



Ed Staniewski

Lieutenant-Colonel Ed Staniewski joined the Canadian Forces Primary Reserves in 1985 as an officer, following a ten-year career playing professional hockey in the NHL.

Selected as the St Louis Blues first pick in the 1975 draft, Ed had played the previous four years with the Western (Canada) Hockey League's Regina Pats. During his junior career he was part of the 1974 Memorial Cup Championship team, the 1975 WCHL Memorial Cup finalist team and the first ever World Junior Team Canada. After six seasons with the Blues and one appearance with the NHL's Team Canada in Moscow, Ed was traded to the Winnipeg Jets, where he played two seasons before finishing his career in Hartford.

As a member of the Canadian Forces LCol Staniewski served on three United Nations and NATO Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement Missions including Bosnia, Croatia and the Middle East. All of the overseas tours were with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

In January 2005, LCol Staniewski represented Canada at a multi-national operational planning conference in Nigeria, West Africa. The conference included other NATO Allies and representatives from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Secretariat, all working together with the aim of designing and coordinating the establishment of an ECOWAS Standby Force (ESF).

LCol Staniewski's military qualifications include Basic Parachutist (Canadian and American), Advanced Infantry Combat Training, Canadian Land Force Command Staff College (Kingston), Joint Command Staff College (Toronto) and the New Zealand War College. On foreign and domestic operations, LCol Staniewski has served as a staff officer at the Unit and Formation level. Staff positions include: Senior Military Liaison Officer for the CF Joint Task Force HQ during the 2002 G8 Summit in Kananaskis and in 2003, as the Military Assistant to the Chairman of the Steering Committee for the Multi-National Stand-by High Readiness Brigade for United Nations Operations (SHIRBRIG).

Ed's commitment to Christ as his Saviour goes back to his playing days.