



## **LIEUTENANT-COLONEL (RETIRED) HONOURABLE LAURIE D. HAWN, PC, CD**

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Laurie joined the RCAF as a pilot in 1964 and served for over 30 years, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He served an additional seven years as Honourary Colonel of 417 Combat Support Squadron and 401 Tactical Fighter Squadron. Laurie held many senior staff positions; flew over 7,000 jet hours in many aircraft types, including the Starfighter and the CF-18; commanded a CF-18 Tactical Fighter Squadron; and was the Wing Operations Officer at 4 Wing Cold Lake.

After the RCAF, Laurie served for eleven years in the financial services industry opening and managing branch offices, while also serving in a variety of roles with several charities and community organizations.

In 2003, Laurie decided that it was time to enter federal politics. After a narrow loss in 2004, Laurie assumed his seat as the Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre in January 2006, and was re-elected by large margins in 2008 and 2011. Laurie served on a wide variety of Standing Committees of the House of Commons and was intimately involved in Canada's Mission in Afghanistan. From October 2007 until May 2011, Laurie served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence.

On October 1, 2010 Laurie was sworn in as a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and was later appointed to the Treasury Board sub-committee on the Strategic and Operating Review, as well as the full Treasury Board of Canada. These appointments were unique in that previously only Cabinet Ministers were appointed to such positions. Laurie also served four years as the Canadian Co-Chair of the Canada-United States Permanent Joint Board of Defence.

Laurie officially retired on October 19, 2015 but his life of public service continues as a member of the Edmonton Police Commission, a Trustee of the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital Foundation, and as a member of a number of other boards, including No Stone Left Alone Memorial Foundation.

He is married to Judy, his wife of 52 years, and thoroughly enjoys time with their two married children and spouses and, especially, their two grandchildren.



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