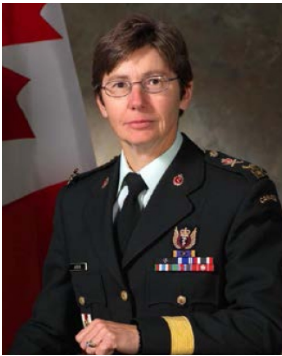


# **Brigadier-General Jaeger, H.F., OMM, MSM, CD, QHP**

## **National Defence and the Canadian Forces**



Born in England in 1959, Brigadier-General Hilary Jaeger spent her early school years in Scotland, Quebec, and New Brunswick. Her undergraduate studies in mathematics and engineering provided a good basis for the study of medicine, and she received her MD from the University of Toronto in 1986. A Reservist with the West Nova Scotia Regiment since the age of 17, she transferred to the Regular Force while a medical student.

BGen Jaeger has served with five different land force units: 1, 2, and 4 Field Ambulance, and 1 and 4 Service Battalion. Her specific appointments included Unit Medical Officer, Treatment Platoon Commander, Officer Commanding Medical Company, Deputy Commanding Officer, and Commanding Officer.

BGen Jaeger served as the Senior Medical Officer and Officer Commanding the National Support Element in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina during the initial deployment of the United Nations mission in the former Yugoslavia in 1992. Two years later she returned to Bosnia in command of the Forward Surgical Team. While Commanding Officer of 2 Field Ambulance, she had the privilege of leading the unit in support of the 1997 Manitoba flood and the 1998 Ice Storm.

Having completed all levels of Canadian professional military education, BGen Jaeger is proud to have been the first woman and first Medical Branch officer posted to teach at the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, also known as “Foxhole U”, in Kingston.

In 2000 she was promoted colonel and given responsibility for national planning and coordination of medical operations (a real challenge during the aftermath of 9/11 and the Anthrax letters), followed by a year as the medical advisor to the Chief of the Land Staff. In 2004 she was promoted to her present rank and appointed Surgeon General. In 2007 she took over additional duties as Commander CF Health Services Group and Director General Health Services. In 2009 she deployed to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) HQ in Kabul overseeing medical support to NATO’s mission in Afghanistan. Since January 2011, BGen Jaeger has been employed as Director General Health Professionals and National Medical Officer for Veterans Affairs Canada.

BGen Jaeger is married to BGen Christopher Thurrott; it may be a ‘first’ for the Canadian Forces to have two Brigadier Generals married to each other. Her obsession outside of work is golf and she also enjoys travel, cooking, gardening, reading, and the occasional Scotch.