords a special place to the ancient symbols of our first peoples, a system which recognizes in hundreds of new grants, the rich multicultural character of our people and the tremendous accomplishments of our institutions. Robb was privileged to create new heraldry for recipients in every province and territory and shaped and attended hundreds of heraldic ceremonies from sea to sea to sea.

Retirement as Chief Herald came at the end of June 2007 but the Governor General let me down very gently by giving me a new title, Rideau Herald Emeritus, a beautiful new badge of office and above all, the chance to continue some involvement in this unique cultural experiment.

Robb, as I told him, "failed retirement" and took up a new challenge the next year as a Citizenship Court Judge. He holds 2 to 3 Citizenship ceremonies each week. On 29 December 2011, Rob became the Honorary Colonel of 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance for 3 years to 29 December 2014 and for another 3 years until 29 December 2017.

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<sup>8</sup> Robert Watt wearing his chain of office as the Chief Herald of Canada (Photo by Sergeant Eric Jolin, Office of the Governor General)

Rob Watt's medals include: Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order – Officer of the Order of St. John – Canada 125 Medal – EIIR Golden Jubilee Medal – EIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal. <sup>9</sup>



**Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Tom Speed, CD**  
HLCol 2002 to 2006



Tom Speed was a Minister on the North Shore. When the Defence Medical Association in Vancouver began to deteriorate, Tom took over the Chair of the Division and kept it going for many years. He served as the Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of 12 Field Ambulance from 2002 to 2006 but his health would not let him take the Honorary Colonel position.

Tom's medals include: Defence Medal – Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and Clasp – 1939/1945 War Medal – Centennial Medal - EIIR Silver Jubilee – CD and two bars

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<sup>9</sup> 01 January 2012 – The new Brain Trust of 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance – Lieutenant-Colonel Ben Roth, Commanding Officer, Honorary Colonel Michael Sanderson, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Rob Watt, Captain Dennis Haynes, Deputy Commanding Officer and CWO Scott Stewart, Regimental Sergeant Major

**Honorary Colonel Francis John BLATHERWICK  
CM, CStJ, OBC, CD, MD, FRCP(C), LLD (Hon)**

John Blatherwick grew up in the RCAF moving from station to station: Winnipeg, Edmonton, Namao, Calgary, Vancouver, Ottawa and back to Namao (north of Edmonton). His father was the longest serving Warrant Officer in the history of the RCAF becoming a WO2 in 1942 after joining as an Airman 2nd Class on the day WWII was declared by Canada. Earl Blatherwick received his first Warrant (as a WO1) in 1942 and decided to stay in the RCAF when he was only reverted back to WO2 and received his second Warrant in 1950. He remained a WO1 until he retired in 1970. (photo at right Brian, Earl and John Blatherwick in RCAF Uniform)



John joined the Governor General's Foot Guards in Ottawa in 1961 and wore the scarlet tunic with bearskin headdress. Following his family's move to RCAF Namao (where they moved into the same house they had occupied in 1949 when they were the first family on the base after the USAF turned the base over to Canada), he joined 107 University of Alberta Squadron. In his first summer in RCAF Centralia, he was selected the Outstanding Officer Cadet out of 270 Officer Cadets. That summer he also completed his training as a Supply Officer (now known by the fancier name – Logistics Officer). He spent the next two summers at RCAF Station Gimli and RCAF Station Winnipeg. He then transferred to 418 (Edmonton) RCAF Squadron based a stone's throw from his home at RCAF Station Namao and served with that Squadron throughout his time as a medical student at the University of Alberta (graduated 1969). He was carried on the books of the unit as their Supply Officer but in fact acted as their medical officer with one of his Professors at the University signing his aircrew medicals for him. His brother, Brian, also served in 418 Squadron and the two brothers served with their father.

In the summer of 1967, John went to the National Defence Medical Centre as a supply officer in the RCAF. While signing in, he met Commodore Yelland, the Commandant of NDMC, who said to him, "You are a medical student; you don't want to work in supply. What would you like to do in the medical area?" John replied that he would like to work in surgery. In those days, medical students didn't really get on the wards until 3rd year medicine and John had just finished 2nd year. He had never been in an operating theatre. So Colin Yelland sent him up to see Captain Dan McIver, RCN, the head of surgery. Captain McIver said, "That ward over there is yours – you do all the medicals, write all the orders, and assist on all the surgeries." While he knew how to do a history and a rudimentary physical, writing orders was something he had never done. The ward however was very basic military surgery – haemorrhoids and Pilonidal Sinuses (Jeep Driver's disease in the army). So to write the orders, he got former charts of patients with these problems and wrote his orders based on them. The nurses did ask him why he ordered three enemas for each patient which the head nurse had him cut down to one and one more if needed! <sup>10</sup>



<sup>10</sup> John in his Governor General's Foot Guard ceremonial uniform, Pilot Officer in the RCAF, ADC to the Lieutenant-Governor of B.C. in the Vancouver to Nanaimo bathtub race in the (ugh!) green navy uniform; RCN dress whites and on retirement in his navy blue uniform



It wasn't only the basic things that he operated on. He assisted on eye surgery and open heart surgery. He also took his turn on call, staying at the hospital on those nights where there was normally no physician on site. One night he was on call during EXPO' 67 and the Queen was in Ottawa. John was on call the night of 01 July 1967 and would have been the first 'doctor' the Queen would have seen if she had gotten ill. The thing about that situation was the next night when she was in Montreal, she had a miscarriage!



When I asked Captain McIver <sup>11</sup> how he became a surgeon, he explained that on his first cruise in the Royal Navy in WWII, his ship was hit and he did six amputations in one night. He decided after that to be a surgeon and save some of those limbs. Dan was a superb surgeon. He didn't waste time picking up bleeders – he felt that the less time a patient was under anaesthesia, the better it was for the patient so John's job was to keep his field of vision clear and pick up the bleeders when they closed. Dan would have me look at the clock and when the second hand hit 12, we would start and finish a gall bladder in less than 25 minutes. When I assisted the older army surgeon, it was up to an hour as he stopped and cauterized every bleeder - long surgeries. The

young Major was fast also but never close to McIver's time.

They all treated John very well. Commodore Yelland was a twin and when John bought his house in New Westminster in 1975, his twin lived one door away and was in general practice in New Westminster.

Military physicians by and large treated young people as colleagues and that was never better shown than when Dan McIver helped John. When John got home on Thursday night from NDMC in June 1967, he received a post card from his fiancée's mother which said: "Carol's surgery went fine. She will be out of the hospital soon." That was it. On Friday morning, John told Dan McIver that he had to go home to see Carol. Dan just said, "Don't do anything – I will look after it." Looking after it was spectacular. John received travel patients and special leave. He was booked on the service flight from RCAF Uplands in Ottawa to Trenton that night. However, when he arrived at the Air Movement Unit, they said there was no flight to Trenton that night. The only plane leaving was that belonging to the Air Officer Commanding Transport Command and it wasn't a scheduled flight. John's travel documents said he was on that flight. It was a magnificent Dakota aircraft with two large seats behind tables at the front of the aircraft. John boarded last after the AOC and his aide and his secretary who sat in the seats behind the AOC. The AOC motioned John to come up and sit with him in the nice big seats up front. When they arrived in Trenton, the AOC's car met the plane and he took John over to the overnight accommodations. The next morning, John was off on the Yukon flight to RCAF Station Namao. On the flight, he sat in the VIP seats at the back of the plane with three Brigadiers. Finally, one of the Brigadiers asked John where Rear-Admiral Elliot was. John explained about Dan McIver arranging this for him and they all realized that Elliot had given up his seat for John.

The story ended well. John arrived in Namao and drove down through Edmonton to Calgary. Carol was all right and came out of the hospital the next day. Carol and John arranged their wedding reception on the Wednesday and on the Thursday John had a seat on a Hercules flight back to Ottawa out of Namao. On the Friday morning, Dan asked John, "Everything all right?". "Yes", was the reply and John went back to work.



The military did two very nice things for Dan McIver. First he received the Officer of the Order of Military Merit in his last year in the service (1973) and in his last month, they promoted him to Commodore. He had repeatedly turned down promotions which would have lead to him becoming the Surgeon General as he wanted to be a real surgeon. I asked a friend how he took his promotion and they said he sat in his office for about 24 hours

<sup>11</sup> Surgeon Captain Dan McIver

John's son, Lieutenant James Blatherwick, First Lieutenant at HMCS Discovery, John Blatherwick in naval uniform; WO1 Earl Blatherwick, RCAF



with cigars and scotch and all his friends came and visited him – he was simply delighted with the promotion.

Another story from my NDMC days concerned Colonel Keith Besley. Keith was a pilot in the RCAF in WWII, went to medical school after the war graduating from the University of Toronto in 1950. Keith joined the RCAMC and served in Korea earning a Mentioned-in-Despatches. He then trained as a Urologist and was the staff urologist at the National Defence Medical Centre when I was there. One of the first days that I was assisting him in the Operating Room, he had been rattling off a series of jokes and funny stories (just like in the movie and TV series MASH) when he suddenly popped his head up from the end of the table and said, “John, when you work at this end of the table, you have to have a sense of humour.”<sup>12</sup>



After graduating from the University of Alberta with the gold medal in surgery and the gold medal in medicine (thanks largely to my time at NDMC which put me way ahead of my classmates having run a surgical ward for four months), one of two out of 109 students to graduate Cum Laude and first in his class, he and his wife Carol, a class mate whom he had married in the summer of 1967, interned at the Foothills Hospital in Calgary (Carol's home town). John was the head of the interns, a job that he took to ensure his schedule and Carol's would match as much as possible to two people who were on call every second night and every second weekend. Somehow, one of the surgeons at the hospital learned that John had been in the military and asked him to “assist” him with the medical company at the Service Battalion in Calgary. John was given the rank of Lieutenant as he was not yet fully qualified to practice medicine in Alberta until he had completed his internship. The first night he attended the Mewata Armoury, he was told that he was the Officer Commanding the medical company as the surgeon had been retired due to age and he was the only officer in the unit! So he wore his RCAMC uniform while the Canadian Forces were transforming into the one green uniform. John and Carol decided after having gone through their last winter in Edmonton which included 40 straight days of below zero Fahrenheit and five straight days of -40 (which is the same in Celsius and Fahrenheit) weather, that they would move to Vancouver.<sup>13</sup>



Thus in July 1970, John started as a First Year Resident in Internal Medicine at the Vancouver General Hospital and Carol started doing locums in Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond. During that year at VGH, John's Deputy Senior Resident asked if John would “assist” him at HMCS Discovery. John started at Discovery in May 1971 and remained for 29 years, most of those years as the Principal Medical Officer (PMO). Over the course of that period, John was promoted to the rank of Commander and represented Canada for six years at the Congress of NATO Medical Officer first as Vice-President (Canada) and then as President (Canada). The CIOMR present him with their gold medal; only the sixth one to date given.

Another thing that John did during that first year residency program was go to see the Vancouver City Medical Health Officer to tell him that they needed to set up a youth medical clinic. John was seeing so many young people in the outpatient clinics and back then you didn't have automatic medical coverage when you came to B.C. from another province. Hepatitis and Venereal Diseases were rampant in this group of young people. Dr. Gerry Bonham said that they realized that they needed such a clinic, that they had applied for a federal grant to run one and that John was hired to set the clinic up and run it. “Not so fast – I have a residency to finish”, replied John. Gerry convinced John that he was the right person and that he should follow his passion and finish his residency later.



<sup>12</sup> Colonel John Keith Besley, KStJ, CD (MID), RCAMC and RCAF

<sup>13</sup> John and Carol off to the Military Ball in Edmonton 1967; John as a Surgeon Lieutenant in the navy in 1971.

Thus in July 1971, John started on a career in public health. Since they didn't have the grant money yet, John was made an Assistant Medical Health Officer and began doing public health work and in particular being a school medical officer. In January 1972, the money for the clinic arrived. The clinic was called the Pine Street Clinic for the obvious reason; it was on Pine Street. It started as a single trailer and eventually became a double trailer. Today it still operates on 4th Avenue in a permanent structure and so the name was changed to Pine Free Clinic. The infamous Dr. Art Hister was hired by John to work with him and the pair had a great three years together.

John worked part-time at the clinic and continued to perform his Medical Health Officer role. He decided to make it a career and arranged with Dr. Ken Benson to join the Provincial Health Department and go to the University of Toronto and take his Diploma in Public Health (DPH). Carol and John and their two year old son Jim moved to Toronto for 8 months with John finishing first in the DPH class. John knew he could be posted to any of the Health Units in British Columbia and when he left B.C. for Toronto, Williams Lake and Nelson were open. He (and Carol) was very pleased when Ken Benson asked him if he wanted the Simon Fraser Health Unit in Coquitlam / New Westminster. John accepted on the spot; Ken suggested he ask his wife and John said, "I know she would say yes".

While in Toronto, John served as a Medical Officer at *HMCS York*. Back then, all naval reserve promotions were made on January 1st. John, Jim and Carol had come back to Vancouver for Christmas and John and Carol were over at their friend John Tyrell's house for New Years Eve and to welcome in the New Year with John Tyrell's promotion to Lieutenant-Commander. At 23:30 on December 31st, a phone call came to the Tyrell with Bob McIlwaine asking John if he knew where John Blatherwick was. "Right here", was the reply. So John B. took the phone and Bob asked him if he knew he was being promoted, which he did not. So the two Johns were now Lieutenant-Commanders when the clock struck midnight.



John wore the RCN blue uniform until this time as the regular force members received the green uniform's first. When John got back to Toronto, he went to the clothing stores at CFB Station Downsview and received his new green "Major Rank" uniform. John was concerned about what the members at *York* might think of him taking one of their promotions but on the first night back at the unit, John had nothing to worry about as *HMCS York* had gotten 13 of the 26 promotions in the naval reserve that year. In addition to John's promotion, his Principal Medical Officer was promoted to Commander, the other medical officer in the unit to LCdr and a nurse to Lieutenant. The four of them put on a mess dinner for the unit rather than ringing the bell.

After his DPH, John returned to Vancouver and *HMCS Discovery* to take up his position as the Medical Health Officer for the Simon Fraser Health Unit. It covered Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore, Unincorporated Area 'B' of the GVRD and the unique municipal health unit of New Westminster. In New Westminster, John reported directly to the City Council and City Manager as the Medical Health Officers did in Vancouver, Burnaby and Richmond.

John and Carol were living in Vancouver and expecting their second child (David) and were looking for a house in their new area. They looked at a house in New Westminster and really liked it but felt it was out of their price range. However, the more he thought about it, the more John knew he had to have that house. When they had their Vancouver house appraised, it had gone up in value by double what they had paid three years earlier and knew they could get the house in New Westminster. They put an offer on the house on a Sunday. It was three houses over from an elementary school and midway between John's two offices in New Westminster and Coquitlam. On the Monday, the Chairman of John's Health Board called and said she had the perfect house for him. He told her that he had put an offer in on Sunday. She said, "As long as it is not 59 Courtney Crescent, you won't want to buy it as I have a better one for you." It was 59 Courtney Crescent and since November 1975, John and family have lived there. They moved from the Killarney area of Vancouver 10 days after David was born – and it snowed that day.

After nine great and enjoyable years as the Medical Health Officer in the Simon Fraser Health Unit, John applied for the Medical Health Officer position in Vancouver and got the job. For the next 23 years,

through AIDS, SARS, Botulism, dirty water, influenza and a myriad of public health concerns, John was the voice and face of public health in Vancouver and often in British Columbia. He turned down the position of Provincial Health Officer even after the Premier, his former Mayor in Vancouver Mike Harcourt, called and personally asked him. The problem that the position reported to the Minister of Health and not to the legislature as was originally planned and John knew his ability to speak out would be hampered by reporting to the Minister of Health. When he had taken the Vancouver Medical Health Officer position, Gerry Bonham, now an Associate Deputy Minister in Victoria told him, “You have the best job in the world; don’t ever give it up”. John certainly came to agree with him.

For 9 months in 1992/93, John became the first and only Chief Executive Officer of the Burnaby Health Region. His deputy MHO at the time, Dr. Anne Vogel, suggested he take a leave of absence to see if the job would work out as there was an election looming. Because the health regions were new and there was no legislation in place for the appointment of MHOs, the Provincial Health Officer asked John to retain his legal appointment as MHO in Vancouver until they could sort out the legislation. When the NDP won the election, it looked like regionalization as planned would stay but the NDP decided to change the boundaries again and Burnaby was amalgamated in the Fraser Health Authority and there was no job for John. Fortunately, he was allowed to return as the Chief MHO for the Vancouver / Richmond Health Board, never having lost the official title as MHO in Vancouver. Another reorganization changed the board to the Vancouver / Richmond / Vancouver General Hospital Health Board and then to the Vancouver Coastal Health Board which brought in the North Shore and the Sunshine Coast and the Sea to Sky Highway and Bella Bella and Bella Coola. He was allowed to shape the Chief MHOs job his way and to work with a great group of MHOs, Dr. Brian O’Connor on the North Shore, Dr. Anne Vogel in Richmond, Dr. Paul Martiquet on the Sunshine Coast and Dr. James Lu from Kamloops. His colleagues in Vancouver included his ultimate successor, Dr. Patty Daly plus his classmate from medical school Dr. Lois Yelland, and a friend from the initial Pine Clinic era, Dr. Cheryl Anderson.<sup>14</sup>



<sup>14</sup> Medical Health Officers with the Vancouver Coastal Health 2006 to 2010. Top right photo has Drs. Paul Martiquet, John, and Cheryl Anderson in the back, Drs. Brian O’Connor, Patty Daly, James Lu and Reka Gustafson in the front. Brian O’Connor is in each photo.



On 01 April 1997, the naval reserve decided they didn't need or want medical personnel so John and his staff were 'retired'. However, a few months later they felt they may have made a mistake and the Commander of Naval Reserve Divisions (COND) asked John to return as the Senior Naval Reserve Medical Advisor which he did until one day before his 56th birthday in September 2000. On returning to HMCS Discovery, he completed a report for COND outlining why the naval reserve had made a mistake. One of the key reasons was that John returned four former members of the unit to active duty that held the rank of Petty Officer, all of who had failed medical examinations with civilian medical officers. One had been unable continue as a diver because his vision was now V3. John sent him to a former naval ophthalmologist who confirmed that he was V2 and still qualified to dive. One was said to have hypertension but John had his blood pressure checked at a hospital and it was just that the individual was so muscular that he appeared to be hypertensive. Two others had minor problems that could easily be corrected. The investment in training and the experience that these four individuals represented would have been a huge cost to the naval reserve. However, his report was ignored and the medical positions in the naval reserve died when John left in 2000.

That might have been the end of John's career but Tony Grasset and Dave Lowe took John out for lunch



one day in 2005 and asked him to accept the position of Honorary Colonel 12 (Vancouver) Field Ambulance. John accepted and was appointed for a three year term starting on 12 February 2006. John only wanted to serve three years as he felt others should have the opportunity but was asked to extend a year into 2010 to cover the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. He was not extended for a year - instead he was extended for another three years. Thus he did six years as the Honorary Colonel. <sup>15</sup>

John had been extensively involved in the planning for the medical coverage of the Olympics as the Chief MHO in Vancouver having been appointed by the CEO of Vancouver Coastal and the Deputy Minister of Health as the lead person for all health care for the Olympics. He and Michael Sanderson worked closely with other agencies in Vancouver to get things rolling. Initially, Michael's office was four floors above John's at 1060 West Broadway but the BC Ambulance Service moved their offices further out on Broadway. John ultimately took over their space for his Environmental Health Officers. In 2007, John retired from his position as Chief MHO and Dr. Patricia Daly, a most competent woman took his place.



John's medals include:  
 Member of the Order of Canada (CM)  
 Commander of the Order of St. John (CStJ)  
 Member of the Order of British Columbia (OBC)  
 Special Service Medal with bar NATO  
 Centennial Medal  
 EIIR Silver Jubilee Medal  
 Canada 125 Medal  
 EIIR Golden Jubilee Medal  
 EIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal  
 CD and two bars  
 Service Medal of the Order of St. John and two bars

<sup>15</sup> Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Lowe presenting John with his appointment certificate as Honorary Colonel of 12 (Vancouver) Field ambulance John with General Walter Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, CFB Borden. John, Rod Needham and Sergeant Gray were there for the rededication of the Canadian Forces Health Services Memorial (John was at the first dedication). General Natynczyk was there as his daughter graduated from the medical training centre at CFB Borden.



**Surgeons General or their Equivalent Appointments****Surgeon General of the Militia Medical Services**

<b>BERGIN, Darby</b>	LCol (later Col)	MD MP	04/1885 – 02/1898
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**Director General of the Army Medical Department**

<b>NEILSON, J.L. Hurbert</b>	Colonel	MD	02/1898 – 07/1903
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**Director General of Medical Services**

<b>FISSET, Sir Marie-Joseph Eugène</b>	Colonel	Kt CMG DSO KStJ ED	07/1903 – 12/1906
<b>JONES, Guy Carleton</b>	Colonel	CMG KStJ MD CM	12/1906 – 11/1917
<b>FISSET, Sir M.J. Eugène <sup>16</sup></b>	* MGen	Kt CMG DSO KStJ ED MD	12/1914 – 09/1915
<b>JONES, Guy Carleton</b>	* MGen	CMG KStJ MD CM	09/1915 – 11/1917
<b>FOTHERINGHAM, John Taylor</b>	MGen	CMG KStJ VD MD	11/1917 - 03/1920
<b>FOSTER, Gilbert LaFayette</b>	MGen	CB KStJ MD FRS LLD	03/1920 - 06/1921
<b>BRIDGES, James Whiteside</b>	Colonel	CBE MD	06/1921 - 04/1925
<b>JACQUES, Harry Merville</b>	Colonel	DSO MD	04/1925 - 06/1930
<b>CLARKE, John Thomas</b>	Colonel	CBE CStJ MC MD	06/1930 - 09/1933
<b>SNELL, Arthur Evans</b>	Colonel	CMG DSO OStJ MD	09/1933 - 07/1936
<b>POTTER, Jacob Leslie</b>	Colonel	OStJ MD	07/1936 - 11/1939
<b>GORSSLINE, Raymond Myers</b>	Brigadier	DSO CStJ MB DPH	11/1939 - 09/1942
<b>CHISHOLM, George Brock</b>	MGen	OC CBE MC MD	09/1942 - 01/1945
<b>FENWICK, Charles Philip</b>	MGen	CB CBE CStJ MC ED	01/1945 - 03/1946
<b>THOMPSON, Clifford Shaw</b>	Brigadier	OBE MD	03/1946 - 10/1947
<b>COKE, William Lawrence</b>	Brigadier	OBE OStJ MD	10/1947 - 11/1952
<b>HUNTER, Kenneth Adam</b>	Brigadier	OBE CStJ CD MD	11/1952 - 03/1956
<b>SHIER, Stanley Gerald Umphrey</b>	Brigadier	OBE CStJ CD QHP MD	03/1956 - 10/1958
<b>TREMBLAY, Pierre</b>	Brigadier	OBE OStJ CD MD	10/1958 - 01/1959

\* Promoted to Surgeon General and made a Major-General

*DGMS Canadian Army. The medical services of the RCN and RCAF were led by separate medical directors from 1940 to 1959*



<sup>16</sup> Photo and Medals of The Honourable, Major-General Sir Marie-Joseph Eugène FISSET – He became the Lieutenant Governor of Quebec in 1939.

## SURGEON GENERALS of the CANADIAN FORCES HEALTH SERVICES

<b>HUNTER, Kenneth Adam</b>	MGen	OBE CStJ CD QHP MD	01/1959 – 01/1960
<b>McLEAN, Timothy <u>Blair</u></b>	Surg RAdm	CStJ CD QHS MD	01/1960 – 09/1960
<b>ELLIOT, Walter John</b>	Surg RAdm	SBSStJ CD QHS MD CM	09/1964 – 07/1968
<b>NELSON, Donald Gordon M.</b>	MGen	CStJ CD QHS MD DPH FACPM	07/1968 – 07/1970
<b>BARR, John W.B.</b>	MGen	CMM KStJ CD QHP MD CM DHA	07/1970 – 09/1973
<b>ROBERTS, Richard Howell</b>	RAdm	CStJ CD QHP MD FRCP(C) FACP	09/1973 – 04/1975
<b>LEACH, Wilson George</b>	MGen	CMM OSStJ CD QHP MD	04/1976 – 08/1980
<b>McPHERSON, Victor A.</b>	MGen	CStJ CD QHS MD FRCS(C)	08/1980 – 07/1982
<b>DUPUIS, Robert</b>	MGen	CMM CStJ CD QHP MD FRCP(C)	07/1982 – 09/1985
<b>FASSOLD, Robert ('Bob')</b>	MGen	CStJ CD QHP, MD	09/1985 – 01/1988
<b>KNIGHT, Charles Joseph</b>	RAdm	CMM OSStJ CD QHP, MD	01/1988 – 08/1990
<b>BENOIT, Jean J. ('Bennie')</b>	MGen	CStJ CD QHP MD FRCP(C)	08/1990 – 08/1992
<b>MORISSET, Joseph <u>Pierre R.</u></b>	MGen	CMM CStJ CD QHP MD MHA	08/1992 – 10/1994
<b>CLAY, Wendy Arlene</b>	MGen	CMM OSStJ CD QHP MD FRCP(C)	10/1994 – 06/1998
<b>AUGER, Claude</b>	BGen	MSStJ CD QHS MD FRCPS(C)	06/1998 – 01/2000
<b>MATHIEU, M.J. Lise</b>	MGen	CMM CD CHE *	01/2000 – 04/2005
<b>CAMERON, Scott M.</b>	Colonel	OMM CD QHP, MD	01/2000 – 06/2004
<b>JAEGER, Hilary F.</b>	BGen	OMM MSStJ MSM CD QHP MD	06/2004 – 07/2009
<b>KAVANAUGH, Margaret F.</b>	Commodore	OMM MSStJ CD MD MHA CHE *	04/2005 – 07/2007
<b>JUNG, Hans W.</b>	Commodore	OMM CD QHP MD MA	02/2009 – 07/2012
<b>BERNIER, Joseph <u>Jean</u>-Robert</b>	BGen **	OMM CD QHP MD FRCP(C) Hon	07/2012 – 06/2015
<b>MacKAY, Hugh <u>Colin</u></b>	BGen	OMM CD QHP MHSc	06/2015 – 07/2017
<b>DOWNES, Andrew M.T.</b>	BGen	CD, MD, QHP	07/2017 - Current

\* Director General of Health Services (Not Surgeon General)    \*\* Promoted MGen at end of term    17



## COLONEL COMMANDANTS of the Canadian Forces Health Services

<b>BARR, John W.B.</b>	MGen	CMM KStJ CD QHP MD CM DHA	11/1976 – 09/2001
<b>VAUGHN, Peter</b>	HCol	CD QHP MD	09/2001 – 06/2010
<b>MORISSET, Pierre</b>	MGen	CMM CD QHP MD, MHA	06/2010 – 05/2015
<b>LANGE, Marvin</b>	Colonel	CD, MD, FRCPC	05/2015 - current

## COLONEL-in-CHIEF of the CANADIAN FORCES HEALTH SERVICES

<b>Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother</b>	HRH	LG LT GBE CI CC ONZ RRC DGStJ CD	07/1952 -03/2002
<b>The Princess Royal, Princess Anne</b>	HRH	LG LT GCVO QSO DGStJ CD	10/2003 - Current

<sup>17</sup> Major General John Barr, CMM, KStJ, CD, QHP MD; Major-General Wendy Clay, CMM, OSStJ, CD, QHP, MD, FRCP(C) (first female pilot and MGen in the Canadian Forces); Major-General Lise Mathieu, CMM, CD; Lieutenant-Colonel (later Brigadier-General) Hilary Jaeger, OMM, OSStJ, MSM, CD, QHP MD; Commodore Hans Jung, OMM, CD, QHP, MD, MA

## SURGEON GENERALS of the CANADIAN FORCES HEALTH SERVICES

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<sup>18</sup> Top Row: MGen Bennie Benoit, CStJ, CD; RAdm Charles Knight, CMM, CStJ, CD; MGen Bob Fassold, CStJ  
 Middle Row: MGen Bob Dupuis, CMM, CStJ, CD; MGen Victor McPherson, CStJ, CD; MGen Wilson Leach, CMM, OstJ, CD  
 Bottom Row: RAdm Richard Robert, CStJ, CD; MGen John Barr, CMM, KStJ, CD; MGen Don Nelson, CStJ, CD  
**Major-General Wilson George Leach is a Member of the Aviation Hall of Fame**

## SURGEON GENERALS of the CANADIAN FORCES HEALTH SERVICES

**Major-General Joseph Jean-Robert Sylvia BERNIER, OMM, CD, QHP**  
**CHAIR of the COMMITTEE of CHIEFS of MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICE (COMEDS) for NATO**



Originally from Sarnia, Jean-Robert Bernier graduated from the **Royal Military College** in 1982 and served in **Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry** before studying medicine at McMaster University and in Toronto. He then served as a Regimental and Hospital Medical Officer in Germany, commanded MacPherson Hospital in Calgary, trained in medical nuclear, biological, and chemical defence with US research institutes, completed post-graduate environmental and public health programs at the US Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and served with the US National Center for Medical Intelligence at Fort Detrick. He subsequently expanded defensive medical capabilities against military threats as Head of Operational Medicine, chaired the CAN-UK-US Medical Countermeasures Coordinating Committee and the AUS-CAN-UK-US Medical Intelligence Analysts' Working Group, and was vice-chair of NATO's Biological Medical Defence Advisory Committee. After serving as Head of Occupational and Environmental Health, he led the armed forces public health agency as Director Force Health Protection. As **Director Health Services Operations**, he chaired the multi-national steering group coordinating NATO health resources in southern Afghanistan and was responsible for support to all Canadian missions, including the combat hospital in Kandahar for which Canada received NATO's

highest honour for medical support. As **Deputy Surgeon General**, he chaired the Health, Medicine, and Protection research committee of NATO's Science and Technology Organization, the world's largest research network. As **Surgeon General**, Head of the Royal Canadian Medical Service, and Commander of Canadian Forces Health Services Group 2012-2015, he expanded military mental and operational health capabilities while generating the health service support to several humanitarian, development, and combat missions. He was the first person from outside continental Europe elected to chair the **committee of Surgeons General of NATO** and partner nations (COMEDS) beginning in November 2015. He transferred from the Canadian Forces Regular Force to the Reserve Force and was promoted to Major-General to take this appointment.

Major-General Bernier is a graduate of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College, the Advanced Military Studies Program, and Queen's University's Public Executive Program. He received the Royal Military College History Prize, the US Army Medical Department Center and School Commanding General's Award, an Honorary Doctor of Science from Queen's University, and is the first alumnus of the US federal health sciences university to be appointed a Surgeon General. He is an **Honorary Physician to Her Majesty the Queen**, an **Officer of the Order of Military Merit**, a Knight of Malta, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, an elect of the US national honour society in Public Health, and an Honorary Graduate of the US Interagency Institute for Federal Healthcare Executives. He serves on the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and on the boards of the Foundation for Civic Literacy and the Dorchester Review.

**Brigadier-General Andrew M.T. Downes, CD, MD, MPH, QHP**  
**Surgeon General / Commander Canadian Forces Health Services Group**



BGen Downes joined the Canadian Forces in 1989 as a medical student at the University of Manitoba. After completing a residency in Family Medicine in 1994, he was posted to Petawawa where he served two years with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, followed by a year posting with 2 Field Ambulance. He was then posted to Winnipeg, as a flight surgeon and diving medical officer, and in 1999, he was promoted to become the 17 Wing Surgeon. In 2001, he moved across the base to 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters, where he served 3 years as the Aerospace Medical Programs Flight Surgeon. In 2004, he was posted to San Antonio, Texas to undertake a two year Residency in Aerospace Medicine at the US Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine. This included a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Texas.



On completion of the program, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and he assumed the role of LFCA/JTFC Surgeon, in Toronto. In 2009, he moved to Ottawa where he served for a year as the CEFCOM / Canada COM / CANOSCOM Surgeon. In 2010, he was posted to the Canadian Forces Language School at Centre Asticou for second language training, which he completed in 2011. On 01 January 2012, he was promoted to Colonel and assumed the role of RCAF Surgeon. In 2014 he was briefly the Director of Force Health Protection and then appointed as Director of Mental Health in September 2014.

BGen Downes has deployed on 4 international operations: OP CAVALIER (Bosnia-Herzegovina) in 1994/95; OP MIRADOR (Italy) in 1997 with 416 Squadron in support of operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina; OP PALLADIUM (again in Bosnia-Herzegovina) in 2002/03 as the Task Force Surgeon; and finally OP ATHENA (Afghanistan) in 2008/09 as the Task Force Surgeon, Commanding Officer of the Health Services Unit, and Commander of the NATO Multinational Role 3 Hospital at Kandahar Airfield.

BGen Downes assumed the role as Surgeon General and Commander of Canadian Forces Health Services Group on 05 July 2017.

### **Brigadier-General Hugh Colin MacKAY, OMM, CD, QHP Surgeon General of the Canadian Forces**

Brigadier-General MacKay joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1983 as a **Signal Officer**. He was first posted to 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Headquarters and Signal Squadron where he served as the Assistant Operations Officer and COMCEN Troop Commander. Following his tour in Germany he was posted to 1 Canadian Signal Regiment in 1987 where he served as the Telecommunication Maintenance Troop Commander, the Unit Adjutant and completed the Advanced Signal Officer Course. He then went to the Directorate of Electronics Engineering and Maintenance where he was a Project Manager for Army Electronic Warfare equipment. In 1989 Brigadier-General MacKay was selected for the Military Medical Training Program and went off to the University of Toronto to complete his Doctor of Medicine in 1993. After completing a Family Medicine Residency at Queen's University in 1995 he was posted to work as a General Duty Medical Officer at Canadian Forces Base Kingston. In 1996 he was able to rejoin his former unit, now named the 1st Canadian Divisional Headquarters and Signal Regiment, as the Unit Medical Officer. While there he participated in Op ASSURANCE and Op ASSISTANCE. This was followed by a promotion to the rank of Major in 1997 and a posting as the Base Surgeon at Canadian Forces Base Shilo. In 1999 he was posted to 2 Field Ambulance in Petawawa as the Officer Commanding Medical Company and the Brigade Surgeon. While there he led the medical component of the DART during the earthquake disaster relief effort in Turkey, Op TORRENT. He was selected in 2000 to do post-graduate training in **Occupational Medicine and Public Health at the University of British Columbia** which he completed in 2002.<sup>19</sup> Upon completion of his Masters in Health Science he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and posted to the Director of Health Services Operations where he served as the Head of Operational Medicine and the Project Director of the Biological Warfare Medical Countermeasures Project. Brigadier-General MacKay also completed the Advanced Military Studies Course at the Canadian Forces College in 2004. He deployed on Op ATHENA in 2007 as the **Commanding Officer of the NATO Role 3 Multi-national Medical Unit at Kandahar Airfield** and as the Canadian Task Force Surgeon. Upon returning from Kandahar, Brigadier-General MacKay completed second language training at the Asticou Centre and then spent six months as the CEFCOM/Canada COM/CANOSCOM Surgeon before being promoted to Colonel and assuming responsibilities as Director Force Health Protection in July 2009.



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In 2012 he assumed the position of Deputy Surgeon General. Brigadier-General MacKay is an **Officer of the Order of Military Merit**. On 25 May 2015, he was promoted to his current rank and on 10 June 2015, BGen MacKay was appointed Surgeon General, Commander Canadian Forces Health Services Group and the Head of the Royal Canadian Medical Service.

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<sup>19</sup> During this period, he worked with Dr. John Blatherwick in Vancouver Coastal Health on an apparent outbreak in a daycare in Vancouver.

# Appendix 13

## SERVING MEMBERS of 12 (VANCOUVER) FIELD AMBULANCE 2005 to 2012

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ROTH, Ben William Lloyd	LCol	Commanding Officer
NEEDHAM, Rodney ('Rod') Earl	LCol	Commanding Officer
LOWE, David ('Dave') Michael	LCol	Commanding Officer
MacKENZIE, Wendy	Major	Member Order of Military Merit
DUNWOODY, James	Captain	PRL Trauma Surgeon Afghanistan
HAYNES, Dennis	Captain	DCO / Regular Force Officer
KUNTZE, Louise	Captain	Tour in Afghanistan
LEE, James Ilyong	Captain	Padre (photo at right)
LU, Shen Nan	Captain	Ex RSM / CFR 2012
PINARD, Jacques M.	Captain	Staff Officer / Afghanistan
VAN RIENEN, Rene <u>Peter</u>	Captain	Ex RSM / Tour in Afghanistan
WICKHAM, Jaime Debra	Captain	OC General Support
COUTURE, Tyler Mason Files	Lieutenant	Tour in Afghanistan
DELLING, Karl-Torben Lloyd	Lieutenant	Nursing Officer
HOLVICK, Bruce	Lieutenant	Supporter of the unit - retired
KATO, Matsuo	Lieutenant	Interior – based in Penticton
KWOK, Henry C.	Lieutenant	Adjutant
POPE, Jeffrey ('Jeff')	Lieutenant	Recruiting
QUINLAN, Lesley	Lieutenant	To Kingston, Ontario
RYDER, Jennifer	Lieutenant	
RYU, Heejin Jennifer	Lieutenant	Medical Platoon Commander
VU, Hai	Lieutenant	2 i/c Close Support Company
WOLF, Michael Thornton	Lieutenant	
BRAUN, Leslie	2nd Lieutenant	Nursing Officer
KIM, Chung Sik ('Kevin')	2nd Lieutenant	
YANG, Derek	Officer Cadet	
STEWART, Frederick <u>Scott</u>	Chief Warrant Officer	RSM 2nd Time
KIERSTEAD, Robin-Leigh	Warrant Officer	Medical Platoon WO (Photo at right)
NOËL, Krzysztof ('Kris') Jan	Warrant Officer	CSM Close Support Company
BORTHWICK, William <u>Alex</u>	Sergeant	Ops NCO
BRENNAN, Robert James	Sergeant	Chief Clerk Regular Force
FRASER, Doug	Sergeant	MCSP Coordinator
GARCEAU, Robert Yvon	Sergeant	Recruiting
GILLIS, Kathy	Sergeant	Chief Clerk
GRAY, Trevor Richard	Sergeant	Regimental Quartermaster
JANKOLA, Lauchlan Joseph	Sergeant	
MacDONALD, David Robert	Sergeant	PAT Platoon WO
NEWMAN, Elizabeth	Sergeant	Training / Tour Afghanistan
OUELLET, Pierre	Sergeant	Training Sgt / Air Force to Navy (right)
RADFORD, W.M.	Sergeant	Finance Clerk
ROBINS, Victoria	Sergeant	Chief Clerk
SANDERS, Richard	Sergeant	Chief Clerk (RCAF) / Afghanistan
SUBOSKI, Daniel P.	Sergeant	Training Officer
TERRY, Colin Alexander	Sergeant	Medical Investigation Room
WADE, Kevin Stuart	Sergeant	PAT Platoon Sgt / Afghanistan
ANDERSEN, David Edward	Master Corporal	
CHU, Norman Lok-Wen	Master Corporal	Med Platoon Section Cdr
DOTY, Jennifer ('Jenni') Barbara	Master Corporal	Orderly Room Admin Clerk
HARRISON, Corinne Dale	Master Corporal	2 i/c Orderly Room (Photo at right)
KERR, Christopher <u>Robin</u>	Master Corporal	
KLIMAS, Ashley C.	Master Corporal	2 tours Afghanistan / to Reg Force
KWOK, Peter Yun Lam	Master Corporal	
LEUNG, K.	Master Corporal	Medical Investigation Room
MAMON, John Raycliff	Master Corporal	2 i/c Orderly Room
MARSHALL, Deborah Lynn	Master Corporal	
WOHLGEMUTH, Wayne Allen	Master Corporal	Medical Platoon
YU, Joyce	Master Corporal	PAT Platoon Section Cdr



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ANDERSON, Jennifer Ida	Corporal	BALLANTYNE, Brendan	Corporal
BUCKLEY, Christopher ('Chris')	Corporal	BURYNIUK, Mardell	Corporal
CHAN, Joyce Ka Yan	Corporal	CHOW, Sebastien Sai Leung	Corporal
CRAIGIE, D.	Corporal	CURTIS, Andrew Nathaniel Kahamarian	Corporal
EVANS, Kenneth Robert Gordon	Corporal	FAWCETT-SMITH, Garner Ross	Corporal
FENG, Sandy	Corporal	GRAJAIES, Francisco	Corporal
HARGOTT, Alexander ('Alex') John	Corporal	HARUTUNYAN, Marc	Corporal
HO, John	Corporal	HUNG, Jachin Hao Min	Corporal
JANG, Suk Won	Corporal	KENNEDY, Alex Dennis	Corporal
LAW, Ambrose	Corporal	LEE, C.J.S.	Corporal
LEFEVRE, Timothy Alfred	Corporal	LEUNG, Dominic Ka-Chun	Corporal
MACLEAN, Alexandre	Corporal	MOK, Marco Ka-Long	Corporal
NEDVED, Milan	Corporal	PICARD, Christopher Thomas	Corporal
ROSE, Madison Evergreen	Corporal	SIEDSCHLAG, Cassandra Alana Adele	Corporal
SIEGLER, Alexandra Eileen	Corporal	TAN YEE SING, Radie Boy	Corporal
TIEU, Martin Huang	Corporal	TONG, Kevin	Corporal
SONCEK, Annie Victoria	Corporal	TUNG, Anthony Chak-han	Corporal
SUN, Si Qi	Corporal	TIEU, Martin Huang	Corporal
VANDENE, Laura Marie	Corporal	VILARDI, Dominique Toni	Corporal
WANG, Q.	Corporal	WONG, Rachel Cei Wan	Corporal
WU, Matthew Ka-Ming	Corporal		
ARIF, Arif Ahmad	Private	BOCA, Alin	Private
BORUTA, Ryan	Private	CHAN, Joyce Ka Yan	Private
CHOI, David	Private	DAGG, K.P.	Private
DE TORRES, Mary Elma Catherine	Private	DOMINO, Joshua Michael	Private
DUNCAN, Sharon	Private	FENG, Han Guang Dawn	Private
GRIFFIN, Jonathan Michael	Private	HONG, Jiang Feng	Private
HOSFORD, Anthony Owen Thomas	Private	KIM, Chi-Soo	Private
KUMAR, D.	Private	LAI, Jamie You-Chun	Private
LAM, Andy	Private	LANGLOIS, Tara Leigh	Private
LEE, B.S.	Private	LEUNG, Brian King Chu	Private
LIM, Davis	Private	MOHAMED, Lhamine Diabate	Private
MUNG, Victor Wing-Dak	Private	OPUSHNYEV, Serhiy	Private
PARK, Sung Hoon ('Paul')	Private	PREFONTAINE, Nicholas James	Private
SOHI, Gurmeet Kaur	Private	STRUMPSKI, T.	Private
THOMAS, C.A.J.	Private	TRONO, Alistair Edward Datu	Private
TSUI, Y.C.	Private	VILLENEUVE, Paul Jean-Pierre	Private
TUGADE, B.A.	Private	WEAVER, Timothy Lawrence Everett	Private
WONG, Hugo Chuek Yin	Private	YEE, X.L.G.H.	Private
YING, S.K.	Private	WUYAN, Jun Liuqian	Private
YELL, Xavier Lawrence Gha Heng	Private	ZAGANAS, Christina Vasco	Private
WATT, Robert	Hon LCol	BLATHERWICK, Francis <u>John</u>	HCol
SANDERSON, Michael	Hon Col		

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<sup>20</sup> LCol Ben Roth and then Sergeant Kiersted M/Cpl Johnny Mamom, Sergeant Trevor Gray and Lieutenant Kwok (2010 Christmas dinner)



## UNIT PHOTOS

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<sup>21</sup> Top: M/Cpl Klimas & Friends at 2011 Christmas Party; Cpl Klimas & Friends at Freedom of the City  
 Middle: CWO Scott Stewart; Captain(N) Tim Kavanaugh, Commander 1 Health Services Group; Sergeant Trevor Gray in 3 poses!  
 Bottom: HCol John Blatherwick, Colonel Habershtock, Commander 1 Health Services Group; Private Rachel Wong, Acting Commanding Officer for Christmas Dinner; Corporal (now M/Cpl) Jenni Doty and Corporal Dominique Vilardi



**Honorary Colonel over Six Years 12 (VANCOUVER) FIELD AMBULANCE <sup>22</sup>**



<sup>22</sup> HCol John Blatherwick with Sam Sullivan and Counsellor Susanne Anton; John and LGen Andrew Leslie, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD; John receives congratulations from Premier Gordon Campbell after receiving the Order of British Columbia from the Lieutenant-Governor of BC, Iona Campagnolo  
 Middle Row: Colonel Commandant Canadian Forces Health Services MGen Pierre Morisset, CMM, CSTJ, CD in RCAF Colonel uniform for Change of Command Ceremony in October 2010; John Blatherwick, Pierre Morisset and HCol Allan Scott 11 (Victoria) Field Ambulance in Ottawa.  
 Bottom Row: HCol John Blatherwick with his son, Lieutenant(N) Jim Blatherwick (11 November 2010)  
 Dr. Patty Daly, Yakima May 2008 (current Chief Medical Health Officer Vancouver Coastal Health) on Executrex visit



## JOHN BLATHERWICK'S FAMILY and FRIENDS <sup>23</sup>



<sup>23</sup> Griffon Helicopter with John in the rear seat at CFB Comox on Operation Cougar Salvo March 2007; LCol Dave Lowe, Captain Kurtze, Major Needam at Operation Cougar Salvo; John with Commander King Wan and with Staff Sergeant Bob Underhill, RCMP at Cougar Salvo 2007

### John Blatherwick's family October 2011

Back Row: Jim, Hope, Doug, Lamor, Jennifer, Dave and Carol  
Seated: Nicole on chair's arm, Stephanie, Paula with Elizabeth, Krista with Katherine, Alec