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Wing Commander



Col D.R. Williams, CD
Wing Commander

Colonel Russ Williams enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1987 after having obtained a degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Toronto. He received his Wings in 1990 and was posted to 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School where he served for two years as an instructor on the CT134 *Beech Musketeer*, during which time he earned an A2 instructional category and had the opportunity to fly with the last iteration of the *Musket Gold*.

In 1992 Colonel Williams was posted to 434 (Combat Support) Squadron in Shearwater where he flew the CC144 Challenger in the electronic warfare / coastal patrol role. He was subsequently posted to 412 (Transport) Squadron in Ottawa where he continued to fly the Challenger, this time in the VIP transport role. Promoted Major in November 1999 he was posted to Director General Military Careers where he served as the multi-engine pilot career manager.

Colonel Williams attended the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course from August 2003 to June 2004, where he obtained a Master of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College. Following promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel in June 2004 he was appointed Commanding Officer

437 (Transport) Squadron, a post he held for two years, during which time he served for six months as the Commanding Officer Theatre Support Element - Camp Mirage (December 2005 - June 2006).

Colonel Williams was posted to the Directorate of Air Requirements in July 2006 where he served as Project Director for the Airlift Capability Projects Strategic (CC177 Globemaster III) and Tactical (CC130J Hercules J), and Fixed-Wing Search and Rescue. In January 2009 he was posted to the Canadian Forces Language School in Gatineau for a 6-month period of French language training, during which he was promoted to his current rank.

A keen photographer, fisherman and runner, Colonel Williams and his wife Mary Elizabeth are also avid golfers.



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