

BRIGADIER-GENERAL S.Y. MENARD, MSM, CD

DEPUTY COMMANDER, CONTINENTAL US NORAD REGION (CONR)

Brigadier General Sylvain Ménard is the Deputy Commander, Continental US NORAD Region, Tyndall AFB, Florida, where he is responsible for the region's continuous air defense readiness in addition to the defense of the US National Capital Region.

He joined the Canadian Forces in 1989 and attended the Collège militaire royal de St-Jean, Québec and Royal Roads Military College, Victoria, B.C. from which he graduated in 1994. He proceeded through pilot training and received his wings in 1995. He was posted to 439 Squadron, Bagotville, Quebec, in 1996 where he flew the CT-133 Silverstar. In 1998, he completed the Fighter Pilot Lead in Training and the Fighter Pilot Course. He then flew the CF-18 with 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron, from 1999 to 2003, and completed the Fighter Weapons Instructor Course (FWIC) and the Tactical Leadership Program (TLP). In his flying career Brigadier-General Ménard has accumulated over 2,600 flying hours on jet aircraft; 1,600 of those on the CF-188 Hornet.



Over the course of his distinguished career, he completed numerous significant staff assignments. He was the 3 Wing Evaluations, Exercise and Plans Officer, he held the positions of Flight Commander, Operations Officer, and Deputy Squadron Commander at 425 Sqn, and worked at the 1 Canadian Air Division headquarter as A3 Fighters. His deployments include tours in Afghanistan in 2007 to work in the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) Combined Joint Operations Centre, and in Lybia in 2011, as Commanding Officer of 425 Tactical Fighter Squadron in 2011, where he flew numerous combat missions.

In 2008 he completed the Joint Command and Staff College in Toronto, and in 2015 the USAF Air War College in Montgomery, Alabama. Most recently, BGen Ménard assumed command of 3 Wing Bagotville (2013-2015) and the role of Director Defense Program Coordination in Ottawa (2015-2017).

Brigadier-General Ménard holds a Master's degree in Strategic Studies, with academic distinction, from the USAF Air University in Montgomery, Alabama, a Master's degree Defense Studies from the Royal Military College of Kingston, Ontario, a bachelor degree in Space Sciences and Physics from Royals Roads Military College in Victoria, British Columbia and a certificate in Complex Projects and Procurement Leadership from the TELFER School of Management, University of Ottawa, Ontario.