



## The Canadian Army's New Command Team



CWO Alain Guimond, Army Sergeant Major and LGen Paul Wynnyk, Commander Canadian Army, the Canadian Army's New Command Team as of 14 July 2016. Please note that both members of the Command Team are **Engineers**. The entire CME family should take pride in the accomplishments of these two outstanding individuals.

**Chimo!**



The Change-of-Command ceremony took place at Parliament Hill and was attended by a 100-soldier marching and band contingent comprised of members of the Ceremonial Guard. Displays of military equipment were showcased during the event.

The Canadian Army is the largest element of the Canadian Armed Forces: 23,000 members serve as full-time soldiers in the Regular Force; 17,300 are part-time, volunteer soldiers in the Reserve Force; including 5,000 Rangers who serve in sparsely settled northern, coastal and isolated areas of Canada; and 4,100 civilian employees who support the Army.

## Lieutenant-General P.F. Wynnyk, CMM, MSM, CD - Biography

### Commander Canadian Army

In 1981, after four years as an Army Cadet, Lieutenant-General Paul Wynnyk joined the 20th Field Regiment, RCA (Militia) in the rank of Gunner prior to his acceptance under the Regular Officer Training Plan. Studying at both Royal Roads Military College and the Royal Military College of Canada, he was commissioned into the Canadian Military Engineers in 1986.

The majority of the next 13 years was spent on regimental duty in Europe and in Canada. Lieutenant-General Wynnyk's command appointments include 1 Combat Engineer Regiment in Edmonton, AB from 1997 to 1999, 1 Area Support Group from 2004 to 2006, and Land Force Western Area/Joint Task Force West (now 3rd Canadian Division) from 2010 to 2012. During the latter appointment, he commanded Operations LUSTRE and LYRE, the Canadian Forces responses to the 2011 floods in Manitoba.

Lieutenant-General Wynnyk has held a variety of staff assignments. He has served as both the G3 and Chief of Staff of Land Force Western Area, and has undertaken a number of positions at National Defence Headquarters including the J3 Operations desk officer responsible for Canada's military commitment to the Former Yugoslavia, Director General Military Engineering/Chief Military Engineer, and a posting to the Privy Council Office where he was employed as the Senior Defence Advisor and Director of Operations for the Foreign and Defence Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister. Most recently, he was the Deputy Commander of the Canadian Army.

Lieutenant-General Wynnyk's overseas assignments include, in addition to four years of service in Germany, tours with the UN Advance Mission in Cambodia (UNAMIC), the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), and an assignment as the Canadian Task Force Commander and mission Chief of Operations of the Mission de l'Organisation des Nations Unies en République Démocratique du Congo (MONUC). In March 2009, he was posted to the Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan as the Assistant Commanding General responsible for overseeing the development of the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the Afghan National Army.

Lieutenant-General Wynnyk is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course, the Advanced Military Studies Course, and the National Security Studies Programme. In addition, he holds a baccalaureate in civil engineering, masters degrees in war studies and business administration (international business), and is a registered professional engineer in the province of Alberta. A Commander of the Order of Military Merit and an Officer of the US Legion of Merit, Lieutenant-General Wynnyk is also a qualified military parachutist in several countries and a graduate of the French Commando Course. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Afghan Baryal Medal (First Class).

After two years as Commander CFINTCOM, Lieutenant-General Wynnyk assumed command of the Canadian Army on 14 July 2016.



## Chief Warrant Officer Alain Guimond, MMM, CD - Biography

### Canadian Army Sergeant Major

Chief Warrant Officer Alain Guimond joined the Canadian Forces in September 1983 in Rimouski, Quebec.

Throughout his career, CWO Guimond served at all rank levels from Sapper to CWO in Combat Engineer Regiments. He also served at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in Chilliwack, British Columbia and at the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec as an instructor. CWO Guimond also served with 5 Area Support Group as the Montreal Longue-Pointe Garrison Sergeant Major.

CWO Guimond has completed all trade and leadership courses up to his current rank. As Combat Engineer, he acquired the special qualifications of Combat Diver and Basic Parachutist. In November 2005, he graduated from the first Chief Warrant Officer Qualification Program. In 2008, CWO Guimond was selected to represent the Army on the Knowledge Acquisition Program for one year at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario. He was awarded the Certificate of Completion for the Officer Professional Military Education program. CWO Guimond was also appointed as a Member of the Order of Military Merit in 2008.



CWO Guimond was promoted to Sergeant in 1992 and posted to 5e Régiment du Génie de Combat in Valcartier, Quebec. He was then deployed to Bosnia with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group from October 1992 to May 1993. In November 1993, he deployed to Bosnia with 12e Régiment blindé du Canada Battle Group as a Section Commander, where he spent most of his tour in Srebrenica. Promoted to Warrant Officer in July 1996, CWO Guimond returned to Bosnia, this time in the town of Zgon as the Squadron Operations Warrant Officer. In March 2002, he deployed for the fourth time to Bosnia as a Squadron Sergeant Major with 2e Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group. In 2009, while serving with Land Forces Doctrine and Training System headquarters in Kingston, he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan with Regional Command South (RC (S)) as the Engineer Sergeant Major and as the Regimental Sergeant Major for Canadian Personnel Headquarters, RC (S).

In 2006, CWO Guimond was appointed as the 20th Regimental Sergeant Major of 5e Régiment du Génie de Combat, Valcartier. In July 2010, he became the 2 Area Support Group Formation Sergeant Major in Petawawa, Ontario. In June 2012, CWO Guimond was appointed Land Forces Central Area/Joint Task Force Central Sergeant Major in Toronto, Ontario. In April 2014, following the re-introduction of the Army Divisional structure, he became the first 4th Canadian Division Sergeant Major since the Second World War. CWO Guimond is very proud and honoured to be the Canadian Army Sergeant Major since 18 June 2015.

CWO Guimond enjoys running, biking and working out at the gym. He is a firm believer that physical training is critical and should be part of the daily routine of all men and women in the Canadian Army.