



PAMELA WALLIN, BIOGRAPHY

The Honourable Pamela Wallin, O.C., S.O.M. was appointed to the Senate of Canada on December 22, 2008. She was Chair of the Senate's National Security & Defence Committee, and was an active member of both the Veterans Affairs subcommittee and the Senate's Foreign Affairs & International Trade Committee. And she served as the Honorary Colonel of the RCAF for five years. This followed her diplomatic service as Canada's Consul General in New York from 2002-2006, in the wake of the tragic and tumultuous events of 9/11.

Pamela has shown her on- going commitment to the men and women of the military, traveling to Afghanistan on several occasions and to bases across the country and throughout the U.S.A. She was one of five eminent persons on the special Independent Panel on Canada's Future Role in Afghanistan in that called for Canada's on-going commitment to the military operation there and successfully recommended airlift for our serving men and women.

She continues to work with veterans and volunteers as the Service Officer for her Legion Branch #62 and works with many other volunteer organizations. The daughter of a WW2 tail gunner, Pamela's connection to the military is lifelong. She values and believes in the importance of building and enhancing the military/civilian understanding.

Pamela is an Officer of the Order of Canada, having received Canada's highest civilian honour in 2007, and received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 1999. She has fourteen Honorary Doctorates and served as Chancellor of the University of Guelph.

Among many other honors, she has been named to the Canadian Broadcasting Hall of Fame; she received a national Visionary Award in Canada; and has been recognized four times by Queen Elizabeth II for her public service and achievements.

In 1995, the citizens of her hometown of Wadena, Saskatchewan dedicated a street in her honor, Pamela Wallin Drive.

She is the author of three books, including her best-selling autobiography *Since You Asked* (1998).

The wide-ranging career of the journalist, diplomat, entrepreneur and Senator has spanned more than nearly 40 years, several continents, and always with a focus on politics and foreign policy. From CBC radio to the Ottawa bureau of the Toronto Star to CTV where she hosted Canada AM, she went on to become the Ottawa bureau chief, and anchor of the CTV weekend news. And in 1992, she became the first Canadian woman to co-anchor the nightly national television newscast Prime Time News. In 1995, Pamela founded an independent television company, Pamela Wallin Productions, through which she hosted and produced several highly successful nightly interview programs. Her media background has proved invaluable in her subsequent public service.