



### **Biography LCol Sylvain Gagnon, C.D.**

Born and raised in Edmundston, New Brunswick, LCol Gagnon joined the CAF in 1993. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts with a major in History and a minor in Political Sciences from the Royal Military College in Kingston in 1998. After completing his training as an Armour officer, he joined the 12<sup>e</sup> Régiment Blindé du Canada (12<sup>e</sup> RBC) as a Tank Troop Leader. He then went on to simultaneously hold the positions of Regimental Gunnery Officer, Intelligence Officer and Instruction Officer for the Regimental Command of 12<sup>e</sup> RBC.

In 2002, LCol Gagnon was posted to Ottawa as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor General of Canada. In 2005, he was posted anew to 12<sup>e</sup> RBC as Battle Captain of a Reconnaissance Squadron. He was then Second in Command of B Squadron at 12<sup>e</sup> RBC. He was deployed as the Operations and Planning Officer for the Operational Mentorship Liaison Team (OMLT) with the TF 3-07 (roto 4) to Kandahar, Afghanistan in 2007-2008. Upon returning to Canada, LCol Gagnon was selected for the position of Military Assistant to the Minister of Defence of Canada.

LCol Gagnon deployed to Haïti following the earthquake with OP HAMLET in 2010, where he was the G35 of the MINUSTAH HQ. He was responsible for planning the security and logistics surrounding the Presidential elections. Upon returning to Canada he was posted to the current operations of Strategic Joint Staff where he was a desk officer, Exped Ops 1-1, for South East Asia. In 2011, LCol Gagnon was posted to the Royal Canadian Armour Corps School (RCACS) as OC for A and C Squadrons. In 2013 LCol Gagnon attended Mubarak-Al-Abdullah Joint Command and Staff College in Kuwait where he graduated with a Masters of Military Science. He then took on the functions of Chief Instructor at the RCACS in Gaagetown.

In June 2017, after a year as section head at the Directorate of Personnel Generation Requirements (DPGR) at NDHQ in Ottawa, he has returned to Gaagetown as Chief of staff of the Combat Training Centre HQ. Appointed Commandant of the RCACS, he assumed his new responsibilities in the summer of 2019.

LCol Gagnon also completed the Army Operations Course and the Combat Team Commander's Course. He is the recipient of 3 Commendations (Chief of the Defence Staff, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff and the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command). He is married to Ève-Catherine Régimbal and together they have two

daughters, Charlotte and Béatrice. An avid alpine skier and sea kayaker, he also drums in his spare time.