## Lieutenant-General Paul Francis Wynnyk, CMM, MSM, CD Chief of the Army Staff and Commander of the Canadian Army 14 July 2016 to 16 July 2018

Born: 06 May 1963 Breton, Alberta (107 miles SW of Edmonton) Wife: Dr. Mariann Howell

Honours

22/03/2014 **CMM** Commander of the Order of Military Merit 01/09/2008 **OMM** Officer of the Order of Military Merit 11/02/2012 **MSM** Meritorious Service Cross 28/05/2011 Officer Legion of Merit 04/02/2011a First Grade Afghan Baryal Medal (Afghanistan)

**Grand Officer** Order of Military Merit (Brazil) 28/07/2018 2018 Jose Maria Cordova **Grand Officer** (Argentina)

**Military** 

1981 Gunner 20<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RCA (Militia) 01/09/1982 Officer Cadet Royal Roads Military College 01/09/1984 Officer Cadet Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario Canadian Military Engineers 01/06/1986 Sub-Lieutenant NDHQ J3 (Operations) responsible for the Balkans 1997 Lieutenant-Colonel Commander 1 Combat Engineer Regiment to 1999 2004 Lieutenant-Colonel Commander 1 Area Support Group to 2006

2006 Colonel Promoted Colonel 01/05/2008 Brigadier-General Senior Defence Advisor Privy Council / Director of Operations for Foreign Def. Brigadier-General 01/03/2009 Combined Security Transition Command, Afghanistan – Develop Afghan Army 01/07/2010 Brigadier-General Commander Land Forces Western Area / Joint Task Force West (3 Division)

01/03/2012 Major-General **Deputy Commander** of the Canadian Army

Major-General Commander Canadian Forces Intelligence Command 01/07/2014

Lieutenant-General Commander Canadian Army 14/07/2016 16/07/2018 Lieutenant-General Vice Chief of the Defence Staff



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In 1981, after four years as an Army Cadet, Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk joined the 20th Field Regiment, RCA (Militia) in the rank of Gunner prior to his acceptance under the Regular Officer Training Plan. Studying at both Royal Roads Military College and the Royal Military College of Canada, he was commissioned into the Canadian Military Engineers in 1986 and subsequently undertook regimental duties in both Europe and in Canada.

LGen Wynnyk's command appointments include 1 Combat Engineer Regiment from 1997 to 1999, 1 Area Support Group from 2004 to 2006, Land Force Western Area/Joint Task Force West (now 3rd Canadian Division) from 2010 to 2012, and Canadian Forces Intelligence Command from 2014 to 2016.

Serving in a variety of staff assignments over the course of his career, LGen Wynnyk was both the G3 (Operations) and Chief of Staff of Land Force Western Area. He has held a number of positions at National Defence Headquarters including the J3 (Operations) desk officer responsible for Canada's military commitment in the Balkans, Director General Military Engineering/Chief Military Engineer, and a posting to the Privy Council Office where he was employed as the Senior Defence Advisor and Director of Operations for the Foreign and Defence Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister. LGen Wynnyk also served as the Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army from 2012 to 2014.

LGen Wynnyk's overseas assignments include, in addition to four years of service in Germany, tours with the UN Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC), the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), and an assignment as the Canadian Task Force Commander and mission Chief of Operations of the Mission de l'Organisation des Nations Unies en République Démocratique du Congo (MONUC). In 2009, he was posted to the Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan as

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the Assistant Commanding General responsible for overseeing the development of the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the Afghan National Army.

LGen Wynnyk is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course, the Advanced Military Studies Course and the National Security Studies Programme. In addition, he holds a Baccalaureate in civil engineering, Master's degrees in war studies and business administration (international business), and is a registered professional engineer in the province of Alberta. A Commander of the Order of Military Merit and an Officer of the U.S. Legion of Merit, LGen Wynnyk is also a graduate of the French Commando Course. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Afghan Baryal Medal (First Class).

LGen Wynnyk was appointed Commander of the Canadian Army on 14 July 2016. He became the Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff on 16 July 2018.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk and his wife Dr. Mariann Howell on 16 July 2018