

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL M.N. ROULEAU, CMM, MSC, CD

VICE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE STAFF



Born on the 4th of July 1967 into a military family, Lieutenant General M.N. (Mike) Rouleau grew up in various locations including Montreal, Quebec City, Quetta Pakistan and Ottawa before joining the military in 1985. He retired from the CAF in 1999 to serve as an Ottawa Police Service emergency response officer until 2002, when he re-enrolled as a result of the events of 9/11. Lieutenant General Rouleau has commanded at every level, including deployed Task Forces and teams in Afghanistan, the Balkans and Africa.

Lieutenant General Rouleau's career has been evenly split between duty in the Canadian Army, Special Forces and strategic staff portfolios at National Defence Headquarters. His service in Special Operations began in 1994 with Joint Task Force 2 (JTF 2) as a badged Special Operations Assaulter. He commanded Canada's Special Operations Forces Command from February 2014 until May 2018. Lieutenant General Rouleau was promoted to his current rank in June 2018 when he assumed command of the Canadian Joint Operations Command.

Lieutenant General Rouleau graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science, and from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, with a Masters in Defence Studies and a Master of Arts Degree in Security, Defence Policy and Management. He is also a graduate of the Senior Executives in National and International Security program at Harvard University (2015) and a Fellow of the US GOFO Pinnacle Program, 2016.

Lieutenant General Rouleau is a Commander of the Order of Military Merit and has been awarded the Meritorious Service Cross (Afghanistan, 2007) and the Governor General's Commendation (Sarajevo, 1992).

Lieutenant-General Rouleau was appointed as the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff on July 15, 2020