

Biography



Jake Jacobson

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Jake attended Canada's Collège Militaire Royale and Royal Military College, graduating in 1975 and proceeding as a Rhodes Scholar (Ontario and Magdalen) to study Theoretical Astrophysics at Oxford University from 1975 to 1978.

With the Navy until 1999, Jake served as a Combat Systems Engineer at sea and on the waterfront, as a Project Engineer specializing in Above Water Warfare, as the Head of Underwater Warfare, and as Project Manager for the \$1.8B modernization of Canada's air defence and command & control destroyers. He also served as naval representative to the United Kingdom and Ireland, and as the Commanding Officer of Canada's Pacific Naval Dockyard.

Jake subsequently joined Lockheed Martin UK as the Deputy Commercial Director and Programme Officer Manager for the £2.7B Royal Navy's Merlin Anti-Submarine Warfare Helicopter program, returning in 2002 to Lockheed Martin Canada to lead the Maritime Helicopter Program (MHP) capture consortium and serve as the Director of Advanced Programs. In 2004, Jake joined General Dynamics Canada to lead the Canadian industry consortium for the pursuit of the Joint Support Ship, and served there in a series of appointments as Director Naval Programs, Director Air & Naval Advanced Programs and Director Air & Naval Strategy.

Jake joined Canada's Department of National Defence as a public servant in 2007, serving through to 2012 as the Chief of Staff (Materiel Group), through the initial period of CF rebuild and the principal period of Canada's combat engagement in Afghanistan. During his five year tenure, he drove a much-needed increase of over 1500 DND engineering and procurement professionals, led the Government's rapid procurement of medium-lift helicopters and advanced unmanned air vehicles for the CF in Afghanistan, initiated the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, worked to improve and streamline procurement including the examination of means to leverage procurement to the broader national economic agenda, and championed and oversaw the rapid growth, from \$1.5B to \$2.8B per year, in National Procurement sustainment expenditures.

Jake joined Babcock International in February 2014.