

6776 Colonel (ret'd) Timothy Sparling

Born in Ottawa, Tim Sparling received his post secondary education at Le Collège militaire royal de St Jean and the Royal Military College in Kingston Ontario, graduating in 1966. He is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Staff College (1974) and eight years later spent three years as a member of the Directing staff at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College. He served in a variety of appointments with the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in Petawawa, Valcartier and Lahr Germany, culminating in the command of Le 5^e Régiment d'artillerie légère du Canada. He served in a number of appointments abroad including two tours with the United Nations Force in Cyprus. He also served as Canadian Forces Attaché in Oslo with cross accreditation to Stockholm and Copenhagen, and four years with a major NATO command (AFCENT) in Brunssum NL.



Prior to his retirement from the Canadian Forces in 1995, Tim Sparling was the Director of International Policy in National Defence Headquarters where he was responsible for the development of peacekeeping policy as well as bilateral defence relations with the countries of Asia Pacific, Africa and the Middle East. For his efforts in this field he was awarded the Chief of Defence Staff Commendation.

Following retirement from the Canadian Forces, Mr Sparling spent two years as Vice President of The Pearson Peacekeeping Centre. In 1997 he returned to Ottawa and became involved in a number of consulting activities in Ottawa and Kingston, prior to complete retirement in 2006. He is a Past President of the RMC Club, and a current member of the Board of the RMC Club Foundation. He is also involved on the executive of his cycling club, assisting with Seniors golf at his golf club and as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ottawa Branch of the RMC Club. He is also a volunteer driver for the Canadian Cancer Society. He spends a lot of time on the golf course and cycling in the summer and on the cross-country ski trails in the winter. He and his wife Chris live just outside Carp On. They have two sons, Andrew (Manon), and Rob (Sophie), and have discovered their second childhood playing with their two granddaughters and their grandson