



**MAJOR-GENERAL M.A.J. CARIGNAN, OMM, MSM, CD
COMMANDING OFFICER OF NATO MISSION IRAQ**

Major-General Jennie Carignan enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in 1986. In 1990, she graduated in Fuel and Materials Engineering from the Royal Military College of Canada and became a member of Canadian Military Engineers.

Major-General Carignan commanded the 5th Combat Engineer Regiment, the Royal Military College in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, and the 2nd Canadian Division/Joint Task Force East.

During her career, Major-General Carignan held various staff positions, including that of Chief Engineer of the Multinational Division (Southwest) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and that of the instructor at the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College. Most recently, she served as Chief of Staff of the 4th Canadian Division and Chief of Staff of Army Operations at the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command Headquarters. She has participated in missions abroad in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Golan Heights, and Afghanistan.

Major-General Carignan received her master's degree in Military Arts and Sciences from the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the School of Advanced Military Studies. In 2016, she completed the National Security Program and was awarded the Generalissimo José-María Morelos Award as the first in her class. In addition, she was selected by her peers for her exemplary qualities as an officer and was awarded the Kanwal Sethi Inukshuk Award.

Major-General Carignan has a master's degree in Business Administration from Université Laval. She is a recipient of the Order of Military Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada. She also received the Major-General Hans Schlup Award for excellence in international relations and was ranked amongst Canada's 2011 Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network. Major-General Carignan recently received an honorary doctorate in Business Administration from Université Laval, in addition to the prestigious Gloire de l'Escolle medal awarded to the graduates who have distinguished themselves in their professional field and in the service of their community.

Major-General Carignan was promoted to her current rank in August 2019 and has assumed command of the NATO Mission in Iraq in mid-November.

Married, Jennie is the mother to 4 children.