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Brigadier-General

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Brigadier-General Pitre joined the Canadian Forces in 1980. Following fighter controller training at the Air Weapons Control and Countermeasures School in North Bay, Ontario, he went on to serve in a variety of challenging operational, training, staff and command appointments in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

Brigadier-General Pitre gained his early air defence experience with the 22nd NORAD Region working from the Cold War era nuclear hardened complex 600 ft below ground in Northern Ontario. Later he trained basic officer candidates at the Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School in beautiful British Columbia and went on to log 1600 plus hours onboard US Airborne Warning and Control aircraft supporting combat operations in Desert Storm/Desert Calm, as well as counter-drug interdiction sorties over the Gulf of Mexico and Cold War surveillance missions in the GIUK gap. Perhaps his most enduring memory will be as Director of Operations, Canadian Air Defence Sector, NORAD during 9-11.

Staff tours include G3 coordination at Air Command HQ, Winnipeg during the mid nineties, Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff in 2002, and Director Space Development and Acting Director General Joint Force Development from 2003 to 2006. He counts himself very fortunate to have commanded three outstanding units - 12e Escadron de Radar in Bagotville, Quebec, as well as 21 Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron and 22 Wing, both located in North Bay.

Brigadier-General Pitre is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College and the Royal College of Defence Studies London, United Kingdom. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Politics and Economics and a Master's in International Relations from Kings College London. Special recognitions include the Gulf and Kuwait Liberation Medal, US Air Medal, Peacekeeping Medal and CDS and DCDS Commendations. Promoted to his present rank on 1 January 2009, Brigadier-General Pitre was selected to form and stand-up 2 Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg.