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MAJOR-GENERAL STEVE HUNTER, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Commander Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM)

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Major-General (MGen) Steven Hunter joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1994 and was subsequently commissioned as an Artillery Officer. In 1999, MGen Hunter deployed to Kosovo where he was employed as a Battalion Liaison Officer.

In 2002, MGen Hunter was selected for service with Canadian Special Operations Forces where he completed deployments to Afghanistan, Haiti, Central Africa, the Middle East, and commanded a Special Operations Task Force during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games.



Between 2014–2017, MGen Hunter Commanded the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR) in Petawawa, Ontario. During this period, he deployed three times as a Task Force Commander for a Special Operations Task Force in Iraq. MGen Hunter has also served with the Canadian Special

Operations Forces Command Headquarters (CANSOFCOM) as Director Special Operations, and Deputy Commander. MGen Hunter assumed command of CANSOFCOM in May 2024 and was promoted to his current rank.



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MGen Hunter's other military experience includes employment as the Canadian Army G35 Plans and Chief of Staff at Military Personnel Command.

MGen Hunter holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology and Sociology from Carleton University in Ottawa and a Master of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Program, The National Security

Program, has attended the US Combined Joint Forces Special Operations Component Commanders Course and Senior Executives in National and International Security Program at the Harvard Kennedy School.