

Change of Command



Canadian Forces Real Property Operations Group

“Enabling Operational Success”

15 July 2021



Sequence of Events

Guests are seated

Arrival of Dignitaries

National Anthem

Invocation

Change of Command

Address by outgoing Commander

Signing of certificates

Address by MGen Horgan

Address by incoming Commander

Royal Anthem*

End of Ceremony



Major-General K.G. Horgan OMM, CD

Reviewing Officer

Major-General Kevin Horgan joined the CAF in 1987 and his military career has taken him across Canada and around the world. The adventure commenced in memorable style as he had the privilege, after a five-year posting there, to be the last military member to serve at

4 Wing Baden-Soellingen, Germany.

His leadership positions have included: Deputy Commanding Officer of 4 Airfield Engineer Squadron Cold Lake; Officer Commanding of a composite Engineer Squadron for a UN mission in Haiti; 14 Wing Construction Engineering Officer; Commanding Officer 1 Engineer Support Unit; Commanding Officer of the Canadian Element to COMKAF HQ and NATO Base Engineer Kandahar Airfield; and Commander Real Property Operations Group. His staff appointments have included three tours at 1 Canadian Air Division; Engineer J2/J3 in the JTF HQ for Op ASSISTANCE; Director of Support RCAF HQ; and Special Advisor to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff.

In November 2017 he was promoted Brigadier-General and appointed Chief of Staff to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff and in Dec 2019 was appointed an Officer in the Order of Military Merit. In summer 2020 he was promoted to his current rank and appointed Chief of Staff to the Assistant Deputy Minister Infrastructure and Environment and Chief Military Engineer.

Major-General Horgan holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of New Brunswick, a Masters of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College and is a graduate of the USAF Air War College. He is a registered Professional Engineer in the province of New Brunswick. He and his wife are the proud parents of 2 children.



Colonel M.W.J. Rancourt, CD

Outgoing Commander - Canadian Forces Real Property Operations Group

Branch Advisor - Canadian Military Engineers

Joining the CF in 1992, he graduated from Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, in 1996 with a B.Eng. in Computer Engineering. Upon completion of training in 1997, is posted to 2 CER in Petawawa where he deployed on Op PALLADIUM Roto II as a CIMIC officer with 1 RCR BG. Remained in 2 CER for another two years upon his return, as a Tp Comd and Fd Sqn 2IC.

Completed an M.Eng. in Geomatics in 2002 at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, and was immediately employed at Mapping and Charting Establishment (MCE) in Ottawa.

As an assistant professor within the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, Department of Civil Engineering, taught Geomatics to 3rd year Civil Engineering students in French and English during the academic years 2005-2007, and subsequently was the Garrison Construction Engineering Officer for CFB Valcartier 2007-2009.

Returning to Ottawa in 2009, was the Staff Officer to the VCDS until 2011, and subsequently worked within ADM(IE) in the Directorate of Real Property Management while completing the US Marine Corps Command and Staff Course in 2012.

Remaining in the National Capital Region as the DCO of MCE in 2012, he was promoted and appointed the Commanding Officer of Engineering Services, 2 CDSG in Montreal in July 2013. Following an exciting two years as CO, returns to Ottawa and was named the DComd of CF RP Ops Gp in July 2015. As Acting Commander CF RP Ops Gp, was promoted to the rank of Col in May 2017, and proceeded to NSP 10 in summer 2017. Upon graduation from CFC in June 2018, assumed the responsibilities of D COS Sp within CJOC. In the summer of 2019 assumed command of the CF RP Ops Gp and after two exciting years, is reluctantly relinquishing command to become COS ADM(Pol).

Married for 22 years, the couple has two children.



Colonel D.R. Henley, MSM, CD

Incoming Commander - Canadian Forces Real Property Operations Group

Colonel Henley was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and graduated from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton with a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1992. Throughout his time in university, Colonel Henley was a member of the reserve force, serving as an artillery officer with 3 Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. Shortly after graduation, he transferred to the regular force as a Construction Engineer.

Upon completion of his military engineer training in March 1995, he was posted to the Construction Engineering Section at 12 Wing Shearwater, Nova Scotia. He filled a variety of positions at the 12 Wing CE Section until its amalgamation with Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax. At that time he was posted to CFB Halifax Formation Construction Engineering. While in Halifax, Colonel Henley deployed to Bosnia with 1 Construction Engineering Unit from December 1998 to June 1999 where he was a project officer with the Works and Design Company. Upon return to Canada, he was posted to 8 Wing Trenton as the Commander of 81 Airfield Engineering Flight. After one year he also became Commander of 86 Airfield Systems and Utilities Flight. In 2002, Colonel Henley deployed to the Persian Gulf on Operation Apollo where he was the Commander of the Airfield Engineering Flight and the Engineering Services Officer for the National Support Unit.

Upon return to Canada, Colonel Henley was posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake as the Commanding Officer 4 Airfield Engineering Squadron. While at Cold Lake he deployed as the Detachment Commander for the 4 Wing commitment to Operation Peregrine; support to forest fire fighting in British Columbia. After Cold Lake he completed a three-year exchange posting with the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He returned to 4 Wing in 2008 as the Wing Construction Engineering Officer. In 2010 Colonel Henley was posted to Ottawa and filled a variety of positions within Assistant Deputy Minister Infrastructure and Environment and at Canadian Forces Joint Operations Command Headquarters as the section head for Joint Engineer Operations. In 2017 he was posted to Toronto as the Commanding Officer of Real Property Operations Unit – Ontario. His last posting was to Royal Canadian Air Force staff as the Director of Air Personnel Management.

Colonel Henley is a graduate of the United States Air Force Command and Staff College and has a Masters Degree in Military Studies from the American Military University. He is married to Leslie Huynh of Ottawa, Ontario and he has two sons; William and Cameron and a daughter Keira.