

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL (H) RICHARD ROHMER,

The Honorary Lieutenant-General of the Canadian Armed Forces
Major-General (Ret'd) (1981)
OC, CMM, DFC, O.Ont. K.StJ, CD, OfL, QC, BA, LLB, JD, LLD, DScMIL*
A Chevalier of the Legion of Honour
General Rohmer is:
A Literary Agent
The Senior Honorary Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police
Honorary Chief Toronto Police Service
The Honorary Chief of the Toronto Paramedic Services
The Honorary Chief of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs
The Patron Toronto St. John Ambulance (1978 – 2008)
The Honorary Chief Collingwood Fire Department
Patron the Burlington Teen Tour Band



An Officer of the Order of Canada, (OC)
A Commander of the Order of Military Merit. (CMM)
A holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, (DFC)
A member of the Order of Ontario (O.Ont)
A Chevalier of the Legion of Honour (France)
First Chief of Reserves of the Canadian Armed Forces, (1978-1981)
A Knight of the Order of St. John (KStJ)

A retired lawyer/Queen's Counsel, (QC)
Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Windsor
(Chancellor 1978-1989, 1996-7)
Chair Ontario Premier's Ceremonial Advisory Council 2006/14
An Officer of the Order of Leopold, (Belgium) (OfL)
A holder of the Canada Defence Medal (CD)

Richard Rohmer was born in Hamilton, Ontario. He graduated from Assumption College (University of Windsor) and Osgoode Hall and was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1951, LLB York University 1991. He was created Queen's Counsel in 1960 and was called to the Bar of Northwest Territories in 1970. He was a member of the law firm of Rohmer & Fenn, Park Place Corporate Centre, 15 Wertheim Court, Suite 503, Richmond Hill, (Toronto) ON L4B 3H7, (905) 763-6690, fax (905) 763-6699. Residence in Collingwood: 7 Anchorage Crescent, Suite 103, Collingwood, ON. L9Y 0Y6 (705) 293-3616, email: generalrohmer@rogers.com. His law specialities were corporate, land use, air and administrative law and OMB projects in which he has participated include Bramalea; Flemingdonk Park; Metro Centre (CN and CP) where the CN Tower and the Rogers Centre now stand; the siting and preliminary planning of the Ontario Science Center.

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In June 2009, Richard Rohmer was granted a prestigious Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the governing body of the legal profession in Ontario, the Law Society of Upper Canada. (LLD) In 2015, he was granted by the Royal Military College of Canada, the honorary degree of Doctor of Military Science (DScMIL) In June 2019 he was granted an honorary degree by the Georgian College at Barrie.

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He is: Former Board Member of Standard Broadcasting Limited; Northern and Central Gas; Association of Canadian Clubs (President); Mediacom Inc.; Southam Inc., Ontario Development Corporation, Northern Ontario Development Corporation.

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He was counsel to the Roberts Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto 1975-1976.

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He was Chancellor of the University of Windsor from 1978 to September 1989. Doctor of Laws University of Windsor (1975). Returned as Chancellor 1996-1997.

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He was the year 2000 national winner of the prestigious Sam Ross award for "Best Television Editorial" by the Radio-Television News Directors Association of Canada.

He was the Military Editor for the Toronto Sun newspaper.

He is the 2004 recipient of the Toastmaster International Award for Communication & Leadership

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Richard Rohmer is a current and licensed private Pilot, 2018.

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He is the former chair (2006-2013) of the Premier's Ceremonial Advisory Council (Ontario)

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He was the Honorary Advisor to the Chief of the Defence Staff. On 26 June 2015 he was appointed the Honorary Lieutenant-General of the Canadian Armed Forces.

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General Rohmer was the Advisor to the Minister of Veterans Affairs Canada on the planning for commemoration events of World War 1 and 2 in Europe and other areas of the world. In 2014 he served as Advisor for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day; and 2015 for the 70th anniversary of the 5 May Liberation of the Netherlands. He attended the 2015 celebrations in Normandy on 6 June, 2019 and spoke on behalf of all fall D-Day veterans.

Google: Richard Rohmer

He is a Premier Canadian Author of Fiction and Non-Fiction books:

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| <u>Fiction:</u> | <u>Non-Fiction</u> |
| Ultimatum (1973) | The Green North: |
| Exxoneration (1974) | Mid Canada (1970) |
| Exodus/UK (1975) | The Arctic Imperative (1973) |
| Separation (1976) | E.P. Taylor (1978) |
| Balls! (1976) | Patton's Gap (1981) |
| Periscope Red(1980) | How to Write a Best Seller (1984) |
| Separation II (1981) | Massacre 747 (1984) |
| Triad (1981) | The Golden Phoenix: |
| Retaliation (1982) | The Biography of Peter Munk (1997) |
| Starmageddon (1985) | Mustangs Over Normandy (1997) |
| Rommel & Patton (1986) | HMS Raleigh on the Rocks (NF)2003 |
| Red Arctic (1989) | Memoires (2004) |
| John A.s Crusade (1995) | The Building of the CN Tower (2011) |
| Death by Deficit (1995) | The Building of the Rogers Centre (2014) |
| Caged Eagle (F) 2002 | |
| Richard Rohmer: | |
| Omnibus #1 (2003) | |
| Ultimatum 2 (2007) | |

Others: Poems by A. H. Ward (1975)
Practice & Procedure Before the Ontario Highway Transport Board (1963)
Report: Royal Commission on Book Publishing co-author (1972)

He was 1984 winner of the Author of the year Award of the Foundation for the Advancement of Canadian Letters.

Richard Rohmer was chairman of the influential Royal Commission on Book Publishing (Ontario) 1970-72.

His 'papers' are in the archives of York University; and in the National Archives in Ottawa.

Lieutenant-General Richard Rohmer began his military career in 1936 serving with the ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) at Eagle Rock High School in Pasadena, California.

He served with the RCAF as a fighter-reconnaissance pilot during 1942-1945. He took part in the D-Day Operation: served in France, Belgium and Holland completing a 135 mission tour of operations in November 1944. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. On May 8, 1944, he had a conversation with and confrontation with General George S. Patton, who was regarded by the Germans as the top Allied fighting general. AT 5:05pm on July 17, 1944 while leading a section of four Mustang fighter aircraft on a low level reconnaissance, General Rohmer caught Field Marshal Rommel in his staff car southeast of Caen and called in Spitfires that shot up Rommel's vehicle, seriously injuring the Field Marshal, taking him out of the Battle of Normandy. General Rohmer is the only combatant of WW2 who had contact with the top generals on both sides in Europe - Patton and Rommel. General Rohmer served in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve. 1946-1948.

In 1950 during the Cold War he returned to the RCAF flying Vampire fighter jets and commanded 400 Squadron (City of Toronto) and 411 Squadron (County of York) in 1952-53. He retired in 1953 as a Wing Commander. In 1971 he again associated with the Canadian Armed Forces as Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel and later

Honorary Colonel of 411 Air Reserve Squadron and flew as a line pilot.

1975 – 78 he served on the Canadian Military Colleges Advisory Board to the Minister of National Defence and on the sub-committee responsible for Royal Military College Affairs.

In April 1975, he was promoted to Brigadier-General and appointed Senior Air Reserve Advisor to the Chief of the Defence Staff. On April 1, 1976 he was appointed Commander of the newly formed Air Reserve Group in Air Command. On January 31, 1978 he was promoted to the rank of Major-General and appointed the first Chief of Reserves of the Canadian Armed Forces. He was made a Commander of the Order of Military Merit in December 1978. He left the Armed forces in February 1981, but returned in 2014/15.

Richard Rohmer is arguably Canada's most decorated citizen. In 1979, he was made a commander of the Order of Military Merit. In August 1990 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. He holds the Jubilee Medal, the Centennial Medal, the Confederation (125 year) Medal; the Golden Jubilee Medal; The Diamond Jubilee Medal; and the Canada Defence Medal (CD). In July 1989, he was appointed by H.M. King Beaudoin of Belgium to the Order of Leopold with the rank of Officer (OfL). In June 1997 he was appointed to the Order of Ontario and was a member of the Advisory Council of the Order of Ontario 2000-2012. In May 2004 he was appointed by the President of France as a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

In 2001 he was appointed the Honorary Chief Superintendent of the Ontario Provincial Police; in 2002 the Honorary Chief of the Toronto Paramedic Services; in 2003, Honorary Chief of the Collingwood Fire Department. In 2006 he was promoted to Honorary Deputy Commissioner of the OPP. In 2015 he was made Senior Honorary Commissioner of the OPP. In 2012 he was appointed Honorary Chief of the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs.

He was chair of the Advisory Committee to Veteran's Affairs for the planning of the 60th Anniversary of D-Day, 6 June 2004 at Juno Beach, Normandy and throughout Canada. He was Co-Chair of the Provincial Advisory Committee on the creation of a Veteran's Memorial at Queen's Park, Toronto, 2005-2006.

In October 2007 he was appointed Honorary Aide de Camp to the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and served until May of 2010.

He is the Patron of the Toronto Branch of St. John Ambulance and a past member of the governing body of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires.

He is the principal founder and past chairman of Don Mills Foundation for Senior Citizens Inc., which operates Thompson House, a charitable home for the aged for 140 residents and E.P. Taylor Place, a senior citizen's recreation center, both in Don Mills, Ontario.

For his work throughout the High North he was given the Commissioner's Award for Public Service to the Northwest Territories in 1972.

His late wife, Mary-O (January 3/2020), was an honorary member of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Ontario Museum and a past chair of the volunteer committee of Campbell House a project of the Advocates Society. Daughter Catherine Rohmer is a Barrister and Solicitor, Daughter Ann Rohmer is an award winning Canadian journalist.