

Lieutenant-General Gilles Turcot, CM, CMM, CD
Commander of Mobile Command
August 1969 to September 1972

Born: 09 December 1917 Quebec City
 Wife: 1949 H el ene Mitchell (died 2000)
 Daughters: 2 Barbara Turcot and Lynn Turcot Hyde (Dan)
 Died: 15 December 2010 Magog, Quebec



Honours

20/10/2001 CM Member of the Order of Canada
 23/12/1972 CMM Commander of the Order of Military Merit

Military

1935 Private Les Voltigeurs de Qu ebec and Expelled from the S eminaire de Qu ebec
 1938 Lieutenant Royal 22e R egiment
 1939 Lieutenant Royal 22e R egiment
 07/1943 Major Wounded during the invasion of Sicily while Commanding 'B' Company
 08/1943 Lieutenant-Colonel Returned to Canada – Instructor
 1945 Major Dropped rank to rejoin the Royal 22e R egiment in Europe
 1945 Lieutenant-Colonel **Commanding Officer** Royal 22e R egiment
 08/1945 Lieutenant-Colonel **Commanding Officer** 2nd Battalion R22^eR in Debart for Japan
 01/10/1946 Lieutenant-Colonel 2nd Battalion R22^eR dissolved
 1947 Lieutenant-Colonel Canadian Army Staff College in Kingston, Ontario
 1948 Lieutenant-Colonel Canadian Army HQ in Director Level Positions
 1949 Lieutenant-Colonel Army Liaison Officer in London, England
 1952 Lieutenant-Colonel Joint Staff College in Latimer
 1952 Colonel Canadian Army HQ as Director of Operations and Military Plans
 1956 Colonel National Defence College in Kingston, Ontario
 01/08/1957 Brigadier-General International Truce Supervision Commission in Laos
 01/10/1958 Colonel Quebec Command in Montreal Colonel in charge of Administration
 01/09/1959 Brigadier-General Commander of the Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Calgary
 01/08/1962 Brigadier-General Canadian Army HQ as Director-General of Military Training
 1964 Brigadier-General Commander of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (NATO)
 01/10/1964 Major-General General Officer Commanding Eastern Headquarters (Maritime Provinces)
 1966 Major-General Commander of the Allied Command Europe Mobile Forces
 08/08/1969 Lieutenant-General **Commander of Mobile Command (Land Forces and Tactical Air Force)**
 01/10/1970 Lieutenant-General Commander of Operations to Assist Civil Power in the FLQ Crisis in 1970
 01/09/1972 Lieutenant-General Start Retirement Leave – end Command of Mobile Command
 09/01/1973 Lieutenant-General Retired

01/05/1974 Hon Colonel Colonel of the Royal 22^e R egiment to 1978

Civilian

15/05/1974 Director Corporate Services Montreal Olympic Games Organizing Committee
 National President of the Last Post Fund \ 13,000 Employees
 National President of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires

In the 1980s, he joined those opposed to sending women into combat. "Women have not got the strength to handle heavy shells for hours on end. Although warfare has changed in many ways, in the end, I don't think you will find a war where the infantry doesn't have to dig a hole to protect themselves."

Princess Margriet of the Netherlands presented him with her country's first medal of gratitude when he was in Holland for ceremonies marking the 65th anniversary of the end of the war.