

## COLONEL S. HATTON, CD

### CHIEF OF STAFF CANADIAN ARMY DOCTRINE TRAINING CENTRE HEADQUARTERS & Branch Advisor - Artillery



Colonel Sonny Hatton grew up in Abbotsford, BC and enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1994 under the Regular Officer Training Programme. He was commissioned as an Artillery officer upon graduation from the Royal Military College (RMC) Kinston, Ontario in 1998 with a Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Software Engineering.

Colonel Hatton served two Regimental tours at 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA) in Shilo, Manitoba where he honed his craft as an Artillery Officer and deployed as an Infantry Platoon Commander on operations. Col Hatton's staff experience includes: PA to the Commander of 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, the Army Experimentation Centre

Manager; SO to the Commander of Land Forces Doctrine and Training System; the J5 Plans Middle East and Africa desk officer and Acting Deputy J5 Plans at Canadian Joint Operations Command; and the Canadian Army G33/Deputy Director Army Force Readiness. He commanded E Battery, 2 RCHA (2009-2011) in Petawawa, Ontario and later 2 RCHA (2014-2016).

Colonel Hatton's deployments include: Platoon Commander with 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3 PPCLI) in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2000); Task Force Kandahar Chief of Fires/Targeting in Afghanistan (2008-2009); and Deputy Commander of the Latvian Land Forces Mechanized Infantry Brigade and Commanding Officer of the Latvian Allied Augmentation Team in Latvia (2018-2019).

In addition to his role force generating forces for international and domestic operations during his time as the Canadian Army G33, Colonel Hatton's domestic operations experience includes fighting fires in the interior of British Columbia (2003), security for the 28th G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta (2002), and training Reservists for security detail during the G20 Toronto Summit (2010).

Colonel Hatton holds a Master's degree in Defence Engineering and Management from the Royal Military College (RMC) Kinston, and a Master's degree in Military Arts and Science from the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies.

Colonel Hatton is currently the Chief of Staff at the Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre and the Director of Artillery for the Canadian Army.

He is happily married going on 18 years and the couple has one child.