

BRIGADIER GENERAL D.J. MILNER
Deputy Commanding General (Canada)
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Fort Hood, Texas

Brigadier-General Dean J. Milner entered Royal Roads Military College in 1980 and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Commerce from the Royal Military College. Brigadier-General Milner also has a Masters in War Studies from the Royal Military College, which he completed in May of 2010.



Brigadier-General Milner's regimental duty commenced in 1984 with a posting to The Royal Canadian Dragoons, (The RCD) 4 Mechanized Brigade Group in Lahr, Germany. Brigadier-General Milner was employed as a Leopard tank troop leader for his first two years at the Regiment and as a Squadron Liaison, Administrative Officer, and Battle Captain during his final year. He was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1986. On completion of his Germany tour in 1987, he was posted as an instructor to Tactics Squadron, Armour School Training Centre, and subsequently employed as a school standards officer. In 1990, Brigadier-General Milner was posted to C Squadron, The RCD, the Canadian Forces only independent tank squadron at CFB Gagetown. In the spring of 1991, he attended Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College and returned to C Squadron as the Battle Captain/Second-in-Command.

In 1992, Brigadier-General Milner was posted to The RCD in Petawawa as the Adjutant. Promoted to the rank of major in 1994, he commanded A Squadron for one year and Headquarters Squadron the following year, the highlight of which was the Regiment's 1994-95 deployment to Bosnia as part of the United Nations Protection Force.

In 1996, Brigadier-General Milner attended the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto, followed by a posting to the Chief of Staff J3 Operations Branch at the National Defense Headquarters. He served for two years in the planning section responsible for all Canadian Forces operations in support of NATO in the Balkans. In May 2000, Brigadier-General Milner was employed as J3 Current Operations and was responsible for the day to day operations of the National Defense Command Centre (NDCC). Following a six-month tour in Ethiopia/Eritrea as the Chief Operations Officer for the United Nations Observer Group, Brigadier-General Milner was posted to the Directorate for Peacekeeping Policy in the National Defense Headquarters. In 2002, Brigadier-General Milner assumed command of The RCD in Petawawa during which time he commanded a Battle Group in Bosnia as part of SFOR.

In 2005 Brigadier-General Milner was promoted to the rank of Colonel and became the Director Army Training at LFDTS HQ in Kingston, responsible for collective and individual training for the Army.

Brigadier-General Milner commanded 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group from August of 2007 until June of 2009. He just recently completed the National Security Program at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. His last assignment was the Commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan 5-10.