



Biography of Lt Col Steve Hill

Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Hill of Bobcaygeon Ontario joined the Canadian Forces in August 1979. After completing Wings training in 1981 he was posted to 2 CFFTS at Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw, as a pilot instructor on the CT-114 Tutor. While with the "Big 2" as a Lieutenant he achieved A1 Flight Instructor status. In November 1984 he was selected to fly with 431 (AD) Squadron (Snowbirds) as the Outer Right Wing position for the 1985/86 Air Display seasons. Upon completion of the 1986 Air Display season, he was chosen to undergo Fighter Pilot training on the CF-5 Freedom Fighter with 419 Tactical Fighter (Training) Squadron and the CF-18 Hornet with 410 Squadron Cold Lake, where he graduated at the top of his class. He was then assigned to 439 (Tiger) Squadron at Baden-Soellingen, West Germany in 1988. While assigned to 1 Canadian Air Division he flew 56 combat missions in the Gulf War as part of Desert Shield/Storm with the Desert Cats composite CF-18 Squadron at Doha, Qatar.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hill was promoted to the rank of Major in 1991 and assigned to Fighter Group/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters at North Bay, Ontario, to the Senior Staff Officers Fighter organization, as staff officer for CF-18 Electronic Warfare. While in North Bay he continued to fly the CF-18 and was qualified on the CT-33. He then rejoined 431 (AD) Squadron Snowbirds in 1994 as the Commanding Officer/Team Lead for the 1995/96 Air Display seasons. Lieutenant-Colonel Hill was then posted to Maxwell Air Force Base Alabama in 1997 to attend the United States Air Command and Staff College. As a distinguished graduate in 1998, he was then assigned to 4 Wing Cold Lake as the Deputy Wing Operations Officer.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hill was promoted to his current rank 01 July 2000 and was appointed Commanding Officer of 419 Tactical Fighter (Training) Squadron at Cold Lake Alberta, conducting Phase IV Fighter Lead-in Training for the NATO Flying Training In Canada Program. In 2003 Lieutenant-Colonel Hill was assigned to Langley AFB, Virginia as the Canadian Forces Air Liaison Officer to the USAF Air Combat Command Headquarters. In 2006, after 27 years of service Lieutenant-Colonel Hill became a Class B Reservist and took command of the Regional Air Coordination Element at Joint Task Force Central in Toronto, Ontario.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hill amassed over 6000 hours of high performance flying and currently flies the King Air 200 at CFB Trenton. He holds a Bachelor of Military Arts and Science degree through Royal Military College in Kingston Ontario, and a Masters in Aeronautical Science from the Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Florida. Lieutenant-Colonel Hill and his wife Kimberly celebrate their 25th anniversary this year and their daughter Karmen has just graduated from Laurentian University last summer with an Honours Bachelor of Physical Education and has joined the Canadian Forces as a Logistics Officer.

LT COL STEVE HILL'S PRESENTATION IS ON APRIL 5th AT THE CENTRE IN DRYDEN