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General Joseph Gerard Maurice BARIL, CMM, OStJ, MSM, CD
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

ASHLEY, David George  
Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class  
GULF WAR  
CG: 18 April 1992  

“Chief Petty Officer Second Class Ashley was a communications coordinator during the Gulf War. His performance was outstanding and directly responsible for the success of communications between the Combat Logistics Force and the four United States Battle Groups which the force supported.”

Awarded Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) as per Canada Gazette of 06 July 1991 in the rank of CPO2.

BECKETT, Jeffrey Gordon  
Captain – 439 Squadron  
GULF WAR  
CG: 18 April 1992  

“Captain Beckett was Tactics Officer of 439 Squadron during the Gulf War. He developed and presented a ground training programme for the employment of air-to-ground weapons which directly resulted in all pilots being qualified with minimum time and effort. Because of his expertise and tactical ability, he was chose to lead and fly the first sweep and escort mission over Iraq and the first air-to-ground mission. His bold and authoritative leadership on the ground and in the air contributed significantly to the continuous success of the squadron on its missions.”

BISSETT, Robert James  
Master Warrant Officer – 439 Squadron  
GULF WAR  
CG: 18 April 1992  

“Master Warrant Officer Bissett was the Squadron Warrant Officer of 439 Squadron during the Gulf War. His leadership contributed significantly to a high level of discipline being maintained and helped avoid many of the problems inherent in deployed operations. During the particularly difficult first week of the war, when repeated air raid warnings created stress and fatigue amongst all personnel, his calm presence and firm leadership set a strong example for all.”

CAMPBELL, George Kenneth  
Captain – Scott Air Force Base  
GULF WAR  
CG: 18 April 1992  

“Captain Campbell was the Chief of the Allocation and Engineering Action Team in the Defence Communications Agency, Scott Air Force Base, United States of America, during the Gulf War. He expertly managed the Agency’s allocation and engineering operation as part of the Crisis Action Team for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Working long hours under stressful conditions, his team successfully configured and connected strategic and tactical transmission systems and networks, both in the United States and in the Gulf theatre, and solved countless technical and procedural problems.”
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

ENGSTAD, Philip Christopher
Colonel – CO Canadian Air Task Group
GULF WAR

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

ENGSTAD, Philip Christopher
Colonel – CO Canadian Air Task Group
GULF WAR

"Colonel Philip Engstad was the Commander of the Canadian Air Task Group Middle East during the Gulf War. He contributed significantly to the development of multi-national air directives and combined operations guidance in Qatar, which increased the effectiveness of operations and ensured comprehensive and viable security on the host-nation airfield. The dedication, professionalism and personal example set by Colonel Engstad, ensured a great proficiency and high morale within Canadian personnel."

Colonel Engstad was born in Burns Lake. His family moved to Nelson in 1957 and he graduated from L.V. Rogers Secondary School in 1960. In 1961, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in Centralia, Ontario. After advanced flying training, he received his wings in 1964 in Winnipeg.

After graduation, he was posted to the CF104 Starfighter Program and served in France and West Germany before returning to Cold Lake Alberta where he instructed on CF104s. Colonel Engstad was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1981 and assumed command of the 419 Tactical Fighter (Training) Squadron. After his promotion to Colonel in 1986, he became the Fighter Group Chief of Staff, and in 1987 assumed the position of Chief of Staff Operations and Training. In September 1990, Colonel Engstad directed the planning staff that formulated OPERATION SCIMITAR, Canada’s Air Force commitment to Operation Desert Storm. With ministerial approval, he became the Commander of the Canadian Air Task Group Middle East. Philip Engstad was awarded one of Canada’s highest military honours, the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) by the Governor General of Canada for his dedication, professionalism, and personal example contributions to the Gulf War.

During his military career Colonel Engstad flew all of Canada’s front line fighter aircraft and logged over 5,000 hours of fighter flying time. He is a graduate of the United States Air Force Fighter Weapons School and is one of five Canadian Air Force fighter pilots to graduate from the U.S. Navy Fighters Weapons School "TOPGUN."

Colonel Engstad is married to the former Carolle Denis of Lac-Castagnier, Quebec and has three children. They chose the Kootenays as their place of retirement after 33 years of service and currently reside with their son Jeremy in the residence "The Grounded Eagles" on Nelson’s North Shore.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

GREELEY, Wade
Sergeant – Canadian Support Unit (Qatar)
GULF WAR

MSM CD CG: 18 April 1992

“Sergeant Greeley was in charge of ground transport in the Canadian Support Unit (Qatar) during operations in the Gulf. His ability to establish strong favourable relations with other national forces allowed quick and effective integration of transport schedules and enabled him to propose solutions to problems and assist in their resolution. The cooperative spirit that he fostered solidified relationships, with great benefits to the Canadian Forces.”

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LEACH, George Allison
Master Warrant Officer
GULF WAR

MSM CD CG: 18 April 1992

“Master Warrant Officer G.A. Leach was the Company Sergeant Major of a rifle company providing airfield defence in the Gulf theatre of operations. Throughout, he managed his responsibilities in a methodical and precise manner. His abilities and untiring efforts won the praise of all. He set an example for every person in the Task Group and a standard of personal discipline and professionalism that few could match. In so doing, he contributed significantly to the success of the mission in its critical initial stages of operations in the Gulf.”

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MATTHEWS, Donald Charles
Lieutenant-Colonel – 439 Squadron
GULF WAR – Commanding Officer 439 Squadron

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

MSM CD
CG: 18 April 1992

“As Commanding Officer of 439 Tactical Fighter Squadron, Lieutenant-Colonel Matthews was tireless in developing a truly multi-role, all-weather, day or night fighter squadron. He led by example, especially in the difficult first weeks of the war, and continued to fly, lead and motivate calmly as repeated air attack warnings increased stress and fatigue among all personnel. Under Lieutenant-Colonel Matthews’ outstanding, professional leadership, his squadron performed its missions flawlessly during operations in the Gulf.”

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

O’BRIEN, Michael G.  MSM CD  CG:  18 April 1992
GULF WAR

“Colonel O’Brien was the Assistant Chief of Staff to the Operational Section during the Gulf Crisis. He was both the architect and developer of the National Defence Headquarters Crisis Management System, and in large part was responsible for the structure and content of the plan detailing the organization and procedures to be used during a crisis. Throughout the Gulf crisis, he provided focus and leadership for the successful functioning of the Crisis Action Team.”

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ROCHEFORT, Joseph Armand Pierre  MSM CD  CG:  18 April 1992
GULF WAR

“As the Canadian Forces prepared for the Gulf War, Major Rochefort accomplished three critically important projects for the wartime success of Canadian and American fighter forces. As a result of his determination, initiative, and professionalism, each project was accomplished rapidly. Together, they significantly contributed to the protection of coalition aircraft during the war.”

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WILSON, Mary Nanette  MSM CD  CG:  18 April 1992
GULF WAR

“Chief Petty Officer Second Class Wilson served in HMCS Protecteur during the Gulf War. Under her leadership, her team excelled at its responsibilities. In situations of high stress, her self-confidence and sense of responsibility motivated her subordinates. Her outstanding leadership and dedication to duty greatly contributed to the impressive logistic support provided by Protecteur.”

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

BROUSSEAU, Joseph Maurice Robert Gaétan  MSM CD  CG: 12 June 1993
Captain – Royal 22e Regiment  GH: 23 November 1992
European Community Monitor Mission (ECMMY)  DOI: 7 April to 5 May 1992

“Captain Brousseau was an unarmed monitor with the European Community Monitor Mission in Northern Bosnia from 07 April until 5 May 1992. Following the unexpected departure of his two superiors, he took over command of the mission in Sarajevo, leading a team of thirty-five people in a most professional manner in dangerous duties under hostile fire. When ordered to leave, he planned and commanded the six-hour convoy move through hostile territory. His courage under fire and his tireless dedication and professionalism were an example to all.”

Medals:  MSM – Peacekeeping – SSM with bar NATO – ECMMY - CD

Lieutenant-Commander Joseph Maurice Robert Gaétan BROUSSEAU, MSM, CD
Royal Military College – Royal 22e Régiment – Royal Canadian Cadet Corps

Royal Military College 13362
Served with the Royal 22e Regiment
Retired
Joined the RCSCC 236 Gatineau Unit as CO in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander

“This gentle giant with a big heart died in his sleep on 29 December 2014 at the age of 53. Devoted husband of Dr. Veillette Edith, chiropractor and loving family man and very proud of his children Mark (24) and Elyse (19 years). He had just become the owner and president with his wife Workshops Non-Tech inc. Ste-Catherine de la Jacques-Cartier.”
MINNIS, William Hiram
Colonel – Judge Advocate General (JAG)
Canadian Forces Attaché Tel Aviv

MSM CD
CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 23 November 1992
DOI: 1990 – 1991

“Colonel Minnis was the Canadian Forces Attaché in Tel Aviv, Israel, during the Gulf Crisis and War, in 1990-1991. He played a pivotal role in the preparation of the Canadian Embassy for the war. He wilfully assumed additional responsibilities and was instrumental in permitting the continuous operation of the Embassy under most difficult and dangerous circumstances. During this whole period, Colonel Minnis displayed outstanding leadership, integrity, and sense of duty.”

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

REEVES, Marques Aubrey  
Master Corporal – Air Command  
SAR TEC  
MSM CD  
CG: 12 June 1993  
GH: 23 November 1992  
DOI: 28 December 1990

"On December 28, 1990 a climber became stranded approximately 800 feet up a frozen waterfall in the Whistler-Pemberton area, British Columbia, hanging precariously from an ice wall for more than eight hours. All ground-based rescue efforts failed. Late at night, with the help of flares from an overhead aircraft, Master Corporal Reeves approached the victim cautiously, suspended 150 feet under a Labrador helicopter. Unable to reach the climber directly due to an ice overhang, Master Corporal Reeves directed the aircraft to place him adjacent to the victim. He attempted to climb horizontally under the overhang and lost his hold and fell away. Nearing exhaustion, he approached from the front and managed to extend a rope to the victim. Master Corporal Reeves then assisted the climber into the rescue collar. The pair then swung away, spinning violently, until clear of the cliff. Once hoisted aboard, Master Corporal Reeves collapsed from exhaustion and exposure. The victim’s life had been saved."

SERVAIS, Joseph Jacques Reginald  
Major – ECMMY  
European Community Monitor Mission in Eastern Slavonia, Croatia and Northern Bosnia  
MSM CD  
CG: 12 June 1993  
GH: 23 November 1992  
DOI: September 1991 to May 1992

"Major Servais was an unarmed monitor with the European Community Monitor Mission in Eastern Slavonia, Croatia and Northern Bosnia from September 1991 to May 1992. Because of his experience in peacekeeping operations, he was appointed Officer-in-charge of the Regional coordination centre, responsible for eight monitoring teams. He deployed the teams most effectively, conducting the most dangerous missions himself. Leading by example, he often exposed himself to considerable danger. His outstanding performance was an inspiration for his subordinates and led to an uncommonly high standard of efficiency achieved by the teams under his command."
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

BELISLE, Joseph Luc Guy
Captain - Royal 22e Regiment
UNPROFOR

MB MSM CD CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 03 February 1993
DOI: 09 to 19 May 1992

"From 9 to 19 May, 1992, Captain Belisle of the 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group of the Canadian contingent of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Sarajevo made an exceptional contribution to various evacuation and humanitarian assistance missions. In particular, he ensured the safe conduct of emissaries during the evacuation of the military hospital, implemented a security plan at a hotel that was the target of artillery and small arms fire from all directions, and succeeded in guiding a convoy out of a combat zone. During these perilous missions, Captain Belisle demonstrated exceptional skill and self-sacrifice."

Awarded Medal of Bravery (MB) as per the Canada Gazette of 08 May 1993, Captain R22eR for UNPROFOR.

CLAYTON, Robert Ian
Commander – CO HMCS Halifax

MSM CD CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 03 February 1993
DOI: 1990 – 1992

"As Commanding Officer of HMCS Halifax, Commander Clayton has led the introduction into service of Canada’s first new major warship in almost 20 years. He has represented Canada’s navy and industry in many public demonstrations with outstanding skill and confidence. During three years of intense national and international public scrutiny, Commander Clayton’s enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism have been key factors in the successful introduction of HMCS Halifax into service."

FOURNIER, André Robert
Sergeant – Operations Instructors Course

MSM CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 03 February 1993
DOI: 03 August 1989

"On 3 August 1989, on the Yoho River in British Columbia, a student on the Mountain Operations Instructors Course was pulled underwater by the current and lost consciousness. Sergeant Fournier, then a Master Corporal, jumped into the river and attempted to pull him out, but the swift current and combined weight of the victim and his rucksack proved too difficult. The safety line to which both were attached was cut to enable Fournier to lift the student’s head above water, allowing the current to sweep both downstream. The victim floated free from Fournier’s grasp but was pulled to safety by witnesses on the river bank. Master Corporal Fournier, still in danger, was carried swiftly downstream but managed to grasp a boulder and work his way to safety. Then, accompanied by two other instructors, he ran approximately ten kilometres through the forest to come within radio range of the Park Rescue Service, who dispatched a rescue helicopter to the scene."

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

HOUGHTON, Michael James
Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment
Director of Peacekeeping Operations

“As the Director of Peacekeeping Operations since 1990, Colonel Houghton has provided outstanding leadership, successfully coordinating the creation of seven new Canadian missions, while maintaining professional support to ongoing missions. His work as a member of the United States Diplomatic Negotiations Mission to Haiti and Canadian member to the United Nations Technical Negotiating Mission to Somalia has been acknowledged by other countries. His performance at a time of unprecedented demands from the international community has brought great credit to Canada and the Canadian Forces.”

Colonel Michael James Houghton, MSM, CD

Mr. Houghton graduated from CMR/RMC in 1965 with a degree in Geopolitics. He was commissioned as an infantry officer and served with both The Royal Canadian Regiment and the Canadian Airborne Regiment. His 30 years of commissioned service included several command appointments from platoon to regimental battle-group. When not on regimental duty, he was employed as a staff officer at the national headquarters level, and as a training officer both in Canada and abroad.

On retirement from the Army in 1995, Mr. Houghton entered the corporate world as a management efficiency consultant working under subsequent contracts for Coopers and Lybrand, PricewaterhouseCoopers and finally IBM. He retired from full-time Consulting in 2006, but continues to support the School of Military Intelligence whenever requested to do so.

JONES, Paul Kevin (P.K.)
Sergeant – Canadian Engineers
UNPROFOR in Sarajevo

“Between 22 and 26 July 1992, Sergeant Jones, electrician, provided construction support to the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo. Working largely on his own, he spearheaded negotiations with municipal authorities to re-establish the power supply, identified numerous breaks in the city power lines, and developed a repair plan. He arranged local cease-fires and, under the constant threat of artillery and sniper fire, repeatedly escorted local work crews into potentially mined areas and assisted in effecting repairs. His outstanding professionalism, resourcefulness, and personal courage benefited the United Nations contingent and the large civilian population of the war-torn city.”

MEDALS: MSM – Gulf War with bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus (3 tours) – UNEFME (2) – UNDOF – UNPROFOR – CD
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

KERN, Michael Guy
Master Warrant Officer – Medical Assistant
HMCS Provider
MSM CD CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 03 February 1993
DOI: 19 June 1990

“On 19 June 1990, HMCS Provider rescued ninety Vietnamese boat people who were adrift in the South China Sea without food or water and suffering from malnutrition, dehydration and prolonged exposure. Master Warrant Officer Kern, senior medical assistant on board, tackled the formidable medical emergency with outstanding initiative and leadership. In the absence of a doctor for the first day, and aided by only two subordinates, he sorted priorities, gave and directed medical care, and advised his superiors on all medical issues. His performance far exceeded the levels commensurate with his rank and training.”

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LAW, Bruce Edmund
Petty Officer 2nd Class – Medical Assistant
HMCS Provider
MSM CD CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 03 February 1993
DOI: 19 June 1990

“On 19 June 1990, HMCS Provider rescued ninety Vietnamese boat people who were adrift in the South China Sea without food or water and suffering from malnutrition, dehydration and prolonged exposure. Aware of the situation, Petty Officer Law volunteered to transfer from HMCS Kootenay to the Provider to assist in the emergency. Working almost non-stop for four day, he assisted in giving and directing urgently required medical care, performing to a level far in excess of that for which he had been trained. His vitality, motivation and personal care were instrumental in saving many lives.”

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“Between 9 and 17 May, 1992, Corporal Morin served with the 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Regiment Battle group of the Canadian contingent of the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo. At that time, he volunteered for various evacuation and humanitarian assistance missions. In particular, he led several teams from shelters to the upper floors of a hotel where the Force’s headquarters were located in order to recover documents and equipment, although the building was the continual target of mortar and small arms fire. His remarkable conduct and professionalism made it possible to stabilize a dangerous situation.”

CHAMBERS, David Andrew

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“In early November 1991, Captain Chambers demonstrated outstanding leadership, perseverance and professionalism in a rescue operation near Canadian Forces Alert Station in the Northwest Territories. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft, he organized and participated in the successful rescue mission of the survivors under severe blizzard conditions. After the evacuation of casualties he volunteered to remain on the crash site and make the necessary arrangements for the post-rescue inquiry.”
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military)  (MSM)

BEST, Arthur Ronald Bruce  
Sergeant – SAR TEC  
MSM  
CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 23 May 1993

BROWN, Robert James  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MB MSM CD  
DOI: 01 November 1991

CURTIS, Derek John  
Corporal – SAR TEC  
MSM

DARBYSON, Daren Paul  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

DOMINIE, Gerald Martin  
Sergeant – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

HOULE, Joseph Bernard Alain  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

HOUSE, Benjamin  
Corporal – SAR TEC  
MSM

LAROUCHE, Joseph Gerard Eric  
Corporal – SAR TEC  
(MB) MSM (CD)

LESSARD, Joseph Marc  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

MacDIARMID, Timothy Shawn  
Corporal – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

McKELLAR, Keith Irving  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

MONDEVILLE, Robert James  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

O’REILLY, Ronald Joseph William  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MSM

ROY, Joseph Armand Jean  
Corporal – SAR TEC  
MSM

WALKER, Robert David  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MSM CD

TREMBLAY, Joseph Louis Jean-Marie  
M/Cpl – SAR TEC  
MB MSM CD

“On 1 November 1991, these sixteen Search and Rescue Technicians (SAR TECH) demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.”

Sergeant Eric LAROUCHE awarded Medal of Bravery (MB) as per Canada Gazette of 01 September 2001.
Master Corporal Joseph TEMBLAY awarded the Medal of Bravery (MB) as per Canada Gazette of 14 December 1991.
Master Corporal Robert BROWN awarded the Medal of Bravery (MB) as per Canada Gazette of 14 December 1991.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

RITCHIE, Frederick John
Master Warrant Officer
CFS Alert Rescue

MMM MSM CD CG: 12 June 1993
GH: 23 May 1993
DOI: 30 October 1991

"On 30 October 1991, then Warrant Officer Ritchie led an overland rescue party from Canadian Forces Station Alert to the crash site of a Hercules aircraft. In white-out conditions and total darkness, navigation was extremely difficult. The party was forced to return to their base after eight hours. After refuelling their vehicles and taking additional survival equipment, the team made a second attempt. After forty-eight hours of stress and fatigue, the mission was accomplished. Its success is attributable to the outstanding leadership, professional knowledge and perseverance of Warrant Officer Ritchie."

Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 15 March 1997.

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HODGINS, Marvin Jeffery
Warrant Officer – Air Transport Command
ATC Airlift Group Element Zagreb

MSM CD CG: 29 January 1994
GH: 10 January 1994
DOI: 01 October 1992 – 15 November 1992

"Warrant Officer Hodgins was employed as the sole intelligence advisor for Air Transport Group’s Airlift Command Element in Zagreb, Croatia, from October 1 to November 15, 1992. He built an intelligence network and data base that was critical to the safety and success of Canadian and allied relief flights. Though often in great personal danger, he persisted in gathering precise intelligence that directly contributed to the safety of multinational flights into war-torn Sarajevo, Bosnia. He also gained international recognition for his tireless efforts to promote the success of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in its humanitarian mission. Warrant Officer Hodgins’ outstanding professionalism, effort and personal courage reflect great credit on himself and the Canadian Forces."

MEDALS: MSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

LEENTJES, Peter
Colonel – Royal Canadian Armoured Corps
UNPROFOR - Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations United Nations Forces in Bosnia-Hercegovina

“Colonel Leentjes served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations with United Nations Forces in Bosnia-Hercegovina from 1992 to 1993. The Operations division was responsible for directing and controlling the vast humanitarian effort in that war-torn country, despite appalling communications and very poor working conditions. Colonel Leentjes was a tower of strength in these efforts. He undertook enormous responsibilities and achieved truly remarkable results under difficult conditions. His trusted advice and personal staff work produced the military portion of the Vance-Owen Peace Plan, the concept for any eventual peace agreement.”

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 25 June 1988 as Lieutenant-Colonel in the Armoured Corps.

Medals: OMM – MSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD and 2 Bars

Colonel Peter Leentjes, MSM, CD, Royal Canadian Armoured Corps

Peter Leentjes, retired Canadian Army Colonel and former Chief of the Peacekeeping Training Unit at United Nations Headquarters in New York, died suddenly of a heart attack on 28 July 2004 in Monterey, California. He was 58 years old.

Born in the Netherlands, Peter emigrated with his parents to Ontario, Canada in 1952. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1967 and was commissioned in the Royal Canadian Armored Corps. During his career, he was posted to Germany, Cyprus, and France, becoming fluent in French and serving in a French-speaking regiment.

In 1992, he was an Operations Officer for the multi-national peacekeeping force in Bosnia. In 1995, he was chosen to head a newly-established Training Unit within the Military Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and led a small team of officers to develop the training concepts, courses and materiel to assist Member States in developing their capacity to participate in multidimensional operations. Peter initiated ground-breaking programmes and established Training Assistance Teams to prepare military and civilian police from around the world.

Leentjes retired from the Canadian Army in 1999, after having been decorated with the Order of Military Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal. Peter was the founding President of Complex Solutions, Inc., headquartered in Honolulu, which provides peace operations education and training support to such institutions as the Center of Excellence in Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance and the Center for Civil Military Relations.

He was a champion at involving representatives from the UN Secretariat and Specialized Agencies, non-governmental organizations and human rights groups in training programs to reflect the complexity of modern peace operations.

Peter Leentjes is remembered as a stocky, cheerful man with an easy laugh. A senior UN official was quoted as saying, “Peter was one of those rocks of inspirational leadership, sheer professionalism and dedication that life produces from time to time.” He was in demand around the world as a speaker, advisor and trainer on peacekeeping and continued to support Department of Peacekeeping Operation’s activities up until the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife Jean of 37 years, his two children and a brother.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

McCLEAN, Douglas J.  
OMM MSM CD  
CG: 29 January 1994
Captain (N) – Maritime Command  
GH: 10 January 1994
Commanding Officer – HMCS Protecteur  
DOI: 1992

“As Commanding Officer of HMCS Protecteur, Captain(N) McClean was tasked with providing relief and humanitarian assistance to southern Florida and an island in the Bahamas in the wake of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Faced with devastation, the ship and her company carried out both relief operations in an outstanding manner, bringing much-needed material and reconstruction aid to many communities. Under Captain(N) McClean’s leadership, initiative and personal example of duty, the ship’s company earned international respect and esteem.”

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 18 July 1992 in the rank of Captain(N).

Medals: OMM – MSM – Gulf War – SSM with bar NATO – Canada 125 – CD and Bar

01/09/1963  Naval Cadet RCN  HMCS Venture (Officer Training Establishment)
01/09/1964  A/Sub-Lt (SSA) RCN  HMCS Venture (Officer Training Establishment)
01/09/1965  Sub-Lt (MARS)  HMCS Venture (Officer Training Establishment)
01/09/1968  Lieutenant(N) (MARS)  Permanent Commission
01/07/1974  Lieutenant-Commander  HMCS Saskatchewan as Executive Officer 1978
01/07/1980  Commander  US Naval War College, Newport Rhode Island for Post graduate studies 1983
1984  Commander  Commanding Officer HMCS Qu’Appelle (II)
1985  Commander  MARPAC Staff
01/07/1987  Captain(N)  Director of Electronic Warfare, SACLANT
1989  Captain(N)  Assistant Chief of Staff Exercises SACLANT HQ, Norfolk, Virginia 1989
10/07/1990  Captain(N)  Commanding Officer, HMCS Protecteur 10 July 1990 to 09 January 1991 – Gulf War
09/01/1991  Captain(N)  CFB Halifax
07/04/1991  Captain(N)  Commanding Officer, HMCS Protecteur 7 July 1991 to 20 November 1992
01/09/1992  Captain(N)  Cdn Contingent Commander Florida & the Bahamas Hurricane Relief Operations - MSM
20/11/1992  Captain(N)  Commandant Maritime Warfare Centre – CFB Halifax
01/06/1994  Commodore  Deputy SACLANT Representative NATO HQ, Brussels, Belgium – NATO Ops Yugoslavia
01/06/1996  Commodore  Retired

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

NEUGEBAUER, Ulrich
Colonel – Executive Assistant to the Chief of Defence Staff

MSM CD CG: 29 January 1994
GH: 10 January 1994

“During his appointment as Executive Assistant to the Chief of Defence Staff, Colonel Neugebauer’s performance has been exceptional. He has handled every issue with outstanding skill and diplomacy. In the preparation and handling of numerous important events, his experience, decisiveness and judgement have been crucial. The contribution he has made to the reputation and operation of the Department of National Defence has been consistently outstanding.”

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WIGHT, Jeffrey Carl
Master Corporal

MSM CG: 29 January 1994
GH: 20 January 1994
DOI: 09-26 April 1991

“Master Corporal Wight was employed in the Kuwait Theatre of Operations from April 9 to 26, 1991 during Operation AXE. His superior professionalism, dedication and technical knowledge was instrumental in ensuring the safety of all team members and the successful completion of the team’s mission. His dedication and meticulousness in fulfilling the arduous explosive ordnance disposal clearance requirements were of a rare high standard and were a source of inspiration to those with whom he worked. Master Corporal Wight’s outstanding performance as a member of the Joint Intelligence Survey Team during Operation AXE has reflected great credit on the Canadian Forces.”

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ANDERSON, Ian Wentworth
MSM CD
Captain
UNPROFOR
CG: 14 May 1994
GH: 13 May 1994

“On August 25, 1992, serving in the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo as a Liaison Officer with the Serbian Army Corps Headquarters, Captain Anderson organized treatment of the wounded under artillery fire at Lukavica. On September 24, 1992, he volunteered to supervise a body exchange at Azici between Muslim and Serbian forces, with the assistance of Egyptian peacekeepers. En route, his armoured personnel carrier struck an anti-tank mine, and he was wounded in the explosion. During the ensuing exchange of fire between local forces, his presence of mind restored the composure of the Egyptian peacekeepers, and he led the party to safety. Captain Anderson’s sound judgement, professionalism, diplomatic skills and leadership personify the highest standards of the Canadian Forces peacekeepers.”

CLARK, Paul Andrew
MSM
Sergeant – Airborne Regiment
Somalia
CG: 14 May 1994
GH: 18 April 1994
DOI: 21 February 1993

“On February 21, 1993, while serving with “A” Squadron during the UN emergency intervention in Somalia, Sergeant Clark entered a known minefield to aid fellow soldiers whose vehicle had just struck an anti-tank mine. He subsequently led a recovery team into the minefield and, when his own vehicle struck a mine and he was injured, ensured that his crew was safely evacuated before taking action to prevent his vehicle from exploding. These actions exceeded the bounds of normal duty and helped save soldier’s lives.”
JAEGER, Hilary Frances
Major – CF Medical Services
UNPROFOR

“Major Jaeger was the Officer Commanding the Canadian Support Group and the Senior Medical Advisor to the Commander, United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia from April to October 1992. Her exemplary professionalism, initiative, compassion, courage and leadership were always evident. She voluntarily accompanied the Canadian Contingent when it deployed to Sarajevo at the height of tensions and under heavy shelling. There, despite personnel and supply shortages, she organized an effective mass casualty handling facility in the basement of the United Nations headquarters, drawing on a variety of civilian and military resources. Major Jaeger set an outstanding standard of military and medical professionalism under the most difficult circumstances.”

Officer in the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 21 July 2007 in the rank of Colonel.

Merititious Service Medal (American) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 29 October 2011 in the rank of Brigadier-General while serving as the Medical Advisor to the the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).

Serving Sister in the Order of St. John (MStJ) awarded in 2006 in the rank of Brigadier General.

MEDALS: OMM - MSM – MSTJ – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon and one extra tour bar - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping Medal - UNPROFOR (2 tours) – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee - CD plus 1 bars – MSM (USA)
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military)  (MSM)

LANTEIGNE, Roch
OMM MSJ MSM CD
Warrant Officer – Airborne – Royal 22eR
Somalia
CG:  14 May 1994
GH:  18 April 1994
DOI:  18 June 1993

“During an enemy attack on June 18, 1993, against the new harbour facilities in Mogadishu, Somalia, Warrant Officer Lanteigne risked his life to supply the members of his platoon with fresh ammunition. Three times, he braved sustained small arms and sniper fire as he went from bunker to bunker with ammunition for his various sections, returning to his own bunker only after he had completely resupplied his platoon. Warrant Officer Lanteigne distinguished himself by his courage and by actions that exemplify the best of military traditions.”

A member of the 1998 and 2004 Canadian Forces Skyhawk team.

Awarded Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) as per the Canada Gazette of 01 April 1995 in the rank of Warrant Officer serving with the R22eR.

Awarded Member of the Order of St. John.


MacKINNON, Heather Ann
MSM
Lieutenant(N) – HMCS Preserver
CFMS MO HMCS Preserver in Somalia
CG:  14 May 1994
GH:  18 April 1994
DOI:  December 1992 – March 1993

“From December 1992 to March 1993, Lieutenant(N) MacKinnon operated a medical clinic, worked in hospitals and orphanages and provided humanitarian assistance to the victims of war and famine in the city of Mogadishu, Somalia, during emergency UN operations there. Her unselfish and dedicated work, at a time when coalition forces were under continuous risk of attack from warring Somali clans, eased the plight of many victims and laid the groundwork for continued contributions from other relief agencies.”

MEDALS:  MSM – Somalia Medal – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM with 2 bars - Peacekeeping - NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

MICHAUD, Samuel Michel  
Captain – Sea King Pilot HMCS Preserver  
Somalia  
(MMM) MSM (CD)  
CG: 14 May 1994  
GH: 18 April 1994  
DOI: 21 to 23 February 1993

“Captain Michaud was the crew commander of a Sea King helicopter flying night reconnaissance patrols over the war-torn city of Kismayo, Somalia, on the nights of February 21 and 23, 1993. On both occasions his aircraft was the target of ground-based heavy machine-gun and small arms fire, supported by searchlights and flares. In spite of the grave risk involved, Captain Michaud and his crew continued to fly over the scene of battle and report enemy movements to coalition ground forces. His action allowed coalition forces to contain the fighting quickly and separate the warring parties.”

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per the Canada Gazette of 09 February 2013 in the rank of Colonel.

Mentioned-in-Despatches (MID) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 14 May 1994 in the rank of Captain.

Medals: OMM - MSM – Peacekeeping - UN Somalia with MID – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

Commanded 12 Wing (Shearwater) in 2013 – retired

MOFFAT, Stephen Edward  
Major – Operations Officer  
Somalia  
MSM CD  
CG: 14 May 1994  
GH: 18 April 1994  
DOI: 1993

“Major Moffat was the principal operations staff officer to the Commander, Canadian Joint Forces Somalia during the emergency UN intervention in 1993. Not only were his performance, dedication and effectiveness outstanding, but his diplomacy in a multinational environment enabled him to achieve the Forces’ goals despite difficult and hazardous conditions. Coalition and United Nations planners turned to him for guidance and assistance. He developed a United Nations plan for securing the central and north-eastern areas of Somalia, acted as a member of the UN Ceasefire Working Group and contributed to the success of the Addis Ababa Reconciliation Conference.”
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

WILLIAMS, Richard Malcolm
Commander – Executive Officer HMCS Preserver
Somalia

“Commander Williams was the Executive Officer of HMCS Preserver during its deployment off Somalia during UN emergency operations between December 1992 and March 1993. He effectively balanced his primary responsibilities in this appointment with a variety of humanitarian and other initiatives. In spite of hazardous circumstances, he voluntarily went ashore each day to attend daily meetings of non-government organizations and drove through the city to coordinate the work of technicians and other volunteers from the ship’s company. His outstanding and dedicated efforts in providing humanitarian assistance to the stricken people of Somalia were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Canadian Forces peacekeepers.”

CARSWELL, Michael Kent
Major – Royal Canadian Dragoons

“As a United Nations Observer in the former Yugoslavia, Major Carswell displayed outstanding courage, professionalism and leadership in carrying out his duties. By creating a strong rapport with local commanders, he frequently accomplished results in negotiations where others had failed. This approach helped save lives, reduced suffering and brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Forces.”

RONKSLEY, Paul Anthony
Major – PPCLI

“As a United Nations Observer, Major Ronksley displayed great leadership and courage in some of the most difficult and dangerous locations in the former Yugoslavia. His diplomacy, maturity and tact produced results which made a significant difference to those whose lives relied on tense negotiations. Throughout, Major Ronksley helped save hundreds of civilians from harm, set a standard for other Military Observers to achieve and brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Forces.”
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

APPLETON, Stephen Brent
Major – CF Engineers
UNPROFOR HQ

MSM CD
CG: 03 September 1994
GH: 13 August 1994
DOI: March 1992 to March 1993

“From March 1992 to March 1993, while serving as a military engineer in the United Nations Protection Force Headquarters, Force Engineer Branch, Major Appleton displayed exceptional strength of character, willpower and ability to motivate his personnel. His military skills and strong leadership were significant assets in ongoing programs to restore water and other utilities in the city of Sarajevo. His endurance and perseverance were an example to all who knew and worked with him.”

Retired as a Colonel 2015.

DEVISON, John Wayne
Master Corporal – Mine Clearance
UNPROFOR

MSM
CG: 03 September 1994
GH: 13 August 1994
DOI: September 1992 to March 1993

“From September 1992 to March 1993, Master Corporal Devison excelled while serving as the non-commissioned officer in charge of United Nations mine clearance operations in Sector West (Croatia). He established a close rapport with local Croatian engineers, and their respect for his professionalism was a key factor in gaining their cooperation. Even when his vehicle was almost hit by an anti-personnel mine, Master Corporal Devison’s devotion to duty and positive attitude never wavered. His diplomacy, maturity and tact made a significant difference in saving hundreds of lives.”

JACKSON, Brian George
Major – Senior Operations Officer
UNPROFOR

MSM CD
CG: 03 September 1994
GH: 13 August 1994
DOI: July 1992 to January 1993

“As the Senior Operations Officer for the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia from July 1992 to January 1993, Major Jackson was instrumental in producing contingency plans for unit deployment, convoy escorts and the evacuation of civilian refugees. His performance of his duties was superlative, especially when he was operating in the field under the threat of armed intervention from all sides. His leadership and personal supervision significantly enhanced the United Nations’ reputation and role with the warring factions.”

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<td>&quot;In March 1993, Sergeant Morrison consistently displayed the highest standards of leadership and bravery as a Section Commander serving with the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia. Among many outstanding examples are his initiation of clean-up efforts in the area in front of the Srebrenica hospital where a demoralized staff and populace had left scattered body parts. On another occasion, he risked his life by leaving an armoured personnel carrier during a mortar attack to save two members of his crew. His outstanding performance under these difficult and dangerous circumstances were in keeping with the finest traditions of his Regiment and of the Canadian Forces.&quot;</td>
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<td>MSM</td>
<td>CG: 07 October 1995</td>
<td>GH: 19 April 1995</td>
<td>DOI: November 1993</td>
<td>&quot;In early November 1993, Corporal Gonin was a member of the squadron sent to the hospitals in Drin and Bakovici, in Bosnia, to protect and assist patients abandoned by the civilian hospital staff and nurses as a result of increased fighting in the area. Corporal Gonin took charge of the treatment room in the hospital in Bakovici. Despite his limited medical knowledge, he devoted all his energies to providing the best care possible for 355 patients until the arrival of the UN medical staff. The enthusiasm, initiative and self-sacrifice that Corporal Gonin demonstrated in his efforts to tend to the patients in his charge were immediately noted by the military medical staff from other contingents, earning their admiration and respect.&quot;</td>
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<td>MSM CD</td>
<td>CG: 07 October 1995</td>
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<td>&quot;Lieutenant-Commander Paterson was an operational and intelligence staff officer with the Standing Naval Force Atlantic for over a year, beginning in 1993, mostly in support of the maritime embargo against the former Yugoslavia in the Adriatic Sea. In a sophisticated and technically complex environment, where numerous shore and carrier-based aircraft were continually present, his performance was critical to the overall success of the mission. His superb evaluations and predictions of the operating patterns of the Serbian-Montenegrin forces were crucial to the effective positioning of allied forces at sea. He excelled in all of his responsibilities, making a significant personal contribution to the success of the United Nations embargo.&quot;</td>
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**Medals:** MSM – Special Service Medal bar NATO – CD
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STEELE, Jeffrey David  
MSM  
CG: 07 October 1995  
Lieutenant(N) – HMCS Algonquin  
GH: 24 April 1995  
Stanlanfortlant  
DOI: 1993

"Lieutenant(N) Steele was the Boarding Party Officer during HMCS Algonquin’s participation in embargo operations off the coast of the former Yugoslavia in 1993. He led a team tasked with boarding, searching and, if necessary, diverting merchant ships plying the Strait of Otranto, to enforce United Nations Security Council resolutions against the importation of war material into the former republic. His attention to detail, exceptional leadership and personal performance during numerous confrontations ensured the success of the mission."

Medals: MSM – Special Service Medal bar NATO

BOUCHARD, Joseph Jocelyn Yvan  
MSM CD  
CG: 07 October 1995  
Major  
GH: 02 May 1995  
UNPROFOR  
DOI: November 1993 – March 1994

"Major Bouchard commanded the company group protecting the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in Bosnia-Hercegovina from November 1993 to March 1994. He provided substantial assistance to non-governmental agencies and other humanitarian agencies. In addition, his negotiations with the Serbs in the area reduced cease-fire violations by 95 per cent. As a result of his leadership, the inhabitants of Srebrenica enjoyed greater security and improved living conditions."

Medals: MSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD

ROYER, Joseph Roland Maurice Gaetan  
MSM CD  
CG: 07 October 1995  
Major  
GH: 02 May 1995  
UNPROFOR  
DOI: 1993 – 1994

"As a Force’s constructor officer and then member of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Sarajevo in Bosnia-Hercegovina in 1993-1994, Major Royer played an indispensable role in the development and restoration of the infrastructure of that war-devastated region. Politically astute and determined, he was the driving force behind the establishment of professional co-operation between the military and civilian engineers. He was also responsible for training this staff of various backgrounds, to become one of the Force’s most productive and cohesive units. His actions made a vital contribution to the United Nations’ efforts in this sector."

Medals: MSM – Peacekeeping - UNPROFOR – CD
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Sergeant Butler was a field engineer section commander in Croatia, when, on three separate occasions in October and December 1994, he was personally responsible for clearing mines during most trying conditions. Due to his actions, his battalion was able to establish its presence in a previously impassable area, the United Nations Force was able to occupy and sustain a new presence in a vital area, and two casualties of a mine explosion were successfully evacuated. Throughout, he demonstrated the highest standard of professionalism, skill and devotion to duty.

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HANAM, Owen Lee

On April 28, 1994, a Sea King helicopter experienced an engine explosion and mechanical failure over the north shore of the Bay of Fundy. Major Sweetman, the aircraft captain, and Major Henderson, the co-pilot, immediately initiated a difficult forced landing procedure while Captain Hanam, the navigator, tried to extinguish the on-board fire, which had spread quickly to the cockpit. Despite restricted visibility from heavy smoke and total loss of power, Majors Henderson and Sweetman displayed great skill and professionalism in maintaining control of the aircraft throughout the descent. Upon impact, Captain Hanam verified the condition of the pilots and, unable to help, assisted the flight engineer through the exist, suffering serious burns and respiratory injury from smoke inhalation. Tragically, both Major Henderson and Major Sweetman perished.

Medals: Henderson awarded Medal of Bravery (MB) as per the Canada Gazette of 15 May 1976

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Private Badanai was returning in a small-wheeled vehicle from a routine escort mission in Croatia on December 31, 1994, when he and his passengers were suddenly fired upon by approximately twenty armed Serb soldiers gathered on both sides of the road. Despite the agony of multiple injuries, Private Badanai accelerated through and clear of the ambush and drove his badly damaged vehicle thirteen kilometres, in darkness, to reach the Unit Medical Station. His initiative and determination under fire, devotion to duty, and calm, courageous actions saved both his own and his passenger’s lives.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

BARIL, Joseph Gerard Maurice
Major-General
Military Advisor United Nations Headquarters

CMM OStJ MSM CD CG: 07 October 1995
GH: 24 August 1995
DOI: 1992 – 1995

“As military adviser to the peacekeeping department at United Nations Headquarters in New York for three years, Major-General Baril played a primary role in the success of the UN missions. Through his efforts, he provided considerable support to the Secretariat staff and improved the dialogue between headquarters and the various missions. His excellent performance and invaluable contributions during this international service brought honour to the Forces and to Canada.”

AWARDS:
MMM awarded CG 22 June 1974 – Captain – R22eR
OMM awarded CG 31 December 1983 – Lieutenant-Colonel – R22eR
CMM awarded GH 01 October 1995 – Lieutenant-General – Chief of the Army
Principal Commander – Order of Military Merit
OSIJ awarded CG 23 May 1998 – General 17 September 1997 – Chief Defence Staff
Commander’s Cross, Order of Merit (Poland) – General – Chief of the Defence Staff

MEDALS:
CMM (with devices for CMM/OMM/MMM) – OStJ – MSM – SS Medal bar NATO – Peacekeeping Medal – UN Cyprus (3 tours) – UN General Service Medal – EIIR Silver Jubilee – Canada 125 Medal – CD & 2 Bars – Commander’s Cross, Order of Merit of the Polish People’s Republic
Parachute Wings

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

BLOUIN, Joseph Jean Paul Rejean
Major
UNAMIR

MSM CD
CG: 07 October 1995
GH: 24 August 1995
DOI: June 1994

“Major Blouin planned and commanded the national support element for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda in June 1994. Through his exceptional abilities and dynamic character, he supported and ensured the well-being of all members of the Canadian military in this theatre of operations. In addition, he provided support far exceeding the responsibilities assigned to him, serving the entire United Nations contingent until a civilian contract could be established. This action helped support the contingent during the critical phase at the outset of the mission.”

BROMELL, David James
Sergeant – Canadian Engineers
UNPROFOR

MSM CD
CG: 07 October 1995
GH: 24 August 1995
DOI: 1994 – 1995

“Sergeant Bromell, an engineer, played a vital role in the year-round maintenance required to keep open the main supply route within an area of operations in the former Yugoslavia during 1994 and 1995. He developed and helped implement a plan for widening the route with explosives, and assisted in compiling a report which detailed future maintenance work required. On his own, he spearheaded technical assistance and other support for the children’s and psychiatric hospitals in Drin and Bakovici. Throughout, he was the model of a professional and humanitarian soldier.”

DEVEAU, Gerald L.
Captain – Canadian Engineers
UNAMIR

MSM CD
CG: 07 October 1995
GH: 24 August 1995
DOI: 1994

“Captain Deveau was the senior Canadian military engineer with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda in 1994. He quickly established his own credibility and that of his engineering troop in Explosive Ordnance Disposal tasks and, in the first thirty days of deployment, led numerous clearance operations, locating and safely destroying over 460 mines and pieces of unexploded ordnance. He was heavily involved in the creation of a mine awareness program, and provided considerable, effective, infrastructure support to the Force as a whole.”
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“Major Masse, then a Captain, was the military assistant to the sector commander for the United Nations Protection Force in Croatia for eight months in 1994. He quickly became a trusted go-between in the negotiations both with the Croats and the Serbs and was instrumental in the cease-fire arrangements. At one point, in January 1994, his vehicle was attacked by a number of armed individuals who opened fire with automatic weapons, hitting the vehicle repeatedly and forcing it off the road. Captain Masse and his driver left the vehicle and returned fire, forcing the attackers to break off their assault and retreat. Captain Masse always placed duty before personal considerations while demonstrating a calm and thoughtful professionalism under all circumstances.”

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“Captain Melanson served as a military chaplain with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda in 1994. Compassionate and caring, he provided spiritual support under extremely stressful conditions. He also helped thousands of displaced children and became a focal point for local Canadian assistance to orphanages. He shared his comrades’ difficulties and dangers, once voluntarily returning to forcible detention with others after seeking outside assistance. Throughout, he was a source of inspiration to all.”

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

PLANTE, Jean-Guy
Major – Military Police / Military Liaison
UNAMIR

| MMM MSM CD | CG: 07 October 1995 |
| GH: 24 August 1995 |
| DOI: 1994 |

“Major Plante was the military liaison for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda during the civil war in 1994. As the massacres rapidly caught the attention of the international media, he escorted media representatives across fighting lines on a daily basis. Danger was commonplace. On April 20, 1994, he led a team that rescued a number of Canadian citizens from roaming bands of militiamen. During his assignment, he was an effective spokesperson for the United Nations and a visible symbol of the military professionalism of Canadians.”

Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) as per the Canada Gazette of 31 December 1983 in the rank of Captain – Security.


United Nations Congo Operation (UNCO) Military Police Detachment in 1964:
Front: Sgt Mongrain, SSgt John Smith, Major Roy Parker, Force Provost Marshal (wearing shorts), WOII Evans and Sgt Cormier.
Rear: Sgt Dunlevy, Sgt Don MaGee, Sgt Methot, Sgt Bazinet, Sergeant John Guy Plante, Sgt Marier and Sgt Riverin  (photo by JG Plante)
Jean-Guy Plante is from Saint-Félix de Dalquier, Abitibi. In 1961, at the age of 17, he began his military career as a private soldier in the Military Police (MP) branch. In 1964, he was posted to the Belgian Congo and made his first mission as a Blue Helmet on African soil, where he will return many times. Subsequently, he spent five years in Germany with NATO and was promoted to lieutenant in 1974, captain in 1976 and major in 1984.

At that time, he received the Order of Military Merit, for his exemplary dedication. He held various positions in the Canadian military around the world, including Egypt, Israel, Syria and Lebanon. In 1994, he was posted to Somalia, but soon after the massacres began in Rwanda, he was appointed as United Nations spokesman and commander of the UN Military Police Company. He was also the press attaché for General Roméo Dallaire.

Upon his return home in 1995, he received the Governor General’s Meritorious Service Medal for helping Rwandans and Canadians at risk. He then retired after 35 years of service in the Canadian Armed Forces. However, he is immediately hired by the United Nations, as a senior official in the Division of International Security in Togo and subsequently in various African countries. He retired permanently in 2004.

In 2006, he was recruited as a military advisor for the movie Shaking Hands with the Devil, as well as for various other documentaries. For the last few years, he has given lectures, particularly appreciated, mainly focused on the functioning of the United Nations and its Security Council, as well as on the role of the United Nations and the international community during the genocide of Rwanda.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

READ, Robert John
Lieutenant-Commander – Navy
UNAMIR – Staff Officer to the Force Commander

CITATION: Lieutenant-Commander Read was the staff officer to the Force Commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda during the civil war in 1994. Shortly after the withdrawal of the Belgian contingent, the overall situation became explosive. Lieutenant-Commander Read was sent to rescue Canadians of Rwandese birth. On two occasions, he was surrounded by armed and hostile civilian crowds and belligerent forces, but conducted his charges to safety. Later, he was appointed commander of the developing logistics support base and ensured it was defensible, organized and controlled under tense and unpredictable conditions.

FROH, Richard David Francis
Lieutenant-Colonel
Military Assistant Chairman of Military Committee of NATO

CITATION: Since 1992, Lieutenant-Colonel Froh has occupied the exceptionally demanding post of a Military Assistant in the Office of the Chairman of a Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). During his tenure, post-Cold War circumstances forced NATO to formulate entirely new policies and organizations. Lieutenant-Colonel Froh responded to this immense challenge with total commitment and remarkable stamina. Thanks to his strong leadership qualities and excellent staff skills, he achieved constructive and willing responses from both national representatives, and military and civilian staff during this important period.

SHARPE, Gordon F.
Captain – 443 Squadron on Board the HMCS Calgary

CITATION: On December 2, 1995, Lieutenant-Commander Erhardt of the United States Navy, then Lieutenant, Captain Sharpe, then Lieutenant, and Sergeant Vallis were part of the Sea King helicopter rescue team that saved thirty people from the sinking Motor Vessel Mount Olympus. The vessel had been caught in a severe Atlantic storm almost 2,000 km southeast of Nova Scotia. Hampered by the early morning darkness and severe weather conditions, Lieutenant Erhardt, the co-pilot, assisted in keeping the helicopter steady while Lieutenant Sharpe and Sergeant Vallis operated the rescue hoist. Their professionalism and skill were critical to this life-saving mission.

M/Cpl Robert Clarence Andrew FISHER, SC received the Star of Courage for this incident.
M/Cpl Fisher was lowered to the deck of the MV Mount Olympus during this rescue.
The CG date for the Star of Courage was 06 July 1996.
Major Daniel Robert BURDEN, MSC, the pilot and crew commander received the Meritorious Service Cross.
LCdr William K. ERHARDT, MSM, USN, co-pilot (USN exchange officer) received the Meritorious Service Medal.
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Curriculum Vitae – Richard D.F. Froh

Born in Toronto, Canada in 1949, Richard (Rick) Froh graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario in 1972 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering and was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Canadian Military Engineers.

Over the next almost 25 years, Mr. Froh served in various command and staff appointments in Combat and Construction Engineering units, formation and national headquarters in Canada, and with Canada’s NATO-assigned forces in Europe. Highlights included: G4 (Administration and Logistics) in the Headquarters of the Special Service Force; and command of the 4th Combat Engineer Regiment in Lahr, Germany. His last appointment was as a Military Assistant to the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee; a position Mr. Froh held from 1992 until 1996.

His military education has included many national and international courses, among them the United States Army Command and General Staff Course at Leavenworth Kansas, where he earned the designation of Master Tactician.

On retiring from the Canadian Army in October 1996, Mr. Froh assumed the position of Head, Land Armaments Section at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, and on the creation of the Joint Armaments Section in July 2004, he became its Head. In that capacity, Mr. Froh was responsible for supporting the NATO Naval, Army and Air Force Armaments Groups, the Conference of National Armaments Directors, the Ammunition Safety Group, the Alliance Ground Surveillance Capability Steering Committee, the Active Layered Theatre Ballistic Missile Defence Steering Committee and the Missile Defence Project Group. He was also responsible, primarily through the Counter-Terrorist Technology Unit, for overseeing the implementation for the CAND Defence Against Terrorism Programme of Work.

In August 2007 Mr. Froh was appointed NATO’s Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Armaments, where in addition to overseeing the Joint Armaments’ work listed above, he was also responsible for the staff supporting the NATO Industrial Advisory Group, Life Cycle Management Group, the Group of National Directors on Codification and for the conduct of the NATO Agencies Review. With a major reorganisation in Defence Investment Division in Spring 2011, Mr. Froh became the Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Defence Investment and Director of Strategy, with particular responsibility for capability delivery. As part of NATO Headquarters staff mobility, during Summer 2011 Mr. Froh moved to Operations Division as Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Operations with responsibilities related to the Alliance’s operations in Afghanistan, Libya, the Balkans, as well as counter-terrorism and various training missions.

Between them, Rick and his wife Dominique have six children and six grandchildren. His interests include running, golf, photography and reading.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FRASER, David Allison
Lieutenant-Colonel – Military Assistant UN Commanders
UNPROFOR

“In 1994, Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser, then Major, served as Military Assistant to two successive UN Commanders of Sector Sarajevo in Bosnia-Hercegovina. In the performance of his duties, he demonstrated a high level of personal commitment, as well as considerable tact and diplomacy, which exceeded by far the contribution expected of his rank and experience. He effectively promoted good relations among the various countries involved in this multinational effort. Thanks to his exceptional dedication in all operation and planning activities, Lieutenant-Colonel Fraser became a key figure in the success of the mission.”

Awarded Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) as per Canada Gazette of 14 September 1996 (rank Lieutenant-Colonel for UNPROFOR).

Awarded Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per Canada Gazette of 27 January 2007 (rank Colonel).

Awarded Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) as per Canada Gazette of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded the USA Legion of Merit (Legionnaire) as per Canada Gazette of 24 March 2007 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded the USA Bronze Star as per Canada Gazette of 28 May 2011 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals:
CMM (OMM) – MSC – MSM – Southeast Asia with bar AFGHANISTAN – General Campaign Star with bar ISAF + FIAS – Peacekeeping – Cyprus (2) – UNPROFOR (2) – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD with two bars – Alberta Centennial – USA Legion of Merit (Legionnaire) – USA Bronze Star
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

McMILLAN, Paul
Sergeant – UNPROFOR
Mine Clearing Kakma, Croatia

CG: 30 November 1996
GH: 25 November 1996
DOI: 21 June 1994

"On June 21, 1994, two anti-personnel mines detonated during a mine clearing operation near the village of Kakma, Croatia. The blast injured three Canadian soldiers, including Sergeant McMillan, who received fragmentation wounds to his stomach, shoulder and forearm. Despite his condition and the potential danger from the surrounding mines, Sergeant McMillan proceeded to render assistance to the nearest other casualty and administered first aid. When others arrived at the scene, he continued to direct the operations, refusing treatment and declining to be evacuated until the other two soldiers were removed from the minefield."

AINSLIE, Andrew Macfarlane
Warrant Officer – SAR TECH

CG: 26 April 1997
GH: 10 April 1997
DOI: 27 September 1993

LAMOUREUX, Daniel Christian
Master Corporal – SAR TECH

"On September 27, 1993, Warrant Officer Ainslie, then Sergeant, and Master Corporal Lamoureux were dispatched with their Hercules aircraft to a remote area of northern Quebec where a critically wounded victim of a hunting accident awaited assistance. On the scene, Warrant Officer Ainslie, the Team Leader, quickly ascertained the gravity of the situation and decided to carry out an extremely hazardous night water parachute jump – the first ever of its type to be conducted by Canadian Forces Search and Rescue Technicians. Warrant Officer Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux parachuted into a nearby lake strewn with fallen trees and numerous other obstacles, swam to shore and proceeded to the victim. They provided successful emergency medical treatment for over six and one-half hours, until a Labrador helicopter arrived to transport the injured man to hospital. Despite the hazardous conditions, and at great personal risk, Warrant Officer Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux demonstrated exceptional courage, sound judgement and outstanding dedication in order to effect this life-saving rescue mission."

GAGNON, Joseph Robert Yves
Sergeant – UNPROFOR

CG: 26 April 1997
GH: 10 April 1997
DOI: 23 June to 25 July 1995

"From June 23 to July 25, 1995, Sergeant Gagnon demonstrated extraordinary judgement and objectivity while securing the observation post under his command during an armed attack by a warring faction. The Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnians were struggling for control of the land around the observation post. Amidst direct and indirect fire in the area of the post, Sergeant Gagnon ensured the safety of his group while continuing to discharge his assigned duties. The remarkable dedication and leadership Sergeant Gagnon displayed during this difficult period in his role as commanding officer contributed favourably to the morale and actions of his group."

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### CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**LESLIE, Andrew Brooke**  
Colonel – Chief of Staff  
Sector South HQ Croatia – UNPROFOR  

“In 1995, Colonel Leslie provided outstanding leadership as Chief of Staff, Sector South Headquarters in Croatia. His professionalism and remarkable courage were clearly demonstrated between August 4 and 5, during Operation Storm – the Croatian offensive in the Krajina district. During intense artillery fire, Colonel Leslie organized and participated in several missions to rescue approximately 40 United Nations employees trapped in their residences and bring them to the United Nations camp, using armoured personnel carriers. Throughout the worst of the shelling, he moved from bunker to bunker offering encouragement to those in distress and was instrumental in convincing them to continue doing their job. His performance during the operation and its aftermath saved many lives and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

**Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) as per *Canada Gazette* of 01 March 2008 (Lieutenant-General).**

**Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 17 July 1999 (Colonel)**

**Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 24 June 1997 (Colonel) – COS Sector South HQ Croatia**

**Commander Legion of Merit (USA) awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 29 September 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.**

**Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit (Poland) awarded as per *Canada Gazette* of 04 December 2010 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.**

**Medals:**  
CMM (OMM) – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with Afghanistan ribbon – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR (2) – Canada 125 – EIIR Golden Jubilee - CD and bar – Commander Legion of Merit (USA) - Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit (Poland)

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**MARCOTTE, Joseph Leonide Serge**  
Sergeant  
UNPROFOR  

“In 1995, Sergeant Marcotte was assigned to the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia. On August 5, while the Croatian forces were engaged in an attack against the city of Knin, which was being bombed, Sergeant Marcotte received the order to dispatch two armoured personnel carriers and five members of his section to assist those injured in the Kenyan battalion’s area of hostilities and transport them out. Sergeant Marcotte displayed remarkable leadership and composure while ably leading the members of his group, even when under fire, giving them the necessary courage to save several lives.”

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

PAGE, Kent Arthur
Lieutenant(N) (retired)
Military Spokesperson – United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda
MSM CD
CG: 26 April 1997
GH: 10 April 1997
DOI: 20 April 1995

“On April 20, 1995, Lieutenant(N) Page was the military spokesperson for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda. While covering the resettlement of displaced persons following the 1994 genocide, Lieutenant(N) Page visited a Kibeyo camp and found himself in the area cordoned off by the Rwandan Patriotic Army, when firing broke out. Although caught in the crossfire, Lieutenant(N) Page remained calm and continued to record events as they unfolded. The results of his work have been compiled in a pictorial journal of the events for use as evidence by the International Tribunal investigating the atrocities in Rwanda. His dedication to duty and perseverance under threat of injury or death, have brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

PAULSON, Gary Alfred
Commander – CO HMCS Calgary
Assistance to the MV ‘Mount Olympus’
MSM (*) CD
CG: 26 April 1997
GH: 10 April 1997
DOI: 01 December 1995

“On December 1, 1995, under the direction of Commander Paulson, Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Calgary was tasked to assist the sinking Motor Vessel ‘Mount Olympus’, which had sustained severe damage during an Atlantic storm. Aware that his own ship was low on fuel and that the distress vessel was over 700 kilometres away, Commander Paulson immediately cancelled plans to refuel, proceeded towards the vessel at high speed through heavy seas and established comprehensive rescue plans to cover all eventualities. With the ship still 100 kilometres away from the ‘Mount Olympus’, the Calgary’s helicopter crew flew to the stricken vessel and over a period of three hours, hoisted all 30 shipmates to a nearby freighter. The dramatic rescue operation was handled throughout with exceptional skill and professionalism, and brought credit to the Canadian Forces.”

Awarded the Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*) as per Canada Gazette of 18 October 2003 in the rank of Captain(N) as the Commanding Officer of HMCS Algonquin during Op Apollo.

Medals: MSM and Bar – Southeast Asia with bar Afghanistan – MSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

M/Cpl Robert Clarence Andrew FISHER, SC received the Star of Courage (CG date 06 July 1996)
Major Daniel Robert BURDEN, MSC, helicopter pilot and crew commander received the Meritorious Service Cross.
Lieutenant-Commander William K. ERHARDT, MSM (USN) received the Meritorious Service Medal (CG: 14 Sept 1996)
Captain Gordon F. SHARPE, MSM, received the Meritorious Service Medal (443 Squadron on Board HMCS Calgary)
Sergeant Frederick VALLIS, MSM, received the Meritorious Service Medal.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

GAUDREAU, Joseph Benoit Michael
Master Corporal – UNPROFOR
Kasic, Republic of Krajina in Croatia

CG: 26 April 1997
GH: 15 April 1997
DOI: 4/5 August 1995

“On August 4 and 5, 1995, Master Corporal Gaudreau, then Corporal, was stationed at Kasic, in the Republic of Krajina in Croatia, when the Croatian armed forces launched a large-scale offensive to win back the Serbian sector where his observations post was located. He was caught in the middle of fighting between Croats and Serbs for 36 hours, under a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire. He deployed his troops in protective bunkers and mounted the defence of his post. When the Croatian platoon came dangerously close in an attempt to capture it, Master Corporal Gaudreau went out alone without an interpreter to try to speak to the Croats and negotiate their withdrawal. His calm demeanour, quick action and level-headedness saved the sector and the lives of the men under his command, an outstanding accomplishment for a military member of his rank.”

SANTERRE, Joseph Daniel Maurice
Master Warrant Officer – 95th Multidisciplinary Support Group
United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda

CG: 26 April 1997
GH: 10 April 1997
DOI: July 1995 to January 1996

“From July 1995 to January 1996, Master Warrant Officer Santerre was assigned to the 95th Multidisciplinary Support Group of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda. Master Warrant Officer Santerre displayed a high degree of professionalism in discharging his duties as the unit maintenance officer, among other things, by helping to clean up the site of a disastrous accident between a tanker and a mini-van in which 24 people were killed. In addition to serving as co-chair of the unit’s orphanage committee, he worked tirelessly to coordinate the assistance provided to some 20 orphanages throughout Rwanda. His compassion and courage earned him deep respect, as an individual and as a member of the Canadian Forces.”

Medals: MSU – MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus - UN Rwanda – SFOR NATO – CD and Bar Parachute Wings

BARLEE, Matthew Scott
Captain – Maritime Command Air Group
407 Maritime Patrol Squadron

CG: 30 August 1997
GH: 18 August 1997
DOI: 11 July 1995

“On July 11, 1995, during a military expedition to the summit of Mount Gasherbrum II in Pakistan, Captain Barlee exhibited exceptional leadership and great perseverance during a life-threatening situation. Captain Barlee was one of three Canadian Forces members to participate in the multi-national military climbing expedition with the Pakistan Army. When one of his fellow climbers was struck with cerebral oedema—a high altitude sickness which is often fatal in six to twelve hours—Captain Barlee led a volunteer rescue party down the hazardous mountain terrain, during a storm. His leadership and personal courage enabled the stricken climber to receive timely medical attention. Captain Barlee’s actions earned respect for both the Canadian Forces and Canada.”
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

HOLOSHKA, Mark Christopher
Master Corporal
SAR TECH
MSM CD
CG: 26 April 1997
GH: 15 April 1997
DOI: 26 January 1995

PETERS, Donald David
Master Corporal (retired)
SAR TECH
MSM CD

“On January 26, 1995, Master Corporal Holoshka, then Corporal, and Master Corporal Peters, Search and Rescue Technicians, overcame numerous obstacles to provide assistance to five victims of a plane crash, near Ram River Falls, Alberta. Hampered by high winds, they successfully executed a dangerous night parachute jump in an area of 3,000-metre peaks in the Rocky Mountains, managing to steer their chutes to land near the crash site. With limited equipment, Master Corporal Holoshka administered emergency medical treatment to the severely injured casualties which Master Corporal Peters, without any safety gear, climbed a steep rock face to recover the scattered provisions. A proper camp was set up to prevent hypothermia and the casualties were cared for until their evacuation the following morning. Throughout, Master Corporals Holoshka and Peters demonstrated sound judgement and outstanding dedication in order to effect this life-saving rescue mission.”

FORTIN, Louis L.
Major – R22eR
Canadian Contingent of the Implementation Force in the former Yugoslavia
MSM CD
CG: 30 August 1997
GH: 18 August 1997
DOI: 1995 and 1996

“In 1995 and 1996, Major Fortin was posted as a military assistant to the commanders of the United Nations Protection Force and the sector of the implementation Force in Sarajevo. His organizational talents, strength of character and courage played a key role in numerous crisis situations, including the evacuation of Zepa’s Muslim civilians, NATO air attacks, withdrawal of heavy artillery from Sarajevo and events stemming from the tragic death of senior negotiators on Mount Igman. He was asked to remain at his post to facilitate the transfer of power to NATO. His dedication and professionalism earned him the praises of the international community, and this honour reflected well on both the Canadian Forces and Canada.”

On 25 October 2012, Lieutenant-Colonel Louis Fortin was awarded the Senegal National Order of the Lion in the rank of Commander.

BASTIEN, Joseph Stanislas Richard

Colonel – Air Command 3 Wing
3 Wing – CFB Bagotville

OMM MSM CD
CG: 15 November 1997
GH: 31 October 1997
DOI: July 1996

“Colonel Bastien was the Commander of the 3 Wing CFB Bagotville, in July 1996, when torrential rains hit the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean area, in Quebec, causing massive flooding. He headed up a complex and difficult life-saving rescue operation and then placed the rest of the 3 Wing CFB Bagotville on early warning and assigned them to the task of ensuring that care and food were provided for thousands of homeless fellow citizens. During the 10-day rescue operation, over 40 medical evacuations were carried out, 2,030 people were evacuated, food and lodging were provided for over 3,000 individuals and over 34,000 pounds of supplies were transported to remote communities by airlift. The tremendous success of the SAGUENAY operation is largely attributable to Colonel Bastien’s exceptional initiative, leadership, commitment and altruism. These remarkable qualities are to his credit and reflect honour on the Canadian Forces.”

Officer – Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 30 March 1996 in the rank of Colonel, Air Force.


Brigadier-General Joseph Stanislas Richard Bastien, OMM, MSM, CD

Following a successful career with the CAF of more than 35 years, culminating in his final appointment as Second in Command of the Air Force, Major-General (retired) Richard Bastien now enjoys a second career as an executive-level consultant in the private sector.

From 1997 to 2000, Major-General (retired) Bastien held a number of internationally-based CAF positions including Commander of the Defence and Liaison Staff, in the UK, and Defence Attaché for UK and Ireland. Between 2000 and 2004, he was Deputy Commander of Air Force Strategic Vision and instituted a new Succession Planning process for senior Air Force officers.

A 1971 graduate of Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston with a Mechanical Engineering degree, Major-General (retired) Bastien completed a Master’s in Business Administration in 1992. He was invested in the Order of Military Merit at the grade of Officer in 1995 and received the Meritorious Service Medal in 1996. Mr. Bastien retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in 2004.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

CHENG, Mario Cletus
Captain - Military Police
4 Wing – Cold Lake
MSM CD
CG: 15 November 1997
GH: Posthumous
DOI: 18 September 1995

On September 18, 1995, Captain Cheng was the team captain of the 4 Wing Thunderbird Challenge Team participating in Peacekeeper Challenge 95 – a multinational skill-at-arms competition for military police forces – held at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States. Captain Cheng led his team into the combat obstacle course, which required all members to cross the finish line to gain a standing. During the event, he began to experience physical problems; however, he refused to let his team down and insisted on continuing. After crossing the finish line, he collapsed and was rushed to the base hospital, where he died. A Canadian peacekeeping veteran with service in Rwanda and Bosnia, Captain Cheng served his country well, ultimately making the supreme sacrifice in order to serve those who followed him. His loyalty and commitment to his team-mates and his selfless dedication and determination brought credit and honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.

Medals: MSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Rwanda – CD

He was born on 08 December 1963 in Hong Kong and joined the Canadian Forces on 16 June 1983 starting his training at CFB Cornwallis, Nova Scotia. He died on 18 September 1995 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and is buried in Windsor, Ontario.

LANGS, Terry Steven
Captain
Canadian Contingent Implementation Force Bosnia-Herzegovina
MSM CD
CG: 15 November 1997
GH: 31 October 1997
DOI: January to July 1996

“From January to July 1996, Captain Langs was the Military Police Platoon Commander of the Canadian Multinational Brigade in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Under his leadership, his small multinational force developed quickly and achieved results which were disproportionate to its size. As Chief Liaison Officer to police forces representing several factions at various police and security levels, he was required to meet and mediate with many of the primary authority figures in Northwest Bosnia, both political and police, from all levels of government and all three Bosnian factions. Captain Langs’ tact and professionalism under pressure enhanced the credibility of the operation immeasurably. His remarkable dedication and determination reflected great credit on his unit, The NATO Implementation Force and the Canadian Forces.”
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

LAVALLEE, Joseph Vital André
Master Corporal – 1 Battalion R22eR
Operation STANDARD in Haiti

MSM
CG: 28 February 1998
GH: 13 February 1998
DOI: 03 May to 03 June 1996

“From May 3rd to June 3rd, 1996, during Operation STANDARD at the National Palace of Haiti, Master Corporal Lavallee demonstrated exceptional professionalism in carrying out his duties. As section commander of the counter-ambush group during President Preval’s visits, his performance on several occasions clearly outshone that of his peers. He also demonstrated great courage and strong initiative, with the help of his section, by preventing a crowd of some 1,000 people from attempting to enter the Palace. Through his conduct, he greatly contributed to the President’s safety and to the credibility of the contingent, of the Canadian Forces and of Canada.”

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FITCH, Edward Stanley
Colonel – Canadian Engineers
Force Engineer – UNPROFOR

OMM MSM CD
CG: 07 November 1998
GH: 13 October 1998
DOI: February 1995 to July 1996

“During the period February 1995 to July 1996, Colonel Fitch served as Force Engineer of the United Nations Protection Force, and later as Assistant Chief Engineer of the NATO-led Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps. His ground work made it possible to introduce a NATO heavy armoured force of 60,000 personnel, in the depths of the Balkan winter, over a marginal network of roads in mountainous terrain. His professionalism, engineering expertise and determined leadership ensured the completion of the myriad engineering tasks required in restoring transportation links, power and water to the civilian population. Colonel Fitch’s enthusiasm, generosity and loyalty brought great credit to his profession and to the Canadian Forces.”

Officer – Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 17 July 1999 (Brigadier-General).

Medals of Major-General Edward Stanley FITCH, OMM, MSM, CD:

OMM – MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia - EIIR Silver Jubilee – Canada 125 – CD and two bars (Parachute Wings)

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military)  (MSM)

McMILLAN, Ronald Scott  MSM CD  CG:  06 March 1999
Petty Officer 1st Class  GH:  17 February 1999
Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific)  DOI:  08 December 1995

WALSH, Andrew Eric  MSM CD
Lieutenant(N)  Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific)

"On December 8, 1995, PO1 McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh were tasked to provide assistance to the B.C. Provincial Emergency Program Emergency Coordination Centre. They were dispatched to a hospital in Terrace, British Columbia, where they were exposed to a highly sensitive and unstable explosive chemical that could detonate due to any shock or friction. PO1 McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh determined that the risk to patients was high and that the hazard would have to be removed manually to a suitable disposal site. Hampered by extreme weather conditions which greatly increased the chance of detonation, they removed the contaminated material and explosive chemical from the hospital onto a transport vehicle. Arriving at the disposal site, PO1 McMillan handed the volatile material to Lieutenant(N) Walsh who carried it to a safe detonation point. Both PO1 McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh placed their lives at grave risk to ensure the safety of patients who could not be moved. Their actions clearly exceeded the normal call of duty, and their courage and professionalism were in the highest tradition of the principles upon which the Canadian Forces pride itself."

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*On September 2, 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy’s Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. HMCS Preserver arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation Persistence began. As Preserver’s Commanding Officer, Commander Town’s unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. LS CLEMENT, P1 FORD, LS LEITH, then MS MAYNARD, C2 McNAMARA and LS POOLE, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain JAIN coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.*

**Captain JAIN** was a Medical Intern when he was called out. He served with the [Governor General's Foot Guards (GGFG) Militia Unit](https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/canada/ggfg.htm) in Ottawa.

**Medals of Captain Richard R. TOWN, MSM, CD:**
- MSM (Military) – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping Medal – NATO Medal bar Former Yugoslavia – Canada 125 – CD
Dr. Jain, a former Coldbrook Nova Scotia resident and a graduate of Acadia University in biology and computer science, is currently employed as an Emergency Medicine Specialist at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

On Sept. 25, Jain graduated with his M.Sc. degree in Disaster Medicine from the University of Brussels, Belgium and the University of Avogadro Piedmont in Novara, Italy.

The degree focused on aspects of disaster medicine and management, utilizing an international team of faculty from the World Health Organization and the Red Cross, as well as subject matter experts in their own fields from different universities.

He successfully defended his thesis in May 2014 and continues to research the most effective and efficient triage systems enabling the most lives to be saved during mass casualty incidents.

Following his graduation from Dalhousie University medical school, Jain pursued further studies in medicine at the University of Ottawa and Queen’s University.

He has served as a family physician, emergency specialist, a clinical director for a NATO hospital unit in Bosnia, and as a pathology operations officer in the aftermath of the Swissair disaster in 1999.

As well as his duties at the Queen Elizabeth, Jain, a former infantry officer, has also served as a medical officer with the Canadian Forces Reserves.

He serves as medical director of the Paramedicine programs at Holland College in Charlottetown, as well as being the online control physician for EMS in P.E.I. and Group Surgeon for the 36th Canadian Brigade Group.

In his spare time, Jain loves to fly as a hobby (he has also flown commercial aircraft). The son of Dr. Nirmal and June MacGregor-Jain of Coldbrook, he lives in Charlottetown with his wife Kara and twin daughters, Sydney and Natasha.

**Medals:**  

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

LEITH, James Anthony
Leading Seaman (now Petty Officer 2nd Class)  
Navy Diver  

Medals: MMM – SC – MSM – Sacrifice – South West Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with bar IFIS – CD and Bar

He describes his medals:

You never get these things by yourself -- somebody always nominates you. They tell the stories that they shouldn't have told to somebody else, and it gets passed up. I was gracious enough to know some big mouths. The one on the far left is the Canadian Forces Decoration, and you get that after twelve years of undetected crime -- basically you're a good boy. Next to that is my General Service Star for Afghanistan. I was fortunate enough to be invited to participate with the Army...in 06/07. Next one is the SWASM – South-West Asia [Service Medal] -- it's a theatre medal. Everyone who goes over there gets one, and it's like being in the Boy Scouts -- you get one if you go. The next one is a sacrifice medal -- in 2006, I was in an armed personnel carrier that got obliterated by an IED, so there's a bunch of us that got kind of injured from it, and we don't have the wound stripe like the Americans do, so they commemorate it with a sacrifice medal. Everyone who theoretically bled on the battlefield gets one of those. Next to that is the Meritorious Service Medal -- again, wrong place right time or right place wrong time. I was working in Halifax as a commercial diver as part of the fleet diving in the Atlantic, and Swiss Air 111 pitched and went into the sea. They immediately called us because of the depth, and we participated in the recovery because of the depth operation, and for that they gave us that little one. The next one is the Star of Courage -- I was in Afghanistan in 2006, and after we got blown up, we found some other nasties that the other team had put in the ground. All of my tools that had been in the first vehicles were destroyed, and that's the story that everybody loves hearing. I basically MacGyvered the second IED with what I had left, which was my bayonet. Because I'd just been blown up [...] and not have any of the proper equipment that I'm supposed to have, and the fact that I took apart that second one, somebody said that was either very brave or very dumb. Everybody loves a good story, and somebody told somebody else, and I was invited up here again to get this one. And next to that is the MMM -- the Order of Military Merit. Because I have 20-odd years of service, and pretty well been a good boy for all that time, at a certain point in your career, after a long career spanning a lot of service, they nominate you, it goes before a committee and they sit down and figure out who gets what, and are they truly deserving, but again I don't know who nominated me, but somebody put my name up there and wrote a very nice, lengthy, long-winded paragraph, and I'm sure they hummed and hawed, and it must have been the end of the day, and they said give it to the guy anyway.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

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“From July 1996 to July 1998, then LCol Bowness was Chief Adviser, Operations to the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) in PHNOM Penh. In that capacity, he acted as one of two senior international advisers to the Cambodian Director of CMAC and the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program in Cambodia. He displayed an extraordinary grasp of the recent history and social structure of Cambodia. His tireless effort, innovative thinking and rare cultural sensitivity made an unprecedented contribution to gaining world-wide recognition for CMAC. LCol BOWNESS’ proposal to establish a regional centre for third-country demining training, his world-wide technical coordination network, and his contributions to policy and doctrine for demining, have earned him an international reputation and brought great credit to both the Canadian Forces and Canada.”

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“From May to November 1997, Major Branchaud was a liaison officer at Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. His excellent reports and preliminary analyses, under the dangerous conditions that prevailed during the fall of Kinshasa and the installation of a new government, were crucial to Canadian decisions with respect to this region. Major BRANCHAUD assumed the role of head of mission after the evacuation of the top-ranking official of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Thanks to his leadership, courage and initiative, he was able to ensure the safety and welfare of Canadians in this war-torn country and prepare for the reopening of the Canadian Embassy. He demonstrated the highest level of professional military skill at all times, working tirelessly under extremely difficult conditions. Major Branchaud provided exemplary service to Canada and brought great honour to the Canadian Forces.”

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“On November 13, 1996, Rescue 303, a Labrador helicopter and its crew, was tasked to search for a CH-421 Griffon helicopter which was overdue from a medical evacuation in northern Labrador. Major Brown, then Captain, the Aircraft Commander of Rescue 303, assembled the crew and began the flight planning. They flew more than 1,000 nautical miles through hazardous weather conditions to complete the rescue of the four crew members of the crashed Griffon 421 helicopter. Despite an acute awareness of the hazards they faced, the crew persisted under the expert guidance of Major Brown. His professionalism and decisiveness resulted in the successful completion of this difficult mission, bringing great credit to both his unit and the Canadian Forces.”

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COOMBS, Reginald Stephen
Leading Seaman – HMCS Algonquin

MSM CG: 18 December 1999
GH: 01 December 1999
DOI: 11 January 1999

“On the evening of January 11, 1999, HMCS Algonquin was conducting sea trial in the Strait of Juan de Fuca when a fire broke out in the diesel generator enclosure. With fire extinguishers, MS Wilson attacked the fire on the port side while LS Coombs did the same on the starboard side. The generator turbo chargers and their exhausts were glowing red and the melted crankcase breather line was spraying oil onto the exhaust lagging which, in turn, was igniting into fireballs. Both engineers alternated between cutting away the smouldering lagging and putting out flash fires. LS Coombs and MS Wilson’s quick actions and professionalism helped to avert a disastrous situation, in which the potential for loss of life and equipment was extremely high.”

RHEAULT, Benoit
Master-Corporal – Air Command
Crew Member – CH-146 Griffon Helicopter

MSM CD CG: 18 December 1999
GH: 01 December 1999
DOI: 12 January 1999

“Flight Engineer Rheault was a crew member aboard a CH-146 Griffon when an incident occurred in Montreal on January 12, 1999. The Griffon set down on an ice floe measuring about 18 by 25 metres in the St. Lawrence River in order to carry out a rescue mission. After lying a rope to his waist, MCpl Rheault, then Corporal, quickly came to the aid of a man who had fallen off the Victoria Bridge and was holding onto the ice floe. He crawled toward the victim and held out a length of rope, which he then used to pull the man to him. MCpl Rheault’s calm professionalism contributed to the success of this mission and brought honour to the Canadian Forces.”
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

CARON, Joseph Henri Paul Marc  CMM MSJ MSM CD  CG: 01 April 2000
Brigadier-General - Royal 22e Régiment  GH: 21 March 2000
Assistant Chief of Staff – Kosovo Verification Mission  DOI: Dec 1998 to May 1999

“From December 1998 to May 1999, BGen Caron served as Assistant Chief of Staff for the Kosovo Verification Mission (KVM). He coordinated all the activities of a major multinational headquarters staff, most of whom were high-ranking civilian diplomats unaccustomed to working in an operational setting. He performed brilliantly under some very dangerous and explosive circumstances. One of the most pressing and difficult issues involved the need to develop an operational evacuation plan. He prepared, coordinated and rehearsed the plan, and finally had to implement it when the mission was evacuated prior to the commencement of the NATO air campaign. His selfless dedication, courage and performance throughout this period brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and Canada.”

Commander – Order of Military Merit (CMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 25 March 2006 in the rank of Major General.
Officer – Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 17 July 1999 in the rank of Brigadier-General.
Member – Order of St. John (MStJ) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 27 April 2002 in the rank of Brigadier-General.


Promoted Lieutenant-General on 04 April 2005.

Lieutenant-General Joseph Henri Paul Marc Caron, CMM, MSM, CD

He was born on 01 June 1954 in Montreal and holds a baccalaureate in Political Science from the University of Ottawa. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in October 1971 and after graduating from the Officer Cadet Training Programme, was commissioned in May 1973. As a junior officer he served with the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment in Quebec from May 1973, with the 1st Airborne Commando in Cyprus from April 1974, with the 1st Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment in Lahr, Germany from August 1976 and with the Royal Welch Fusiliers in Lemgo, Germany from January 1978.


He was appointed Head of operations staff in the Land Force Command Headquarters in July 1990 before becoming a student at the U.S. Army War College in 1994. He was made Director Force Concepts and Director Land Requirements at NDHQ in July 1994 and then Chief of Staff of the Kosovo Verification Mission of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in November 1998. Caron was selected to be Commander, Land Force Quebec Area in July 2000 and then Assistant Chief of the Land Staff in May 2003. He became Acting Chief of the Land Staff in November 2003 and then Chief of the Land Staff (today Commander of the Canadian Army in February 2005.

He retired from the forces in June 2006 and was replaced by Lieutenant General Andrew Leslie. He then worked for the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), within its International Security Sector Advisory Team (ISSAT).
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

ENGELSBY, Gregory Wade
Captain
Multinational Climbing Expedition
CITATION

“From April to July 1995, Captain Engelsby was one of three Canadian Forces’ members to participate in a multinational military climbing expedition with the Pakistan Army to Gasherbrum II in Pakistan. When notified that a fellow climber was suffering from high altitude sickness, Captain Engelsby was the first to volunteer to assist in the evacuation of the victim, despite the fact that it was night-time and there was a severe storm. Led down the mountain by the Team Leader, Captain Engelsby and another soldier descended with the stricken climber between them. After several hours of treacherous decent, made more difficult by the victim’s worsening condition, they were able to rest and administer oxygen and additional medication to him. Captain Engelsby’s actions in the face of a life-threatening situation, and his selfless devotion to his team-mates, demonstrated the highest standard of personal dedication and loyalty. He garnered respect and credit for both the Canadian Forces and Canada.”

JACQUES, Joseph Remi Michel Daniel
Warrant Officer
Assistant Canadian Forces Attaché in Belgrade
CITATION

“Warrant Officer Jacques is being recognized for his outstanding service as Assistant Canadian Forces Attaché in Belgrade in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from July 1997 to July 1999. Making use of his outstanding knowledge of the potential threats and the practices employed by all the various factions, he put himself in harm’s way on numerous occasions when seeking out and observing assaults and exchanges of gunfire. His confidence and tenacity helped get him out of many tight spots when he came face to face with heavily armed and unpredictably aggressive elements from both parties to the conflict. Warrant Officer Jacques served Canada very well, and his unfailing efforts under extremely trying circumstances have brought honour to the Canadian Forces.”

CADOTTE, Pierre
Colonel – Logistics
Winter 1998 Ice Storm in Quebec and Ontario
CITATION

“During the winter 1998 ice storm in Quebec and Ontario, Colonel Cadotte established a logistics unit as part of Operation RECUPERATION. With less than three days' notice, he merged various organizations, including the Assistant Deputy Minister (Material) Unit, the 202 Workshop Depot, the 3 Canadian Support Group, the 4 Canadian Forces Movement Control Unit and his own unit, the 25th Canadian Forces Supply Depot located at Longue-Pointe. When the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group units arrived on site, everything needed to help the disaster victims was ready, including vehicles, equipment, food and mobile kitchens. Through his professionalism, Colonel Cadotte was in large part responsible for the Canadian Forces' image of excellence throughout Operation RECUPERATION.”
GULLIFORD, Kenton ('Kent') James
Leading Seaman – Yard Diving Tender GRANBY
Swissair Flight 111 Recovery of Black Box

“On September 2, 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy’s Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 metres, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. A member of the crew of Yard Diving Tender GRANBY, LS Gulliford conscientiously and meticulously carried out his duty under intense international media attention and the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to his equipment. Under hazardous and exceptionally stressful circumstances, he contributed directly to the recovery of human remains from the seabed and is credited with the recovery of the Cockpit Flight Recorder on September 7, 1998. LS Gulliford’s outstanding performance brought great credit to himself, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada both nationally and internationally.”

Awarded Medal of Bravery (MB) as per Canada Gazette of 31 March 2012 in the rank of Sergeant.

MEDALS: MB - MSM – Somalia – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – CD
JORGENSEN, Michael Prohaska  OMM MSM CD  CG: 07 October 2000
Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Officer RCR Battle Group  GH: 24 August 2000
Operation PALLADIUM Roto 3 in Bosnia  DOI: July 1998 to February 1999

“From July 1998 to February 1999, LCol Jorgensen was the Commanding Officer of the 3 Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group on Operation PALLADIUM Roto 3 in Bosnia and Herzegovina. During that time, he achieved outstanding success in fulfilling his mission by ensuring a secure environment in northwest Bosnia for the return of refugees during a very challenging phase of NATO’s campaign. LCol Jorgensen’s exemplary leadership and professionalism brought great credit to himself, the Canadian Forces and Canada.”

Awarded Officer in the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 23 March 2006 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded NATO Meritorious Service Medal as on 15 February 2013.


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Brigadier-General Michael Jorgensen, OMM, MSM, CD

Brigadier-General Mike Jorgensen was commissioned in 1980 and spent his first Regimental tour with the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick. He completed the United States Army Ranger course in 1982 and an operational tour in Cyprus in 1983. From 1984 to 1987, he served at the Infantry School in CFB Gagetown, moving to the Canadian Airborne Regiment at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa in 1987. He completed staff training at the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ontario, in 1988.

In 1989, he was posted to Germany to command a rifle company in the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment. He moved to command Administration Company the following year.
Having returned from Germany in 1991, Brigadier-General Jorgensen completed the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course. He spent the two subsequent years as a member of the Directing Staff at the Canadian Forces Staff School Toronto. He then returned to Canadian Forces Base Petawawa as Deputy Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment and deployed with the unit to Croatia on Operation HARMONY in 1994.

Brigadier-General Jorgensen joined Headquarters, 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group as the G3 in December of 1995, participating in Operation RECUPERATION (Winnipeg floods) in 1996.

From 1997 to 2000, Brigadier-General Jorgensen commanded the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, in Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, deploying his unit on Operation ASSISTANCE (Ice Storm) in 1997. In July 1998, he commanded the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group Battle Group, on Operation PALLADIUM in Bosnia, and was subsequently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

In 2000, Brigadier-General Jorgensen was then posted to Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College in Kingston, Ontario, to take up a position as a member of the Directing Staff. He served one year in that capacity prior to being promoted and posted to Land Force Doctrine and Training System, as the Director of Army Training. In July 2004, he was appointed Director Professional Development at the Canadian Defence Academy in Kingston.

From 2005 to 2007, he commanded the Combat Training Centre in Canadian Forces Base Gagetown. He completed the National Security Studies Programme at Canadian Forces College prior to assuming command of Land Force Western Area on 22 August 2008. In the summer of 2010, BGen Jorgensen assumed his current position as the Branch Head of the Joint Plans Branch at JFC Brunssum, the Netherlands. He is an Officer of the Order of Military Merit and, in 2008, completed a Masters of Business Administration.
CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

DAVIES, Dwight Allan
Colonel – Air Force
Commanding Officer of Task Force Aviano, Italy

“From January to May 1999, Colonel Davies was the Commanding Officer of Task Force Aviano, in Italy. Colonel Davies commanded the Task Force during the important build-up phase and its subsequent first 48 days of combat operations. His aircraft flew more than 370 sorties without mishap. Colonel Davies’ outstanding efforts and exemplary leadership during his tour of duty contributed to the success of the Canadian participation in Operation ALLIED FORCE. His expertise and professionalism gained the Task Force credibility and respect amongst our NATO allies.”

Member – Order of St. John (MStJ) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 27 April 2002 in the rank of Colonel.


PARKER, Robin Patrick Francis
Major – Air Force
Task Force Aviano – Operation ALLIED FORCE

“Major Parker served on Task Force Aviano from March 20, 1999, to June 15, 1999. During 31 combat missions that he flew as part of Operation ALLIED FORCE, he was frequently selected to plan, brief and lead NATO formations comprising over 40 aircraft from several nations. As the weapons officer, he played a crucial role in the training and qualification of Task Force Aviano personnel in the use of a new weapon, in the midst of an intense, round-the-clock effort. Major Parker’s flying, supervisory and leadership skills were a source of inspiration to all. His exemplary performance brought credit to his unit, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

ROBERTSON, Drew William
Captain (N) – CFB Halifax
Seizure of Merchant Vessel GTS KATIE

“As Commander of a Task Unit from July 27 to August 12, 2000, Captain(N) Drew William Robertson led the Canadian Forces’ coordinated effort to track, board and seize Merchant Vessel GTS KATIE. He flawlessly organized the boarding of the vessel, regaining control of hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of Canadian Forces’ army equipment and ammunition which were being held aboard. His actions reflected exceptional planning in this operation against an uncooperative target conducted under intense world-wide media scrutiny. Captain(N) Robertson’s outstanding leadership contributed to the success of a particularly challenging mission, bringing great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: CMM – MStJ - MSM – SE Asia with bar Afghanistan - SSM with bar NATO – CD and 2 bars

Commander, Order of Military Merit (CMM) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 2007 in the rank of Vice-Admiral.
Member of the Order of St. John (MStJ) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 28 April 2007 in the rank of Vice-Admiral.

LAWTON, Jason William
Lieutenant(N)
Diving Officer – HMCS Fredericton

“On the night of April 10, 2000, Lieutenant(N) Lawton was serving as the Diving Officer in Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Fredericton when the ship was detached from her normal duty with the Standing Naval Force Atlantic to conduct a search and rescue operation. Lieutenant(N) Lawton volunteered for the mission and boarded the ship’s helicopter under dangerous weather and operating conditions. Once the missing sailing vessel Anna V. was located, Lieutenant(N) Lawton jumped from the helicopter, alone and without air tanks, into unfamiliar pitch-black waters. Upon hitting the surface, his diving mask was smashed, hampering his vision in the high seas and spray. Undeterred, Lieutenant(N) Lawton carried out a thorough but vain search for the master of the overturned sailing vessel. Exhausted, he was forced back to the ship by the heavy seas and the large amount of debris surrounding the wreckage. Lieutenant(N) Lawton’s professionalism and determination brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Forces.”

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military)  (MSM)

LEMELIN, Joseph Jacques Pierre  
Major – Op QUADRANT  
Commander NATO Ammunition Disposal

MSM CD  
CG: 14 September 2002  
GH: 04 September 2002  
DOI: October 2000 to September 2001

“Major Lemelin was Commander of the NATO Ammunition Management and Ordnance Disposal Advisory Training Team with Operation QUADRANT in Albania from October 2000 to September 2001. During this period, he made his exceptional professional knowledge and advice available to the Albanian government during discussions aimed at improving the overall safety of the Albanian people. Through his leadership, skill and determination, Major Lemelin left behind a legacy that promises to help solve the tragic problems created by deteriorating ammunition stockpiles in Albania. His exceptional work enhanced the international reputation of the Canadian Forces and brought great honour to Canada.”

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WYATT, Sean  
Major – Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
Senior Liaison Officer PPCLI Bosnia-Herzegovina

MSM CD  
CG: 14 September 2002  
GH: 04 September 2002  
DOI: March to August 2000

“Major Wyatt was the Senior Liaison Officer of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group from March to August 2000. He was in charge of civil/military cooperation with local authorities, as well as with the other heads and principals of the international community in Bosnia-Herzegovina. His performance throughout this period was extraordinary. He was responsible for the equitable distribution of humanitarian and reconstruction aid to several communities of displaced persons and refugees who were otherwise without assistance or hope. Major Wyatt’s unflagging determination and selfless pursuit to improve the plight of the less fortunate people of Bosnia earned him the respect and trust of the citizens, as well as the associated embassies and non-governmental organizations. His accomplishments have brought great credit to himself, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”