

Lt Col Vincent Allen Larocque (1950 -Present)



Lieutenant Colonel Larocque was born in an Army Hospital in the Yukon Territory in 1950 and moved to Vancouver as a teenager.

In 1969 he joined the 6th Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers as a Sapper. He rose through the ranks serving as an engineer section commander, transport NCO, operations NCO and Troop Warrant.

In 1981 he was commissioned as a lieutenant. As a junior officer he served as a Field Troop Commander, Administrative Troop Commander, Training Officer, Operations Officer and Deputy Commanding Officer. In 1990 he was promoted to Major and assumed command of 6th Field Engineer Squadron. After relinquishing command in

1994 he was employed full-time at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME), first as the Second in Command then later as the Officer Commanding the Reserve Engineer Training Squadron. In 1998 Major Larocque left CFSME and was transferred to 39 Canadian Brigade Group as a staff officer. There he was first employed on the Land Force Reserve Restructure program and as the G3 Plans. In 2001 he was promoted Lieutenant Colonel and became the Assistant Chief of Staff for 39 Canadian Brigade Group. In 2003 he served, as the G3 Engineer in the Multi-National Brigade (North-West) Headquarters of the NATO Stabilization Force, in Bosnia-Herzegovina. On his return to Canada he served as the Project Manager for the establishment of a new reserve engineer unit in Chilliwack. In 2005 he was appointed as a Liaison Officer with the Canadian Force Liaison Council and in 2008 became a Regional Liaison Officer for Joint Task Force Pacific. In 2010 he retired from the Canadian Forces.

He is a graduate of the British Columbia Institute of Technology and worked for the City of Vancouver and the British Columbia Railway on road and railway construction projects. In the late 1970s he started work with a consulting firm providing fire, safety and security information on commercial and industrial properties to insurance underwriters. He is now a senior risk consultant with Paragon Risk Engineering.

Vince is the historian/archivist of the 6 Field Engineer Squadron Museum Association and has served as its president a number of times.