



LGen (ret) Mike Rouleau, CMM, MSC, CD

Mike was a soldier for 34 years, joining as a Gunner in 1985. He served regimentally in Valcartier and Lahr, West Germany. In 1994, his career focus shifted from big army toward the emerging military counter-terrorism unit, Joint Task Force 2 (JTF 2). After being Assaulted-qualified, he commanded at the troop and sabre squadron levels.

In 1999 he retired from CAF becoming an Emergency Response Officer with Ottawa City Police for three plus years. Owing to the events of 9-11, he re-enrolled into CAF and would serve another 20 years. In that second stanza, Mike commanded JTF 2 from 2007-2009 and subsequently held roles in institutional force development and defence policy. On promotion to Brigadier-General, Mike had the good fortune of commanding Canada's Special Operations Forces Command from 2014-2018, overseeing Canada's operational campaign combatting ISIS in Iraq. Promoted Lieutenant-General in 2018, he was appointed Canada's Joint Operations Commander, responsible for CAF missions at home and abroad. In 2020, he was appointed the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff where he prioritized data/digital modernization, C4ISR coherence, supply chain invigoration and professional military education at the forefront of CAF's imperatives. Mike retired from CAF after 34 years of duty on 4 July, 2022.

Mike's operational deployments include Croatia/Bosnia 1991 (European Community Monitoring Mission), Sarajevo Bosnia 1992 (UNPROFOR), 1997 Bosnia (SFOR), 1998 Central African Republic, 2005/06 Afghanistan (Operation Enduring Freedom) and the Middle East 2013 (CENTCOM Forward).

Mike holds a BA in political science and two Master's degrees from RMC. He is an International Security Fellow from Harvard University (2015) and the US military's Pinnacle Program (2018). He is a graduate of Canada's Command and Staff College (2006) and the National Security Program (2010).

Mike is a senior advisor in defence and national security to both Accenture and Dell, bridging the defence and technology spaces. He is privileged to continue serving, albeit from a very different perch, with highly motivated industry professionals who want Canada to be strong.