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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Successful career of commissioned service in the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Forces, the last six in the rank of Captain(N).
- Twenty years experience in strategic, national and maritime security analysis.
- Fifteen years consulting on maritime operations and senior officer professional development.

WORK EXPERIENCE

August 1994 - Present: Consultant on Officer Professional Development and Maritime Operations - Kingston.

- **1994 – Present – External Research Fellow - Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University - Halifax.** Conducted research on maritime operations and contributed to the Centre's publication programme.
- **1995 - 2003 - Adjunct Faculty - Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre - Cornwallis.** Developed the course "As Pass on the Seas - The Maritime Dimension of Peacekeeping" and conducted it annually for senior officers and officials from over twenty countries. Participated in major training exercise for German-Dutch Corps Headquarters.
- **1998 –2003.** As a contractor to CALIAN Technology Services, developed planning exercises for the Canadian Forces College advanced courses. Developed the evaluation plan for Exercise ABACUS 2000 and coordinated the NDHQ evaluation. Evaluated the readiness of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART).
- **1996 – 2003.** Conducted in-depth analyses of Senior Officer and General Officer professional development requirements for the Department of National Defence. Analysed distance learning and management programmes for the Royal Military College.

July 1992 - July 1994: Director of the Centre for National Security Studies - National Defence College - Kingston.

- Conducted the General and Senior Officer Professional Development Programme.
- Planned and conducted two week National Security Studies Courses for senior officers.
- Conducted research in support of the National Defence College one year course.

September 1991 - June 1992: Senior Defence Fellow - Canadian Institute For International Peace and Security - Ottawa.

- Conducted a major independent research project, entitled *The Canadian Navy: Options for the Future*, published in 1992.

1989 - 1991: Director of Military Strategy - National Defence Headquarters -Ottawa.

- Conducted analysis in support of departmental long range planning objectives.
- Prepared major reports and briefs on strategic issues.

1986 - 1988: Commandant - Canadian Forces Officer Candidate School - Chilliwack.

1983 -1986: Director of Cadets - Royal Military College of Canada - Kingston.

1981 - 1983: Director of Administration - Royal Military College of Canada - Kingston.

1977 - 1981: Directing Staff - Canadian Forces Staff College - Toronto. As Division Director, planned and conducted the National Security Readiness study programme for two years.

1962 - 1977: Maritime Operations - Halifax, Esquimalt and Ottawa.

- Served at sea and ashore in a variety of operational and administrative duties. Executive Officer of two destroyers. Commanding Officer of a destroyer. Three years as an NDHQ staff officer in NATO Planning Coordination.

EDUCATION

1983 Royal Military College of Canada - MA (War Studies) Thesis topic: *The Defence of Trade in the Gulf of St. Lawrence 1939-45.*

1962 Royal Military College of Canada - BA (History)

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

1994 National Defence College

1979 Canadian Forces Command and Staff College

1972 Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College

1966 RCN Weapons Officers' Qualifying Course

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Member - Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies
- Member – Royal Kingston United Services Institute
- Governor - Kingston General Hospital, member of Planning and Resources Committee
- Board President - Thousand Islands Foundation for the Performing Arts

HONOURS AND AWARDS

- Officer of the Order of Military Merit
- Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal
- Canada 125 Medal
- Canadian Forces Decoration (two clasps)