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LIEUTENANT GENERAL J. A. J. PARENT, OMM, CD ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE



Lieutenant-General J. A. J. Parent is Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command, Peterson AFB, Colo.

After serving as an Air Cadet, General Parent enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1979 to study at the Collège Militaire Royal in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. Commissioned in 1984, he completed pilot training in 1985.

General Parent flew the CH-136 Kiowa, the CH-135 Twin Huey and the CH-146 Griffon helicopters, amassing 4,900 flying hours. He served with 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron in Gagetown and with 430 Tactical Helicopter Squadron, in Valcartier. He had the privilege to command 403 Squadron and 1 Wing Kingston.

Prior to his current assignment he was commander of 1 Canadian Air Division and Canadian NORAD

Region, responsible for the generation and employment of the operational arm of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

General Parent's staff appointments were in operations and plans at the tactical, operational and strategic levels: as SO Ops at 10 Tactical Air Group Headquarters; as Missile Warning Crew Commander and International Military-Political Affairs Officer in the J5 (Plans) staff at North American Aerospace Defence Command Headquarters; as A3 Plans and Air Operations Centre Director at 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters; and as Director Air Strategic Plans at National Defence Headquarters. Promoted to brigadier general in 2008, he was assigned to Canadian Expeditionary Force Command Headquarters as Chief of Staff, and in 2010 he was promoted to major general and appointed Deputy Commander CEFCOM.

General Parent has a bachelor's degree in business administration. He earned a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Air Force Air War College, Air University at Maxwell-Gunter Air Force Base, Ala. He is also a graduate of the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College,

the Canadian Forces College, and the USAF Combined Force Air Component Commander course.

Upon promotion to lieutenant general, Parent assumed the appointment of NORAD Deputy Commander and Commander, Canadian NORAD Staff, on Sept. 4 2012.

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