

## The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs

## GENERAL T.J. LAWSON, CMM, CD

## Canada's Chief of Defence Staff

'Defence and Security in an Uncertain and Complex World'

Monday, March 9, 2015 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Room 214
Residence Commons
Carleton University

## Biography:



General Tom Lawson graduated from the Royal Military College (RMC) of Canada with Bachelor's degree (1979) and Master's degree (1985) in Electrical Engineering, and served as a Professor at RMC in the late 1980s. He has also attended the United States Air Force (USAF) Staff College in Montgomery Alabama, received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Auburn University, and completed the USAF Air War College Program. He has completed tours of duty as a pilot with 421 and 439 Squadrons in Baden, Germany in the early 1980s again in the early 1990s. Other senior postings include Cold Lake, Alberta, and Ottawa, and Trenton, serving in various staff positions such as Commanding Officer of 412 Squadron, Wing Commander of 8 Wing, heading up career management for the Air Force, and serving on the CF Transformation Team in 2005 where he led the stand-up of

the Strategic Joint Staff organization. In May of 2007 he was appointed Commandant of the Royal Military College in Kingston. In 2009, General Lawson was promoted to Major-General and appointed Assistant Chief of the Air Staff. In July 2011, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General and posted to Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado, where he assumed responsibility as the Deputy Commander North American Aerospace Defence Command. General Lawson was promoted to his current rank and was formally appointed as the Canadian Armed Forces' Chief of the Defence Staff on October 29, 2012.

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