

**Brigadier-General (Retired) David A. Patterson, MSM, CD  
Colonel Commandant RCA**



Brigadier-General (Retired) David Patterson joined the Army Reserve in 1979 as a gunner with the 2nd Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery in Montreal. Taking his commission in 1980, he commanded the unit from 1995 to 1998 and later served as the Director, Reserve Training at the Canadian Army Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ontario for eleven years. Promoted to Brigadier-General in 2014, BGen (Ret'd) Patterson was the Deputy Commander of 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division until 2016.

In 2006, BGen (Ret'd) Patterson was the commander of the CAF task force that supported the African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS). BGen (Ret'd) Patterson was the J5 (Strategic Plans) Advisor at the Darfur Integrated Task Force in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and commanded the Canadian contingent's three detachments in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and in Darfur and Khartoum in Sudan. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his service during this deployment.

From October 2010 to October 2011, BGen (Ret'd) Patterson served in Afghanistan as the Executive Officer to the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of 10th Mountain Division (LI), which served as Regional Command (South) HQ. He was also the Senior Mentor at the Operational Coordination Centre –Regional (South). He was awarded the US Bronze Star Medal in recognition of his achievement during his service in Afghanistan.

From January 2012 to August 2014 BGen (Ret'd) Patterson was appointed Director Division Rear at 1st Canadian Division Headquarters, in Kingston, Ontario. From June 2013 to May 2014 BGen (Ret'd) Patterson was also the Director, Army Reserve at Army Headquarters in Ottawa. Following his time as Deputy Commander of 4<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division, he served as Reserve Advisor to Commander Canadian Army Doctrine & Training Centre until his retirement from the Army in 2017.

BGen (Ret'd) Patterson is the proprietor of Fields of Fire Tours, a company that organizes and conducts tours of Canadian battlefields in Europe. He has conducted over fifty battlefield tours to Canadian sites in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Italy.

He became the eighteenth Colonel Commandant of The Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery on 23 October 2021.