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Renée Filiatrault has served as political advisor to four Ministers of National Defence for Canada. From 2009-2010 she served as a Foreign Service Officer in Afghanistan with Task Force Kandahar. Prior to this she was Head of Media and Public Affairs for the British High Commission in Ottawa. Renée has been a regular commentator on defence and security matters with an emphasis on intervention, whole of government operations and crisis management. She has appeared on CBC's The National, Power & Politics, The Current, CTV's The National, Question Period and Power Play. She has also contributed to Policy Options Magazine and been invited as a guest lecturer at McGill University and the Munk Centre for Global Affairs. Renée is accredited with Information Operations Battlefield Officer training with the Canadian Forces. She has received the Operational Service Medal for South-West Asia, the General Service Medal for Afghanistan, and the Commander Joint Task Force Commendation while in theatre. Renée has served on the Board of the Canadian Defence Association and as a Senior Fellow with the MacDonald Laurier Institute and Canadian Global Affairs Association.

