

BRIGADIER-GENERAL J.B.P. CARPENTIER, CD

COMMANDER JOINT TASK FORCE NORTH



Born in Trois Rivieres, Quebec, BGen Carpentier was commissioned in the Canadian Forces in August 1986, following his Basic Air Weapons Control course in North Bay, Ontario.

After a short tour in the 22nd NORAD Region, he was posted in August 1987 to the 12th Missile Warning Squadron, Thule AB Greenland as a Combat Crew Commander and the Chief of Standards and Evaluations on the newly operational Phased Array Ballistic Missile Early Warning System. The following year he was posted to 1st Space Wing Headquarters Peterson AFB, CO as the Chief of the Pave Paws training branch. In 1991 BGen Carpentier returned to North Bay, this time as the 51 Sqn Weapons Operations Officer. Unable to stay anywhere too long, he was posted to National Defense Headquarters in 1993 as a Career Manager.

In 1996, BGen Carpentier returned to the Operations world, this time on AWACS in Geilenkirchen, Germany where he served as a Weapons Director, Fighter Allocator, and Mission Crew Commander. During this tour he participated in NATO operations over the former Republic of Yugoslavia and Kosovo.

In 1999, following his promotion to Major, he was selected as the NATO Exchange Officer representing the NATO Airborne Early Warning Force in France with the 36e Escadron. As a qualified Chef de Mission on the E-3F, he continued to support the Balkan theatre. In July 2002 BGen Carpentier returned to North America and was posted to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma to fly on the USAF E3-B and C models. In addition to operational deployments in support of operations in Afghanistan and Iraq he served as the Wing Deputy Chief of Standards and Evaluations.

In 2005, BGen Carpentier assumed command of 12 Radar Squadron, a Tactical Mobile Radar. His mission was to provide Canada with a mobile tactical command, control and surveillance unit capable of world wide deployment on 72 hrs notice. Following a year as a student on the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Program in Toronto, BGen Carpentier served as the NORAD Director of Inspections, Peterson AFB, Colorado where he was responsible for the combat readiness of assigned and gained NORAD Alert Forces and the associated Command and Control structure.

In July 2010, BGen Carpentier was again selected for Command, this time of the Canadian AWACS Detachment at Tinker AFB. After this and a quick seven month spin on high heat in the Strategic Joint Staff in Ottawa, BGen Carpentier was chosen as the Deputy Commander Alaskan NORAD Region. Following an extremely busy operational tour in Alaska he was brought back to NORAD HQ as the J8 Deputy in August 2015 where he worked Requirements, Analysis, Resources and Science and Technology. In April 2018 BGen Carpentier was promoted to his current rank and appointed as Commander Joint task Force North (JTFN).

Over his five AWACS tours BGen Carpentier has amassed over 3480 flying hours and 186 combat and combat support missions.

BGen Carpentier received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba and holds a Master of Science degree in Aerospace Administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Staff School, the NATO Tactical Leadership Flying Course, the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Program, the Canadian Security Studies Program and the United States Airforce Air War College.

BGen Carpentier and his wife have three grown children, a son in law and a granddaughter. He enjoys skiing, golfing, hockey, running and canoeing.