



Honours and Awards

Highlights

The Medal of Bravery is awarded for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.

Sgt André Hotton and MCpl Steve Bédard, 413(T AND R) Squadron, for exceptional courage demonstrated during rescue of aircraft crash victim in rugged and mountainous terrain near Nastashquan, Quebec on September 28, 2002 (See Member Profile).

The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded for a performance of a deed or a military activity in an outstanding professional manner or of a very high standard that brings considerable benefit or honour to the Canadian Forces.

LCol JD Mitchell, for leadership as CO of the first Canadian Long Range Patrol Detachment deployed to the Arabian Gulf Region on OP *Apollo* in Afghanistan from January to July 2002.

LCol Gord Smith, for leadership as CO of the first Canadian Tactical Airlift Detachment deployed on OP *Apollo* in Afghanistan from January to July 2002.

The CDS Commendation is awarded to a military or civilian member of the CF/DND who has performed a deed or activity beyond the normal duty that reflects well on the CF.

Col CS Sullivan, 1 CAD, for his invaluable contribution to the Air Defence of Canada as the Director of Ops of Canadian NORAD Mission in Canada in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States.

Senior Appointments

Highlights

- CO 1 CAD/CANR HQ, Winnipeg, LCol NE Russell
- CMDT CFS Winnipeg, LCol GT Hook
- CO Rescue Coordination Centre, Halifax, Maj JP Van Oosten
- CO 400 Sqn Borden, Maj EJ Karpetz upon promotion to LCol
- CO 403 Sqn Gagetown, LCol JJRG Hamel
- CO 427 Sqn Petawawa, LCol CJ Coates
- CO 1 WING HQ Kingston, LCol NL Saulnier
- CO 3 AMS Bagotville, Maj JBC Doyon upon promotion to LCol
- CO 410 Sqn Cold Lake, LCol DLR Wheeler
- CO 416 Sqn Cold Lake, LCol N Gagne
- CO 426 Sqn Trenton, LCol Jeff Fortin
- CO 436 Sqn Trenton, LCol R Coulthard
- CO 437 Sqn Trenton, Maj DR Williams upon promotion to LCol
- CO 8 AMS Trenton, LCol WJ Lewis
- CO 12 AMS Shearwater, LCol AM Turkington
- CO 406 Sqn Shearwater, LCol SJ Newton
- CO 443 Sqn Pat Bay, LCol JMD LeBlanc
- CO 14 AMS Greenwood, LCol Pelchat
- CO 405 Sqn Greenwood, LCol DW Joyce
- CO 413 Sqn Greenwood, Maj TF Hughes upon promotion to LCol
- CO 14 AES Greenwood, Maj KL Harvey
- CO 431 Sqn Moose Jaw, Maj IW McLean
- CO 435 Sqn Winnipeg, LCol DB Chicoyne
- CO 440 Sqn Yellowknife, Maj PD Fleet upon promotion to LCol
- CO 407 Sqn Comox, LCol P Ormsby
- CO 442 Sqn Comox, LCol Brisebois
- CO 21 AC and W Sqn North Bay, Maj JJCM Otis upon promotion to LCol

Air Command CWO

I am pleased to announce that CWO Roger Bouchard, MMM, CD, will be appointed Air Command Chief Warrant Officer effective this year. CWO Bouchard will succeed CWO Daniel Gilbert, MMM, CD, who will be moving to a position to be announced at a later date. CWO Bouchard joined the CF in March 1972 and has served the organization in an outstanding fashion throughout his career. An appointment to such a senior position is a significant endorsement of the contribution to the Air Force. It carries with it a high level of expectation of professional and personal attributes. I am confident that CWO Bouchard will serve the Air Force well. I would also like to express my personal thanks and gratitude to CWO Gilbert for his contributions to the Air Force throughout his tenure as the Air Command CWO.