



**Niagara Frontier Section**  
*West and Central New York, Eastern Ontario, and Quebec*

**Webinar, Wednesday June 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM EST**

**Col Normand Gagné**  
*Commander, 3 Wing, CFB Bagotville, RCAF*  
***Defense of the North***



The Arctic is the shortest distance for air attack by potential enemies to reach North America and is defended 24/7 by U.S. and Canadian forces. But operating in this region poses a host of challenges – the distance from suitable airfields, extreme cold, severe and unpredictable weather, and the survival of crews should an aircraft go down are all risks associated with fighter operations in the North. Please join us this month when Col Normand Gagné, Commander 3 Wing, CFB Bagotville, will discuss these risks and how to mitigate them.

A forty-year veteran of the Canadian Forces, after earning his pilot's wings in 1985 Col Gagné flew the CP-121 Tracker out of Summerside, Prince Edward Island before being selected for fighter training in the CF-5 and CF-18 at Cold Lake, Alberta. Subsequent flying duty included service as an instructor pilot, the CF-18 Demonstration Pilot, and command at the squadron and wing levels. He has had staff tours at headquarters in Kingston, Winnipeg, Ottawa, and as the senior International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) representative in the Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) in Al Udeid, Qatar in support of the war in Afghanistan. Col Gagné has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Science from the United States Air Force Air University. He has over 5,000 hours of flying time, including 2,000 in the CF-18 and 75 combat hours during Operation DESERT STORM.

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