

Biographies of Participants

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Lieutenant-General Romeo A. Dallaire, CMM, MSC, CD

Born in Denekamp, Holland, on 25 June 1946, he enrolled in the Canadian Army in 1964 after four years in the Cadets and the Reserves. He attended Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean and graduated with a Bachelor of Sciences in 1969 from Royal Military College in Kingston. He also attended the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College and the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Virginia. Promoted to the rank of brigadier-general on 3 July 1989, he assumed command of the Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean. After studying at the British Higher Command and Staff Course, Camberly, United Kingdom in the spring of 1991, he was appointed Commander 5e Groupe-brigade mécanisé du Canada at Valcartier on 5 July 1991. He left Valcartier on 1 July 1993 to take command of the United Nations Observer Mission - Uganda and Rwanda (UNOMUR) and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (UNAMIR). It is for this mission that he was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross. He was promoted to major-general on 1 January 1994. From September 1994 to October 1995, he assumed simultaneously the positions of Deputy Commander of Land Force Command in St. Hubert and Commander of the 1st Canadian Division. On 2 June 1995, he was presented with "The Vimy Award" by the Conference of Defence Associations. On 20 October 1995, he assumed command of Land Force Quebec Area. In 1995, he was named Fellow of Ryerson Polytechnic University of Toronto and receives a Honoria causa doctorate from Sherbrooke University. On 9 January 1996, he was awarded the Legion of Merit medal by the United States. On 2 July 1996, he assumed the position of Chief of Staff of Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) Group. Promoted to Lieutenant-General, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) on 1 April 1998.

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