

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND



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J.J.C. (Charlie) Bouchard, CMM, CD CANADIAN FORCES



Lieutenant General Charlie Bouchard is Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).

Born in Chicoutimi, Quebec, Lieutenant General Bouchard enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1974 under the Officer Candidate Training Plan. He underwent pilot training, graduating in 1976 as a helicopter pilot.

Lieutenant General Bouchard flew Tactical Helicopters throughout his career including CH136 Kiowa, OH 58/AC, AH1S Cobra, CH135 Twin Huey and CH146 Griffon Helicopters. He served in various capacities at 427 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, Petawawa, Ontario and 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron, Gagetown, New Brunswick, and with the US Army at Fort Hood, Texas. He commanded 444 Tactical Helicopter Squadron

in Lahr, Germany. His last flying appointment was as Commander 1 Wing based at Kingston, Ontario responsible for the operations of tactical helicopters in Canada.

Lieutenant General Bouchard has served at Air Command Headquarters as Senior Staff Officer Tactical Helicopters and Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel. He also served as a Personnel Career Officer at National Defence Headquarters.

He completed a tour of duty as Deputy Commander of the Continental US NORAD Region at Tyndall AFB, Florida. He recently served as Commander 1 Canadian Air Division, Canadian NORAD Region and Combined Forces Air Component Commander, responsible for all Canadian Air Force operations.

Lieutenant General Bouchard is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Staff School, the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, the National Strategic Studies Course, the Combined Forces Air Component Commander Course, Maxwell AFB, and the Senior Executives National and International Security Program at Harvard University. He holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Studies from the University of Manitoba. He was promoted to his

present rank in June 2007. He was appointed as an officer of the Order of Military Merit in 2001, promoted to the rank of Commander within the Order in 2006. He was awarded the United States Legion of Merit in 2004.

Lieutenant General Bouchard assumed his current position on 2 Aug 2007.

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