

### **Why I am interested in joining the NRAC/ARNC Board:**

Based on observations I have made throughout my career, I believe that there is a need for some sort of unifying organization with a focus on helping recognize the naval and civilian contributions made by the broad spectrum of citizens who make up today's serving and retired reservists. This belief was reinforced when I retired and began to understand just how difficult it could be to navigate the complicated process of transition, maintain links with the naval community, and evolve a significant portion of my identity.

Having enrolled in the RCN in the very late stages of the UNTD program, I have followed the transition of the UNTD Association to the NRAC with some interest. The roles of the NRAC resonate strongly with me on a number of fronts, including perpetuating the memory of the original UNTD program, providing greater visibility to the contributions Naval Reservists have made and continue to make, and providing information resources to current and former reservists to help them maintain a connection with the Navy.

With first-hand experience in how the Naval Reserve has evolved over the past 30 years, and being the grandson of a veteran and the son-in-law of a 1960's UNTD Officer, as well as some insight into the perspectives of other former UNTD Officers, I believe I am well equipped to support the direction and governance of the organization. I am keen to leverage my skills, experience, and dedication to serve as a board member, working to support the overall objectives of the NRAC and create meaningful opportunities for members to engage with each other and perpetuate this important component of Naval comradeship.

### **Personal Details:**

I joined the Naval Reserve at Brunswick in 1988 as a Maritime Surface Officer, while studying at the University of New Brunswick. During my career, I served in a wide variety of capacities within the RCN, both at sea and ashore, and primarily on full time service. Roles of note include the commissioning crew, HMCS GLACE BAY and three command tours (GLACE BAY, PREVOST, and KINGSTON). Coming ashore for good in 2009, I had the opportunity to serve as part of the Maritime Warning team in NORAD HQ, Colorado Springs, before joining Naval Reserve HQ in Quebec in 2012. During this time, I managed to complete my BA via the Royal Military College of Canada, as well as the Command and Staff program at Canadian Forces College. Promoted to Captain(N) in 2015, I was appointed Deputy Commander Naval Reserve in 2017, serving in this position until my retirement in 2020.

Upon retiring, I joined the Federal Public Service, and have been employed at Veterans Affairs as the Senior Planning Analyst for the Corporate Services Branch. In this role, I am deeply involved in designing and implementing strategic and operational plans, as well as coordinating program performance and risk management frameworks at the corporate level.

Outside of my professional career, I continue to reside in Québec with my family and am actively involved in the community, previously as a member of the Governing Board of Quebec High School, and currently as a volunteer the Jeffery Hale Community Partners in Quebec, QC.