

## Biography: Colonel G.F. (Garry) Reaume



Colonel G.F. (Garry) Reaume was born in Windsor, Ontario and attended the University of Windsor graduating in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. Joining the Canadian Forces in 1974, he realized a life long desire to fly when in 1975 he was selected for pilot training in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Upon completion in 1976, he was retained at the Big 2 for instructional duties on the Tutor jet trainer where he remained for four years and some 1500 instructional hours. In 1980, he was selected for an exchange position with the United States Air Force at Williams Air Force Base near Phoenix, Arizona. Flying the T-38 Talon, he enjoyed duties as Deputy Flight Commander, Deputy Chief of Check Section and lastly, Chief of Check Section before returning to Winnipeg in 1982. He returned to another training position as Tutor Standards Officer in the Central Flying School, during which time he was promoted to Major. Completing his tour of duty in 1986, Colonel Reaume was posted to Canadian Forces Base Comox and 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron to pilot the CP140 AURORA. During the next five years he held various line and staff positions on the Squadron, departing in 1991 as the Deputy Commanding Officer. In the fall of 1991, he was selected to attend the Royal Australian Air Force Staff College at RAAF Base Fairbairn, in Canberra, Australia. Upon completion, he was posted to Maritime Air Group Headquarters Detachment Esquimalt as the Senior Staff Officer Air Operations. Following his promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel, he assumed the position of Director of Operations for Maritime Air assets stationed on the West Coast. Colonel Reaume was selected to Command 407 Maritime Patrol Squadron commencing July 1996. Upon completion of his tour with the "Demons" he was posted to the Continuous French Course at the Base Language Training Centre in Esquimalt, completing the course in June. He was then posted back to Comox to assume the position of Wing Administration Officer. Following two years in administration, Col Reaume was moved to 19 Wing Operations as the Operations Officer. Colonel Reaume assumed command of 5 Wing Goose Bay on July 7, 2004.