

# Dr. Howard Coombs



Howard G. Coombs retired from full-time duty with the Canadian Armed Forces in 2003 and transferred to the Canadian Army Reserve, where he continues to serve on a part-time basis. He is currently assigned to the staff of the Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre Headquarters, Kingston as Chief of Staff (Reserve) in the rank of Colonel. He is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Staff School, Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College, United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies, which awarded his Master's degree.

Coombs received his PhD in military history from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario and is currently an Assistant Professor of the Royal Military College of Canada. Coombs has a number of operational deployments to the former Yugoslavia and Afghanistan as a military officer on regular and reserve duty. In addition, he deployed with Joint Task Force Afghanistan from September 2010 to July 2011 as a civilian advisor to the Task Force Commander.

He has been appointed to the Order of Military Merit and has been awarded the Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service. His current research interests focus on Canadian military history since 1945 and Canada's involvement in contemporary conflict.