

Colonel S.G. Graham, MSM, CD

Col Graham joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Reservist in 1987 and two years later was accepted to Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, BC. In 1993 he graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston having accomplished two things – obtaining a degree in engineering and, more importantly, meeting his future wife, fellow alumni Elana Hogan.

After graduation he spent his first commissioned years serving in both the 8th Canadian Hussars and The Royal Canadian Dragoons filling numerous positions from Tank Troop Leader to Regimental Adjutant. Following tours to Bosnia with the 3 RCR Battle Group in 2001 and to Kabul, Afghanistan with 2 CMBG HQ in 2003 he was promoted to Major and assumed command of B Squadron, The Royal Canadian Dragoons. In January 2007 Col Graham deployed with his Squadron to Kandahar, Afghanistan as part of the 2 RCR Battle Group, during which time he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for leading his Squadron in combat operations. Following sub-unit command he served as the Armour Corps career manager and did four years on the Army Staff as a Lieutenant-Colonel, including two as Executive Assistant to the Army Commander. In July 2014 Col Graham returned to Petawawa to take command of his Regiment as the 55<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer of The Royal Canadian Dragoons. Following Regimental command he was promoted to his current rank and served in senior staff positions as the G3 of the Canadian Army and the Director of Current Operations on the Strategic Joint Staff. Col Graham assumed command of the Canadian Combat Support Brigade in July 2019.

Col Graham is a graduate of the Jamaica Junior Command and Staff Course, the Joint Command and Staff Programme, and the National Security Programme. He also possesses a Bachelor of Engineering in Engineering Management and Master's degrees in Defence Studies and Business Administration. Col Graham and Elana Graham are the proud parents of three sons; Hogan, 23; Corey, 21; and Tommy, 17.