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

BERGERON, Joseph Henri Christian

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Major

GH: 14 February 2014

Member of the Multinational Force and Observers

DOI: July 2012 to July 2013

“During his assignment in the Sinai Peninsula from July 2012 to July 2013, Major Bergeron represented Canada as a member of the Multinational Force and Observers. After analyzing a previous infiltration of North Camp by belligerents, he modernized a protection plan for the Force. He also implemented a number of projects to improve the living conditions of Force members. Major Bergeron’s efforts during a difficult assignment helped to improve the organization’s operational effectiveness.”

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BIBAUD, Joseph Damien Roger

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Warrant Officer (now Officer Cadet) – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 14 February 2014

Planner - Tactical Helicopter Squadron in Afghanistan

DOI: January 2010 to February 2011

“Between August 2010 and May 2011, Warrant Officer Bibaud was assigned to Canada’s Tactical Helicopter Squadron in Afghanistan, as a planner responsible for all sustainment operations. He greatly contributed to the success of the operations by developing meticulous aviation plans essential for moving troops and equipment during the relief in place of the Squadron. Warrant Officer Bibaud demonstrated leadership and excellence in a complex multinational environment, thus bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon and 2 additional tour bars – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN HAITI – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar



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

BLAND, Scott Charles Alfred

Major - PPCLI

COS Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: February to November 2012



"From February to November 2012, as the chief of staff of the Consolidated Fielding Centre, Major Bland demonstrated leadership critical to the training and deployment of Afghan National Army soldiers. He formed a cohesive organization between Canadian, Afghan and coalition personnel, and provided essential mentorship and sage advice that contributed to the Centre's operational effectiveness. Major Bland's performance ensured the successful fielding of over 15 000 soldiers and millions of dollars' worth of equipment, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 1 extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – MONOC (Congo) – MFO (with 2 tour symbol) – CD and Bar

CAMPBELL, Douglas Ian

Lieutenant-Commander - RCN

Executive Officer – HMCS Charlottetown in the Arabian Sea

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: January to June 2012



"From January to June 2012, Lieutenant-Commander Campbell deployed to the Arabian Sea aboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Charlottetown. As executive officer, he demonstrated leadership that was critical to maintaining crew readiness and contributed directly to the ship's effectiveness during two operations. Whether fighting a fire, engaging with foreign dignitaries, or personally participating in boarding operations, Lieutenant-Commander Campbell greatly contributed to mission success with professionalism and dedication."



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

CHADDER, Kenneth

Colonel

Planning and Execution of Training Exercise JOINTEX 13

OMM MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: 2011 to 2013

"From 2011 to 2013, Colonel Chadder's performance was critical to the successful planning and execution of Training Exercise JOINTEX 13, one of the most ambitious joint training efforts ever undertaken by the Canadian Armed Forces. As the exercise planning team leader, he developed the training support framework and methodology, and successfully synchronized the efforts of countless individuals and organizations. Without the efforts and leadership of Colonel Chadder, this complex training event would not have enjoyed the success that it ultimately achieved."

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

Medals: OMM – MSM – SSM with bar NATO and 2nd Bar - Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – CD and 2 bars



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

CHEVARIE, Joseph Marcel Edmond

MSM CD (MID)

CG: 22 February 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment

GH: 14 February 2014

Commander of the 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group

DOI: January 2010 to January 2014



"As the commander of the 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group since January 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Chevarie distinguished himself through his unwavering promotion of the development, training and contribution of the Canadian Rangers, particularly the Junior Canadian Rangers. His vision and forward thinking helped the Canadian Rangers play a leading-edge role and enhanced their operational status, enabling them to perform their duties more effectively."

Awarded **Mentioned in Despatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 August 1998 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while Deputy Commander of the Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group in Bosnia-Herzegovina, on July 23, 1993.

Medals: Special Service with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR with MID – UN Haiti with 2 bars – CD and 2 bars

**Lieutenant-Colonel Marcel Chevarie, MSM, CD
Commander 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group**

On 12 January 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Marcel Chevarie left the Royal Military College Saint-Jean, where he had served as deputy commander since its reopening in 2008, to become the Commander of the 2nd Ranger Patrol Group Canada whose headquarters is located in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu. He will assume command of the 2nd Ranger Patrol Group Canada on 12 January 2010, following a short ceremony at Old Mess Military College.

"This is for me a bittersweet moment. It is with regret that I left the Military College Saint-Jean, because it is an outstanding institution that contributes to the education, training and training of officers of high caliber Canadian Forces. But the fact of assuming command of the 2nd Ranger Patrol Group Canada is an honor and a privilege for me," said Lieutenant-Colonel Marcel Chevarie.

Before becoming Deputy Commander of the Military College, Lieutenant Colonel Chevarie was the commander of the Centre for Advanced Learning with the Canadian Forces. A proud member of the Royal 22e Regiment, he commanded in turn an infantry company, the combat support company and the services before being appointed commander of the Royal 22e Régiment Battle School at Canadian Forces Base Valcartier.

Lieutenant Colonel Chevarie has United Nations service in both Haiti and Bosnia (1998 – received MID). He was also the Defence Attaché to the Canadian High Commission in Pakistan.



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

CLIMENHAGA, Jeffrey Campbell

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Commander - RCN

GH: 14 February 2014

J7 within Deputy Commander-Special Operations Forces Organization Afghanistan

DOI: March to November 2012

"While deployed to Afghanistan from March to November 2012, Commander Climenhaga delivered an exceptional performance as the J7 within the Deputy Commander-Special Operations Forces organization, and as the senior Canadian at Camp Eggers. He planned, coordinated and executed equipment acquisitions, as well as oversaw the building of infrastructure that greatly enhanced the capabilities of the Afghan National Army, all while concurrently ensuring Canadian personnel were fully supported."



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DAME, Grant Fernand

OMM MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Colonel

GH: 14 February 2014

Chief of Staff United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

DOI: July 2010 to July 2011

"From July 2010 to July 2011, while deployed to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as chief of staff, Colonel Dame synchronized the efforts of over 9 000 UN personnel. Confronted with concurrent catastrophes of cholera, violence and severe weather, he nevertheless helped the mission achieve outstanding results, particularly in the areas of hurricane relief and security for the presidential elections. Colonel Dame's leadership and work ethic contributed directly to mission success and enhanced Canada's international reputation."



Medals: OMM - MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon + one additional rotation bar – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – UNAMID (Darfur?) - Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar – MSM (USA)

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 18 June 2005 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **Order of Military Medal (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 2015 in the rank of Colonel.



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

DAWE, Peter Samson

Colonel

NATO's Canadian Contingent Training Mission in Afghanistan

CMM (OMM) MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: April 2011 to February 2012



"As deputy commander of NATO's Canadian Contingent Training Mission in Afghanistan from April 2011 to February 2012, Colonel Dawe did an outstanding job during the establishment of the task force. He oversaw the planning and implementation of all task force activities and developed constructive relationships with other countries and civilian partners. Through his leadership, Colonel Dawe played a key role in increasing the capability of the Afghan Forces and brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medals: CMM - MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping - UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar – Bronze Star (USA)

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

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 February 2014 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **CDS Message** of **19 December 2019** in the rank of Major-General.

His brother, Captain Matthew Dawe, was killed in Afghanistan in 2007. His mother, Reine Samson Dawe, was the Silver Star Mother for Remembrance Day 2019. Matthew was 27-year-old and the commander of 8 Platoon, C Company, 3 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battalion, based in Edmonton,



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ELKORAZATI, Islam

Captain – Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

Liaison between United Nations Disengagement Observer Force & Syrian authorities

MSM

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: September 2011 to Sept 2012



"From September 2011 to September 2012, Captain Elkorazati's efforts as a liaison officer between the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and Syrian authorities were critical to maintaining communications during a period of intense internal conflict. Whether navigating illegal checkpoints, solving emergencies in the ceasefire zone or providing front-line mentorship to other officers, he risked his safety daily. Captain Elkorazati's leadership and demeanour were instrumental to the Force's ability to communicate with Syrian authorities and contributed directly to operational success."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNDOF (with 3 tours emblem) – CD

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

DIXON, Gregory Alan

Captain - RCAF

First Officer – Helicopter Rescue 903

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: 11 February 2011

NOBLE, Aaron

Captain – RCAF

Aircraft Commander – Helicopter Rescue 903

MSC MSM

MSM was for this Rescue

UPSHALL, Allan Roy

Warrant Officer – RCAF

Fight Engineer – Helicopter Rescue 902

MSM CD

“On February 11, 2011, then first officer Captain Dixon, aircraft commander Captain Noble, and flight engineer Warrant Officer Upshall were on board helicopter *Rescue 903*, tasked to carry out a medical evacuation of a sailor from a fishing vessel. The combination of darkness, poor weather and sea conditions, as well as numerous obstacles in the surrounding area, made this challenging rescue very hazardous. The crew’s professionalism under such extreme circumstances resulted in the successful completion of the mission.”



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

EDMUNDSON, Haydn Clyde

Captain(N) - RCN

Chief of Staff to the Police Development General Officer

(CMM) MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: July 2011 to July 2012



"While deployed to Afghanistan from July 2011 to July 2012, Captain Edmundson delivered an inspired performance as the chief of staff to the police development general officer. He facilitated critical changes within this organization while concurrently playing a key leadership role in the Canadian contingent. Additionally, his actions during an attack on the Kabul inner security zone were crucial to safeguarding personnel in his vicinity. Captain Edmundson's outstanding and multi-faceted contributions were essential to mission success."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 August 2003 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

Awarded **Legionnaire of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 January 2014 in the rank of Captain(N).

Medals: CMM - MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one additional tour bar – CD and bar – MSM (USA)



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

GARBUTT, Philip Frederick Charles

Colonel - RCAF

Senior Canadian advisor to the Afghan Border Police

OMM MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: August 2011 to July 2012

“Colonel Garbutt’s knowledge and professionalism in his role as the senior Canadian advisor to the Afghan Border Police cannot be overstated. From August 2011 to July 2012, he helped improve day-to-day operations, accelerating the force’s development and moving it towards self-sufficiency. His most significant accomplishment was his work on the border agreement between Afghanistan, Pakistan and coalition forces. Colonel Garbutt’s leadership and ability brought together disparate international parties to develop a stronger border force, enhancing Afghanistan’s security.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 22 November 2008 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – CD and bar



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GIBSON, Michael Richard

Colonel - RCAF

Deputy Judge Advocate General (Military Justice)

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: February 2010 to June 2013

“From February 2010 to June 2013, Colonel Gibson displayed consummate expertise in criminal law and military justice as the deputy judge advocate general (Military Justice). He led the sustained effort to advance Bill C-15, the Strengthening Military Justice in the Defence of Canada Act, a strategic policy that culminated with Royal Assent of the bill in June 2013. Colonel Gibson’s dedication and leadership have enhanced Canada’s military justice system and the operational effectiveness of the Canadian Armed Forces.”



Medals: MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – MONUC (Congo) – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 Bars



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

HARTNELL, Stuart Gordon

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment
Battle Group Sergeant-Major in Afghanistan

MMM MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: April to November 2010



“As battle group sergeant-major in Afghanistan from April to November 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Hartnell was a key player in high-intensity counter-insurgency operations. Tenacious in combat and a firm disciplinarian, he was respected throughout the unit as a model for others to emulate. Whether providing advice to the commander or leading soldiers in combat, Chief Warrant Officer Hartnell demonstrated impressive leadership and soldiering ability, which proved to be critical to the battle group’s operational success.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 May 2010 as CWO.

Medals: MMM – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan Sacrifice - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with one extra bar – SSM with 2 bars – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – Canada 125 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar

Appointed as Chief Warrant Officer of the Canadian Army 07 June 2018 replacing CWO Alaine Guimond.

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HILTON, Douglas Craig

Brigadier-General – Lord Strathcona’s Horse

Institutional Leadership in the Advancement of Professional Military Education

OMM MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: 2011 to 2013



“Since 2009, Brigadier-General Hilton has displayed professionalism, dedication and institutional leadership in the advancement of professional military education. He has raised the bar for our security professionals to an internationally respected and recognized level. He is also known for his ability to impart insight and understanding of Canada’s political imperatives to his students. Brigadier-General Hilton’s efforts have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

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

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar
NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – CD and bar – Alberta Centennial



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

KENNEY, Jeffrey

Petty Officer 1st Class - RCN

Signals Intelligence team leader in Kabul, Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: February to November 2012

“As the Signals Intelligence team leader from February to November 20 12, Petty Officer 1st Class Kenney greatly contributed to improving protection for coalition forces operating within Kabul. He worked relentlessly to refine the tactics, techniques and procedures related to intelligence collection and dissemination. He also enhanced threat knowledge, and enabled the identification and interdiction of insurgent networks. Through these accomplishments, Petty Officer 1st Class Kenney established himself as a leader in his field and significantly bolstered the Canadian Armed Forces’ reputation in Afghanistan.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one addition tour bar – Operational Service Medal ribbon Humanitas – CD



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LEWIS, David Ronald

Sub-Lieutenant – RCN – HMCS Provost

Creation Battle of the Atlantic Memorial and Naval Memorial Park in London, Ontario

MSM

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: February to November 2012

“Sub-Lieutenant Lewis demonstrated outstanding initiative, leadership and dedication in the creation of the Battle of the Atlantic Memorial and Naval Memorial Park, in London, Ontario. From May 2009 to May 2010, he was instrumental in the concept, design and creation of this nationally recognized memorial, which honours the brave young Canadians that were lost in battles at sea. His hard work brought national and international attention to our history. Sub-Lieutenant Lewis has gone above and beyond to create a legacy for all Canadians.”



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – EIIR Diamond Jubilee

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

MÉNARD, Sylvain

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

CF-18 Detachment Commander Libya NATO Operation against Libya

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: March to May 2011



"Lieutenant-Colonel Ménard was posted to Libya from March to May 2011 to support NATO operations. As CF-18 detachment commander, he successfully organized the rapid deployment of his unit despite tight timeframes, and provided stable leadership at the front during the mission. He worked with local authorities to resolve a number of operational matters and was able to integrate new capabilities smoothly. Lieutenant-Colonel Ménard was essential to operational success."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – NATO with Non-Article 5 ribbon bar Libya – CD and bar

Promoted Brigadier-General in July 2017.



PATTERSON, Rebecca Louise

Captain(N) – RCN – Royal Canadian Forces Health Services

Team Leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences in Afghanistan

OMM MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: July 2011 to July 2012



"From July 2011 to July 2012, Captain Patterson deployed to Afghanistan as the team leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences. Through her in-depth understanding of health systems, she significantly enhanced the level of medical training provided by this institution, and paved the way for its ongoing improvement. Captain Patterson's proactive leadership, professionalism and vast medical knowledge fostered excellence at this critical institution, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medals: MSM – Gulf Medal with bar – Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one additional tour bar – Canada 125 – CD and bar

Appointed **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as of CG 27 January 2007. Promoted to Commodore in July 2018. Rear-Admiral in July 2020.

Appointed to the Senate of Canada January 2023



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

PICKELL, Paul Gregory

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 14 February 2014

Commander of Canada's Military Force Contribution to Training Team in Sierra Leone DOI: October 2011 to June 2012

"Lieutenant-Colonel Pickell was deployed to Sierra Leone from October 2011 to June 2012 as commander of Canada's military force contribution to the International Military Training and Advisory Training Team. His leadership, forethought and insight were critical to preparing the country's armed forces for deployments on peacekeeping missions and to the conduct of security operations in support of national elections. Lieutenant-Colonel Pickell's performance enhanced the capacity of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces, as well as Canada's reputation in the country."

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with bar Humanitas - CD



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RIFFOU, Jean François

BAR to MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment

BAR

GH: 14 February 2014

Commander of Task Force Jerusalem

DOI: August 2011 to May 2012

"As the commander of Task Force Jerusalem from August 2011 to May 2012, Colonel Riffou led the Canadian contingent sent to support security sector reform of the Palestinian Authority. His extensive experience and intellectual capacity helped lay the foundation for major transformations within the organization of the United States Security Coordinator. His work helped to strengthen the role of the Canadian Armed Forces within the mission and to cement Canada's reputation as an important collaborator in the Middle East."

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar



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

ROWE, Daniel William

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class - RCN

GH: 14 February 2014

Chief Boatswain Mate – HMCS Athabaskan – Repairs to Ship's Towline

DOI: 28 and 29 December 2012



"On December 28 and 29, 2012, as chief boatswain mate on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Athabaskan, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Rowe displayed technical acumen and perseverance while executing crucial repairs to the ship's towline while at sea. Working in gale-force winds and three- to five-metre waves, he prevented the ship from running aground. Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Rowe's initiative and unrelenting efforts directly resulted in the Athabaskan's safe return."



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SCHELLER, Jessie David

MSM

CG: 22 February 2014

Sergeant - Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)

GH: 14 February 2014

Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan Equipping Afghan National Army Units

DOI: May 2011 to February 2012

"While deployed to the Consolidated Fielding Centre from May 2011 to February 2012, Sergeant Scheller significantly improved the efficiency of equipping newly formed Afghan National Army units. Working directly with Afghan commanders and coalition mentors from 10 different nations, he overcame language and cultural barriers, and completely overhauled the equipment and vehicle fielding process. Sergeant Scheller's leadership and innovative ideas greatly facilitated the deployment of over 11 000 Afghan soldiers and their equipment."

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

SMITH, Gregory Ronald

MSM (*) CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 14 February 2014

Deputy Commander of the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

DOI: March to November 2012

“As deputy commander of the NATO training mission in Afghanistan from March to November 2012, Colonel Smith demonstrated dedication, strategic vision and leadership essential to achieving the effectiveness of Canada’s contingent. He led over 900 personnel while working tirelessly to raise the visibility of Canada’s contribution to NATO leadership. Colonel Smith’s strategic vision, diplomacy and professionalism were critical to the success of the mission, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”



Awarded **Bar to Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Government House** of 11 January 2019 in the rank of Colonel as the Deputy Commander of the Canadian Mission in Afghanistan.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 July 2017 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 3 extra tour bars – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD and Bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)
Promoted to Acting Brigadier-General in July 2016 and substantive in 2017.

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SMITH, Shane Alexander

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Captain – Canadian Forces Health Services

GH: 14 February 2014

Training Afghan National Army Medical Personnel

DOI: February to May 2012

“While deployed to the Kabul Military Training Center from February to November 2012, Captain Smith improved the capability and confidence of Afghan National Army medical personnel through his remarkable mentorship. Additionally, his performance following a massive propane explosion on July 4, 2012, was critical to the effective management of this mass casualty situation, and set a remarkable example for Afghan personnel to follow. Displaying his leadership ability and superb medical knowledge throughout his tour, Captain Smith brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”



Captain Smith also participated in the Beyond the Horizon 2014 mission to build schools and clinics and provide medical care for the local residents of Barahona, Columbia.

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star SWA ribbon one extra tour bar.

Shane was born in Edmunston, New Brunswick and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He has a BSc in mathematics and physics, BA in philosophy, MSc in biophysics and physiology and MD from Dalhousie University. He completed a residency in family medicine at Queen’s University. Shane has served the Canadian Armed Forces for 17 years and very much enjoyed being Advanced Dive Medical Officer. Diving, and diving medicine, was a very interesting part of my life before residency. In 2015 he began a residency in General Surgery at the University of Western Ontario. Now Major.

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

ST. GEORGE, Leonard Kerry

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Major – Administration Branch

GH: 14 February 2014

Land Force Central Area Casualty Administration Officer Repatriated 81 killed

DOI: July 2006 to October 2008

“From July 2006 to October 2008, Land Force Central Area Casualty Administration Officer Major St. George was responsible for coordinating the repatriation of 81 soldiers killed in Afghanistan. As the liaison officer between the fatality repatriation organizations and the families of the fallen, he went to great lengths to ensure everything possible was done to respect their wishes during a most difficult period of time. Major St. George’s dedication, professionalism and compassion under extremely arduous circumstances set the standard for exemplary performance of duty.”

Medals: MSM – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – Canada 125 – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

Major Leonard Kerry St. George, MSM, CD



Throughout his career, Major St. George’s primary focus, and personal challenge, has been to ensure that every Canadian Forces member is treated fairly. Whether in his capacity as the Administrative Officer for ADM(PA) or his role in the overall coordination of the repatriation of soldiers killed in Afghanistan, he has worked to ensure that people are treated with compassion under even the most difficult of circumstances. Never one to turn a blind eye, when he discovered that some family members were being denied travel expenses to attend ramp ceremonies at CFB Trenton, Major St. George engaged his chain of command, and ultimately the Chief of the Land Staff, in order to correct what he believed to be a systemic injustice for the families of fallen soldiers. Major St. George consistently goes above and beyond the requirements of his job and is an asset to Canada’s Defence community.

YOUNG, Douglas Michael Charles

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Captain(N) - RCN

GH: 14 February 2014

Maritime Forces Atlantic Assistant Chief of Staff for Operational Readiness

DOI: April 2009 to September 2012



“From April 2009 to September 2012, Captain(N) Young, Maritime Forces Atlantic/Joint Task Force Atlantic Assistant Chief of Staff for Operational Readiness, was the driving force behind the successful reshaping of the Maritime Operations structure. As a result of his leadership, the newly created National Maritime Component Command garnered a great deal of national and international acclaim. Maintaining his professional acumen while under enormous pressure, Captain(N) Young has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO - CD

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

BALFE, Todd Nelson

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Brigadier-General – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 01 October 2014

Chief of Staff – Communications with International Security Assistance Force Afghanistan DOI: May 2013 to March 2014

“Brigadier-General Balfe was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the deputy to the Chief of Staff of Communications for the International Security Assistance Force from May 2013 to March 2014. Utilizing detailed media analysis, and optimizing personnel and resources, he greatly improved the information flow to his commanders, which provided them with a more in-depth understanding of Afghan culture. He also initiated the Gender Cross-Functional Assessment Team, which promoted a gender advocacy strategy for the country. With his cultural sensitivity and professional acumen, Brigadier-General Balfe brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 December 2012 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon Allied Force - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD and Bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)

Brigadier-General Todd Nelson BALFE, MSM, CD, RCAF

February 1989 to June 1992	3 years 5 months	CT-114 (Tutor) Instructor Pilot Canadian Forces	Moose Jaw, Sask.
July 1992 to July 2003	11 years 1 month	CF-18 Pilot Canadian Forces	Cold Lake, Alberta
July 2003 to May 2005	1 year 11 months	Vice Chief Operations Division, NORAD HQ	Colorado Springs, USA
May 2005 to July 2006	1 year 3 months	Wing Operations Officer, 4 Wing, Cold Lake	Cold Lake, Alberta
July 2006 to August 2008	2 years 2 months	Commanding Officer 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron	Cold Lake, Alberta
July 2009 to August 2011	2 years 2 months	Deputy Commander Alaskan NORAD Region	Anchorage Alaska
August 2011 to march 2013	1 year 8 months	Director of Western Hemisphere Policy NDHQ	Ottawa, Ontario
May 2013 to March 2014	11 Months	Deputy to the DCOS COMMS, ISAF HQ	Kabul, Afghanistan
March 2014 to present	8 Months	Director General Plans (J5), Strategic Joint Staff	NDHQ Ottawa



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

BRISSETTE, Daniel ('Dan') Joseph Laurendan	MMM MSM* CD	CG: 08 November 2014
Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment	BAR	GH: 01 October 2014
Sergeant-Major to Deputy Commanding General (Operations) NATO Training Mission		DOI: April 2012 to April 2013

"From April 2012 to April 2013, Chief Warrant Officer Brissette deployed to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. As sergeant-major of the Deputy Commanding General–Operations organization, he mentored a key network of senior non-commissioned members that provided guidance to over 16 000 personnel dispersed throughout the country. Chief Warrant Officer Brissette established himself as an eminent ambassador for Canada, and set an impressive standard of leadership for all personnel."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** but not gazetted for security reasons.

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 2015 in the rank of **Chief Warrant Officer**.

Medals: MMM - MSM and Bar – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Haiti – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar



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

BROWN, Robert Lee

MMM MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 01 October 2014

Several Senior Appointments within the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

DOI: July 2011 to July 2012

“From July 2011 to July 2012, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Brown rose quickly through several senior appointments within the NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan. He established himself as a strong influence within the Canadian contingent and provided valuable support to Afghan police development. Furthermore, his leadership, composure and strength under fire were critical to mounting an effective response to a large insurgent attack on Kabul. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Brown’s efforts significantly enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 January 2007 in the rank of CPO2.

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COLBERT, Martin Joseph Bruno

MMM MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal 22^e Regiment

GH: 01 October 2014

Sergeant-Major of Canadian Contribution to NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

DOI: October 2012 to June 2013

“From October 2012 to June 2013, Chief Warrant Officer Colbert did an extraordinary job as sergeant-major of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. Through his leadership, he ensured that over 900 Canadian soldiers remained motivated, disciplined and focused, despite the difficult and complex conditions under which they were working. By providing advice to the command team and by training Canadian and foreign subordinates, Chief Warrant Officer Colbert made a significant contribution to the mission’s success.”



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

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Cross** but not gazetted.

Medals: MMM – MSM – General

Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – INTERFET (East Timor) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – USA MSM



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

CORBOULD, Gordon David

Colonel

Deputy Commanding General Coalition Effects & Transitions Joint Task Force-101

MSM* CD

BAR

CG: 08 November 2014

GH: 01 October 2014

DOI: February 2013 to February 2013

“Colonel Corbould was deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, as the deputy commanding general of Coalition Effects and Transitions for the Combined Joint Task Force-101, in Regional Command-East, from February 2013 to February 2014. His leadership and strategic vision engineered the simultaneous reduction and removal of existing equipment and infrastructure at NATO bases across eastern Afghanistan. He adeptly led a large multinational force with energy and professionalism, which brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 March 2010 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 June 2014 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: MSM and bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon plus one extra tour bar - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyrus – NATO Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)



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

FIFE, John Stanley

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 01 October 2014

Commander of the Coalition's Consolidated Fielding Centre Training Advisory Group

DOI: July 2013 to March 2014

"Lieutenant-Colonel Fife was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as commander of the Coalition's Consolidated Fielding Centre Training Advisory Group from July 2013 to March 2014. His leadership and mentorship significantly contributed to the creation and future sustainment of the Afghan National Army. By applying his valuable training and experience, he facilitated the operational transition between the Forces and the Army while establishing the critical capabilities for its future development. Lieutenant-Colonel Fife's achievements brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."

Colonel John Stanley FIFE, MSM, CD Royal Canadian Regiment

Colonel J.S. Fife was born into a Canadian military family at Iserlohn, Germany. He enlisted in the Canadian Armed Forces on 19 December 1988, beginning more than 26 years of loyal and dedicated service. Colonel Fife has served in The Royal Canadian Regiment since August 1990. He is especially identified with 2nd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment (2 RCR), where he commanded at all levels from platoon through company to battalion. In 1990, during Operation SALON, the CAF response to the Oka Crisis in Quebec, Colonel Fife was a platoon commander. In 1991 he was a Duty Officer in Cyprus on Operation SNOWGOOSE. As a Company 2IC he participated in the aid to the civil power Operation RECUPERATION in 1998, in the face of the Quebec ice storm. Later in 1998 Colonel Fife was a company commander in Bosnia during Operation PALLADIUM.



In 2000, as a Major and OC Of India Company, 2 RCR, he was a key player in The Regiment's Operation PARAPET, an event of great significance and rich symbolism that highlighted the long connection between The Royal Canadian Regiment and Britain's Royal Family. From 28 August — 29 September 2000, India Company mounted the Queen's Guard at Buckingham Palace. Colonel Fife was the Detachment Commander. The 2 RCR Detachment also provided the guard for the Queen Mother at St. James Palace and for the Crown Jewels at HM Tower of London. Operation PARAPET was mounted to coincide with the centennial of The Regiment's participation in the South African War. Thus 2 RCR became only the third Canadian unit since 1940 to mount the Guard at the Royal Palaces.

In 2008 in Sierra Leone, Colonel J.S. Fife was the Task Force Commander Freetown during Operation SCULPTURE. His Regimental service culminated when he served as Commanding Officer of 2 RCR at Gagetown, New Brunswick, from 29 June 2009 — 09 June 2011. During Operation PODIUM (military support to the Vancouver Winter Olympics) in 2010, he commanded the 2 RCR Battle Group.

Among other important appointments he has held, Colonel Fife has served as: Chief Instructor at the Infantry School; D Mil C 3 – 5; and G3, Chief of Staff, and Deputy Commander of the Combat Training School.

From July 2013 — March 2014, he commanded the Coalition Consolidated Fielding Centre Training Advisory Group while deployed at Kabul, Afghanistan. Colonel Fife played a vital role in the creation of the Afghan National Army. As a result he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal on 03 October 2014 at the Governor-General's Residence at the Citadelle of Quebec.

Colonel Fife is currently posted at 5th Canadian Division Headquarters, Halifax, Nova Scotia as the Chief of Staff for the 5th Canadian Division. He retired from the Service on 20 July 2015 with his last working day being on 20 May 2015. He died in Oromocto NB Brunswick on 28 December, 2021..

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

GODDARD, Paul Timothy

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 01 October 2014

Main Architect of the NATO Flying Training Centre program delivery recovery

DOI: July 2010 to April 2013

“Lieutenant-Colonel Fife was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as commander of the Coalition’s Consolidated Fielding Centre Training Advisory Group from July 2013 to March 2014. His leadership and mentorship significantly contributed to the creation and future sustainment of the Afghan National Army. By applying his valuable training and experience, he facilitated the operational transition between the Forces and the Army while establishing the critical capabilities for its future development. Lieutenant-Colonel Fife’s achievements brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 May 2005 in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSM – Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – MSM (USA)



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

HOLLAND, Christopher Daniel
Lieutenant-Commander
Executive Officer HMCS Victoria

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014
GH: 01 October 2014
DOI: July 2010 to September 2012

"Lieutenant-Commander Holland displayed dedication and selfless effort as the executive officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Victoria* from July 2010 through September 2012. He was challenged with the numerous difficult and high-profile milestones of completing the submarine's extended docking work period, Tiered Readiness Program, High Readiness Work-ups, and Weapons Certification Program. With expert management and oversight of multiple contractors, and under scrutiny by the national press, Lieutenant-Commander Holland was instrumental in the delivery of a submarine capability for the Canadian Armed Forces."

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LAOUAN, Mohamed-Ali

MSM CD

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force
Officer-in-Charge Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax

CG: 08 November 2014
GH: 01 October 2014
DOI: July 2011 to April 2012

"From July 2011 to April 2012, Major Laaouan did a remarkable job as the officer in charge of the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax during a period of significant changes when the operational rhythm was very fast-paced. He ensured the transfer of tasks from the Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre in Newfoundland and Labrador to his organization while maintaining exceptional search and rescue coverage. Major Laaouan's leadership and work ethic were essential to the success of this complex undertaking."

Medals: MSM – CD and Bar



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

LEBLANC, Joseph Christian Guy
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF
First Officer Helicopter Rescue 908 saving lives off the *SN Tabasco II*

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014
GH: 01 October 2014
DOI: 27 March 2012

LEWIS, Clinton Jeffrey
Corporal – RCAF

MSM CD
Flight Engineer

MAR, Michael David
Warrant Officer – RCAF

MSM CD
Flight Engineer

PELLERIN, Trevor Mark
Captain – RCAF

MSM CD
Aircraft Commander

“On March 27, 2012, despite gale force winds, 120-metre altitude ceilings, snow squalls, and five- to eight-metre waves, the crew of Rescue 908 was involved in a perilous night mission to recover survivors from the *S/V Tabasco II*, foundering in the stormy North Atlantic south of Nova Scotia. First Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Leblanc took charge of all flight functions, including aircraft navigation and survivor spotting, allowing his aircraft commander to concentrate on managing crew resources while flying in the abysmal conditions. Aircraft Commander Captain Pellerin placed the helicopter in a 20-metre hover in order for his crew to investigate the life raft, and subsequently moved the aircraft to the sailboat to affect the rescue. Flight Engineer Corporal Lewis, previously injured during hoist operations, identified an unconventional method to keep the helicopter in position over the vessel, which proved instrumental in the safe completion of the mission. As replacement flight engineer following Corporal Lewis' injury, Warrant Officer Mar immediately stepped in to operate the safe hoist by placing the SAR technicians on board the raft and sailing vessel, and safely recovering five persons, all while battling gale-force winds. The crew of Rescue 908 demonstrated exemplary team work, bringing great honour to themselves and to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Master Corporal Robert James Featherstone, MB and Sergeant Norman Ewen Penny, SC, MB, CD received the **Medal of Bravery (MB)** for their role in the mission.



CITATIONS to the MEDAL of BRAVERY awards to RESCUE 980 (civil) (MB)

Master Corporal Robert James Featherstone, MB and Sergeant Norman Ewen Penny, SC, MB, CD received the **Medal of Bravery (MB)** for their role in the mission with the following citation.

“On March 27, 2012, Sergeant Norman Penny and Master Corporal Robert Featherstone rescued three people stranded at sea during a storm, south of Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia. In spite of the challenging weather conditions, they managed to execute three successful hoist recoveries from a helicopter and retrieve all the victims from their damaged sailboat.”



Photo: WO David Mar – Captain Trevor Pellerin – Sergeant Norman Penny – CF Chief Warrant Officer – GG David Johnston – Mrs. Johnston – General Tom Lawson – Corporal (now M/Cpl) Clinton Lewis - Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Leblanc - M/Cpl Robert Featherstone

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

LEWIS, Sean Patrick

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force
Senior advisor to the Afghan Border Police

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

GH: 01 October 2014

DOI: June 2012 to July 2013



“As a senior advisor to the Afghan Border Police from June 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis played an essential role in Canada's Contribution to the NATO Training Mission. He mentored the police force's senior commanders and helped them move the nascent organization toward assuming its full security responsibilities. Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis' leadership and knowledge contributed to enhancing the capabilities of the Afghan Border Police.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 December 2003 in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SW Asia ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN – CD and one bar – MSM (USA)

Colonel Lewis is a graduate from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston. After completing Airfield Engineer officer classification training, he reported for duty at CFB Toronto, Ontario, where he served as the Planning, Contracts, Operations and Requirements Officer in the Base Construction Engineering Section and was a member of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team responsible for the Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding area. Posted to 8 Wing Trenton, he fulfilled the duties of both the Requirements Officer and the Wing Construction Engineering Officer. He also had the opportunity to serve in the United Nations Mine Action Center in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina as the Training Officer for the region. Under his supervision, three platoons of civilian humanitarian deminers were recruited, trained and deployed to effect mine clearance throughout the Former Yugoslavia.

Colonel Lewis was selected for an exchange position with the US Air Force as the Chief of Contingency Training at Headquarters Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. During his tenure, he was responsible for the contingency training program for US Civil Engineers and the Project Manager for Readiness Challenge VIII, the biennial international Civil Engineer, Services and Personalist war skills competition. Upon his return to Canada, he was appointed Commandant of the Canadian Forces Fire Academy at CFB Borden and assumed command of the Canadian Forces Nuclear, Biological and Chemical School as both units took the first preliminary step towards amalgamation.

After graduating from Command and Staff College, Colonel Lewis assumed the roles of the Chief of Staff for the CANOSCOM Operational Support Engineer Group and the Deputy Canadian Military Engineer Branch Advisor in Ottawa. He returned to Trenton as the 8 Wing Logistics and Engineering Officer overseeing an unprecedented construction boom on the Base while leading an outstanding military and civilian team who enabled multiple airlift support missions. Following his command tour, he held the role of the NATO Senior Advisor to the Afghan Border Police in Kabul, Afghanistan, proudly focussed on evolving this critical security force under the Afghan Ministry of the Interior.

Earning his National Security Program equivalency from the NATO Defence College and the Canadian Forces College, Colonel Lewis was subsequently promoted to his current rank and has served as the Director Defence Force Planning on the Chief of Programme's staff and the Director of Support Coordination within the Strategic Joint Staff. Colonel Lewis's last assignment was the Branch Head for the Taskings and Knowledge Management Branch as well as the Chief Information Office at NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia.

After more than 35 years in the CAF, Col Lewis will retire in the GTA (Greater Trenton Area) in March 2023 and use this location as a launch point to travel to warmer climes with his spouse, Deana. He will fondly reflect on the thousands of phenomenal people with whom he has had the honour and privilege to work over the course of his career.



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

MacDonald, Stephen

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel – Logistics Officer

GH: 01 October 2014

Chief of Staff Joint Task Force Afghanistan and CO of the National Support Element

DOI: October 2012 to July 2013

“While deployed to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan from October 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel MacDonald was the chief of Staff of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan, and the commanding officer of the National Command and Support Element. He was able to maintain situational awareness of over 900 widely dispersed Canadian personnel for whom he ensured the proper employment, protection, equipment and support in order for them to excel at their jobs. Lieutenant-Colonel MacDonald’s leadership and operational vision were integral to Canada’s success in Afghanistan.”



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

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MORRISON, Gordon William Floyd

MMM MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 01 October 2014

Command Sergeant-Major Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan

DOI: June 2012 to July 2013

“As the command sergeant-major of the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan from June 2012 to July 2013, Chief Warrant Officer Morrison used his military knowledge and personnel management abilities to optimize the deployment of 44 new Afghan National Army battalions. His leadership moulded multinational military contingents, and unequivocally contributed to improving the living and working conditions for both Afghan and coalition personnel. From personally mentoring soldiers to coordinating large-scale infrastructure projects, he made several lasting contributions to the Afghan National Army’s development, which brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 November 2008 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

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NADEAU, Jocelyn Joseph

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Lieutenant(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 01 October 2014

Improve Living Conditions of the Haitian People affected by the Earthquake

DOI: 2009

“While posted to Haiti in 2009, Lieutenant(N) Nadeau worked tirelessly to improve the living conditions of the Haitian people and, in particular, to help in the renovation and expansion of a school. Moreover, he ensured the acquisition and delivery of several tons of school supplies. Lieutenant(N) Nadeau’s generous actions, which went beyond his military responsibilities, brought great credit to Canada.”

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

NICKERSON, Robin Kent

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Major

GH: 01 October 2014

Shepherding an Unprecedented Period of Military Co-operation Canada and Jordan

DOI: April to October 2013

"From April to October 2013, Major Nickerson shepherded an unprecedented period of military co-operation between Jordan and Canada. He organized programming from the Canadian Government Global Partnership Program and the Global Peace and Security Fund, and furthered military training co-operation opportunities by coordinating with the United States Central Command forward deployments. Major Nickerson's dedication and professionalism greatly enhanced Canada's reputation as a model of excellence in building international partnerships."

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OSTLER, James Robert

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Dragoons

GH: 01 October 2014

Deputy Commander Canada's contingent to Palestinian Authority security sector reform

DOI: September 2011 to August 2012



"From September 2011 to August 2012, Lieutenant-Colonel Ostler deployed to the West Bank as deputy commander of Canada's contingent to Palestinian Authority security sector reform. Showing exceptional diplomacy, he worked to rekindle strategic relationships between Canada and the Palestinian Authority, and helped secure significant advances in the professionalization of Palestinian Authority security forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Ostler's leadership and efforts contributed to reinforcing Canada's position as a trusted and important collaborator in the Middle East peace process."

Lieutenant-Colonel James OSTLER, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel James Ostler enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1980. He served in a variety of positions and locations during his career with the field army and the institutional army. An Armour officer, his regimental affiliation is with the Royal Canadian Dragoons which is an armour regiment of the Canadian Army. He served with his regiment in Germany in the 1980s as both a tank troop leader and a reconnaissance squadron troop leader when Canada's land force commitment to NATO was based in Europe.

As a Major, he commanded armour and administrative squadrons in Petawawa, Ontario where his regiment was located following the return of Canadian land and air forces from Germany in the early 1990s. During this period, his armoured reconnaissance squadron participated in *Operation PALLADIUM*, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Stabilization Force (SFOR) mission, in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia.

He recently returned from Israel where he was the Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff for Task Force Jerusalem conducting *Operation PROTEUS*. He was in Israel for 13 months from August 2011 to August 2012. This Canadian Forces mission continues to work within a United States led coalition conducting Security Sector Reform activities with the security forces of the Palestinian National Authority in the West Bank. Lieutenant-Colonel Ostler is currently serving as a staff officer within the Army's Directorate of Doctrine which is responsible to produce the Army's doctrine manuals.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College in Kingston and the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. He obtained his Bachelor of Military Arts and Science (BMASc) and his Master of Defence Studies (MDS) from the Royal Military College of Canada. Lieutenant-Colonel Ostler lives in Kingston Ontario with his wife Michelle. His eldest daughter is a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario and is preparing for Law school; his youngest daughter is in her third year of the Health Sciences program also at the University of Western Ontario. His hobbies include kayak-fishing, running, camping, hiking and reading.

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

PELLETIER, Roch

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment

GH: 01 October 2014

Deputy Commander of the Cdn Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

DOI: October 2012 to July 2013

“As deputy commander of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, from October 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Pelletier provided leadership to over 900 Canadian soldiers in 30 different locations throughout the country's three distinct regions. Moreover, he drew up a detailed plan for the withdrawal of personnel, while ensuring that Canadian resources were used to their full potential and that Canada remained at the forefront of the mission. Lieutenant-Colonel Pelletier's efficiency made an enormous contribution to Canada's operational success in Afghanistan.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti with 2 bars –
- EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA).



Major-General Roch Pelletier, MSM, CD



Major-General Roch Pelletier began his career at the Royal Military College of Canada at St-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu in August of 1988. On earning his officer's commission, he served at Platoon, Company, and Battalion levels within the Royal 22e Régiment. He commanded the 3rd Battalion Royal 22e Régiment, the Canadian Army Enabler Group (CAEG, now known as Canadian Combat Support Brigade), and the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre. He also served as the Deputy Commander of Operations for United States Army Alaska, and as the Commander of 5th Canadian Division (The Mighty Maroon Machine). He currently holds the office of Director General Intelligence, Operations, and Plans for the Canadian Joint Operations Command.

MGen Pelletier, deployed to Haiti as a platoon commander, performed the J3 (chief of operations) function for Joint Task Force Afghanistan in Kandahar, and served as Deputy Commander Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission Afghanistan in Kabul. He also participated in domestic response operations.

MGen Pelletier also served in staff positions throughout his career. He was the G35 Plans 2 (international operations and contingency plans) at the Canadian Army HQ, the G5 for 2nd Canadian Division HQ in

Montreal, and the lead planner of the Forces Readiness and Personnel portfolio for the Defence Renewal Team at the National Defence Headquarters.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Program, and the United States Army War College. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Administration, a Master's Degree in Defence Management and Policy, and a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies.

MGen Pelletier and his wife are very active and enjoy running, hiking, and just being outdoors. They also like spending time with the family and are fortunate to be parent of three very dynamic young adults who are all actively pursuing their own dreams.

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

PUMPHREY, Ronald Gerald MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

Deputy Commander - Ministerial Advisory Group for the Afghan Ministry of the Interior

GH: 01 October 2014

DOI: May 2013 to March 2014



“Captain(N) Pumphrey deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the deputy commander of the Ministerial Advisory Group for the Afghan Ministry of the Interior from May 2013 to March 2014. He carefully directed a large multinational staff of military and civilian personnel by coordinating senior staff activities, by identifying impeding political sensitivities, and by ensuring that Afghan projects were adequately funded. Captain(N) Pumphrey’s efforts were fundamental in securing a stable future for Afghanistan.”

Captain(N) Ronald (Ron) Gerald PUMPHREYS, MSM, CD, BA, MA
RMC 19261 – 1994

He joined the Canadian Forces in 1989 under the Regular Officer Training Program following in the footsteps of his older brother, 17606 Major John Pumphrey (CMR 1991), and attended le Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean, Quebec. Captain(N) Pumphrey later transferred to the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, where he graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. On his own time, he later received his Master of Arts from Athabasca University with a focus on Adult Education. Captain(N) Pumphrey was selected to attend the Naval Staff College in Newport, Rhode Island. He graduated in June 2008 and was appointed the Executive Officer of *HMCS Ottawa*. He deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan from May 2013 to March 2014.

He was promoted to Commodore in November 2017 and retired in 2018. He became the Area Director for Fisheries and Oceans Canada in July 2018.

Captain(N) Pumphrey is married to Andrea (Andy) and they have two incredible children, Devin Ryan and Jordan Danielle.

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with Afghanistan bar – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar



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

RIZZO, Pasqualino

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Warrant Officer

GH: 01 October 2014

Preventing Harassment and Abuse through Successful Education (PHASE) Program

DOI: 2001 to 2013

“From 2001 to 2013, Warrant Officer Rizzo developed and implemented the Preventing Harassment and Abuse through Successful Education (PHASE) program, demonstrating his leadership and commitment to the Junior Canadian Rangers. He worked tirelessly with other government and non-government partners in his efforts to champion this program. Warrant Officer Rizzo’s dedication and community sensitivity contributed to the delivery of a very successful healthy living program that will impact thousands of northern youth for years to come.”

Medals: MSM – CD and Bar



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

ST-CYR, Joseph Albert Paul

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

Chief of Staff – United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

MSM* CD

BAR

CG: 08 November 2014

GH: 01 October 2014

DOI: July 2012 to July 2013



"From July 2012 to July 2013, Colonel St-Cyr was posted to the position of chief of staff of the military contingent of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti. His leadership allowed the team at the multinational headquarters to become cohesive; the team proved effective on countless occasions during national disasters and in support of election planning. Colonel St-Cyr's influence also exceeded his military role and contributed greatly to the progress of several important initiatives."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per Canada Gazette of 04 November 2006 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel for his work with Tactical Helicopters in Haiti.

Awarded **2nd Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Colonel for his services as the Defence Attaché to Kyiv.

Medals: MSM & 2 Bars – South West Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal ribbon Haiti - SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars



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

THOMPSON, Robert Joseph

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 01 October 2014

Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Training Advisory Group Kabul Training Centre

DOI: July 2012 to June 2013

“Chief Warrant Officer Thompson deployed to the Kabul Military Training Centre from July 2012 to June 2013, both as the regimental sergeant-major of the Training Advisory Group and the Canadian regimental sergeant-major. He provided skillful advice on national issues while simultaneously mentoring his Afghan counterpart. His leadership and influence were felt throughout the organization as he worked tirelessly to engage Afghan personnel, civilian contractors and all members of the multinational military contingent. His performance brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Chief Warrant Officer Robert THOMPSON, MSM, CD

- Joined as a Materials Technician in 1985.
- Was the Base Coordinator of Official Languages and Director of Language School at 5 CDSB Gagetown.
- Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Training Advisory Group and the Canadian regimental sergeant-major Kabul Military Training Center
- Finished off military career in April 2015 as the Defence Ethics Program Chief Warrant Officer.



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

TOPSHEE, Angus Ian

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

Director of Operations for the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012

CMM MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

GH: 01 October 2014

DOI: 29 June to 03 August 2012



“Captain Topshee’s performance, as director of operations for the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012, was critical to the successful coordination of 40 warships, six submarines, over 200 aircraft and **more** than 25 000 multinational personnel. His intellect and professionalism proved essential to enhancing interoperability among 22 participating nations and, ultimately, to the exercise’s resounding success. Captain Topshee’s performance in this high-profile position brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 02 June 2018 in the rank of Commodore.

Awarded Commander of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) in **CanForGen** 20 December 2022.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 June 2019 in the rank of Commodore.

Medals: CMM - MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM - Peacekeeping – NATO – CD and bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)

Former Executive Officer

– HMCS Toronto

Former Commanding Officer

– HMCS Algonquin

Former Commanding Officer

– CFB Halifax

Promoted Commodore in June 2016. Rear-Admiral – **Vice-Admiral 2022 Commander RCN**

The 23rd exercise in the biennial RIMPAC series, this year’s version involved 22 nations, more than 40 ships and submarines, and more than 200 aircraft that operated in and around the Hawaiian Islands. The exercise is designed to foster and sustain the cooperative relationships that are critical to ensuring the safety of sea lanes and security on the world’s oceans.

Part of that cooperation involved more than 25,000 personnel working together from Australia,



Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.

RIMPAC 2012 demonstrated a variety of exercise firsts, including the first-time non-U.S. officers commanded components of the combined task force during the exercise. Commodore Stuart Mayer of the Royal Australian Navy commanded the Maritime Component and Brigadier-General. Michael Hood of the Royal Canadian Air Force commanded the Air Component. Other key leaders of the multinational force included Royal Canadian Navy Rear-

Admiral Ron Lloyd, deputy commander of the Combined Task Force (CTF), and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Admiral Fumiyuki Kitagawa, vice commander of the CTF. Captain Ron Topshee was the director of operations for the Rim of the Pacific Exercise



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

WILLIAMS, Peter Joseph

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Colonel

GH: 01 October 2014

Kabul Military Training Centre as a Mentor to the Centre's Afghan Commander

DOI: June 2012 to June 2013

"While deployed to the Kabul Military Training Centre from June 2012 to June 2013, Colonel Williams excelled as both the Commanding Officer of the Training Advisory Group and as a mentor to the Centre's Afghan commander. After extensive analysis of the issues surrounding the rapidly decreasing coalition force, he focused his team's efforts on areas that would effectively move the Kabul Military Training Centre towards autonomy. Colonel Williams' leadership and ingenuity were integral to the Centre's operational effectiveness, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."



Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia Medal with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Angola Verification Mission – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and two bars.

Colonel Peter Joseph WILLIAMS, MSM, CD, BA, MA

March	2014 - Present	2014	Director Arms Control Verification at Strategic Joint Staff, NDHQ	Ottawa, Ontario
August	2013 - March	2014	Director, Global Plans, Strategic Joint Staff, NDHQ	Ottawa, Ontario
June	2012 - June	2013	Commander Kabul Military Training Centre Training Advisory Group	Kabul, Afghanistan
June	2010 - June	2012	Director Current Operations / Acting Director-General Operations	Ottawa, Ontario
May	2010 - May	2012	Regimental Colonel of the Canadian Artillery	Ottawa, Ontario
March	2010 - May	2010	Director Plans Western Hemisphere Strategic Joint Staff, NDHQ	Ottawa, Ontario
August	2007 - August	2009	J5 Effects, J5 Plans Afghanistan / Acting J5 CEF Command HQ	Ottawa, Ontario
June	2005 - July	2007	Commanding Officer - 1 st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery	Shilo, Manitoba
February	2006 - October	2006	Chief, Joint Fires and Effects Cell, HQ, Regional Command South	Kandahar, Afghan
June	2005 - August	2006	Team Member Chief of Defence Staff Action Team, NDHQ	Ottawa, Ontario
January	2003 - January	2005	Branch Head, Army Operations Staff, NDHQ	Ottawa, Ontario
January	2002 - December	2001	Student, Australian Command and Staff College	Canberra, Australia
August	2000 - November	2001	Chief Instructor in Gunnery, Royal Canadian Artillery School	Gagetown, NB
July	1997 - July	2000	Canadian Exchange Instructor, The Royal School of Artillery	United Kingdom
July	1997 - May	2000	Open Learning University – MA	Milton Keynes, U.K.
Sept	1981 - May	1985	Royal Military College - BA	Kingston, Ontario

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