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LIEUTENANT-GENERAL JAMIE SPEISER-BLANCHET, CMM, CD

Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force

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Lieutenant-General Jamie Speiser-Blanchet enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990, graduating from the Royal Military College (RMC) in 1994 with a degree in Computer Engineering.

She has commanded 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron, the Canadian Forces Intelligence Group, and the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers Group. Strategic level appointments include Military Assistant to the Minister of National Defence, Special Advisor to the Chief of Defence Staff, and Deputy Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Lieutenant-General Speiser-Blanchet has led through complex operations both domestically and abroad. In Canada, she has deployed on numerous domestic operations in response to regional emergencies and in support to other government agencies. Deployed, she flew for both United Nations and NATO missions in Haiti and Bosnia. In Kuwait, as Deputy Commander of an Operation, she led a force tasked with building the military capabilities of Iraq, Jordan and Lebanon. She holds a Master of Defence Studies from RMC and a Master of Politics and Policy from Deakin University.

She is married to Janin Blanchet, a retired tactical aviation pilot, and they have three amazing children, Emma, Zachary and Samuel.

