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Éric-Aimé Patry

Manager of Outreach and Engagement, Innovative Solutions Canada ,Government of Canada

Éric-Aimé Patry is the Outreach and Communications Manager for Innovative Solutions Canada. Éric-Aimé has been engaging with start-ups and SMEs for a number of years on behalf of key Government of Canada programs that help innovators scale up and get their products to market. Born and raised in Ottawa, he attended the University of Ottawa and has worked in the Federal Public Service for the past 10 years in various Communications roles.

Francoise Gagnon

Chief Executive Officer, ADGA Group

Françoise Gagnon is the Chief Executive Officer of ADGA Group, a top 75 Defence company in Canada. Ms. Gagnon leads an exceptional team of more than 800 employees and consultants who deliver tailored solutions to the Defence, Security, and Enterprise Computing sectors. Since 2014, under Ms. Gagnon's leadership, ADGA has increased its revenues and doubled its profitability.

Ms. Gagnon is a passionate advocate for inclusivity, and is dedicated to having the first Canadian-owned company specializing in Defence, Security, and Enterprise Computing with equal gender representation at senior and executive management levels. She holds a B.A. from the Norman Patterson School of Public Affairs (Carleton University), is a graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School of Business, and the Rotman Institute of Corporate Directors. She holds an Honourary Degree from the School of Advanced Technology at Algonquin College.

Ms. Gagnon is a recipient of the WXN Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women. She sits on the Board of Directors of the Defence Industry Advisory Group, and led the subcommittee-working group on Gender Equity (2019). She is also a Board member of the Canadian Association of Defence and Security Industries (CADSI).

Colonel Jason Kenny, CD

Director Air Requirements, Royal Canadian Air Force

Col Kenny entered the CAF under the Regular Officer Training Plan in 1993, first attending le Collège Militaire Royale de St-Jean in 1993, and graduating from the Royal Military College of Canada at Kingston in 1998 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

Upon completion of his pilot training at the end of 1999, he served with 415 Maritime Patrol Squadron where he had the opportunity to deploy to the Middle East for Operation Apollo in

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2002. Posted to 404 Long Range Patrol & Training Squadron in 2005, Col Kenny served as the Unit Flight Safety Officer in addition to being a Qualified Flight Instructor on the CP-140 Aurora.

In 2007, Col Kenny had the distinguished honour of participating in an exchange program with the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) where he became an AP-3C Orion Crew Commander at 10 Squadron. During his time there, he participated on a number of operational deployments, the most notable of which was Operation SLIPPER, the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the war against terror in the Middle East.

Upon his return to Canada in 2009, Col Kenny joined 405 Long Range Patrol Squadron where he served both as Squadron Operations Officer and Deputy Commanding Officer. By 2011, he was selected for the Joint Command and Staff Program in Toronto, where he also attained a Masters in defence Studies. Upon graduation in 2012, he was appointed Commanding Officer of 407 'Demon' Squadron where he rounded out his flying career with over 4000 hours of flying time with more than 3000 on the CP140 Aurora. In 2014, Col Kenny was posted to Ottawa where he has held a number of positions including being the Deputy Operations Officer at the Canadian Joint Operations Command. Promoted to rank of Colonel, he has had the privilege of being the Air Task Force Commander on Operation IMPACT in 2017. Currently, Col Kenny is the Director of Air Requirements for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Major-General Derek Macaulay **Deputy Commander Canadian Army**

Brigadier-General Derek Macaulay enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces under the Officer Candidate Training Program in 1989 and was commissioned as an armoured officer into Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) (LdSH(RC)).

Throughout his career, Brigadier-General Macaulay has held many command and staff positions most notably; he had the privilege to command his Regiment (2008-2010) 3rd Canadian Division Support Group (2013 to March 2015), and as of 1 May 2017, the 5th Canadian Division (The Mighty Maroon Machine)

Brigadier-General Macaulay has several operational tours including the United Nations Protection Force in Visoko, Bosnia (1994), North Atlantic Treaty Organization Stabilization Force in Zgon, Bosnia (2000), International Stabilization Assistance Force (2004-05), and Operation Inherent Resolve (2015-16) as Chief of Staff of the United States of America led Coalition Joint Force Land Component Command (CJFLCC).

Brigadier-General Macaulay's staff assignments have included tours with The British Columbia Regiment in Vancouver, British Columbia (1995-1999), Land Force Western Area Headquarters in Edmonton, Alberta (2001-2003), the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Group (International) and



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Canadian Expeditionary Command Headquarters in Ottawa, Ontario (2005-2007), Chief of Staff of Land Force Western Area (2010-2013) and Chief of Staff Canadian Army Strategy 2016.

Brigadier-General Macaulay assumed command of 5th Canadian Division on May 1, 2017.

Jennifer MacLean, PhD

Director, Collaboration, NGen – Next Generation Manufacturing Canada

Dr. Jennifer MacLean recently joined NGen, the Next Generation Manufacturing Supercluster as the Director, Collaboration. There she will foster and support industry partnerships and collaborations to promote technology adoption and skills improvements to support Canadian companies transform their manufacturing processes. Previously, Dr. MacLean was the Executive Director of SOSCIP, a unique Research and Development consortium which uses advanced computing to drive industry innovation. In this role, Dr. MacLean supported the launch of more than 200 collaborative projects and facilitated the renewal of SOSCIP's mandate through until 2023.

Prior to SOSCIP, Dr. MacLean worked with Mitacs for over 5 years, serving on their business development and program management teams, and credits her early hands-on work in establishing industry-academic partnerships with fostering her drive to build effective programming that supports impactful collaborations. Dr. MacLean has BSc in Genetics and a PhD in Medical Biophysics, both from Western University. She is originally from rural Saskatchewan.

Walter T. Nolan

Lockheed Martin Canada

Commander (Retired) Walter Nolan joined Lockheed Martin Canada in August 2013 after serving 34 years in the Canadian Navy. He divided his operational time equally between the coasts, spending 10 years on each. In developing his ASW pedigree, he served in Argentinia, Nfld, enjoyed two posting in HMCS Fraser while she was Canada's towed array experimentation platform, and was Commanding Officer of the Canadian Detachment in Whidbey Island. Upon graduation from Staff College in 2000, he completed 11 more years of regular force service in Ottawa managing capital programs and maintenance budgets before transferring to the Reserves in February 2010. His 3 years in the reserves were all as section Head Training and Simulation at the Canadian Forces Joint Warfare Centre.

Since joining Lockheed Martin Canada, Walter spent 5 years as Deputy Program Manager within the Canadian Surface Combatant Capture Team. He led the development of the Value Proposition offering, coordinating commitments from partnered companies as well as the Canadian Supply Chain. He formally took over the Industrial Development portfolio in mid-2018 and is now responsible for delivering on the Value Proposition commitments for the Canadian Surface Combatant and several other major programs.



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Mr. Nolan is a graduate of Dalhousie University (Political Science), the Canadian Forces College and Queens University where he received a Master's in Business administration.

Colonel Christopher Renahan

Director Land Requirements, Canadian Army

Colonel Christopher Renahan was born in Montreal, Quebec, and spent his teenage years in Toronto, Ontario. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces Reserves as a Rifleman with The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada and then entered The Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, through the Regular Officer Training Programme in 1990. He completed the Basic Officer Training Course in Chilliwack, British Columbia and Armour Officer training at the Armour School in Gagetown, New Brunswick.

Upon completion of his training he was posted to The Royal Canadian Dragoons (RCD) in Petawawa, Ontario in 1994. Over three postings with the RCD he has served as a tank and reconnaissance troop leader, tank squadron battle captain and second in command, Regimental Adjutant, and has commanded A and Headquarters Squadrons. He commanded the Training and Cadet Wings of The Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, as the Director of Cadets from 2015 to 2017.

Colonel Renahan has served in numerous staff positions. While posted to the Director of Land Requirements he was involved in the development and introduction into service of Coyote and LAV III simulators and Forward Observation Officer/Mortar Fire Controller variant of the LAV III. He later returned to serve as the Armoured Fighting Vehicles Section Head and most recently as Director of Land Requirements Coordination.

When posted to the National Defence Command Centre he was employed in the position of Coordinator for the duty watch, and then as a Senior Watch Officer. He has also briefly served as the J5 Operating Plan for Land Force Central Area Headquarters and as the section head for Capability Integration for Army and Special Operations Forces for the Chief of Force Development.

He has deployed to numerous operations including: Op CAVALIER with the United Nations Protection Force to Bosnia-Herzegovina, 1994-1995; Op ASSISTANCE in response to the Red River floods in Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1997; Op PALLADIUM with NATO SFOR to Bosnia-Herzegovina, 2003-2004; Op ARGUS, the Strategic Advisory Team to the Government of Afghanistan in Kabul, Afghanistan, 2006-2007; and as the Military Assistant to the Force Commander of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force in the Middle East, 2009-2010.

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He is a graduate of the Land Force Command and Staff College, the Land Force Technical Staff Programme, the Combat Team Commander's Course, and the United States Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He holds Bachelor of Engineering and Master of Applied Science degrees in the field of Chemical and Materials Engineering.

He was promoted to his current rank and assumed the duties of the Director of Land Requirements for the Canadian Army in June 2018.

Cdr / Capf Scott Shortridge

Director Maritime Innovation
Royal Canadian Navy
Canadian Armed Forces

Commander Scott Shortridge, has been a regular force Naval Warfare Office for 33 years. He has served in numerous ships including in HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN on Operation AUGMENTATION and in HMCS IROQUOIS when he deployed to Southwest Asia for six months as part of Operation APOLLO - Canada's contribution to the international campaign against terrorism. He has been involved in Force Development for many years including Project Director for the Command and Control System in the HALIFAX Class Modernization and Project Director for the Canadian Surface Combatant project for which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

He is currently the Director Maritime Innovation.