

Session Six



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A native of Halifax Nova Scotia, Captain (N) Coates is a Naval Warfare Officer in the Royal Canadian Navy. He graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1998, and from Salve Regina University in 2010 with a Masters in Management.

Captain (N) Coates has held numerous staff and sea-going appointments, deploying multiple times on operations around the globe. Memorable highlights include a 2011 deployment as Executive Officer in HMCS CHARLOTTETOWN in support of NATO operations off the coast of Libya, and his appointment in 2013 as the Commanding Officer of HMCS IROQUOIS, a Tribal Class Destroyer. After his time in IROQUOIS he assumed command of Sea Training Atlantic where he was responsible for at-sea ship readiness and certification training.

He is a two-time graduate of the United States Naval War College in Newport Rhode Island where he attended the Naval Staff College (class of 2010) and Naval Command College (class of 2017).

In July 2017, he assumed the post of Director Naval Strategy, providing Force Development guidance in support of the future Navy.

He resides in the Nation's Capital with his wife Meghan and two young children enjoying outdoor activities, mainly camping and bike riding.