

## **OBiography – Lieutenant-Colonel Harjit S. Sajjan CD, AdeC.**

Lieutenant-Colonel Harjit Sajjan was born in the northern state of Punjab, India. He moved to Canada at the age of five and grew up in Vancouver, BC.

In 1989, Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan enlisted in The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own). In 1990, he was accepted for Commissioning in the regiment and successfully completed the RESO Officer Training Programme in 1991 at the Combat Training Centre in CFB Gagetown. Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan then went on to serve as a Troop Leader in Reconnaissance Squadron, was promoted to Captain in 1995 and appointed as the squadron's Battle Captain. In 2004 he was appointed Adjutant, completing the Militia Command and Staff College course at Kingston and promoted to Major in 2005. Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan was appointed as Officer Commanding Reconnaissance Squadron in 2007, and then as Regimental Second-in-Command in 2009.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan has completed four operational deployments. His first deployment was to Bosnia-Herzegovina on Operation PALLADIUM in July 1997. He served as Liaison Officer, Reconnaissance Squadron, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). During his pre-deployment workup training for Bosnia, he also deployed to Winnipeg to fight the floods in 1997 and served as the Quick Reaction Force Commander for the LdSH(RC) Task Force. In February 2006, Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan on Operations ARCHER & ATHENA as a Special Intelligence Officer on the staff of Brigadier-General Fraser, Commander Regional Command South. In 2009, Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan embarked on his second deployment to Afghanistan, serving as Special Advisor to Brigadier-General Vance, Commander Task Force Afghanistan. Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan's most recent deployment to Afghanistan was in November 2010 at the request of Major-General James Terry, Commanding General of 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and Commander Regional Command South. He served on General Terry's Command Team as a Special Assistant.

In the course of his deployments Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan has been awarded a Mentioned-in-Dispatches, Commander in Chief Commendation, two Chief of Defence Staff Commendations and a US Army Commendation. He is also the recipient of the Deputy Minister's (National Defence) Award. Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan was appointed an Aide-de-Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia in 2001.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan was a police officer for 11 years with the Vancouver Police Department. He completed his last assignment as a Detective specializing in organized crime in the Gang Crime Unit. He also spent five years as a certified Technical Search Specialist with Vancouver's Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan is a Security Consultant lecturing to a wide audience, including specialised briefings on Counter-Insurgency Operations to both Canadian and US government agencies.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sajjan is married to Kuljit, a medical physician, and they reside in Vancouver. They have a daughter named Jeevut who is three, and a newborn son named Arjun.