

LGen (Ret'd) Michel Gauthier, CMM, MSC, CD

Senior Fellow, former Commander of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command



Michel (Mike) Gauthier was born in Longueuil, Quebec into an Air Force family. After growing up in Germany, Montreal and Ottawa, he embarked on a 36-year military career, retiring as an Army lieutenant-general in 2009. In his final appointment in uniform, he served as the first Commander of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command from 2005 to 2009, with responsibility for leading the CAF's international operations, including counter-insurgency operations in Southern Afghanistan from their inception in 2006.

He was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross in 1993 for exceptional leadership on operations with UNPROFOR and he was invested into the Order of Military Merit as Commander in 2007.

Following his military career, Gauthier joined Allen-Vanguard Corporation where he served as an Executive Vice President responsible for international business development until late 2013.

He is currently a Senior Fellow with the University of Ottawa's Graduate School in Public and International Affairs where he teaches a course on Warfare in the 21st Century. He is Vice-Chair of the CDA Institute and is also on the Board of Directors of Team Rubicon Canada, a charitable organization that deploys volunteer veterans on disaster relief operations. He also acts as a senior facilitator and lecturer in support of several advanced programs at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.