

Colonel (ret'd) Terry Chester. SSM, CD2

Terry Chester joined the RCAF in Sept 1964 under the ROTP program and received a BA from the U of Sask in 1967. He was awarded Navigator Wings in 1968 and flew for 3,000 hrs on the Argus Maritime patrol aircraft. Accepted for pilot training in 1971, Terry was the honour student of Course 7102 as he received his pilot's wings. He spent the next 8 years flying and instructing on the CP 107 Argus in Summerside, PEI and the O.T.U. in Greenwood, NS. As part of the CP 140 Aurora Team from '79-81, he was instrumental in the introduction of the CP 140 to the CF as the Senior Flight Deck Instructor. Following Staff College in 1981 he spent six years in various staff positions in Ottawa, and then was assigned as SSO Pilot Training in Air Command, before accepting command of 407 (MP) Squadron in Comox in July, 1990. In 1992 he worked directly for the VCDS in the Executive Secretariat as an analyst, from where he was seconded to Mogadishu, Somalia for six months as the senior Airlift control officer. Following a tour as Senior Peacekeeping Plans officer in NDHQ, he was posted in 1994 to the Senior Career Manager Division in NDHQ. In 1997, Colonel Chester was posted to NATO Air Base, Geilenkirchen Germany as the Commander Operations Wing, Chief Pilot on the E3 AWACS aircraft and the Canadian Component Commander for four years, participating in numerous international operations, including the air war in Kosovo. He enrolled in the Reserves in 2001 and spent five years as a special projects staff officer and consultant to Comd 1 Cdn Air Div engaged in Transformation projects. During that period he developed an integrated database that linked the Capabilities, Logistics & Personnel statistics of all Wings into a central, searchable database. He was the Director of Armed Forces Day and Air Show 2005 at 19 Wing Comox. With a career spanning 42 years, some 10,000 flying hours and multi-command tours, Terry remains active in flying, maintaining a Transport Canada Flight Instructor Qualification and commercial licence. He is a director at the Comox Air Force Museum and currently the Project manager for the Spitfire Restoration Project, a combined DND/Vintage Wings of Canada project. Terry is also active in the community as a Director in the Walk for Alzheimer's Campaign and Boomer's Legacy, a support our troops organization and Chief Instructor at the Wood Hobby Shop. Terry is currently the 2nd Vice president of the Air Force Association of Canada.