

Brigadier-General GR Thibault, Commander Joint Task Force Central

Brigadier-General Thibault joined the Canadian Forces on 1 June 1978 in the Regular Officer Training Plan and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics. Upon completion of Army Signal Officer training in Kingston, he served in various operational capacities within the Special Service Force Brigade in Petawawa, 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and Canadian Forces Europe in Lahr, West Germany.

His staff appointments at NDHQ in Ottawa and LFCHQ in Montreal include: Army Operations Officer National Defence Operations Centre, Directorate of Communications Security, Deputy Director Signals Training and Doctrine, various appointments in the Defence Information Services Organization and Information Management Group, Executive Assistant to the vice Chief of Defence Staff, and a year-long secondment in 2001 under the Associate Deputy Minister as the team leader for the DND/CF Information Management Strategic Review.

Brigadier-General Thibault served as the Commanding Officer of the Kingston-based 79 Communication Regiment from July 1996 through June 1998, providing the CF strategic long-range communications capability. He also served as the Base Commander, CFB Kingston from June 2002 through January 2004, prior to deployment with the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. In Kabul, he served as the Chief Theatre Information Coordination and Liaison.

In August 2004, Brigadier-General Thibault was selected to attend postgraduate studies and has just completed a Master's degree of Public Administration (Management) from Dalhousie University. He is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces Staff College and the National Security Studies Course.

In February 2005, Brigadier-General Thibault's promotion and appointment was announced by the MND. He was promoted to his current rank on 25 July and assumed command of Joint Task Force Central in Toronto, Ontario in September 2005.

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