



BIOGRAPHY

MAJOR SÉBASTIEN LAPORTE, CD

Commandant - sector New-Brunswick & Prince Edward Island - RCSU Atlantic



Major Sébastien Laporte, CD, is a native of Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. In 1987, he joined the Cadet Corps (CC) No.1 6th Battalion Royal 22e Regiment (the oldest cadet corps in Canada, founded in 1832). He reached the position of Regimental Sergeant Major (Cdt Chief Warrant Officer) in 1991. After serving as a civilian instructor in charge of training, in May 1994, he joined the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in the Reserve with the Cadet Instructor Cadre.

In October 1995, he took command of No.1 Cadet Corps at the age of 19, becoming the youngest officer to command a unit at that time in the CAF. For the next two (2) years, he was awarded the Strathcona Trophy for overall effectiveness of the Montreal Detachment, as well as the trophy for the best administration in the area. With his team, he increased the number of cadets from 45 to 140 in four (4) years. For his second mandate (September 1998), the Detachment asked him to take over the 2003 Cadet Corps in Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville; then, the following year, to merge it with the 2831 Saint-Basile-le-Grand Cadet Corps. These units would form the 2831 Mont Bruno Cadet Corps, affiliated with the Military Police. He completed his second command in September 2004.

In January 1999, he joined the Regional Cadet Support Unit (RCSU) Eastern Region (Quebec and Ottawa Valley) Headquarters on a full-time basis. Active in the Regional Cadet Instructor School (RCIS), he has taught several courses over the years and has also participated in national committees as a specialist. In the summer of 2006, he received the Canadian decoration after twelve years of good & loyal service, then the first clasp for 22 years of service in November 2016. In September 2007, the RCSU asked him to take over the command of Saint-Hyacinthe, to accommodate the organization for one (1) year. Subsequently, the Commander of the RCSU presented him with a commendation in May 2008, for his meritorious work with his community, his professionalism and his devotion.

In August 2011, he was transferred to the position of Army Regional Cadet Officer (RCO) in his current rank and oversees over 110 Army Cadet Corps in the province of Quebec. Very active in the mission of growth & retention, he contributes with his team to the opening of new cadet corps; and the revival of those facing challenges. He actively participated in the opening of the 1786 Papineauville and the No.3 Rigaud Cadet Corps.

In the summer of 2016, as a result of a national restructuring of RCSUs, he was moved into the new position of "J3 Officer in charge of Regional Operations and Training" and oversees a coordinating team in nautical training, expeditions, regionally directed activities (RDA music, biathlon & marksmanship), first aid and CAF familiarization. He is also the lead for officers' training, with the Regional Training Establishment (RTE), for individual training and education of CIC officers. In September 2020, he is transferred to the position of J4, Chief of Logistics. In the fall of 2021, he's transferred to the Atlantic Region and assumed the position of Commanding Officer for New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island and oversaw a team responsible for the delivery of the local program for 67 cadet corps & squadrons in those two (2) provinces.

At the Cadet Training Centre (CTC) level in the summer, Major Laporte has held various positions in Valcartier and at the Cadet Music Training Centre (CMTC) in Mont St-Sacrement. He was the Deputy Commanding Officer from 2009 to 2011 of the CMTC. In 1998, he was awarded the Lieutenant-Governor's trophy as the best Valcartier CTC officer.

Major Laporte holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science, specializing in administration and international relations, from the University of Québec in Montréal (UQAM). He also holds three (3) certificates, in public services administration, in municipal services management and in human resources management. He is currently completing a short program in communication and public relations and he is qualified as a Unit Public Affairs Representative (UPAR) officer.

Major Laporte is a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and the Raoul Dandurand Chair in Strategic and Diplomatic Studies. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Royal Military College (RMC) Mess in Saint-Jean (2008 to 2021). In December 2019, the Commandant of RMC presented him with a commendation for his dedication after more than ten (10) years of involvement with the Mess. Passionate about cooking, travelling and movies, his calling card is undoubtedly his contagious "joie de vivre" ! His wife is Captain Lisa Caron, a nurse clinician and medical liaison officer for Eastern Region. They have two (2) young daughters Émilie and Marie-Soleil, and a Golden Doodle dog named Molly.