



Lieutenant-General (Ret'd)

Paul F. Wynnyk

Public Service

An Albertan, Paul Wynnyk is a proud descendant of Ukrainian pioneers who came to Canada at the turn of the last century. The son of a Second World War veteran, he developed an early interest in the military, joining the local Army Cadet corps and later a Reserve unit.

Studying at both Royal Roads Military College and the Royal Military College of Canada, he was commissioned in 1986, undertaking regimental duties in both Europe and Canada. Over the course of his career, Paul was blessed to command troops on multiple occasions, including I Combat Engineer Regiment from 1997 to 1999, I Area Support Group from 2004 to 2006, 3rd Canadian Division from 2010 to 2012, Canadian Forces Intelligence Command from 2014 to 2016, and the Canadian Army from 2016 to 2018. It was in the last appointment that that he was heavily involved in all aspects of Operation UNIFIER – Canada's mission in Ukraine.

Paul's overseas assignments included postings in Germany, Cambodia and the Congo. In 2009, he was posted to Afghanistan to oversee the development of the Afghan Ministry of Defense and the Afghan Army. He holds a Baccalaureate in civil engineering, Master's degrees in both war studies and business administration, and is a registered professional engineer in the province of Alberta and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering. Paul is a Commander of the Order of Military Merit, a graduate of the French Commando Course, and has been decorated by the Governments of Afghanistan, Brazil, Columbia and the United States for his leadership in promoting international security and cooperation.

Paul retired as the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff on 9 August 2019. He was recently appointed as the Deputy Minister for Municipal Affairs in Alberta.