



BRIGADIER-GENERAL (RET'D) WF (BILL) BUCKHAM, OMM, CD

General Buckham was a member of Vancouver's #135 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron in 1956 when he earned his power wings. He then earned his Air Force wings in 1960 as an Air Reserve pilot and joined the RCAF in 1963 after graduating from UBC.

His Air Force career spans over thirty-five years and his experiences and positions have involved all aspects of operations, training, planning and personnel. He served as Air Force Chief of Staff for Personnel and Training; Deputy

Commander, Air Transport Group, Trenton, ON; Commander, Canadian Forces Base Edmonton; and Commander, 412 Transport Squadron, Ottawa. As well, he has held senior national managerial positions in personnel and air planning at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa.

The General's flying experiences include worldwide operations, tactical, search & rescue, and specialty VIP airlift. With almost 8000 hours flying time, he has flown aircraft ranging from the Chipmunk, the DC-3, and Beach 18, to the Falcon and Challenger corporate jets, the Convair 580, the Twin Otter and the C-130 Hercules. He flew the Queen, Prince Philip, Andrew, and Charles and Diana in 1984, 1985 and 1986.

Since retiring in 1994, he has remained active with a number of volunteer boards and business activities including the Rotary Club, the Air Cadet League, the Alberta Aviation Museum, the Alberta Attendance Review Board, Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame, the Last Post Fund, the Corps of Commissionaires, the Kipness Veterans' Centre and the Griesbach RCAF Commemorative Society. He was Honourary Colonel of 417 Combat Support Squadron in Cold Lake.

Bill and his wife, Keatha, reside in St Albert and travel extensively. They have two sons, Jim, who lives in Edmonton and Chris, who resides with his wife, Sue, in Nanaimo, BC.



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