

Colonel Dwayne M. Lemon, OMM, MSC, CD, QHDS, DMD, FSBGD/ABGD, FICD



Colonel Dwayne Lemon was born in Clinton, Ontario into a Royal Canadian Air Force family, moving throughout his youth to various locations in Canada and Germany. Upon acceptance to the Faculty of Dentistry at University of Manitoba, he enrolled under the Dental Officer's Training Program commissioning as a Second-Lieutenant on 30 August 1984. Colonel Lemon graduated in 1988, was promoted Captain and posted to 35 Dental Unit Det Lahr, West Germany. In 1993, he was posted to Halifax, Nova Scotia for two years, completing second language training prior to being posted to 15 Dental Unit Det Valcartier, Quebec. In January 1996, he deployed on a 6 month tour with NATO in Bosnia Herzegovina. He was promoted to Major and returned to Valcartier as the Dental Platoon Commander at 5 Field Ambulance. In 1998, Colonel Lemon was selected for postgraduate studies in Advanced Education in General Dentistry at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Upon completion, he took command of the Detachment in Trenton, Ontario and in 2002, he returned to Fort Bragg to mentor as the AEGD Program Assistant Director. Promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in December 2003, he returned to Canada in 2004 and was appointed Dental Detachment Commander in Ottawa becoming the 1 Dental Unit (1 DU) Deputy Commanding Officer in 2006.

In 2010, he became the Director of Dental Plans and Requirement, the Team Lead for the Canadian Forces Forensic Odontology Response Team and the Royal Canadian Dental Corps' (RCDC) Senior Clinical Practice Leader. Concurrently, he was appointed CO of the Headquarters for Canadian Forces Health Services Group (CF H Svcs Gp) for a time and then G3 within the Director Health Service Operations helping coordinate CFHS operations around the globe including Afghanistan. Coordinating the Disaster Victim Identification deployment of RCDC members with RCMP and Global Affairs in the wake of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, he later participated as part of the Post-mortem forensic team in response to the First Air Flight 6560 crash in 2011 and of the Ante-mortem team for the RCMP-led Algeria Terrorist Investigation.

Promoted Colonel in March 2015, he was appointed CO of 1 Dental Unit and from Feb to Sept 2016, he assumed the added responsibility of DComd CF H Svcs Gp. In Sept 2016, he was appointed the CAF Chief Dental Officer becoming the RCDC Regimental Head and was named the Queen's Honorary Dental Surgeon. In June 2018 he was appointed Deputy Commander CF H Svcs Gp, a position he held until retirement.

Colonel Lemon was Board Certified with the Federal Services Board of General Dentistry and the American Board of General Dentistry to which he was an examiner. He was also a graduate of the Advanced Military Studies Program of the Canadian Forces College, the American Medical Department Center and School's Medical Strategic Leadership Program, the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. Throughout his entire career he enjoyed an active, if at times, part-time practice dedicated to comprehensive specialty dental care with emphasis in the fields of Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Orthodontics and surgical and restorative aspects of Implant Dentistry. He was active within the Canadian Dental Association having been a member of several committees including Academia and the Audit Committee. He is the recipient of the US Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf and in April 2016 the Governor General of Canada awarded him the Meritorious Service Cross. In 2020 he was made an Officer of the Order of Military Merit.

Surrounded by beautiful, intelligent women at home, he is married to Christina Hackman, LTC (Ret) US Army Nursing Corps, an accomplished officer and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. They are blessed with two lovely daughters. In retirement he pursued his interest in wine becoming a Certified Sommelier. He enjoys travel, the great outdoors and his volunteering time at the Perley Health Veterans' Home where he bartends and provides wine appreciation courses.