

**Brigadier General Fred A. Lewis, M.S.M., C.D.**

**Joint Task Force Central / Land Force Central Area Commander**

Brigadier-General Lewis joined the Canadian Forces in 1976. He graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with a degree in civil engineering and was commissioned into the Canadian Military Engineers in 1980.

As a combat engineer he commanded at the troop and squadron level in 4 Combat Engineer Regiment at Lahr, Germany and then commanded 1 Combat Engineer Regiment in Chilliwack, British Columbia. He has deployed on operations as a military observer with the United Nations on the Golan Heights and Southern Lebanon (UNTSO), as a squadron commander in the former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR), as the Canadian Contingent Commander/Chief Advisor Operations to the Cambodia Mine Action Centre in Phnom Penh and as the Deputy Commander to Canada's Joint Task Force in Afghanistan. His most recent operational tour was as Commander Task Force Jerusalem, Operation PROTEUS.



He has staff experience with Headquarters 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group as both a G3 operations officer and G1, Headquarters 1st Canadian Division as the Engineer G4, National Defence Headquarters as a section head responsible for nuclear, biological and chemical (NBC) defence operations and on the Land Staff as Director Army Doctrine.

Brigadier-General Lewis has taught as a tactics instructor at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering and as a directing staff at the United States Army Command and General Staff College (CGSC). He commanded the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College from 2007 until 2009.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, the British Army Staff College and the Canadian Forces College (National Strategic Studies Programme). Brigadier-General Lewis has a master degree in Military Arts and Science from United States Army CGSC.

He assumed command of Joint Task Force Central/Land Force Central Area in July 2010.