



Captain Blair Tuttle
Royal Canadian Air Force
30 Years of Service

Blair Tuttle was born on October 30th, 1967, in St. John's, Newfoundland. He is one of four children born to George and Glenys Tuttle of Shearstown.

He grew up in Shearstown with his older brother and younger sister and welcomed a younger brother in his teen years. An active child, Blair participated in many sports both in and out of school, including hockey, basketball, and volleyball.

Blair enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces in December 1987, joining as an Air Weapons Controller (AWC) when he was 20 years old. He completed basic training in June 1988 under the Officer Candidate Training Plan in Chilliwack, British Columbia. He then completed French

Language Training at BFC St. Jean, Quebec in December 1988.

He was posted to CFB North Bay in January 1989 to await training as an Air Weapons Controller at the Air Weapons Control and Countermeasures School. Upon successful completion of his training in January 1990, he was posted to 51 Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron at CFB North Bay.

Blair has been posted to many Military Bases throughout Canada and the United States: CFB North Bay, Ontario 1990 - 1991; 7th Space Warning Squadron, Beale Air Force Base, California 1991 - 1995; CFB North Bay 1995 - 2001; CFB Trenton 2001; CFB North Bay 2001 - 2003; 176th Air Control Squadron, Alaska NORAD Region, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska 2003 - 2007; CFB North Bay (22 Wing), 2007 -2010; Strategic Joint Staff, Canadian Forces Integrated Command Centre, Ottawa, 2010 - 2013; Canadian Forces Warfare Centre, Ottawa, 2013 - 2014; and the Strategic Joint Staff, Joint Information and Intelligence Fusion Centre, CFS Leitrim, Ottawa 2014 - 2018.

During his career, Blair participated in numerous national and international operations such as Op Noble Eagle (Canada and United States response in support of Homeland Defense after the 9/11 attack); Op PODIUM (provision of air security during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics); and OP CADENCE (provision of air security during the G8/G20 summits in Muskoka Ontario, 2010).

In early 2018, Blair retired from the regular force at the age of fifty after thirty plus years of service in the CAF. He joined the reserves

in the summer of 2018 and was employed once again at the Canadian Forces Integrated Command Centre until he then retired from the reserves in June 2019. His career is filled with many wonderful memories of his time in the military.

While posted to CFB North Bay in 1996, he met his spouse Beverly (also a CAF member). They are living quite happily in Ottawa and enjoying their well-earned retirement.