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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BARNES, John Gerard

Master Warrant Officer

Commander 'C' Company 1st Battalion RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

MMM MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

GH: 24 September 2007

DOI: August 2006 to February 2007



“Master Warrant Officer Barnes was deployed as company sergeant major of Charles Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. His exceptional leadership and composure under enemy fire directly contributed to his company’s success under the extreme adversity of intense combat operations and significant casualties. Severely injured during Operation MEDUSA, he insisted on returning to the frontlines. Master Warrant Officer Barnes’ unwavering sense of duty was instrumental to his Company’s cohesion and effectiveness during the mission.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BISAILLON, Joseph Martin François

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Major

GH: 24 September 2007

Deputy Commanding Officer Mentor Team Afghanistan

OI: August 2006 to February 2007

“Major Bisailon demonstrated exemplary initiative and expertise as deputy commanding officer of the first Canadian operational mentor liaison team in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. With recent experience as a light infantry commander, he led an experienced team that helped the Afghan National Army become fit for combat. His tactical insight and exceptional leadership skills helped them form a cohesive unit with the Afghan soldiers, which was then able to fight in a number of battles. Major Bisailon’s influence on the development of the Afghan National Army has greatly contributed to the International Security Assistance Force mission.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BARTLETT, Stephen Stanley
Chief Warrant Officer
Regimental Sergeant-Major Task Force Afghanistan Roto 0

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008
GH: 24 September 2007
DOI: August 2005 to March 2006

“Chief Warrant Officer Bartlett demonstrated outstanding professionalism while serving as the regimental sergeant major of Task Force Afghanistan Rotation 0 from August 2005 to March 2006. His excellent soldier skills, sound advice to his commander and impressive ability to address the soldiers’ needs were instrumental to the Task Force’s success throughout the main tactical effort in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Chief Warrant Officer Bartlett’s service was of the highest calibre, directly contributing to the successful accomplishment of this mission and to the exceptional reputation of the Canadian Forces.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star bar ISAF – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR - NATO Kosovo – CD and bar



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BRENNAN, Shane Anthony

Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI

Commanding Officer Joint Task Force Lebanon

MSM (*) CD

CG: 26 January 2008

GH: 24 September 2007

DOI: July 2006

“Lieutenant-Colonel Brennan commanded Joint Task Force Lebanon, the military assistance mission for the facilitated departure of some 15,000 Canadians from Lebanon during the conflict of July 2006. This mission represented the largest international evacuation of Canadians from conflict in Canadian history. Moulding a disparate group of individuals and sub-units into one cohesive and effective team, Lieutenant-Colonel Brennan quickly brought order to a monumental task. His exceptional ability to balance urgency and compassion with due diligence for safety and security resulted in the successful evacuation of Canadians from active conflict regions, such as Tyre and Sidon.”



Medals: MSM and Bar – General Service Star Southwest Asia ribbon with one extra tour bar – General Service Medal (Expedition) with extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – CD and Bar

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Colonel.

Brigadier-General Brennan enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1983. Upon completion of infantry officer training he entered the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). He served in a variety of command and staff appointments within the PPCLI, the Airborne Regiment, Brigade Headquarters, Army staff and with the Joint staff. His service has included two tours in the former Yugoslavia, in 1993 as part of UNPROFOR and in 1997 as part of the NATO led Stabilization Force. In 1999 Colonel Brennan deployed to Kosovo as a staff officer in the NATO Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) Headquarters where he served until he was appointed as Commanding Officer of 1 PPCLI deployed in Kosovo. Upon relinquishing command of 1 PPCLI in June 2001 he was assigned to the Directorate of Land Strategic Concepts in Kingston. In 2005 he was assigned as Chief of Staff of the Canadian Forces Joint Operations Group in Kingston. During Canadian Forces Transformation activities in 2006, he was assigned to Canadian Expeditionary Force Command (CEFCOM) and was appointed Commanding Officer of CEFCOM's deployable headquarters, the Canadian Forces Joint Headquarters (JHQ). During his appointment he commanded Task Force OP LION in Beirut, Lebanon which was responsible for the largest non-combat evacuation in Canadian history where over 15,000 Canadians were evacuated.

Subsequently, Colonel Brennan was posted to Director General International Security Policy as Director of Peace Keeping Policy, responsible for Africa, Middle East and Humanitarian Policy. In 2009 he was appointed to command the Task Force 3-09 Operational Mentor and Liaison Team in Afghanistan. In 2010, he was appointed Deputy Commander, Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM). He was promoted to Brigadier-General in 2012 and appointed Director General Capability and Structures Integration. In July 2014 he was appointed Chief of Staff (Expeditionary) for Canadian Joint Operations Command. In 2016, he was appointed Joint Task Force (JTF) Commander for Operation IMPACT Rotation. He was awarded a **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Brigadier-General for this work. On his return to Canada in February 2017, he was appointed as the Commander of the Joint Personnel Support Unit in Ottawa. He retired from the Canadian Forces in July 2017.



Colonel Brennan is a graduate of Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College and Canadian Forces Command Staff College and the Advanced Military Studies Programme. He has a BA in Political Science from Carleton University (1983), and a Masters of Arts in War Studies from the Royal Military College (2005). He has been awarded a Governor General Citation for the Medak Pocket Operation (1993), a Command Citation for leadership during CF Transformation (2006) and two Meritorious Service Medals.

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

CARON, Joseph Claude
Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Air Force
Allied Joint Force Command Naples

MMM MSM CD

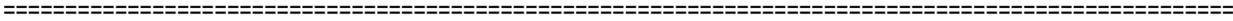
CG: 26 January 2008
GH: 24 September 2007
DOI: 2003 to 2007



“Chief Warrant Officer Caron’s performance, while serving in Allied Joint Force Command Naples from 2003 to 2007, brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and significantly enhanced Canada’s reputation amongst our Allies. Whether he was assisting the community, supporting colleagues or briefing senior officers, Chief Warrant Officer Caron, then Master Warrant Officer, engaged in every assignment with the highest level of professionalism and dedication. In addition to his regular duties, he voluntarily served in Iraq, was the chief instructor for the Mobile Training Team and was the senior Canadian advisor for non-commissioned members. Chief Warrant Officer Caron’s work with the Joint Force Command Naples has had a positive and lasting impact.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 July 1999 as a Warrant Officer at 8 Wing in Trenton.

Medals: MMM – MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

CONRAD, John David

Lieutenant-Colonel

Commanding Officer National Support Unit Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

GH: 24 September 2007

DOI: 08 February to 15 August 2006

“Lieutenant-Colonel Conrad served as the commanding officer of the National Support Element in Kandahar, Afghanistan, from February 8 to August 15, 2006. His tireless work ensured effective and flexible combat service support to all elements of the Canadian contingent and to numerous multinational partners throughout intense combat operations. Leading by example and sharing the risks of ambushes and improvised explosive device attacks, Lieutenant-Colonel Conrad frequently accompanied soldiers on combat logistic patrol and missions to evacuate the wounded. His exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication were the driving force behind the great success of the National Support Element and of Task Force Afghanistan.”



Colonel John David CONRAD, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel John Conrad has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Masters in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario. He was **commissioned as a Naval Officer (MARS)** in 1987.

After retraining as an army combat logistics officer he has served in virtually every command billet possible in 1 Service Battalion in Western Canada from platoon commander to Commanding Officer in 2005-2006. Over half of his career has been spent with the Army of the West in 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. Subsequent postings have included a year on Atlantic Area Staff in Halifax, a year at Army Doctrine in Kingston as well as the G4 (Principle Staff officer for Logistics) for HQ Land Forces Central Area in Toronto. He has served in late 2006 to May 2007 as an instructor at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, and is currently serving on the faculty of the Canadian forces College in Toronto, Ontario.

Colonel Conrad has previous operational experience in Cambodia (Mar to Nov 1993) with UNTAC and North West Bosnia (March to September 2000) with SFOR. Most recently he has completed a tour as the Commanding Officer of the National Support Element, the logistics battalion responsible for sustaining the Canadian Task Force in Southern Afghanistan from February to August 2006 Operation Archer/US Operation Enduring Freedom). He was promoted to Colonel and is now the Commander of 41 Canadian Brigade based in Edmonton, Alberta.

In civilian life, Colonel Conrad is a professional author and senior executive with the Government of Alberta. He has written numerous books on the military and logistics theme, the most recent of which, *Scarce Heard Amid the Guns*, was nominated for the Governor General's Award in 2012. His previous book *What the Thunder Said*, a book dedicated to the Canadian Army logistics corps was a Canadian bestseller. He has a life-long passion for the Canadian Army past, present and future. He is married to Martha Rutherford Conrad, has four children Aidan (15), Morgan (12), Harriet (20) and Grace (8).

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia Medal with Afghanistan Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNTAC (Cambodia) – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD and bar



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GASPAROTTO, Mark Anthony

MSM

CG: 26 January 2008

Major

GH: 24 September 2007

Officer Commanding 23 Field Squadron, 1st RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 01 August 2006 to 15 February 2007



“Major Gasparotto was deployed as officer commanding 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from 01 August 2006, to 15 February 2007. With force protection as his priority, he effectively transformed forward operating bases and battle positions into highly defensible locations that enabled effective enemy engagement. Under continuous contact with the enemy, he led his Squadron through the construction of route Summit, a critical enabler for battle group operations. Major Gasparotto’s innovative thinking, dedicated efforts and exceptional leadership under enemy fire made a strategic impact on the battlefield of Afghanistan that enhanced battle group operations and saved the lives of Canadian soldiers.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD

Colonel Mark Gasparotto, MSM, CD retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in November 2017, after more than 20 years of loyal and dedicated service to the CAF and the Canadian Military Engineer Branch Colonel Mark Gasparotto enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1997 as a Direct Entry Officer. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Waterloo

He was posted to 2 Combat Engineer Regiment as a Second-Lieutenant in 1997 for on-the-job training and upon completing his military engineer phase training, returned to the unit in 1999 as 1 Troop Commander. After a brief stint at the Regiment, he was posted to 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group HQ to work in the G3 cell. During that time, then Captain Gasparotto deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina on Op PALLADIUM Roto 8 working as a psychological operations staff officer in the Multi-National Division (South West) HQ.

In 2003, then-Captain Gasparotto returned to 2 CER as Second-in-Command of 24 Field Squadron. He went on to be the Regimental Operations Officer and during that time deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as a staff officer in the Kabul Multi-National Brigade HQ Engineer Support Coordination Centre. He was promoted to major in 2004 and took command of 23 Field Squadron and deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan as part of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group in 2006. His leadership of the Squadron during combat operations earned him the Meritorious Service Medal. After the tour, along with 12 members of the Squadron, Colonel Gasparotto co-wrote, edited, and self-published the book Clearing the Way: Combat Engineers in Kandahar – now a documentary film.

After Squadron command, then-Major Gasparotto served as the Engineer Directing Staff at the Tactics School and Army G34 Engineer. Upon promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel, he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff to the Chief Military Engineer and as the Acting Canadian Military Engineer Branch Advisor. In 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Gasparotto returned “home” to 2 CER one last time as the Commanding Officer. He was promoted to his current rank in 2016 and deployed to Haiti as the Operation HAMLET Task Force Commander / United Nations Military Chief of Staff and Deputy Force Commander.

Colonel Gasparotto is a licenced Professional Engineer; a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program, where he achieved a Masters of Defence Studies; and a graduate of Royal Roads University, where he earned a Masters of Arts in Leadership. Married to Shannon they have two daughters: Abigail and Emily. Colonel Gasparotto retired in the Ottawa area and joined the leadership development and consultancy firm that he co-founded.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

HAWCO, Darren Carl
Commander
Commanding Officer HMCS Ottawa

CMM MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008
GH: 24 September 2007
DOI: 10 September 2006 to 17 March 2007

“Commander Hawco, Commanding Officer of HMCS OTTAWA, was deployed as part of Task Force Arabian Sea from September 10, 2006, to March 17, 2007. His sound judgement and leadership set the tone for the entire ship’s company during this intense period of operations. His exceptional professionalism resulted in his repeated selection as flagship and as pulse group commander responsible for the employment of other coalition ships in security and intelligence operations on the Red Sea. Commander Hawco’s operational focus set the stage for coalition success in the Persian Gulf.”



Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** in 2009 as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 December 2010 in the rank of Captain.

Awarded **Commander Order of Military Merit (CMM)** in the **Canada Gazette** of 02 June 2018 in the rank of RAdm.

Medals: CMM - MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and multi tour bar – SSM with two bars – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar – USA MSM

Darren Hawco graduated from the College Militaire Royale de St-Jean in 1989 with a Bachelor of Administration. Operationally, he has deployed five times. Following initial naval training and employment as a shipborne air controller, he deployed to the Adriatic for OP Sharp Guard as a member of the NATO Standing Naval Force Atlantic staff, enforcing a UN embargo against the Former Republic of Yugoslavia. In 1998, he next joined *HMCS Ottawa* for her OP Mercator deployment as an integral member of the *USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group*, enforcing UN sanctions against Iraq. As Executive Officer of *HMCS Vancouver* and in response to the attacks of September 11th, 2001, *HMCS Vancouver* was immediately deployed to the Persian Gulf for OP Apollo, Canada’s commitment to the War on Terrorism. During this seven-month operational tour, *HMCS Vancouver* deployed as an integrated unit within the *USS John C. Stennis Carrier Battle Group*.



As Commanding Officer of *HMCS Ottawa* in 2006, he deployed again to the Persian Gulf, this time in support of OP Altair as an integrated unit within the *USS Boxer Expeditionary Strike Group*, where he was subsequently awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by both Canada and the United States.

Finally, in December 2010 he was selected for a one-year deployment to Afghanistan as an Advisor to COMISAF within his Commander’s Initiatives Group Staff. He was appointed as a Commodore (With seniority dated 01/01/2012). He was appointed as Commander Canadian Fleet Atlantic 2012. He served in NDHQ as Director-General Cyberspace 2013. He was appointed as a Rear-Admiral With seniority dated 10/05/2015). He served in NDHQ as Chief of Force Development 2015. In July 2018 he was promoted to Vice-Admiral and became the Canadian Military Representative to NATO.

In his career, Rear Admiral Hawco’s non-operational shore appointments included the RCN’s Senior Advanced Air Control Instructor in the CF Naval Operations School in Halifax; Combat Division Commander at the CF Fleet School in Victoria; Senior Staff Officer Schedules, Plans & Exercises in Victoria; Executive Secretary to the Chief of the Maritime Staff in NDHQ Ottawa; Director Maritime Requirements Sea for the RCN in NHDQ Ottawa; Director General Maritime Strategic Management in NHDQ Ottawa; and Director General Cyberspace in NDHQ Ottawa. In addition to Command of HMCS OTTAWA, he was appointed as the Commander Atlantic Fleet in 2012-2013. His academic credentials include a BAdmin from the College Militaire Royal de St-Jean, a Masters in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College, and a Masters in Defence Policy and Management from the Royal Military College. In May of 2015, he was promoted to Rear-Admiral and appointed as the Chief of Force Development at NDHQ. Somewhat handy around the house, his hobbies center on keeping his bride and four teenage daughters content.

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

HOOPER, Lance Thomas

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Master Corporal

GH: 24 September 2007

23 Field Squadron Combat Engineer 1st RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 01 August 2006 to 15 February 2007



“From August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007, Master Corporal Hooper, a combat engineer with 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, demonstrated exceptional dedication to duty. During three separate incidents, either enemy fire or explosive devices destroyed the engineering vehicle he was operating. On two of these occasions he was wounded and required medical evacuation. In spite of being hit, he eagerly returned to duty each time. Master Corporal Hooper’s remarkable dedication and professionalism in combat set an inspiring example for all ranks of the Battle Group.”

MEDALS: MSM – Sacrifice with first bar – General Campaign Star ribbon SW Asia and multiple tour bar – SSM – Peacekeeping – UNSOM (Somalia) – NATO – CD

IVEY, Gregory Wayne

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Major – Royal Canadian Horse Artillery

GH: 24 September 2007

Officer Commanding ‘E’ Battery RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 01 August 2006 to 01 March 2007



“Major Ivey was deployed as commanding officer of E-Battery, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from 01 August 2006, to 01 March 2007. Operating under the most demanding combat conditions, Major Ivey quickly established himself as an integral member of the forward mobile tactical command team. His exceptional ability to assimilate intelligence information allowed him to effectively plan and coordinate artillery, close air support, attack aviation and unmanned aerial surveillance in support of Canadian and coalition combat operations. Major Ivey’s tactical acumen and effectiveness enabled the Battle Group to engage and defeat the enemy.”



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – CD

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

ROBB, Anthony Peter

MSM (CD)

CG: 26 January 2008

Captain – Canadian Military Engineers

GH: 24 September 2007

23 Field Squadron 1 RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 01 August 2006 to 15 February 2007

“Captain Robb, then Lieutenant, was deployed as a troop commander with 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, during Operation ATHENA, from August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007. He courageously led his troop of field engineers through extremely challenging conditions to develop forward operating bases and transportation routes in support of the advancing battle group. He remained calm and focused under enemy fire, providing encouragement and inspiration for his troops. Captain Robb’s professionalism and exceptional dedication greatly contributed to the success of operations in the Pashmul region.”



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two tour bars – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD

**Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Peter ROBB, MSM, CD
Canadian Military Engineers**

Originally from Surrey, British Columbia, and a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Robb has served in the Canadian Army for 23 years as a Combat Engineer. He deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, in 2006-2007 and 2010-2011. He has held a variety of command and staff positions at 2 CER, 2 CMBG, 32 CER, 32 CBG, RMC, 1 Cdn Div HQ, and 4 Cdn Div. He is currently assigned to the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, where he has served as both Directing Staff and in curriculum development. He retired on 01 November 2023.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

KEIVER, Colin Roy

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force
Air Operations Advisor Sudan

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

GH: 24 September 2007

DOI: 28 November 2006 to 25 May 2006



“Lieutenant-Colonel Keiver, then Major, was the air operations advisor for Task Force Addis Ababa, in Khartoum, Sudan, from November 28, 2005, to May 25, 2006. Undaunted by cultural differences and organizational challenges, he instituted and maintained rigorous air safety standards and operating procedures. His steadfastness, tenacity and organizational skills helped to avoid critical logistical issues within the Task Force without compromising safety or operational standards. Lieutenant-Colonel Kiever’s tireless efforts were instrumental in improving and maintaining the only viable means of allied transport in Sudan and directly contributed to the success of the mission.”

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 December 2006 in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSM – South-west Asia - General Campaign Medal ribbon Expedition with extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal ribbon Sudan - Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – USA MSM

Promoted to Major-General and served as Deputy Commander of the RCAF – retired July 2023.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

LEWIS, Frederick Alan

Colonel

Deputy Commanding Officer JTF Afghanistan

MSM (*) CD

CG: 26 January 2008

GH: 24 September 2007

DOI: March 2006 to February 2007

“From March 2006 to February 2007, Colonel Lewis served as the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan. He led and shaped the development of a cohesive, confident and well-prepared task force that excelled at both intense close combat and humanitarian efforts. With vision and insight of a rare high standard, he transformed the construct of national command, setting the conditions for the coherent delivery of Canadian efforts across Kandahar province. His exceptional leadership and complete dedication to the success of the overall mission of Joint Task Force Afghanistan reflects the highest standards of professionalism in the Canadian Forces.”

Medals: MSM and later Bar – General Campaign Service Star with ribbon Southwest Asia – SSM with bar NATO – UNTSO – UNEF – UPROFOR – UN SSM for Cambodia Mine Action – CD and bar – MSM (USA)

Awarded the **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Colonel as the Commanding Officer of Task Force Jerusalem.

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** but no Canada Gazette entry.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

LUSSIER, Andrew John

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Major

GH: 24 September 2007

Commanding Officer ISTAR Squadron Afghanistan

DOI: 01 August 2006 to 15 February 2007

“Major Lussier was deployed to Afghanistan with The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group as commanding officer of the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) Squadron from August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007. His tactical acumen and expert planning skills enabled him to implement and validate the incorporation of non-traditional forces into the ISTAR squadron. He single-handedly transformed the unit into an effective and cohesive manoeuvre force that successfully projected additional combat power into intense and sustained combat operations. As the Army’s most combat-experienced Reconnaissance Squadron commander, Major Lussier proved to be a dynamic and effective leader whose flexibility and vision resulted in dozens of coalition victories.”

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MacBETH, Steven Kelly

MSM(*) CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Captain – 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 24 September 2007

RECCE 1 RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: August 2006 to February 20076



“Captain MacBeth was deployed as a member of the Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. He expertly planned and executed highly effective combat reconnaissance patrols, and on numerous occasions, he selflessly led his platoon through enemy territory to assist other units that had come under attack. Captain MacBeth’s exceptional tactical acumen and combat leadership enabled the successful execution of numerous high-risk reconnaissance patrols that resulted in the discovery of information of significant value to the battle group.”

Awarded **Bar to his Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Major as Officer Commanding the Kandak Mentor Team in Afghanistan.



Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 3 extra tour bars – Peacekeeping – UN – CD and Bar

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

MONTGOMERY, Bradley William John
Master Warrant Officer – Canadian Engineers
23 Field Squadron 1 RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008
GH: 24 September 2007
DOI: 01 August 2006 to 15 February 2007

“Master Warrant Officer Montgomery was deployed as the Sergeant Major of 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007. His professionalism, leadership and experience were critical to the development of roads and forward operating bases during intense combat situations. The selfless commitment he demonstrated to his fellow troops was an inspiration. During four separate incidents, he readily placed himself in harm’s way to aid soldiers who had been targeted by enemy attacks. Respected by many, Master Warrant Officer Montgomery is the embodiment of a soldier: professional, selfless, loyal, relentless and dedicated.”



CWO Montgomery was born in Chatham Ontario and grew up in the small town of Merlin Ontario where he attended the Merlin Public and High School for the majority of his schooling. During these years he was a member of the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Ventures and was a member of the Volley Ball and Basketball teams at his school. He graduated from High School in 1982 and started working as a cabinet maker in the town of Wallaceburg Ontario and joined the Militia as an Infantry Private in the **Essex and Kent Scottish**.

CWO Montgomery enlisted 11 May 1985 in Chatham Ontario. Upon completion of basic training at CFB Cornwallis, he underwent trades training to become a Combat Engineer at CFB Chilliwack. His first posting was to 2 CER, CFB Petawawa. During the next three years, he was employed as a section member, driver, Section 2 I/C and CO’s driver. The majority of these formative years were spent in the “light role” supporting 1, 2 and 3 Commando of the Airborne Battle group. He completed various trade specialty and national courses that included basic parachutist, communicator and driver courses. On 1989, as a Corporal, he was posted to Canadian Forces Europe to 4 CER. During this time he was employed as a Section 2 I/C, Regimental Combat Dive Store man and Section Commander. In 1992, he was a Section 2 I/C deployed to Croatia and Serbia with UNPROFOR. During the tour he was promoted to Master Corporal and moved into a Section Commander role. During the four years with 4 CER he had the opportunity to participate in many Combat Diving exchanges with the German, British and French militaries.

In 1993, he was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering at CFB Chilliwack, BC, as a Bridging instructor and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in June of 1994. He instructed basic Engineer trade courses, QL5A, 6A and Officer Phase courses. He also worked in Doctrine Squadron developing Bridging software for Distributed Learning.

In July 1997 he was sent to BFC Valcartier to attend a ten-month French course then subsequently posted to 4 Engineer Support Regiment, CFB Gagetown in July 1998. Positions held during his four-year posting to 4 ESR were Resources Troop Section Commander, and Regimental HQ Training Sergeant. He was promoted to Warrant Officer in 1999 and moved into the 22 Field Troop WO position and held the Unit Combat Diving Officer position. During this posting he deployed on OPERATION PERSISTENCE, in support of the Swiss Air Flt 111 tragedy and deployed on **United Nations Mission Eritrea and Ethiopia** in 2001.

In 2002 WO Montgomery was posted again to CFSME Gagetown to the Army Dive Cell as the Sergeant Major of Army Diving. In 2004, he was promoted to MWO and moved to the CFSME Standards Squadron as the Squadron Sergeant Major. MWO Montgomery was posted to 2 CER in July 2005 as 23 Field Squadron Sergeant Major (SSM) and commenced with a year of pre-deployment training getting 23 Field Squadron ready for Task Force 3-06. The Squadron deployed to **Afghanistan** Aug 06 and returned Feb 07. Upon returning SSM Montgomery was posted to CMTC as an Observer Controller Trainer in support of the deploying Task Forces attending EX Maple Guardians. CWO Montgomery was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer in June of 2009 and posted as the Command Chief Standards Organization Representative (CCSOR) for LFWA at CFB Wainwright. He retired on 26 January 2015.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

PATTERSON, David Anthony

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Artillery

GH: 24 September 2007

Dafur Integrated Task Force, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

DOI: 2006



“Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson was deployed to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 2006, as the strategic plans advisor to the Darfur Integrated Task Force. During a period of volatile activity and uncertainty, he was instrumental in creating a multi-national transition planning team charged with the creation of contingency plans for the African Union Forces. His expertise, his oversight and his vision were key to enabling the creation of the United Nations’ phased support packages, which have since formed the cornerstone for all transition planning within the Integrated Task Force. Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson’s outstanding leadership and dedication brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – Peacekeeping – UN African Union Hybrid – Canada 125 – EIRR Golden Jubilee – CD & Bar

Brigadier General David Anthony PATTERSON, MSM, CD

BGen Patterson joined the Militia in 1979 as a Private Recruit in the 2nd Field Regiment Royal Canadian Artillery, in Montreal QC, and was selected for officer training in the spring of 1980. At the Regiment BGen Patterson held most of the important positions in the unit. He was appointed 2IC of the unit in 1993, and assumed command of the 2nd Field Regiment in 1995. He relinquished command in September 1998. In November 1997, BGen Patterson assumed the post of Director, Militia Command and Staff Course at the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College, Kingston. In 2002 his position was re-titled Director, Reserve Training. He has also been employed as an instructor on a dozen serials of Regular Force Staff College courses including the Army Operations Course and the Commanding Officers Course. From June to December 2006 BGen Patterson was the Task Force Commander on Operation AUGURAL the CF support to the African Union Mission in Sudan (Darfur) (AMIS).

Col Patterson was the J5 (Strategic Plans) Advisor at the Darfur Integrated Task Force in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and commanded the Canadian contingent’s three detachments in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and in Darfur and Khartoum in Sudan. He was awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal** in recognition of his service during this deployment. BGen Patterson attended the Militia Command and Staff Course, at the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College, in Kingston Ontario, in 1993 and is also a graduate of the USMC Reserve Command & Staff Course at Quantico Virginia, which he attended in 1994. During the period 1991 to 1994 BGen Patterson was employed as SO 2 Infrastructure Adjustment at LFC HQ where he worked on the base closure staff. BGen Patterson is a graduate of Concordia University in Montreal, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in History.

In 1997, BGen Patterson received the Canadian Battle of Normandy Foundation Bursary for the study of military history. Before becoming Director Reserve Training BGen Patterson was employed as a management consultant at Coopers & Lybrand Consulting, in Montreal QC. In recent years he has led, or helped lead, over twenty battlefield tours of Northwest Europe and Italy. Guiding various groups comprised of university students, amateur enthusiasts, or military personnel he has gained a thorough knowledge of the battlefields of the First and Second World Wars in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Italy. He is a partner in Fields of Fire Tours, a company that organizes and conducts tours of Canadian battlefields in Europe.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

SOMERSET, Jean-Paul

MSM

CG: 26 January 2008

Master-Corporal – Canadian Forces Health Services

GH: 24 September 2007

Medic - 1 RCR Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: 03 September 2006

“Corporal Somerset, then Master-Corporal, served as a medic with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, during the intense battles of Operation MEDUSA in Afghanistan. On September 3, 2006, he worked selflessly, ignoring personal danger, to provide life-saving medical care to his wounded comrades. During an attack against the Company’s position the following day, he was one of 30 casualties. Despite his wounds, he provided first aid to the remainder of the casualties. Corporal Somerset has distinguished himself as a dedicated medic and member of the Canadian Forces whose courage and devotion under fire saved the lives of many soldiers.”

Medals: MSM – General Service Star – Peacekeeping - NATO

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SOUTHERN, Barry Marshall

MSC MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 24 September 2007

First Commanding Officer Task Force Jerusalem

DOI: 16 May 2006 to 11

August 2006

“Lieutenant-Colonel Southern served as the first commander of Task Force Jerusalem from 16 May 2005 to 11 August 2006. His confidence, knowledge, and exceptional ability to translate strategic intent into operational effects were essential to advising the United States Security Coordinator (USSC) and senior Palestinian authorities on security sector reform. He managed complex and sensitive Middle East Peace Process issues with senior Palestinians, the Egyptian envoy for security sector concerns, and members of the international community on behalf of the USSC. Lieutenant-Colonel Southern’s success in quickly establishing a functioning and extremely effective advisory team has reinforced Canada’s credibility within the international community.”

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 December 2010 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per Canada Gazette of 2013 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: MSC – MSM – SSM with 2 Bars (NATO & PEACE) – Peacekeeping – UN Lebanon – UN Cyprus – NATO bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – MSM (USA)



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

SPRAGUE, Matthew Bruce

MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Major

GH: 24 September 2007

Officer Commanding 'C' Company 1 RCR Battle Group Afghanistan
2007

DOI: 01 August 2006 to 15 February

"Major Sprague was deployed as officer commanding Charles Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007. His outstanding leadership from the front and his courageous and calm demeanour were instrumental in keeping his company effective and mission-focused throughout numerous hard-fought battles with the enemy. Severely wounded early in his tour and repatriated to Canada, Major Sprague insisted on returning to lead Charles Company and continued as their leader until the completion of the rotation. His devotion to duty and expertise in combat operations has left a lasting legacy in Kandahar Province."

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WRIGHT, Michael Charles

(CMM) MMV MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008

Major – Member of the PPCLI serving with the RCR

GH: 24 September 2007

Officer Commanding 'A' Company 1 RCR Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: August 2006 to February 2007

"Major Wright was deployed as officer commanding Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. He responded to the leadership challenge of being in constant contact with the enemy, and successfully planned and executed many company and combat team-level operations. Extremely adaptable, he effortlessly changed his warrior role to that of a humanitarian when working with senior Afghan politicians and the Afghan National Army. Major Wright's professionalism and devotion to duty has significantly contributed to the success of the mission and has left a lasting legacy in Kandahar province."

Awarded **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 February 2007 in the rank of Major.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** on 15 December 2023 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: CMM - MMV – MSM* – General Service Star with SWA Ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia (2) – CD



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

ABBOTT, Peter Gerald

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force
Commander Task Force El Gorah in the Sinai, Egypt

OMM MSM CD

CG: 01 March 2008
GH: 13 February 2008
DOI: July 2004 to July 2007

“Colonel Abbott commanded Task Force El Gorah, in the Sinai, Egypt, from July 2004 to July 2007. Throughout his twice-extended deployment, he exhibited insightful and dedicated leadership to the Canadian contingent. Furthermore, as the threat of terrorist attacks increased, he reinforced the required practices and training to ensure the security and operational effectiveness of the task force.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per Canada Gazette of 22 December 1990 in the rank of Major.

Medals: OMM – MSM – Peacekeeping – UNCA (Central America) – Multi National Force – CD and 2 bars



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BELL, Steven Albert

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
First Officer-in-Charge Maritime Amphibious Unit

MSM CD

CG: 01 March 2008
GH: 13 February 2008
DOI: June 2006 to April 2007

“As co-chair of the Standing Contingency Task Force Working Group, and as first officer-in-charge of the Maritime Amphibious Unit from June 2006 to April 2007, Commander Bell consistently displayed the highest standards of professionalism and innovative leadership. He is credited for writing the *Standing Contingency Force Concept of Operations*, and for providing critical guidance with the planning of the first Integrated Tactical Effects Experiment.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM with bar NATO – CD and 2 Bars

Joined the Canadian Navy as a Direct Entry Officer S/Lt. on 15 August 1975
Lieutenant 01 July 1979.
LCdr 01 January 1985. Later promoted to Commander
Postings included HMCS Margaree and HMCS Ottawa (Executive Officer)
BOTC Chilliwack as Training Officer
NATO Staff in Naples, Italy; CAF Joint Staff in Shirley's Bay; NDHQ
NAVCENT in Bahrain.
He died in Ottawa on 17 December 2023



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BOWES, Stephen Joseph

Colonel

Deputy Commanding Officer Canadian Contingency Task Force Afghanistan

CMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 01 March 2008

GH: 13 February 2008

DOI: July 2006 to November 2006



“As the first deputy commander of the Standing Contingency Task Force (SCTF) from June 2006 to April 2007, Colonel Bowes displayed the highest standards of professionalism and innovative leadership. He is credited for his efforts in leading the uniquely integrated SCTF headquarters from its launch in July 2006, through to the highly successful execution of the first joint Integrated Tactical Effects Experiment at sea in November 2006.”

Medals: CMM - MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia Service with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar – Bronze Star (USA) - MSM (USA)

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 07 April 2007 in rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2011 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** and on 04 December 2012 but not gazetted.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per Canada Gazette of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Major-General.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GOODYEAR, Richard William
Major – Logistics Officer
Finance Officer JTF Afghanistan Roto 2

MSM CD

CG: 01 March 2008
GH: 13 February 2008
DOI: August 2006 to January 2007



“For contributing significantly to the development of the local Kandahar and national Afghan financial systems while serving as the finance officer of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, Rotation 2, from August 2006 to January 2007.”

“Major Goodyear served as the finance officer of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, Rotation 2, from August 2006 to January 2007. By providing a clear vision, which he sustained with dedication, Major Goodyear promoted the authority of the Afghan National Bank and helped to increase the foreign use of Afghan currency.”



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO Kosovo – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

2018 – Promoted to Brigadier-General – Director General Budgets
2021 Promoted Major-General – Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance) – Retired July 2023

GUINDO, Abdoul Amtou
Sergeant – Cameron Highlanders of Canada
Commander Logistics Patrol Afghanistan – RCD Battle Group

MSM

CG: 01 March 2008
GH: 13 February 2008
DOI: June 2006 to March 2007



“For consistently demonstrating excellent situational awareness as he led his troops through numerous ambushes and improvised explosive device strikes, while deployed as a Combat Logistics Patrol commander with Force Protection Platoon, National Support Element, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from June 2006 to March 2007.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

HAMEL, Joseph Jean René Guy
Colonel
Chief of Staff Canadian Contingency Task Force Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 01 March 2008
GH: 13 February 2008
DOI: May 2006 to April 2007

“For consistently displaying the highest standards of professionalism, integrity and innovative leadership in the Canadian Forces as the first chief of staff of the nascent Standing Contingency Task Force from May 2006 to April 2007.”

Awarded **United States Officer of the Legion of Merit** as per the Canada Gazette of 20 January 2016 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO with bar Kosovo – Multinational Force and Observers Egypt with ‘2’ – CD and bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)

Retired 2015.



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LUTES, Andrew John
Major
EID Training JTF Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 01 March 2008
GH: 13 February 2008
DOI: July 2005 to February 2006

“For skillfully training and leading his company through Canada’s first exposure to a sustained suicide explosive device campaign, while deployed as the officer commanding Patrol Company, Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, Operation ARCHER, Afghanistan, from July 2005 to February 2006.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BÉRUBÉ, Jules Joseph Jean
Warrant Officer – Canadian Forces Health Services
2nd Battalion, RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008
GH: 11 March 2008
DOI: January to August 2007

“While deployed to Afghanistan with 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from January to August 2007, Warrant Officer Bérubé treated and stabilized, without the assistance of a doctor, an unprecedented number of soldiers who suffered major traumas and injuries, in austere and primitive conditions in a remote unit aid station.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star Afghanistan ribbon – Peacekeeping
– UN Haiti – UNPROFOR - CD



BRADLEY, Thomas
Major – 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry
Chief of Operations JTF Afghanistan Headquarters

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008
GH: 11 March 2008
DOI: November 2006 to August 2007

“Major Bradley served as Chief of Operations within Joint Task Force Afghanistan headquarters, from November 2006 to August 2007. In only eight months, he developed the framework to secure the Kandahar City Afghan development zone, which subsequently spread to much larger areas.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star ribbon
Southwest Asia – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIRR Golden Jubilee
– EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Bronze Star (USA)

Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 08 November 2003 in the rank of Major.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BERRY, David Brian

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 11 March 2008

International Advisor to the Afghan Minister of Rural Rehabilitation & Development

DOI: August 2006 to August 2007



“Lieutenant-Colonel Berry was a key international advisor to the Afghan minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Strategic Advisory Team, from August 2006 to August 2007. His proactive leadership and trust-building skills contributed to the implementation of development initiatives that affected over 900 strategic reconstruction activities throughout Afghanistan.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – CD and bar

CRABB, William John

MMM MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Master Warrant Officer – 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

Sergeant Major ‘A’ Company 2nd Battalion RCR JTF Afghanistan

DOI: February to September 2007



“Master Warrant Officer Crabb was deployed to Afghanistan as the sergeant major of Alpha Squadron, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from February to September 2007. His resourcefulness and exceptional coordination skills ensured the success of replenishment operations throughout the Kandahar and Helmand provinces despite repeated exposure to improvised explosives attacks and mine strikes.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 09 December 2013 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – UNPROFOR – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

DIAMOND, Marc Germain

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 11 March 2008

Advisor to the Afghan Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation

DOI: August 2006 to August 2007

“Major Diamond led an institutional reform as the advisor to the Afghan Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation. While deployed as a member of the Strategic Advisory Team, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from August 2006 to August 2007, he helped lay the groundwork for a safe and secure transportation system for all Afghans.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 June 2014 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia Service with bar Afghanistan and 2 extra tour bars – Peacekeeping – CD – USA MSM



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ELLIOTT, Matthew John David

MSM

CG: 19 April 2008

Corporal - 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

India Company 2nd Battalion RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January to July 2007

“While deployed with India Company, 2nd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to July 2007, Corporal Elliott demonstrated versatility and ingenious methods of collecting intelligence. His efforts resulted in the successful operations of the Company, of the Battle Group and of the Joint Task Force in the most complex region of Afghanistan.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GRAHAM, Steven Geoffrey

OMM MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Major - Royal Canadian Dragoons

GH: 11 March 2008

Officer Commanding Reconnaissance Squadron 2nd Battalion RCR Battle Group

DOI: February 20 August 2007



“Major Graham was deployed as the officer commanding Reconnaissance Squadron, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from February to August 2007. During that time, he expertly led his squadron through intense combat operations, disrupting insurgent movements, destroying an improvised explosive device and dismantling a mine laying cell in the Zharey district of Afghanistan.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** on 27 January 2022.

Medals: OMM - MSM – General Campaign Star with 2 extra tour bar – General Operational with ribbon Expedition - Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 bars

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BGen - Commander 3rd Canadian Division
BGen - Commander 3rd Canadian Division
BGen - Commander Operation Proteus Israel and Palestinian Territories
Colonel – Command of the Canadian Combat Support Brigade
 G3 Cdn Army / Director of Army Force Readiness Army HQ
 55th Commanding Officer Royal Cdn Dragoons 2 CMBG
 Executive Assistant to the Commander Canadian Army
 Director Land Staff 3, Army Executive, Army Headquarters
 Student, Joint Command & Staff Course CF College
 Armour Corps Career Manager, NDHQ
 Promoted to **LCol**; Executive Assistant to the Army Commander
 ‘B’ Squadron, The Royal Canadians Dragoons – to Kandahar, Afghanistan
 Squadron Commander, Royal Cdn Dragoons, 2 CMBG
 Base Operations Officer, CFB Petawawa,
 G3 Operations, 2 Cdn Mechanized Brigade Group HQ

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BGen Graham is a graduate of the Jamaica Junior Command and Staff Course, the Joint Command and Staff Programme, and the National Security Programme. He also possesses a Bachelor of Engineering in Engineering Management and Master’s degrees in Defence Studies and Business Administration. BGen Graham and his wife are the proud parents of three sons.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GREEN, Eric Richard

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Warrant Officer - 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

2 i/c 7 Platoon India Company 2nd RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2007

“Warrant Officer Green was deployed to Afghanistan as the second in command of 7 Platoon, India Company, the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. While acting as commander, Warrant Officer Green led his platoon to significant gains on the battlefields and effectively mentored junior personnel during several close engagements with the enemy.”

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HUNTER, James Adam

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Warrant Officer – 1st Battalion Nova Scotia Highlanders

GH: 11 March 2008

Civil-Military Detachment Commander, Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team

DOI: January to August 2007

“Warrant Officer Hunter was deployed as the civil-military cooperation detachment commander, Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, in Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. His diligence, particular attention to cultural sensitivities while dealing with local Afghans, as well as his vast knowledge of the Zharey district were instrumental to successful counter-insurgency operations in the region.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and once extra tour bar - CD



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

JEANS, Stephen Goward

MSM(*) CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Master Warrant Officer - 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

Company Sergeant Major India Company 2nd Battalion RCR JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2007



"Master Warrant Officer Jeans was Company sergeant major, India Company, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. He is recognized for his leadership, exemplary performance and extreme loyalty to his soldiers and the mission during diverse and complex operations while under intense enemy fire."

Awarded a **Bar to his Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per **Government House** of 27 April 2016 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars

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LAVIGNE, Paul Joseph Ernest

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Lieutenant(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 11 March 2008

Canadian Defence Attaché Assistant to Pakistan and Afghanistan

DOI: 2003 to 2007

"Lieutenant Lavigne, then Petty Officer First Class, provided outstanding service as the Canadian Defence Attaché Assistant to Pakistan and Afghanistan between 2003 and 2007. His performance in a demanding and dangerous operational environment during Canadian Forces Operations ATHENA, ARCHER, PLATEAU and ARGUS brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada."

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LOVELACE, Brett James

MSM

CG: 19 April 2008

Corporal - 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

India Company 2nd Battalion RCR JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January to July 2007

"While deployed with India Company, 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to July 2007, Corporal Lovelace provided unique and sound insight into the local situation, which resulted in the acquisition of high value intelligence. Dedicated to the success of the mission, he developed a tracking system that identified regions of concern and information requirements for future patrols and operations."

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

MADDISON, Paul Andrew
Commodore
Commander Standing Contingency Force

CMM MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008
GH: 11 March 2008
DOI: January 2006 to June 2007

“As Commander Standing Contingency Force from January 2006 to June 2007, Commodore Maddison developed an unprecedented model for achieving strategic effects. His successes in leading joint elements provide the template for integrated operations and littoral manoeuvre.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 March 2008 in the rank of Captain(N).

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 March 2011 in the rank of Rear-Admiral.

Awarded **Commander Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 September 2013 in the rank of Vice-Admiral.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSM – Gulf War – South-West Asia bar Afghanistan – Special Service Medal bar NATO – CD and two bars – Commander Legion of Merit (USA)

Promoted **Vice-Admiral** in July 2011 to command the Royal Canadian Navy.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

RICHARDS, William Alan

MMM MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Master Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Dragoons

GH: 11 March 2008

Sergeant Major Reconnaissance Squadron 2nd RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2007



“Master Warrant Officer Richards was deployed as the sergeant major of the Reconnaissance Squadron, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. The leadership and dedication he displayed in mentoring officers and soldiers from several different units created a squadron able to successfully conduct combat operations against insurgent forces.”

Awarded Member of the **Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 2012 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM - MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 1 tour bar – SSM with bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD and Bar

Chief Warrant Officer Bill Richards was born in St. Stephen, New Brunswick and enrolled in the Canadian Forces in March 1984. Upon completion of his basic crewman training, he was posted to the 8th Canadian Hussars in Petawawa, Ontario. In July 1985, Chief Warrant Officer Richards was posted to The Royal Canadian Dragoons in Lahr, Germany where he remained for the next two years serving as a driver of a Leopard Tank.



In July 1987, Chief Warrant Officer Richards was posted to the Royal Canadian Armour Corps School in Oromocto, New Brunswick. Being promoted Master Corporal in the fall of 1989 allowed his return to the 8th Canadian Hussars in Lahr, Germany in July 1990 for his second overseas tour of duty. During this time, he was employed as a tank crew commander as well as the Second in Command of the Boeselager team (a German Reconnaissance competition). He remained overseas until the base closure in 1993 at which time he was posted back to the Royal Canadian Dragoons in Petawawa.

Promoted Sergeant in 1994, he went to Bosnia as part of UNPROFOR as a patrol commander and was also part of the detainment by the Serb army. He was promoted to Warrant Officer in 1996, attended a year long language course in Petawawa in August 2000 and was posted to Trenton in 2002 to the Joint Nuclear Biological Chemical Defence Company as the Company Quartermaster.

Chief Warrant Officer Richards was posted back to the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 2004 and was the Regimental Operations Warrant Officer. Promoted to Master Warrant Officer in 2006, he was the Recce Squadron Sergeant Major and deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan with 2RCR Battle Group in February 2007, returning in August. Upon returning, he was the Technical Quarter Master Sergeant for the Regiment. In March 2008, Chief Warrant Officer Richards was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his leadership.

A posting to Ottawa in July 2008 saw him take on the position of Land Staff Headquarters Sergeant Major where he has remained until present. Chief Warrant Officer Richards was promoted to his present rank in February 2010. He has been married to Veletia Richards for 22 years and they are blessed with two daughters - Malika and Madalyn.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

ROULEAU, Joseph Alphonse Denis

CMM MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Rear Admiral

GH: 11 March 2008

Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group One

DOI: January 2006 to January 2007

“As commander of NATO's highest readiness maritime force, Standing NATO Maritime Group One, from January 2006 to January 2007, Rear-Admiral Rouleau, then commodore, provided innovative leadership to the maritime force consisting of fourteen ships from eight countries. His task group was integral to maintaining NATO's maritime surveillance and response, including the successful participation in Operation Active Endeavour.”

Awarded **Officer of The Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 March 2006 in the rank of Captain(N).

Awarded **Commander of The Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 2009 in the rank of Vice-Admiral.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSM – SSM with bar NATO – NATO Medal ISAF – EIIR Golden Jubilee – CD and two bars



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

RYAN, James Michael

MSM

CG: 19 April 2008

Corporal - 2nd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

Field Engineer 2nd Battalion RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: February to August 2007



“While deployed as field engineer with 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from February to August 2007, Corporal Ryan is recognized for demonstrating a reassuring demeanour and composure on the battlefield in a harsh environment. His immediate actions in the aftermath of devastating improvised explosive device attacks contributed to saving the lives of numerous Canadian soldiers.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two additional tour bars
Chief of Defence Staff Commendation – shown at right

Attended Royal Military College and Commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Regiment.

ST. JOHN, Richard Geoffrey

MSM CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Colonel

GH: 11 March 2008

Support to the Canadian Government in the Israel-Hezbollah Conflict

DOI: 2006



“Colonel St John is commended for his extraordinary support to the Canadian government and the Canadian Forces during the Israel-Hezbollah conflict in 2006. He was a tremendous asset for Canada in the Middle East where he worked tirelessly to allow that Canadian air, ground, and sea movements in the conflict zone proceed unimpeded. His actions contributed directly to protection of Canadian citizens and ensured their safe evacuation from Lebanon.”

Medals: MSM – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Headquarters – CD and two bars

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

ARCAND, Gilles René

MMM MSM CD

CG: 19 July 2008

Chief Warrant Officer - 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment

GH: 04 June 2008

Regimental Sergeant Major – 3 R22eR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

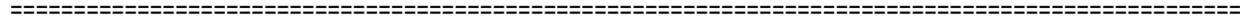
DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Chief Warrant Officer Arcand served as regimental sergeant major of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His sound advice to senior commanders and coalition counterparts, as well as his inspirational leadership of his troops, contributed to the effectiveness of the task force and enhanced Canada’s reputation within the international coalition.”



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 June 2005 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star Afghanistan – Special Service Medal with 2 bars – Peacekeeping – UNTAC (Transitional Authority in Cambodia) – United Nations Special Service Medal for service in Pakistan – CD and Bar



ALAIN, Julie Marie Micheline

MSM

CG: 19 July 2008

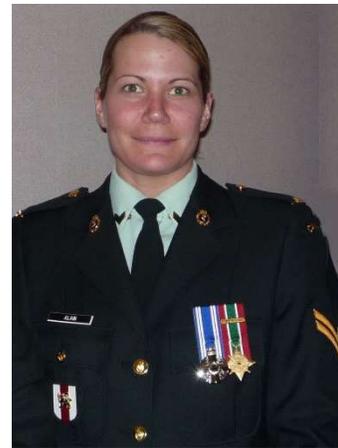
Corporal - CFHS

GH: 04 June 2008

Canadian Forces Health Services JTF Afghanistan

DOI: 12 August 2007

“On August 12, 2007, Corporal Alain, a medical technician, displayed exemplary leadership and dedication when she intervened in a mass casualty incident in the Kandahar province of Afghanistan. She triaged and treated numerous complex injuries under extremely difficult conditions and, faced with no alternatives, utilized procedures normally performed by medical doctors, which undoubtedly contributed to saving many lives.”



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon and second tour bar



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BOURQUE, Denis MSM CG: 19 July 2008
Captain - 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment GH: 04 June 2008
Forward Operating Officer - 3rd Battalion, R22^eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan DOI: 29 October 2007 to 03 November 2007

“Captain Bourque, then Lieutenant, was deployed as a forward observation officer and air controller with the Operational Mentor Liaison Team, in Afghanistan. From October 29 to November 3, 2007, during a complex and demanding combat operation, he worked well beyond his rank and experience, expertly coordinating aircraft and artillery fire, and minimizing collateral damage alongside the Afghan National Army. His skill allowed for the disruption of insurgent operations, and directly contributed to safeguarding the lives of Canadian and Afghan soldiers.”

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BRÛLE, Pierre Jr. MSM CG: 19 July 2008
Corporal GH: 04 June 2008
53rd Engineer Squadron JTF Afghanistan DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Corporal Brûlé was deployed with the 53rd Engineer Squadron, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. Operating the lead vehicle responsible for detecting mines and roadside bombs, he participated in numerous road-opening missions in areas that were subject to enemy attacks. Despite the ever-present danger, he continually pressed on with his mission under the most challenging circumstances, minimizing the number of potential attacks against friendly forces.”

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COLBOURNE, Robert MSM CD CG: 19 July 2008
Captain (also MID) GH: 04 June 2008
Operational Mentoring Team JTF Afghanistan DOI: August 2007 to February 2008



“Captain Colbourne was deployed as a member of the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team, in Afghanistan, from August 2007 to February 2008. While leading attacks or coordinating the evacuation of wounded soldiers, he provided guidance through numerous engagements with the enemy under extremely adverse conditions. His leadership and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the Afghan soldiers, encouraging them to excel during difficult operations.”

Awarded **Mentioned in Despatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 08 November 2008 in the rank of Captain

Medals: MSM – Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and MID – Operational Service Medal Humanitus – EIIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

DESJARDING, Steven Pierre

MSM CD

CG: 19 July 2008

Major

GH: 04 June 2008

Commanding Officer Intelligence Centre Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Major Steven Desjardins was deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the All Source Intelligence Centre, from July 2007 to March 2008. His expertise and dedication fostered a synergy between units and within his team that optimized their capabilities as they established new operational concepts and targeting processes. His leadership, perseverance and sound knowledge were instrumental in the provision of relevant and timely information that proved critical to the success of intelligence-driven operations.”

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FORTIN, Philippe

MSM

CG: 19 July 2008

Corporal - Canadian Forces Police

GH: 04 June 2008

Junior Mentor to the Afghanistan Police

DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Corporal Fortin was deployed as a junior mentor to the Afghan National Police, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. He distinguished himself as an effective combat soldier and first aid attendant, whose calm composure and fortitude served as an inspiration to both his Canadian colleagues and Afghan counterparts. Corporal Fortin’s dedication to duty, self-assurance and proven combat skills represent the finest standards of the Canadian Forces.”



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star for Afghanistan

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JEAN, Frédéric

MSM

CG: 19 July 2008

Captain - 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment

GH: 04 June 2008

Intelligence Officer Joint Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Captain Jean was deployed as the battle group intelligence officer of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His innovativeness extended the boundaries of traditional intelligence collection. In a complex and volatile environment, his resourcefulness resulted in timely and actionable intelligence that proved critical to force protection and combat operations.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

LAPOINTE, Michel Louis

Major - 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment
Operational Mentor and Liaison Team Afghanistan

MMV MSM CD

CG: 19 July 2008
GH: 04 June 2008
DOI: August 2007 to February 2008



“Major Lapointe was deployed to Afghanistan as a senior mentor with the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team, in Afghanistan, from August 2007 to February 2008. Initiating a novel and robust training program, he led six police sub-stations into action in a two-week period. His expert management of the police teams resulted in a marked decrease in insurgent activity, which gained the trust of the local population and brought great credibility to this Canadian initiative.”

Medal of Military Valour Citation

“On September 25, 2007, Major Lapointe demonstrated remarkable leadership and courage. He inspired his troops, as well as the members of the Afghan National Police under his command, by quickly forming an ad hoc intervention force to counter a well-coordinated ambush by insurgent forces.”

Medals: MMV – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti with bar – CD

A native of Shawinigan South, Quebec, Colonel Lapointe enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1991. As a junior officer, he served with the Royal 22nd Regiment and deployed on domestic operations to the 1998 Ice Storm and the 1997 Manitoba Floods. He held staff appointments with the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, Army Headquarters and Strategic Joint Staff. Col. Lapointe has completed the U.S. Army Ranger course and is a recipient of the Medal of Military Valour and Meritorious Service Medal. He has operational tours to Haiti and Afghanistan. He took command of the 4th Canadian Support Group on 21 July 2017.



He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and Master's in Defence Studies from Royal Military College. He and his wife, Lt.-Col. Angie Lapointe, have two children, Charlotte and Chloe.

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ROBICHAUD, Patrick Henri Gérard Hubert

Major – 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment
Officer Commanding ‘C’ Company R22eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 19 July 2008
GH: 04 June 2008
DOI: July 2007 to March 2008



“Major Robichaud was deployed as the officer commanding C Company of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. Despite heavy casualties, complex terrain and difficult conditions, he successfully led his company through seven major operations and hundreds of patrols. His involvement contributed to increased security and improved conditions in a previously unstable and volatile sector.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – CD and Bar

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BERGERON, Joseph Jean-Pierre
Lieutenant-Colonel
UN Lebanon

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: 2006

“Lieutenant-Colonel Bergeron is commended for his continued support of the Canadian Forces during the Israel-Hezbollah conflict in 2006. While carrying out daily liaison and co-ordination activities with the Lebanese military, he ensured the unimpeded air, ground and sea movement of personnel in the conflict zone, and the safe evacuation of 15,000 Canadian citizens from war-torn Lebanon.”

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BERREA, Patrick James
Corporal – 33 Canadian Engineer Regiment
Directorate of Honours and Recognition

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: 2002 to 2008

“As a member of the Directorate of Honours and Recognition, Corporal Berrea made a significant contribution towards the timely recognition of personnel deployed on operations, from 2002 to 2008. By enabling the initial mass distribution of Canadian medals directly to recipients deployed in theatre, he made a substantial impact on the morale of the troops.”

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BRENNAN, James
Captain
Establishment of NATO’s only Strategic Airport in Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: July 2007 to January 2008

“Deployed as Strategic Airfield Planner from July 2007 to January 2008, Captain Brennan provided exceptional insight and vision that led to the establishment of NATO’s only strategic airport for debarkation in Afghanistan. Adopted at the international level, his work paved the way for the successful deployment of operational aircrafts from NATO and non-NATO nations.”

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BUREAU, Christian
Master Corporal
Canadian Forces Medical Services in Afghanistan

MSM

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: July 2007 to February 2008

“From July 2007 to February 2008, Master Corporal Bureau, then Corporal, displayed the highest standards of medical expertise while directing the treatment and evacuation of countless casualties in Afghanistan. Despite extremely difficult conditions, he performed complex medical procedures that saved the lives of many Canadian and Afghan soldiers.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

CÔTÉ, Raymond

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 28 October 2008

RSM Cdn Contingent 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge

DOI: 09 April 2007



“Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Côté demonstrated outstanding leadership and professionalism as regimental sergeant major for the ceremonial contingent commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in France, on April 9, 2007. His role in the planning and execution of international events at the Vimy Memorial, where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II honoured the service of our veterans, brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

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COUTURE, Dominic

MSM

CG: 29 November 2008

Corporal

GH: 28 October 2008

Weapons Technician with JTF Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Corporal Couture deployed as the weapons technician with Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. Despite limited resources at the Forward Operating Base, his resourcefulness and expertise ensured the effective repair of artillery systems and the manufacturing of parts. In addition to providing ongoing technical support on the battlefield, his dedicated efforts, under adverse and dangerous conditions, enhanced the operational effectiveness of the battle group.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

DEMERS, Joseph Lucien André MMM MSM CD
Master Warrant Officer – 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment
Sergeant Major ‘C’ Company– 3rd R22^eR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Master Warrant Officer Demers was deployed to Afghanistan as the Sergeant Major of C Company, from July 2007 to March 2008. Despite the casualties suffered by his unit, he selflessly led recovery efforts under heavy insurgent fire. Master Warrant Officer Demers motivated his soldiers to execute over 250 presence patrols. His leadership and unwavering support to the command team contributed directly to strong unit morale and combat effectiveness.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per Canada Gazette of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star SW Asia Ribbon – SSM bar NATO – Peace – UN Cyprus – UN Haiti with two bars – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and bar



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DESCARIE, Steve MSM CD
Master Corporal
National Security Agency Fort George Meade, Maryland

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: July 2005 to 2008

“Master Corporal Descarie is commended for his operational support of Task Force Afghanistan, during his tour with the National Security Agency, based out of Fort George Meade, Maryland, commencing in July 2005. His exceptional analytical skills, professionalism and initiative in developing and delivering actionable intelligence lead to several high-profile successes in actions against anti-coalition forces.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

DUMAS, Danielle

MSM

CG: 29 November 2008

Master Corporal

GH: 28 October 2008

Counter-Intelligence Investigator in Afghanistan

DOI: October 2007

“Master Corporal Dumas, a counter-intelligence investigator with the All Source Intelligence Centre, demonstrated initiative and thoroughness during the conduct of complex counter-intelligence investigations in Afghanistan, in October 2007. Her diligence led to the arrest of a group of individuals responsible for numerous attacks against coalition forces, and prevented planned and impending insurgent attacks and infiltrations.”

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ELMS, Robert George (‘Geordie’)

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Colonel

GH: 28 October 2008

Canadian Defence Advisor Afghanistan and Pakistan

DOI: August 2003 to November 2007

“Colonel Elms, then Lieutenant-Colonel, deployed as the Canadian Defence advisor to Afghanistan and Pakistan, from August 2003 to November 2007. His close involvement in both military and diplomatic circles, along with his extensive knowledge base, made him a trusted and valued advisor to senior Canadian officials. His dedication, professionalism and communication skills significantly enhanced Canada’s relationship with both Afghanistan and Pakistan.”

Medals: MSM – SW Asia with bar Afghanistan– SSM with bars NATO and PEACE – Peacekeeping – UN Lebanon (2 tours) – UN Pakistan – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – EIIR Golden Jubilee – CD and two bars



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GOLDRING, Blake Charles
 Honorary Colonel
 Royal Canadian Regiment

MSM

CG: 29 November 2008
 GH: 28 October 2008
 DOI: 2005 to 2008

“Since his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Canada in November 2005, Colonel Goldring has shown outstanding leadership and vision. His creation of ‘Canada Company’, an organization that brings community and business leaders together to support the Canadian Forces, has resulted in the contribution of millions of dollars for programs that benefit both members of the Canadian Forces and their families.”



Honorary Colonel Blake Charles Goldring, MSM

Goldring with Mr. & Mrs. Peter McKay

HUET, Pierre

MSM (*) CD

CG: 29 November 2008
 GH: 28 October 2008
 DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

Major – Armoured Corps Officer
 CO Reconnaissance Squadron, 3rd Battalion R22eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

“Major Huet displayed leadership while commanding Reconnaissance Squadron, 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His guidance was instrumental in the creation of the first Joint District Coordination Centre, and significantly advanced the establishment of legitimate border security.”

Received a **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per Government House of 11 June 2019 in the rank of Colonel while Commanding Officer of the United Nations Canadian Task Force Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Democratic Republic of the Congo - CD and Bar – Defence Medal in Gold (France)



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

JUNEAU, Joseph Christian Gillis

OMM MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Colonel – ex Royal 22^e Régiment

GH: 28 October 2008

Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to May 2008

“Colonel Juneau deployed as the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to May 2008. A highly skilled leader and planner, Colonel Juneau ensured the strategies for Joint Task Force Afghanistan met the highest standards and that the headquarters were efficiently and effectively run. As acting commander, Colonel Juneau displayed flair and tact, which brought respect and credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 2009 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM - MSM – General Service Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD



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KING, Russell Joseph

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Major

GH: 28 October 2008

Deputy Commanding Officer in Afghanistan

DOI: February to August 2007

“Major King demonstrated exemplary leadership and professionalism as the deputy commanding officer in Afghanistan, from February to August 2007. His expertise in the planning and management of the battle group as well as his direction of combat operations greatly contributed to the mission’s success.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

LaBRIE, Douglas Marvin

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 28 October 2008

Commanding Officer National Support Element JTF Afghanistan

DOI: August 2006 to February 2007

“Lieutenant-Colonel LaBrie deployed as the commanding officer of the National Support Element of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from August 2006 to February 2007. His leadership, tactical expertise and expert knowledge of support operations were instrumental to the success of Operation MEDUSA. Lieutenant-Colonel LaBrie’s professionalism greatly contributed to the battle group’s accomplishments and to Canada’s efforts in Afghanistan.”

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LANDRY, Michel

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 28 October 2008

RSM National Support Element JTF Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Chief Warrant Officer Landry deployed to Afghanistan as the regimental sergeant-major of the National Support Element, from July 2007 to March 2008. A dedicated leader, he took part in numerous logistical convoys alongside his soldiers. His effective mentorship inspired his troops to carry out their mission with courage and confidence.

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MARR, Douglas Gordon

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Honorary Colonel

GH: 28 October 2008

15 Wing Comox

DOI: 1997 to 2008

“Known and respected by every member of this community, Honorary Colonel Marr has demonstrated outstanding examples of professionalism. A gentleman of impeccable integrity and boundless energy, he has dedicated himself for 11 years to countless events and initiatives in support of the Canadian Forces, bringing great credit to 15 Wing, the home of military pilot training.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

MAURER, Michael Charles MSM CD CG: 29 November 2008
Lieutenant-Colonel GH: 28 October 2008
Assistant Military Adviser UN Assistance Mission for Iraq DOI: July 2006 to July 2007

“Lieutenant-Colonel Maurer served as assistant military advisor to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, from July 2006 to July 2007. By organizing and executing various contact missions to hazardous areas of the country dominated by insurgent factions, he successfully opened avenues for UN influence despite a complex and unstable environment.

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McKILLIP, James Duncan MSM* CD CG: 29 November 2008
Major **BAR** GH: 28 October 2008
Contingent Commander 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge DOI: 09 April 2007

“Major McKillip displayed the highest standards of professionalism and dedication as the ceremonial contingent commander for events commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in France, on April 9, 2007. His leadership and work with the Canadian delegation, in concert with a multitude of partners, greatly contributed to the success of the dedication ceremony of the restored Vimy Memorial by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** 07 April 2007 of in the rank of Major for coordinating the 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII for the Canadian Forces.

Major James Duncan McKillip *is an Armour officer currently serving with the Directorate of History and Heritage at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He is a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at the University of Ottawa, and is a previous winner of the University of Ottawa Gold Medal.*

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MOFFET, Richard MSM CD CG: 29 November 2008
Major – Royal 22e Regiment GH: 28 October 2008
Deputy Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, R22eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Major Moffet deployed to Afghanistan as the deputy commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment Battle Group, from July 2007 to March 2008. His exceptional leadership on the battlefield helped save numerous lives, particularly when leading the battle group during two major combat operations in his commanding officer’s absence. An expert in counter-insurgency operations, he developed comprehensive operational plans that ensured the effectiveness of the battle group, and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

MERCIER, Christian

MMM MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e Régiment

GH: 28 October 2008

Commanding Officer Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School

DOI: June 2005 to 2008

“Commanding officer since June 2005, Lieutenant-Colonel Mercier is recognized for his dedication, initiative and professionalism in transforming the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School into an organization that is now recognized as a world leader in its field.



Medals: MMM - MSM – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – EIIR Golden Jubilee - EIIR Golden Jubilee – CD and Bar

Lieutenant-Colonel Christian Mercier enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1986 and began his career with the Royal 22e Régiment in 1988. From 1988 to 1995, he successively performed command and staff functions with the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, the Infantry School, the Canadian Forces Recruitment Centre in Sudbury and the Royal 22e Régiment Battle School.

In 1995, he went back to the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment as Operations Officer. Promoted to the rank of Major in August 1996, he assumed the command of Company C for more than three years. During that time, he led his company on the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti. He was then posted as the G1 and G3 at 33rd Brigade of Canada Headquarters in Ottawa. In June 2003, he was posted to Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu as Deputy Commandant at the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School.

Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in June 2005, he then assumed command of the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School until the summer of 2008. He was subsequently posted as the G3 at Land Force Quebec Area Headquarters until December of the same year before retiring from the Regular Force. He has been back with the À Primary Reserve as Deputy Chief of Staff at 34th Brigade of Canada Headquarters in Montreal since October 2010. LCol Mercier has been in command of the 6th Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment since May 1, 2011.



On 23 October 2019, **Brigadier-General Christian Mercier** handed over the post of Deputy Commander of the 2nd Canadian Division to Brigadier-General Stéphane Tardif.

On promotion to Colonel, he commanded the 34th Canadian Brigade Group. He turned this command over on 08 September 2018 on promotion to Brigadier General to become the Deputy Commander of the 2nd Canadian Division.

BGen Mercier will be leaving the Canadian Armed Forces shortly after a successful career with the Regular and Reserve Force. Prior to assuming the post of Deputy Commander of 2 CA Div, he commanded, among others, the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School, the 6th Battalion, the Royal 22e Régiment and the 34th Canadian Brigade Group. In civilian life, he is the Chairman and CEO of UV Mutuelle.

Under the guidance of a board of directors, he has served as Director General of the Corporation du Fort St-Jean since January 2009. At the head of a team of 200 employees, he supervises an inventory of more than 40 buildings, dedicated primarily to military training under the auspices of the Royal Military College St-Jean.

Christian Mercier has a Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Ottawa and a Master of Defence Studies from the Kingston Military College. He is a graduate of the Army Staff College and he also holds two diplomas in advanced military studies from the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

ORR, Jeffrey Russell

MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted

Major – Commanding Officer 427 Sqd 2014 to July 2016

AWARDED: 24 February 2011

Leadership with the Development of Canada's First Deployed Special Ops Aviation Detachment

DOI: December 2008



“Major Orr demonstrated leadership and commitment to mission success in the development of Canada's first deployed Special Operations Aviation Detachment (in December 2008). Prior to his unit's arrival in Afghanistan, there had been minimal airlift options available to the Special Operations Task Force and Joint Task Force Afghanistan. Under Major Orr's leadership, the Special Operations Aviation Detachment became an integral part of these task forces and, as a result, greatly enhanced them. His actions were instrumental in Canada's participation as an equal partner in gaining peace and security for the people of Afghanistan.”

Citation released in the Honours and Recognition for men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces 2017 book.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon and extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Bosnia – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

Although born in Flin Flon, Manitoba, LCol Orr spent most of his formative years in Tsawwassen, BC, a small town just south of Vancouver. Looking towards a full-time career in the military upon graduating from high school, he enrolled in the CAF in October 1987 as a Reservist and was assigned to the 12th Service Battalion (Vancouver). LCol Orr continued serving with this unit while simultaneously pursuing civilian flying and undergraduate studies until June 1994. A love for diving saw a service transfer to the Naval Reserve as a Port Inspection **Diver at HMCS Discovery**, a stone Frigate in Vancouver. LCol Orr remained a diver until May 1997, serving at Discovery and Fleet Diving Units (Pacific and Atlantic) primarily as a full-time NCM. Upon completion of this chapter of his military career, LCol Orr transferred to the regular force and initiated training as a CAF pilot.

Since receiving his commission, he has completed Language (St Jean) and Pilot training (Portage la Prairie, Moose Jaw and Gagetown), long stints attached posted for on job training at both 410 Squadron Cold Lake, and 442 Squadron in Comox. In August of 2000, LCol Orr arrived in Petawawa, ON to begin his career as a helicopter pilot at 427 Sqn. Since this time, LCol Orr has been on three operational flying tours and two tours as a Staff Officer.

His first flying tour was as a Tactical Helicopter pilot, which included various operations and exercises as well as service in the Balkans where he flew a wide range of flying missions including those in the pursuit of a person indicted for War Crimes. During his second flying tour he served in a Special Operations Aviation Flight at 427 Sqn as the Deputy Operations Officer, Operations Officer and Deputy Commanding Officer, participating in various exercises and operations throughout North America.

Promoted to Major and posted to Ottawa where he completed a staff tour at National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) in Ottawa as the Deputy J3 Operations for Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. During this period of time he was confronted with a wide array of challenges in both the strategic and operation environment, working closely with CEFCOM, CanadaCom, the RCMP, CSIS, DFAIT and other Allied SOF units. LCol Orr's third flying tour was spent commanding a Special Operations Aviation Flight at 427 including a portion of this tour as the Commander of the First Canadian Special Operations Aviation Detachment in Afghanistan. This detachment was the first occasion that there were Canadian fixed and rotary wing flights, formed an integral SOF aviation element as part of a Special Operations Task Force. He recently completed a second staff tour in Ottawa as an analyst within Chief of Force Development (DGCSI), where he was confronted with a uniquely strategic environment within NDHQ. LCol Orr has more than 3000 flying hrs and holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance), degree from Simon Fraser University, and a Masters in Defence Studies from Royal Military College of Canada. He has been with his wife Diane for 23 years and they are the proud parents of two boys, Dylan, 11 and Riley, 8.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

MOREAU, André

Master Warrant Officer – Royal 22e Régiment
Camp Sergeant Major JTF Afghanistan

MMM MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Master Warrant Officer Moreau was deployed as the camp sergeant major of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His tenacity enabled him to overcome the challenges associated with operating in a vast multi-national camp. His rapid response to changing priorities ensured efficient camp operations for both Canadian and Coalition soldiers in Afghanistan.”



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 09 February 2013 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

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PARENT, Sylvain

Master Warrant Officer
Company Sergeant Major JTF Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: August 2007 to March 2008

“Master Warrant Officer Parent was deployed as a company sergeant major with Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from August 2007 to March 2008. Under extremely adverse conditions, he led his troops through many difficult events. His leadership, devotion to duty, and fortitude were critical to the effective evacuation of hundreds of wounded and to saving the lives of Canadian, coalition and Afghan soldiers.”

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SIGOUIN, Marc-Antoine

Lieutenant
Combat Operations in Afghanistan

MSM

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: August 2007 to October 2007

“Lieutenant Sigouin’s leadership and tactical acumen were an inspiration to his soldiers, during two combat operations in Afghanistan, between August and October 2007. With soldiers withdrawing from combat due to exhaustion and heatstroke, Lieutenant Sigouin kept the remainder of his troops focused on the mission, and effectively led additional troops through intense enemy engagements. His determination greatly contributed to the platoon’s operational efficiency and success.”

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SULLIVAN, Peter

Major
Deputy Commanding Officer Operational Mentor and Liaison Team

MSM CD
Retired

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: February 2007 to August 2007

“Major Sullivan deployed to Afghanistan as the deputy commanding officer of the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team, and as mentor to the 1st Brigade operations officer of the Afghan National Army, from February to August 2007. His planning and teaching skills were pivotal to expanding Canada’s contribution to the team and in enhancing credibility with both the Afghan National Army and coalition partners. His leadership enabled a strategic shift in focus from combat operations to capacity development, and have established the conditions for the long-term success of the Afghan National Army.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

VIRGIN, Stephen Alexander
Commander
Commanding Officer HMCS Toronto

MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: 25 July 2007 to 15 December 2007



“Commander Virgin, commanding officer of *Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Toronto*, deployed as the commander of Operation SEXTANT, from July 25 to December 15, 2007. His exceptional skills and initiative were useful during sometimes tense and potentially hostile international negotiations, and in search and rescue operations. His diplomatic tact enhanced Canada’s reputation in the eyes of Allied partners and the international community.”

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 19 February 2005 rank of Commander.

