

Biography - Major Stephen James Piers, CD



On February 12th, 1998 Major Stephen Piers joined the Primary Army Reserve as a Sapper with 6th Field Engineer Squadron (6 FES). Maj Piers attended basic training at the Western Area Training Center (WATC) in Wainwright, AB in the summer of 1998 followed by trades training over two consecutive summers at the Canadian Forces School for Engineering (CFSME) in Gagetown NB. In 2002, he returned to Wainwright to complete his junior leadership training. As an instructor he spent the following spring and summer months from 2003-2005 instructing basic training and primary leadership courses at CFSME and WATC respectively. During

the fall and winter Maj Piers continued to serve as a part-time soldier with 6 FES while attending the University of Victoria where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 2005.

In the fall of 2006, Maj Piers then Sergeant Piers was commissioned to Lieutenant. Shortly thereafter he headed back to the CFSME as a student again for further officer training. He remained in Gagetown working at CFSME planning exercises for Basic Engineer Officers Course and running demolition training for the various courses. In the fall of 2007 Maj Piers returned to Vancouver and accepted a position in the private sector on Vancouver Island.

From 2008-2013 Maj Piers remained with 6 Engineer Squadron (6ES), now as part of 39 Combat Engineer Regiment (CER), serving part-time as Operations Officer and Second in Command of 6 ES. In the 2014, he completed the Army Operations Course at the Canadian Army Staff College in Kingston ON. Maj Piers was appointed Officer Commanding 6 ES in September of 2014. In May 2016 Maj Piers attended a United Nations multinational exercise in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The following spring of 2017 Maj Piers supported Operation LENTUS, force generating soldiers in response to the request for military assistance in battling that years' particular aggressive forest fire season.

In 2019 Maj Piers deployed with 1 Combat Engineer Regiment as the Officer/NCO Development Group Commander on Rotation 8 of Operation UNIFIER, where he led a diverse group of Officers and NCO's in mentoring the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) toward achieving NATO inter-operability.

On return to British Columbia, Maj Piers served as Officer Commanding Vancouver Coastal, for Joint Task Force Pacific, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic on Operation LASER, where he led a team of Sailors from HMCS Discovery support Public Health Canada at BC's major land border crossings. Following Operation LASER, he was appointed Deputy and Chief Instructor for the 39 Brigade Summer Training Establishment for the 2021 individual training period.

Maj Piers is the current Deputy Commanding Officer for 39 CER and resides in North Vancouver, BC with his wife and two boys.