

Biography Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Robert Voith M.S.C., C.D.



LCol Voith was born in Calgary Alberta. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1979 and attended Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean from 1979 to 1981, and the Royal Military College of Canada from 1981-1983. Upon graduation and completion of his military engineer training his first posting was to 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1CER).

While serving in 1 CER he deployed to Cyprus in 1986 with the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment as the contingent engineer officer. Upon his return to Canada, he was posted to 8 Field Engineer Regiment in Edmonton as the Regular Support Staff Officer. In 1989, LCol Voith was posted to 1 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters in Calgary where he served for three years holding the positions of G3 Plans and G1. In 1992, he was appointed the Deputy Commanding Officer of 4 Engineer Support Regiment at CFB Gagetown.

LCol Voith was subsequently posted to Land Force Command Headquarters in St Hubert in 1993 as G1 Personnel Policy 2. In January 1995, he was assigned for one year to the former Yugoslavia as the Force Engineer Operations Officer in the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters. In August 1996, LCol Voith was posted to the Director of Army Doctrine and in 1999 he was appointed Commanding Officer and Director of Administration of Land Force Doctrine and Training System Headquarters.

From 2000 to 2002, LCol Voith commanded 4 Engineer Support Regiment at CFB Gagetown. During his time in command, he deployed his regiment to Eritrea/Ethiopia as part of Operation ECLIPSE responsible for the engineer aspects of theatre activation, mission close out and close engineer support to the Task Force.

From 2003 to 2006, LCol Voith was the Engineer Advisor in the Canadian Joint Force Headquarters and Commanding Officer of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) at CFB Kingston. He commanded the Theatre Activation Team for Operation HALO in Haiti in 2004 and was the Commander of Task Force Colombo and Commanding Officer of the DART following the Tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka in Dec 2004. LCol Voith was also the Commander for Task Force Plateau and Commanding Officer of the DART following the earthquake in Pakistan in October 2005. In January 2006, LCol Voith was posted to the Strategic Joint Staff at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. From January to October 2008, he served in Regional Command South Headquarters in Kandahar Afghanistan as the Commander's Planner. From October 2008 until October 2009 he was the Director of Army Doctrine.

In June 2010, LCol Voith was promoted Col (Acting While So Employed) and from October 2010 to October 2011 served as the Chief Engineer of 10th Mountain Division/Regional Command South in Kandahar Afghanistan.

LCol Voith is a graduate of the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff Course and the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course. He holds a Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering, a Master of Arts in Defence Management and Policy and a Master of Defence Studies all from the Royal Military College of Canada. He is a Registered Professional Engineer with APEGA.

LCol Voith is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Cross from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, the Sitara-i-Eisaar (Star of Sacrifice) from the President of Pakistan and the US Bronze Star Medal for exceptional meritorious service as the Chief Engineer of 10th Mountain Division during Operation Enduring Freedom.

LCol Voith will commence employment on 14 May 2012 as the Chief Executive Officer for of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires Kingston and Eastern Ontario Division in Kingston Ontario. He will also continue to work the family farm with his wife Janet and their children Adam, Brian, Craig and Hilary.