

**LIEUTENANT-GENERAL (RETIRED) GUY ROBERT THIBAUT,  
CMM, MSC, CD**

Lieutenant-General Guy Thibault retired from the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) on 8 August 2016 after 38 years of loyal and dedicated service to Canada, the CAF, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

He joined the Canadian Forces in 1978 under the Regular Officer Training Program at Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean and completed his university studies with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics at the Royal Military College (RMC) Kingston. Upon completion of Army Signal Officer training at the Canadian Forces School of Communications and Electronics, he served in various operational capacities within the Special Service Force in Petawawa as well as 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, and Canadian Forces Europe in Lahr, West Germany.



He held a wide range of command and staff appointments within the Army, and at National levels including assignments in the National Defence Operations Centre, Communications Security, Signals Training and Doctrine and various positions within the Defence Information Services Organization and the Information Management Group including command of 79 Communications Regiment providing strategic communications for CF deployments worldwide.

He also served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff and in 2001 upon promotion to Colonel he led the DND/CF Information Management Strategic Review under the direction of the Associate Deputy Minister.

In 2002, he was appointed Commander, Canadian Forces Base Kingston prior to deploying in early 2004 with the Canadian-led Headquarters for the NATO International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. Upon return from ISAF, he attended full time postgraduate studies and completed a Master's degree of Public Administration (Management) from Dalhousie University. He is a graduate of the Land Forces Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces Staff College and the National Security Studies Program and is fluent in French, English and conversational Spanish.

As a General Officer, he has served as Commander Land Force Central Area - Joint Task Force Central Region; Deputy Commander Canadian Army - Assistant Chief of the Land Staff; as well as the Canadian Forces J6 and Chief of Staff for ADM (Information Management). In this latter capacity, he also assumed the role as Branch Leader for the Canadian Forces Communications and Electronics Branch.



Upon promotion to Lieutenant-General in 2011, he served as the first Canadian Chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board (IADB) in Washington, DC. This international organization is an entity of the Organization of American States and is the oldest regional defence cooperation organization in the world.

Lieutenant-General Thibault assumed the duties of Vice Chief of the Defence Staff (VCDS) in September 2013, and for three years he served as the second in command of the Canadian Armed Forces, Commander of the VCDS Group and was responsible and accountable to the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Deputy Minister to coordinate and direct strategic programs and national activities to ensure departmental defence policy and strategic objectives were achieved.

LGen Thibault is a member of the Order of Military Merit in the rank of Commander, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division) for his work in promoting defence cooperation in the Americas in his capacity as Chairman of the IADB, is a recipient of the General Campaign Star, the NATO Special Service Medal, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and the Canadian Forces Decoration 2nd Clasp. He has been awarded VCDS and DM Commendations and also been honoured by the Government of Colombia by the award of the Distinguished Service Medal of the Colombian Armed Forces and was awarded the Legion of Merit in the rank of Officer by the Republic of France.

Lieutenant General (Retired) Thibault currently resides in Ottawa and remains involved with various Defence and Security related organizations. He is a member of the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Audit Committee, he serves on the Executive Committee for the Conference of Defence Associations, is a member of the Strategic Advisory Council for the ADGA Group of Companies, and is on the Board of Directors for the Cyber Defence Corporation.