Senior Officer Biography

REAR-ADMIRAL NORMAN M.A.G. , CD

DEPUTY COMMANDER ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY

Rear-Admiral Norman completed his schooling in Kingston, Ontario. Having originally joined the Naval Reserve as a Diesel Mechanic at HMCS CATARAQUI in 1980, Rear-Admiral Norman transferred to the regular force as a Sub-Lieutenant in 1985.

A specialist in Above Water Warfare, his experience at sea includes a variety of appointments in HMCS NIPIGON, HMCS HALIFAX, Executive Officer of HMCS IROQUOIS, Commanding Officer of HMCS ST. JOHN'S and Commander Canadian Fleet - Atlantic.

His staff experiences feature a variety of both naval and joint appointments. Junior appointments include assignments to Maritime Command Headquarters, the Maritime Warfare Centre, and the Directorate of Maritime Requirements. He has held senior NDHQ appointments as Director - Maritime Training and Education on the Maritime Staff, Director - International Plans on the Strategic Joint Staff, Director Transformation and Strategic Planning in the Vice Chief of Defence Staff organization, and most recently the Assistant Chief of Transformation.

Rear-Admiral Norman is a graduate of Queen's University with a degree in Economics, the Operations Room Officer Course, the Above Water Controller Course, the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course, the National Security Studies Program at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, and most recently he was a Fellow of the US Capstone Program.

Rear-Admiral Norman was promoted to his current rank and appointed Deputy Commander Royal Canadian Navy in June 2011.

When not working, he spends his time working on his old British car, alpine skiing, losing golf balls, and trying to maintain a reasonable level of physical fitness.