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Lieutenant-General Blaise F. Frawley, RCAF Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command

Lieutenant-General Blaise Frawley is Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lieutenant-General Frawley joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1985, and upon completion of pilot training was posted to 425 Squadron at 3 Wing Bagotville, Quebec. His flying experience includes two operational tours on 425 Squadron, an F/A-18 exchange tour with the United States Marine Corps in El Toro, California, and three instructional tours on 410 Squadron at 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta.

Lieutenant-General Frawley has flown combat missions over the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and Kosovo in support of Operation Allied Force and was assigned as the Executive Officer of the Task Force Aviano National Command Element at Vicenza, Italy, and the Air Mobility Division Deputy Director, 609th Combined Air and Space Operations Centre at Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar.

Lieutenant-General Frawley has held staff positions at 3 Wing Bagotville Operations as Chief of Plans, Training and Evaluation and within the Directorate of Aerospace Requirements in Ottawa. He has also held the appointments of A3 Fighter 1 Canadian Air Division, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Deputy Commander 1 Canadian Air Division, and a year as the Director General Space within the Royal Canadian Air Force Air Staff in the National Capital Region, Ottawa. In 2017, he moved on to a four-year role as the Deputy Command of the Air Force, then went on to serve as the Deputy Vice chief of Defence Staff until June 2023.

Lieutenant-General Frawley's command tours include Commanding Officer of 410 Tactical Fighter / Operational Training Squadron in Cold Lake, Commander of both 17 Wing and the Air Force Training Centre in Winnipeg, and selection as Combined Force Air Component Commander for Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2016.

During his many operational and instructional flying tours, Lieutenant-General Frawley has accumulated over 3,000 hours on the CF-18 Hornet. He is a graduate of the Fighter Weapons Instructor and the Fighter Electronic Warfare Advanced Radar courses. Additionally, he is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto and the United States Air Force Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He holds a Bachelor of Military Arts and Sciences from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the United States Air Force Air University.

In May 2023, Lieutenant-General Frawley was promoted to his current rank, and in June 2023, was appointed as the NORAD Deputy Commander.

