

# **MAJOR-GENERAL J.R. SPEISER-BLANCHET, CD**

## **DEPUTY COMMANDER, ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE**

Major-General Speiser-Blanchet enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990 and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) in 1994 with a degree in Computer Engineering.

Earning her pilot wings in March 1996, she joined 1 Wing where she qualified on the CH146 Griffon helicopter. Her operational and staff postings include 430e Escadron tactique d'hélicoptères in Valcartier, 1 Wing Headquarters in Kingston, 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters in Winnipeg and 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron in Galetown.

MGen Speiser-Blanchet deployed as a helicopter pilot during United Nations and NATO missions in Haiti and Bosnia and was appointed Deputy Commander (Operations) for Joint Task Force-IMPACT in Kuwait. In Canada, she has deployed on domestic operations in response to regional emergencies and in support to other government agencies.

MGen Speiser-Blanchet has commanded at multiple levels throughout her career, including 403 Squadron, the Canadian Forces Intelligence Group and the Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers Group. She has served in strategic staff appointments as military assistant to the Minister of National Defence and as the Special Advisor to the Chief of the Defence Staff.

A graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program (JSCP) and the Defence and Strategic Studies Course (DSSC) in Australia, she holds a Masters degree in Defence Studies from RMC and a Masters degree in Politics and Policy from Deakin University. She was recently promoted to her current rank and appointed to the position of Deputy Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

With three children, she and her husband, Janin Blanchet, are always busy.