



Guests of Honour



Central Region
Naval Reserve

CAPTAIN (NAVY) MIKE HOPPER, CD

Born in Ottawa, Ontario in March 1969, Capt(N) Hopper enrolled in the Naval Reserve at HMCS CARLETON in 1986 as a cook. He transferred to HMCS SCOTIAN in Halifax as he pursued his studies at Dalhousie University, and commenced training as a Naval Cadet in 1989. He was granted his Minor War Vessel Bridge Watch-keeping Certificate in 1991 aboard HMCS PORTE ST JEAN. Capt(N) Hopper subsequently served his summers at sea in all classes of Naval Reserve vessels, as well as with stints minesweeping with the RNR and US Navy. In 1993, Capt(N) Hopper earned his Minor Warship Navigation Officer qualification, and soon after was posted as the Navigating Officer of HMCS ANTICOSTI from 1994-1995. He was granted his Minor War Vessel Command Ticket in August of 1996.

Capt(N) Hopper then moved back to HMCS CARLETON in 1996 as he completed his studies at the University of Ottawa and started employment with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board. While at CARLETON he served as Deputy Training Officer and Operations Officer. Capt(N) Hopper continued to spend his summers at sea, and also completing the Joint Reserve Command and Staff Course in the summer of 2000. He took command of HMCS SUMMERSIDE in December of 2001 until December of 2002, returning to HMCS CARLETON to serve as the Executive Officer from June 2004 until June 2006. Capt(N) Hopper was then promoted to Commander and appointed Naval Reserve Command Development Officer in July of 2006 and later assumed command of HMCS CARLETON in July of 2009, and was subsequently appointed as the Operations Branch Advisor in July 2011. He was named as the Chief of Staff to the Central Region Capt(N) in August 2014, and assumed the appointment of Central Region Capt(N) in April 2015. Capt(N) Hopper was promoted to his current rank in June 2015.

When not working as a Class A reservist, Capt(N) Hopper enjoys his job as an elementary special education teacher with the OCDSB, working with children from kindergarten to grade 6. Capt(N) Hopper resides in Ottawa with his wife, Angela, and their two children, Benjamin and Maya.

