

BIOGRAPHY FOR LIEUTENANT COLONEL D. W. DOERN CD (Ret'd)

LCol (ret) Doern joined the 396 "City of Prince George" Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron as a Civilian Instructor in September 1972 and enrolled in the Cadet Instructor Cadre. In April 1973 he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the CIC. LCol Doern worked with the Prince George Squadron as the Training Officer and Administration Officer until February 1982 at which time he was appointed Commanding Officer. He served in this position until September 1986.

In 1986, LCol Doern moved to Kamloops where he joined the 204 "Black Maria" Air Cadet Squadron as their Administration Officer. He later worked as the Squadron's Training Officer and in December 1988 became the Commanding Officer. After completing 4 years as the Commanding Officer at Kamloops, LCol Doern stepped down from the CO's position but remained with the Squadron serving as a senior advisor for them and liaison officer for the Sponsoring Committee.

In September 1993, LCol Doern was appointed to the position of Regional Representative (Pacific) for the National CIC Branch Advisory Council and filled that position until September 1995.

In September 1995, LCol Doern left the Kamloops Squadron and joined the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Pacific) in Victoria as Staff Officer Two (Air). In this role he was responsible for overseeing the operation of all Air Cadet activities in Pacific Region. LCol Doern served as SO2 (Air) until June 2000. While working with the RCSU in Victoria, LCol Doern had the honor of being selected to be one of the original members to sit on the Way Ahead Committee, a National group set up to examine the Canadian Cadet Organization and suggest directions the Organization might consider following in future years.

In addition to his duties as SO2 Air, LCol Doern also served as Chief Instructor at the Albert Head Air Cadet Summer Training Centre in Victoria in 1996 and subsequently served 5 years as the Commanding Officer of that Summer Training Centre (1997 to 2001 inclusive).

In 2002, LCol Doern transferred to the Regional Cadet Support Unit (Prairie Region) where he was appointed the Commanding Officer for the Penhold Air Cadet Summer Training Centre located in Penhold, Alberta. LCol Doern served 4 years as the Commanding Officer at Penhold, retiring from that position in 2006. In 2007, LCol Doern was selected as the escort officer for the Air Cadet International Exchange to Singapore.

From 2008 to his official retirement in April of 2010, LCol Doern served as Reviewing Officer for various graduation parades at Penhold CSTC and at many local Squadrons. In April 2010, LCol Doern was awarded the prestigious CIC Lifetime Achievement Award for his work with Air Cadets over the past 37 years.

Following his retirement from the CIC, LCol Doern became a member of the British Columbia Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada and in June 2015 was elected as President of the National Air Cadet League of Canada.

LCol Doern and his wife Penny reside in Kamloops, BC. Penny is actively involved with the BCPC Air Cadet League of Canada serving as the Wing Chairperson of the Okanagan Wing and also as one of the Directors for the B. C. Committee. They have two children, a daughter Michelle and a son Darryl, both of whom were graduates of the Air Cadet program.