

Colonel Paolo Pavese



Born in Toronto ON, Colonel (Col) Paolo Pavese, joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1997, graduating from the Royal Military College in 2001. Upon graduation and completion of his infantry training, he was posted to the 1st Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment in Petawawa ON, where he served from 2001 to 2005 in various roles, as a Platoon Commander, Assistant Adjutant and Battalion Operations Officer, including a deployment to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In 2005 he completed the Land Forces Technical Staff Program in Kingston ON. This was followed by a posting to the Canadian Forces Land Advanced Warfare Centre (CFLAWC) in Trenton ON within Trials and Evaluations and later as the Standards Officer. His interest in perilous activities and technology quickly led him to Canadian Joint Incident Response Unit (CJIRU) within the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command's (CANSOFCOM) where he served from 2008 to 2012 as a Troop Leader and Squadron Commander.

From 2013 to 2016 Col Pavese completed staff tours in CANSOFCOM HQ, student time at the Joint Command and Staff Program in Toronto and further staff time within Chief of Programme. Upon promotion to LCol in 2016, he was posted back to CANSOFCOM HQ serving in both Force Development as DSR2 and Operations as the J3.

Col Pavese had the privilege of commanding CJIRU from June 2019 until June of 2021, best job he ever had. Following command, he completed a year of language training once again returning to CANSOFCOM HQ in 2022 within the Commander's Advisory Group. In 2023, he accepted a voluntary occupational transfer to the newly created Special Operations Forces Officer trade. Col Pavese was promoted to his current rank in June of 2023 and served as Director Force Development (DFD) within CANSOFCOM.

In 2026 Col Pavese returned to the Canadian Army into a new position, Director Army Experimentation and Innovation (DAEI), working to deliver solutions to the Army to address the challenges of the modern battlefield.