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Colonel David Abboud, MSC, MMV, MSM, CD, PPCLI



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

ANDERSON, David James

Brigadier-General

Director of the Ministerial Liaison Team in Baghdad, Iraq Multinational to defeat DAESH

OMM MSM* CD

Ottawa, Ontario (**BAR**)

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: May 2016 to July 2017

"Brigadier-General Anderson was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, from May 2016 to July 2017, as part of the Canadian Armed Forces' contribution to defeat Daesh. As director of the Ministerial Liaison Team, he served as an invaluable member of the Commanding General's senior leadership. Notably, he led a multinational coalition consisting of 70 senior personnel from different countries, and developed and coordinated novel initiatives that empowered the Government of Iraq and allied security forces. Brigadier-General Anderson's exemplary leadership and unwavering professionalism greatly advanced the Government of Canada's objectives in the region."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 07 April 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel as Chief of Staff to Task Force Afghanistan.

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

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Honor (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 May 2017 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: OMM – MSM(*) – Southwest Asia Medal bar Afghanistan – General Service Star ribbon Southwest Asia with additional tour bar – General Service Medal with ribbon Expedition with 2nd tour bar - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia (2 tours) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)
CDS Commendation and four Command Commendations



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

BOYUK, George Michael Albert

Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI

Force Chief Liaison Officer to the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: July 2014 to August 2015



"Lieutenant-Colonel Boyuk was deployed to the United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo from July 2014 to August 2015. As the force chief liaison officer, he demonstrated exceptional strategic acuity throughout an evolving UN mandate and provided a crucial link between the special representative to the Secretary-General and the Congolese armed forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Boyuk consistently produced high-level operational work under demanding conditions and represented Canada in an exemplary manner to the senior military leadership of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the UN."

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BURKE, Ramona Lynn

Commander - RCN

Development of the Naval Ethical Compass and What Right Looks Like campaigns

MSM CD

Orléans, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: 2014 to 2018



"From 2014 to 2018, Commander Burke was employed with the Chief of Naval Staff Strategic Personnel Policy directorate. Her leadership was instrumental to the development of the Naval Ethical Compass and What Right Looks Like campaigns adopted by the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal New Zealand Navy. Her work in modernizing the Canadian Armed Forces pregnancy regulations directly led to a more equitable environment for female members. Her outstanding efforts considerably enhanced Canadian Armed Forces employment equity and ethical conduct."

Medals: MSM – SWA with Afghanistan bar – SSM - EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar plus the Silver Cross



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

BYRNES, Randolph Shawn

MSM CD

CG: 05 January 2019

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class - RCN

GH:

Repaired a complete electrical system failure on HMCS Windsor (submarine)

DOI: 15 February 2016

"On February 15, 2016, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Byrnes, of Her Majesty's Canadian Submarine Windsor, was instrumental in repairing a complete electrical system failure, resulting in a significant malfunction in the ship's aft battery. As the chief engineer, he demonstrated a high degree of professionalism, remarkable leadership and untiring composure while under enormous pressure. His swift thinking and selfless actions ensured the crew's safety and enabled the submarine to restore propulsion and to safely make its way to port in order to conduct urgent repairs."



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COMPTON, Danny Carl

MSM CD

CG: 05 January 2019

Warrant Officer

Ottawa, Ontario

GH: 11 June 2019

Operations warrant officer for Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa)

DOI: 2014 to 2018

"From 2014 to 2018, Warrant Officer Compton consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership and outstanding professionalism as the operations warrant officer for Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa). His tireless work ethic, planning and organizational skills directly contributed to effective emergency responses in the National Capital Region, notably with regards to the Parliamentary shootings in 2014. Warrant Officer Compton's dedication and commitment has had a positive impact upon the Canadian Armed Forces and the Defence community."

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DEUTSCH, Michael Roy

MSM* CD

CG: 05 January 2019

Major - RCAF

Kingston, Nova Scotia

GH: 11 June 2019

Long Range Patrol (LRP) Get Well Program

BAR

DOI: Oct. 2013 to July 2015

"From October 2013 to July 2015, Major Deutsch was instrumental to the success of the Long-Range Patrol (LRP) Get Well Program, an embedded restructuring initiative that has revitalized LRP simulation, training and force development. An important frontrunner of this program, he provided a foundation for military airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (IRP) capabilities to evolve, and reinforced the LRP Force contribution to Operation IMPACT. His focused leadership helped achieve these goals on a remarkably accelerated timeline, creating a solid base from which military airborne IRP capabilities continue to evolve and grow."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 March 2010 in the rank of Major preparing unmanned aerial vehicles for use in Afghanistan.

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



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

FRENCH, Jacob Flavel

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

Project Director Development of Interim Supply Vessel for the RCN *M.S. Asterix*

MSM CD

CG: 05 January 2019

GH:

DOI: January to July 2018



"From November 2016 to March 2018, Commander French served as the project director charged with developing an interim fleet of supply vessels for the Royal Canadian Navy. With little preparation or notice, he laid the groundwork for the first successful conversion of a civilian vessel for use as a naval auxiliary supply ship in support of naval operations at sea, thereby resolving a longstanding and significant support issue. In all phases of the project, from construction to launch, he demonstrated superb leadership and self-assurance that enhanced Canada's naval capacity. His steadfast efforts have ensured that the Royal Canadian Navy is a far more effective and flexible instrument of national policy and a vital contributor to international engagements with Canada's allies."

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan - OSM bar Expedition – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

Captain(N) Jacob French joined the Canadian Forces in 1994 in Saint John, NB as a Maritime Surface / SubSurface Officer, and attended Dalhousie University (BSc Earth Sciences Honours) under the Regular Officer Training Plan. Commissioned in 1998, he was a Bridge Watchkeeper onboard HMCS Algonquin and Calgary, including OP AUGMENTATION in 2000 in the Arabian Gulf.

He completed a Navigation Officer tour onboard HMCS Vancouver in 2003 and was an instructor at the Naval Officer Training Centre from 2004 – 2006. Upon completion of the Operations Room Officer course, he was posted to HMCS Fredericton from 2007 – 2010, to include two deployments to the Middle East under Operation ALTAIR and Operation SAIPH.

He then served as the Executive Assistant to Comd MARLANT from 2010 to 2012. He was appointed as Executive Officer HMCS Calgary in 2014 and Executive Officer Sea Training Pacific in 2015.

His next appointment was as the Director Navy Strategy – Concepts and Project Director Interim AOR (MV ASTERIX). From November 2016 to March 2018, Commander French served as the project director charged with developing an interim fleet of supply vessels for the Royal Canadian Navy. With little preparation or notice, he laid the groundwork for the first successful conversion of a civilian vessel for use as a naval auxiliary supply ship in support of naval operations at sea, thereby resolving a longstanding and significant support issue. In all phases of the project, from construction to launch, he demonstrated superb leadership and self-assurance that enhanced Canada's naval capacity. His steadfast efforts have ensured that the Royal Canadian Navy is a far more effective and flexible instrument of national policy and a vital contributor to international engagements with Canada's allies. This is the citation to the **Meritorious Service Medal** he was awarded for this period.

His most recent sea posting was as Commanding Officer HMCS Regina in 2018 – 2019, which included an Indo Asia Pacific and Northern Arabian Sea deployment under Operation ARTEMIS and PROJECTION, as Commander of the Maritime Task Force with HMCS REGINA and MV Asterix. This deployment also included a contribution to Operation NEON, support to UNSCR sanctions on North Korea in the East China Sea.

He holds a Masters of Defence Studies from Australia National University as a graduate of the Australia Command and Staff Course in 2013.

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

GASPAROTTO, Mark Anthony

MSM and Bar CD

CG: 05 January 2019

Colonel

GH: 08 November 2019

Commander of Task Force Port-au-Prince and COS UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti

DOI: October 2016 to January 2017

“Colonel Gasparotto was deployed from July 2016 to July 2017 as the commander of Task Force Port-au-Prince and as chief of staff of the United Nations (UN) Stabilization Mission in Haiti. He masterfully orchestrated the crisis response efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew in October 2016, coordinated UN support for the Haitian national elections in January 2017, and championed the transition to a new UN mission to help maintain security in Haiti, a continuing priority for Canada.”

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Major while serving as the Officer Commanding 23 Field Squadron with the 1 RCR in Afghanistan

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

**Colonel Mark Gasparotto, MSM*, CD
Canadian Engineers**

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 will retire in the Ottawa area and join the leadership development and consultancy firm that he co-founded.



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

FREDERICKSON, Corey Jason

Lieutenant-Colonel

CO of Joint Task Force Europe HQ and Deputy Cdr of Joint Task Force Europe Latvia

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: March to August 2017



"Lieutenant-Colonel Frederickson was deployed to Latvia from March to August 2017, serving as the commanding officer of Joint Task Force Europe Headquarters and as the first deputy commander of Joint Task Force Europe. In these roles, he set the conditions for the success of the theatre activation team and the subsequent arrival of NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence Battlegroup in Latvia. His exceptional leadership and skills bolstered Canada's contribution to NATO's deterrence efforts in Europe."

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HANCOCK, Nicholas Shawn

Sergeant

Command of the operation's close protection team while deployed to Baghdad, Iraq

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: February to September 2017



"From February to September 2017, Sergeant Hancock was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as part of Canada's mission to defeat Daesh and develop the capacity of Iraqi security forces. Assuming command of the operation's close protection team early in his tour, he directly contributed to operational success by safely and securely executing well over 150 missions within Baghdad's high-threat areas. Sergeant Hancock's exemplary performance and resolute leadership reflected the highest level of military professionalism and were a credit to Canada."

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

HUET, J. Pierre

Colonel – Armoured Officer

Commander of Task Force Democratic Republic of the Congo

MSM* CD

Wainwright, Alberta

BAR

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: July 2016 to July 2017

“From July 2016 to July 2017, Colonel Huet served as commander of Task Force Democratic Republic of the Congo. He demonstrated outstanding leadership and courage when negotiating the release of 16 kidnapped United Nations civilian employees, as well as the disarmament of 750 South Sudanese rebels. He also ensured the success of an operation to halt an incursion by Rwandan rebels. Colonel Huet strengthened the reputation and effectiveness of the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 November 2008 in the rank of Major while serving with the 3 R22eR in Afghanistan.

Awarded **National Defence Medal (Gold) (France)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 September 2017 in the rank of Colonel while as the Canadian Forces Attaché in Paris.



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

In June 2022, he was promoted to Brigadier-General and appointed Deputy Commanding General-Operations XVIII Airborne Corps (USA) in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In June 2024, he was appointed Director General Operations with Strategic Joint Staff in Ottawa.



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

JORGENSEN, Steve

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

Led the Canadian Armed Forces' response to forest fires in British Columbia

MSM CD

Victoria, BC

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: July to September 2017



"From July to September 2017, Captain(N) Jorgensen led the Canadian Armed Forces' response to forest fires in British Columbia. Synchronizing federal and provincial relief efforts, he coordinated an air task force that transported hundreds of first responders and facilitated the provision of essential aid to isolated communities. Through his outstanding leadership, Captain(N) Jorgensen helped contain the most devastating forest fires in British Columbia's history, thereby saving the lives of many Canadians."

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 31 March 2018 in the rank of Captain(N).



Medals: MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia (2) – NATO with bar Kosovo – Canada 125 – CD – Legionnaire Order of Merit (USA)

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KIRALY, Joseph

Petty Officer 1st Class - RCN

Demonstrated Service, Advocacy & compassion as operations WO of *Soldier On*

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: Since 2013



"Since 2013, Petty Officer 1st Class Kiraly has demonstrated incomparable service, advocacy and compassion as operations warrant officer of *Soldier On*, a program benefiting ill and injured veterans and active members of the Canadian Armed Forces. He has been instrumental in the planning and execution of several key events and programs such as the Soldier On Afghanistan Relay and the Invictus Games. Through his unique leadership, he continues to support and provide services to ill and injured soldiers in Canada and abroad, and to enhance the lives of members, veterans and their families."

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping - CD

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LIEBERT, Erik Antony

Lieutenant-Colonel

Helped address harassment and gender inequality in the Canadian Armed Forces

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: August 2015 to June 2018

"From August 2015 until June 2018, Lieutenant-Colonel Liebert made significant contributions to the military's operational effectiveness as a respected member of the Chief of the Defence Staff's Commander's Initiative Group. As part of this internal strategic working group, he managed a broad range of complex defence issues and helped shape key military policy. Notably, his efforts helped address harassment and gender inequality in the Canadian Armed Forces. He also drafted recommendations to counter the global issue of child soldiers, a Canadian strategic objective."

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

LORETTE, Jason Gary Wade

Lieutenant-Commander - RCN

Contribution to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) medicine

MSM

Trenton, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: Since 2015

“Lieutenant-Commander Lorette has made exceptional contributions to the field of Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) medicine. A well-respected expert, he has greatly enhanced the ability of the Canadian Armed Forces and key allies to identify threats and to intervene and respond to CBRN incidents. Notably, he has conducted research into new CBRN medical countermeasures and helped develop NATO CBRN policy. He continues to advance knowledge and front-line effects as an advisor and mentor on the international stage.”

Medal: MSM



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LYTTLE, Robert Jeffrey

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCHA

Deployed to Kuwait as Chief of Lethal Force in Kuwait to combat Daesh

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: July 2016 to April 2017

“From July 2016 to April 2017, Lieutenant-Colonel Lyttle was deployed to Kuwait as an integral part of Canada's mission to combat Daesh. As chief of Lethal Fires of the Combined Joint Task Force, he proved instrumental in the development of complex targets, the timing and sequencing of strikes, and the tactical employment of munitions. A selfless leader, he demonstrated a thorough understanding of the intelligence situation as well as the global security implications in a complex international operation.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – SSM – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar – USA Defense Meritorious Service Medal



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

MacKILLOP, Michael

Major – PPCLI (now Calgary Highlanders)
Staff Lead Planner for this battle group in Latvia

MMV MSM CD

Calgary, Alberta

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: June to December 2017

“From June to December 2017, Major MacKillop was deployed as part of the first rotation of a Canadian-led multinational battle group in Latvia. As the staff lead planner for this battle group, he demonstrated exceptional strategic judgment in successfully integrating members from six countries into a cohesive fighting force, bolstering NATO's presence in the Baltic region. Major MacKillop's exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication were instrumental in advancing Canada's commitment to NATO.”

Awarded **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Captain as the Commander of a Recon Platoon in Afghanistan.

Medals: MMV – MSM - General Campaign Star with SW Asia Ribbon – SSM bar NATO - CD



Mike MacKillop is a twenty-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces and has served on a variety of domestic and international operations. His operations and planning experience were honed in his assignments as the Operations Officer for the First Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and later for The Calgary Highlanders, as the Chief of Plans for the first enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in Latvia, and as the J5 Advance Planning with Task Force Latvia. He is a graduate of the Land Forces Technical Staff Program and spent several years working on the major capital project aimed at enhancing the Canadian Army's sniping, parachuting, night vision, and reconnaissance capabilities. As a reconnaissance platoon commander in Afghanistan, he was awarded the Medal of Military Valour for 'exceptional leadership under fire'. He continues to serve with the primary reserve as a company commander in The Calgary Highlanders.

Mike holds a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from the University of Calgary and a Masters of Public Administration specializing in defence engineering management from the Royal Military College of Canada.

NOSEWORTHY, Gordon Willis Jacob

Commander - RCN

Commanding Officer of *HMCS St. John's* delivering Aid to the Turks & Caicos Islands

MSM CD

Halifax, Nova Scotia

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: September 2017



“In September 2017, Commander Noseworthy led the delivery of life-saving aid to the Turks and Caicos Islands and Dominica in the wake of hurricanes Irma and Maria. As commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *St. John's*, he demonstrated outstanding professionalism, ensuring the delivery of fresh food and water, conducting medical evacuations, and assisting with the restoration of power and re-opening of civic institutions on the islands. Thanks to Commander Noseworthy's exemplary leadership, this humanitarian mission was a resounding success.”

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

PARKHILL, Patrick James

MSM CD

CG: 05 January 2019

Leading Seaman – Royal Canadian Navy – *HMCS Montréal*

GH:

Piloted a rigid-hulled inflatable boat 70 kilometres in the dark in Frigid Weather

DOI: 14 October 2017

“On 14 October 2017, while serving aboard HMCS Montréal, Leading Seaman Parkhill demonstrated exceptional skill and courage while conducting an urgent nighttime repatriation of military personnel in the Atlantic Ocean. Despite low visibility, frigid weather and deteriorating conditions, he readily volunteered to pilot a rigid-hulled inflatable boat 70 kilometres in the dark to Liverpool, United Kingdom. For eight hours, he expertly navigated the boat through heavy seas and unfamiliar waters, safely delivering the repatriated member.”

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SEXSMITH, Ryan Zane

MSM CD

CG: 05 January 2019

Lieutenant-Colonel

Victoria, BC

GH: 11 June 2019

Commanded Air Task Force Pacific during the Forest Fires in British Columbia

DOI: July to September 2017

“From July to September 2017, Lieutenant-Colonel Sexsmith commanded Air Task Force Pacific during the Canadian Armed Forces’ response to forest fires in British Columbia. He skilfully led the rapid deployment of aircraft dispersed over three locations and effectively devised solutions to last-minute tasking, notably planning an alternate emergency evacuation plan for the town of Williams Lake. Through his exceptional professionalism and outstanding leadership, Lieutenant-Colonel Sexsmith helped save many lives and protect property from one of the most devastating forest fires in British Columbia’s history.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – NATO with non-article 5 ribbon – EIIR Diamond Jubilee CD and Bar



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

SHORTRIDGE, Michael Scott

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

Project Director responsible for procuring new vessels for the RCN

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: 2013 to 2018

“From 2013 to 2018, Commander Shortridge served as project director responsible for procuring new vessels for the Royal Canadian Navy. As the lead naval representative for this important project, he played an integral role in managing the program under intense scrutiny in order to safeguard the Navy’s continued capability. His direction and unwavering commitment helped ensure that the Canadian Armed Forces remained an effective and flexible instrument of national policy and a vital contributor to international engagements with Canada’s allies.”

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TENNANT, Michael James

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

Maritime Forces Atlantic’s Chief of Plans and operations and Chief of Staff

MSM CD

CG: 05 January 2019

GH:

DOI: 2015 to 2018



“From 2015 to 2018, Captain(N) Tennant demonstrated exceptional leadership and vision while simultaneously serving as Maritime Forces Atlantic’s chief of plans and operations and chief of staff for the National Maritime Component Command. As he took on greater responsibility in these roles, his vision and direction became vital in determining the necessary structure and organization to perform delegated tasks. Captain(N) Tennant enabled the National Maritime Component Command to effectively oversee and control maritime activities for the Canadian Armed Forces in coordination with key national and international partners.”

In June 2018, Captain(N) Michael James Tennant was appointed the Commanding Officer of Canadian Forces Maritime Centre in Halifax.

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM with two bars – CD and Bar

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THOMSON, Michael

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

Medical liaison officer for the coalition forces deployed to Baghdad, Iraq

MSM CD

Borden, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: June 2017 to June 2018

“From June 2017 to June 2018, Commander Thomson was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as part of Canada’s mission to defeat Daesh and develop the capacity of Iraqi security forces. As medical liaison officer for the coalition forces, he implemented a plan that focused on combat first aid, mental health care, medical evacuation and logistics, which greatly benefited the Iraqi forces. Renowned for his patient diplomacy, Commander Thomson played an integral role in achieving theatre-wide operational success.”

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

VERNER, Thomas Kenneth

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment
Sergeant Major Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai, Egypt

MMM MSM CD
Petawawa, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019
GH: 11 June 2019
DOI: July 2016 to July 2017

“Chief Warrant Officer Verner was deployed as the sergeant-major of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in Sinai, Egypt, from July 2016 to July 2017. In this role, he built trust and forged unity among 1,500 peacekeeping personnel from 12 different nations during a particularly challenging period. Through his outstanding leadership and steadfast dedication, Chief Warrant Officer Verner left an enduring legacy toward the operational effectiveness of the MFO.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSM – Somalia – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia with 2 – Multinational Force and Observers with 2 (MFO) – CD and 2 Bars



Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Tom Verner, MMM, MSM, CD



Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Tom Verner enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1987 as an Infantryman. Upon completion of basic training and infantry battle school he was posted to the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment in London, Ontario.

During his service as an Infantryman, Paratrooper, and Special Forces Operator he has served in the 1st and 3rd Battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment (RCR), 3 Commando and Combat Support Commando of the Canadian Airborne Regiment (CAR), the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR), culminating as the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM), and as the Canadian Special Operations Forces (CANSOFCOM) Career Manager in the Directorate of Military Careers (DMILC).

Chief Warrant Officer Verner has completed nine full operational deployments overseas in addition to multiple shorter term domestic and expeditionary engagements. In 1989, he deployed with the United Nations Peacekeeping force in Cyprus with the 1st Battalion the Royal Canadian Regiment. From 1992-1993, he deployed with The Canadian Airborne Regiment in Somalia. He then completed two tours in Bosnia as part of Parachute Company, 3 RCR in 1998 and 2001. Subsequently, he completed four tours in Afghanistan, commencing as a paratrooper on Roto 0 in 2003, and the last as a Special Forces Operator and SOTF Sgt Maj in Kandahar in 2010-2011. His latest tour was a year-long deployment to the Sinai, Egypt in 2016-2017 as

the Force Sergeant Major for the twelve nation Multinational Force and Observers (MFO).

From 2017 – 2020, CWO Verner was appointed as the Formation Sergeant Major of the 4th Canadian Division Support Group (4 CDSG) and Base Chief Warrant Officer in Petawawa, Ontario. As a secondary duty, he was appointed in 2019 as the Chief Warrant Officer of the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps (RCIC). During this period, he also supported the community in many ways, including sitting on the Board of Directors (Governance) for the Bernadette McCann House, a women's shelter in Pembroke, Ontario.

CWO Verner was appointed in June 2021 as the Formation Sergeant Major (Army Training Sgt Maj) at The Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Center. As a secondary duty, in June 2021 he was also appointed by his Infantry Regiment, The Royal Canadian Regiment, in the role of Regimental Sergeant Major (RCWO).

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

WONG, Wayne Terence

Major

Leadership in Operation Ho Ho Ho

MSM CD

Toronto, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: 2003 to 2018



"Major Wong has demonstrated outstanding leadership and compassion through Operation HO HO HO, an annual fundraising program he created in 2003 to purchase Christmas gifts for sick children in Toronto. His dedication and enthusiasm in canvassing military and civilian communities have led to annual donations reaching close to a quarter of a million dollars. Major Wong's contributions have positively impacted the lives of thousands of sick children and their families, as well as those of many injured soldiers of the Canadian Armed Forces, who now participate annually in the initiative."

Awarded a **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (Bar)** as per **Honours and Awards book 2023** in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel when deployed as deputy chief of operations, Combined Air Operations Centre in Qatar.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Medal with SWA ribbon – CD and Bar

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NAME NOT GAZETTED (1)

MSM

CF: 05 January 2019

No Rank

GH:

Name and Citation not released for Security and Operational Reasons

DOI: no dates

"On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, has awarded a Meritorious Service Cross and a **Meritorious Service Medal** to members of the Canadian Armed Forces for military activities of high standard that have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada. For security and operational reasons, the recipient names and citations have not been released."

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

BELAIR, Sylvain Elie Jean-Paul

Commander – Commanding Officer *HMCS Ottawa*
Deployed on Op Projection in the Indo-Asia Pacific Region

MSM CD
Victoria, BC

CANFORGEN: 27 May 2019
GH: 11 June 2019
DOI: 06 March to 08 August 2017

“From March 6 to August 8, 2017, Commander Belair served as captain of *HMCS Ottawa* during Operation PROJECTION in the Indo-Asia Pacific region. As commanding officer, he trained his crew to a state of high readiness, preparing them for the complex challenges of their deployment and ensuring an impressive standard of professionalism. Throughout his mission, Commander Belair displayed exceptional leadership, managing with steadfast dedication the intricacies of balancing high security with strategic intents to the fullest extent possible.”



“For exceptional leadership and stalwart efforts as Commanding Officer of *HMCS Ottawa* deployed on Op Projection in the Indo-Asia Pacific Region from 06 March to 08 August 2017.

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



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HUTCHINSON, Jon Jeffrey

Commander – RCN
Captain of *HMCS Winnipeg* and as task force commander of Operation PROJECTION

MSM CD
Victoria, BC

CG: CANFORGEN: 27 May 2019
GH: 08 November 2019
DOI: March to August 2017

“Commander Hutchinson displayed exceptional leadership and professionalism as captain of *HMCS Winnipeg* and as task force commander of Operation PROJECTION while deployed to the Indo-Pacific region from March to August 2017. After navigating the busy, volatile and contested South China Sea, he successfully led an international engagement program spanning two oceans and nine countries. In addition, he helped develop and maintain critical diplomatic, military and economic partnerships, enhancing Canada’s presence and involvement in the region.”

Medals: MSM – SSM with bar Expedition – CD and Bar

**Commander Jon Jeffrey Hutchinson, MSM, CD, RCN
Commanding Officer *HMCS Winnipeg***

A native of Middle Musquodoboit, Nova Scotia, Cdr Hutchinson joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1991 and has sailed extensively on both the east and west coasts.

He assumed command of *HMCS Winnipeg* from Cdr Pascal Belhumer on 16 January 2016, while alongside Penang, Malaysia, during the vessel’s 2015 Operation Active Endeavour deployment. Cdr Hutchinson took his new charge from Penang to Singapore, on the south tip of the Malayan Peninsula, and from there to Tokyo, and then back to Esquimalt via Pearl Harbor, arriving Feb. 22, 2016. Cdr Hutchinson again took *Winnipeg* to sea on the heels of a mid-April namesake city visit, with May 2016 seeing him lead the ship through Ship Without Air Detachment training, Basic Single Ship Readiness Training, Replenishment At Sea (RAS) Force Generation, and the Fleet Navigating Officer course. The ship’s company subsequently employed lessons learned during



numerous exercises off of Southern California with the United States Navy and United States Coast Guard over September and October, a highlight of which was San Diego Fleet Week. *Winnipeg* spent winter of 2016/17 preparing to sail for Poseidon Cutlass, a five-month voyage throughout the Indo-Pacific Region, designed as a demonstration of Canada's commitment to regional stability and security through interoperable naval operations and diplomatic liaisons.

Cdr Hutchinson took the ship out of Esquimalt March 6, then across the Pacific Ocean via California, Pearl Harbor, Guam and the Philippines. The ship spent two weeks in Port Klang, Malaysia, and then sailed through the Straits of Malacca, into the Indian Ocean destined for its westernmost port of call, Mumbai, India. He then brought the crew back through the Straits of Malacca via Sri Lanka, Singapore, and Jeju and Busan, South Korea. En route, he oversaw the successful completion of Exercise Pacific Guardian from June 7-21, a multinational endeavour between the Canadian, Japanese, and New Zealand Navies. Cdr Hutchinson next brought *Winnipeg* into Kure and Tokyo, Japan, before sailing across the Pacific yet again, via Pearl Harbor.

The ship engaged in RAS force generation with *Almirante Montt*, setting future ships and their crews up for success by training Canadian crewmen on board the Chilean tanker. Amidst great fanfare, *Winnipeg* finally returned to Esquimalt on 08 August 2017.

A few weeks later, the ship's company assembled on *Winnipeg's* flight deck by divisions for the command change ceremony. Lt(N) Squires led the assembly through strong and thoughtful prayers. Lt(N) Henderson served as Master of Ceremonies, and introduced Commodore Zwick, Cdr Hutchinson, and Cdr Stefanson. Cdr Hutchinson spoke to the ship's company, and made clear his appreciation for serving as *Winnipeg's* Commanding Officer – the pinnacle of a MARS Officer's career. Employing quotes from Joseph Conrad and Admiral Nelson, Cdr Hutchinson humorously voiced his thoughts on captaincy, and offered some advice to Cdr Stefanson. Commodore Zwick then thanked Cdr Hutchinson for his tenure as *Winnipeg's* Commanding Officer, and praised Cdr Stefanson's proven abilities to lead the ship and its company through its future trials and tribulations.

Now Captain(N) Jon Jeffrey (Jeff) Hutchinson, a native of Middle Musquodoboit, NS, joined the Canadian Armed Forces in June 1991 and immediately underwent Basic Officer Training in Chilliwack, BC. He thereafter completed two years at Royal Roads Military College in Victoria, BC and finished his undergraduate education at the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, ON in 1995 graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

After completing basic naval officer training at Naval Officer Training Centre *Venture*, Capt(N) Hutchinson transferred to the east coast and earned his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate in Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) *Montreal* in 1997. Thereafter he received his Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer's and then his Fleet Navigating Officer's qualifications and served in both instances in HMCS *Halifax*. In 2000, Capt(N) Hutchinson went ashore to serve as a Squadron Commander at the Royal Military College of Canada. In 2003, he returned to HMCS *Halifax* to serve as Deck Officer. He received his Operations Room Officer's qualification in 2006 and transferred to the west coast where he served first as Weapons and then Combat Officer in HMCS *Vancouver* and as Operations Officer for Sea Training Pacific. Capt(N) Hutchinson was appointed Executive Officer in HMCS *Calgary* from July 2011 to October 2012 and in HMCS *Algonquin* to June 2013. He was appointed Commanding Officer of HMCS *Winnipeg* in January 2016 and deployed in company with HMCS *Ottawa* to the Indo-Asia Pacific region in 2017 where the ship conducted exercises and operations with the United States Navy, the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force, Royal Australian Navy, the Armada de Chile and Republic of Korea Navy, and PASSEXs with the navies of India and Sri Lanka.



He is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, graduating in 2011 with a Masters in Defense Studies. Capt(N) Hutchinson completed his Senior Military Education as part of the Naval Command College at the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

Capt(N) Hutchinson has worked in a staff capacity for the Director Defence Programme Coordination and most recently as Director Naval Strategic Management at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, ON. He assumed the role of Commander Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt in July 2021.

He is married to his beautiful and talented wife, Jin. They reside together in Esquimalt, BC with their two daughters, Hayden and Scarlett.

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

WILLS, Michael Paul

MSM CD

CANFORGEN: 27 May 2019

Lieutenant-Commander – Commanding Officer *HMCS Oriole* – Ex *HMCS Discovery*
111-Day Deployment from Esquimalt, BC to Halifax NS

GH:

DOI: March to August 2017

“As the commanding officer from March to August 2017 of *HMCS Oriole*, Lieutenant-Commander Wills demonstrated outstanding leadership, professional acumen and dedication when the ship undertook a 13,000-nautical-mile deployment over 111 days, from Esquimalt, British Columbia, to Halifax, Nova Scotia. Leading a novice crew, he displayed expert sailing skills while he commanded this tall ship across two oceans, despite difficult weather and sea conditions. He rigorously trained his crew and ensured their safety throughout the voyage, successfully accomplishing this remarkable feat of seamanship.”

“For outstanding leadership, professional acumen and dedication as Commanding Officer of *HMCS Oriole* during a 111-day deployment from Esquimalt, BC to Halifax, NS, from March to August 2017.

Medals: MSM – EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

Commanding Officer of *HMCS Brandon* in 2021.



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

ABBOUD, Joseph Antoine Dave

Colonel – former Royal 22e Regiment

Chief of Liaison & Cdn Contingent Commander Multinational Force and Observers Sinai

MSC MMV MSM CD

Montréal, Quebec

CG: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2018

DOI: July 2017 to July 2018



“Colonel Abboud served as deputy commander of Task Force Middle East from July 2017 to July 2018 while deployed to Jordan. He successfully assembled a team to implement a program to strengthen the capacities of the armed forces of Jordan and Lebanon, two countries facing security challenges compounded by the context of the civil war in Syria. Through his proven skills and forward-thinking leadership, he has contributed to the success of Canada’s overall strategy in the Middle East and has strengthened co-operation with allied nations.”



“For his unparalleled leadership and exemplary professionalism as the Deputy Commander of Task Force Middle East in Jordan from July 2017 to July 2018.”

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 November 2008 in the rank of Major while Commanding ‘B’ Company of the R22eR as part of JTF Afghanistan.

Awarded the **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 November 2008 in the rank of Major while Commanding ‘B’ Company of the R22eR as part of JTF Afghanistan.

Medals: MSC – MMV – MSM - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Operational Service with Expedition Ribbon and one extra tour bar - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR –

NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia - CD

Promoted to **Brigadier-General** in April 2021 and made COS to the Assistant Chief of Staff. Promoted to MGen in 2024 and made Chief of Defence Intelligence.

AULD, Fraser George

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Dragoons

Commanding Officer of Joint Task Force Ukraine

MSM CD

CG: 06 July 2019

GH:

DOI: March to September 2018



“Lieutenant-Colonel Auld deployed to Ukraine from March to September 2018 as commander of the Joint Task Force Ukraine. He successfully led a team of more than 200 soldiers and civilians from various regions around the world, providing them with training to enhance the Ukrainian Security Forces. His rigour and involvement were vital to the creation of several training centres and institutions across the country and a security force capacity building doctrine. His initiatives contributed to Ukraine’s regional stability and elevated Canada’s involvement in the region.”

“For stalwart leadership, innovative thinking and tireless work ethic when deployed to Ukraine as the Commanding Officer of Joint Task Force – Ukraine from March to September 2018.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Medal with SWA ribbon and four extra tour bars – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

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

BARRETT, Gary

Sergeant – Royal Canadian Regiment
Master Sniper for Joint Task Force-Ukraine

MSM
Petawawa

CG: 06 July 2019
GH: 08 November 2019
DOI: September 2017 to March 2018

“Sergeant Barrett was deployed to Ukraine from September 2017 to March 2018 as part of NATO’s program to build the capabilities of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. A master sniper, he played a leading role in reforming and standardizing the sniper training programs across the Ukrainian Armed Forces and in proposing tangible solutions to Ukraine-specific challenges. Thanks to Sergeant Barrett’s initiative and organizational skills, the Ukrainian army now has the necessary tools to train its snipers independently and consistently.”

“For extraordinary technical acumen as the Joint Task Force-Ukraine Master Sniper from September 2017 to March 2018.”

Medals: MSM – Sacrifice – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO



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BODE, Jason W.

Petty Officer First Class - *HMCS Oriole*
Coxswain of HMCS Oriole on her 111-day deployment from Esquimalt, BC to Halifax, NS

MSM CD
Victoria, BC

CG: 06 July 2019
GH: 08 November 2019
DOI: March to August 2017

“From March to August 2017, Petty Officer 1st Class Bode was deployed as coxswain aboard HMCS Oriole on its journey from Esquimalt, British Columbia, to Halifax, Nova Scotia. His professional acumen and expert seamanship were evident throughout the 13 000-nautical-mile voyage marking Canada’s 150th anniversary. As the tall ship visited 25 ports in 8 different countries over the span of 111 days, he served as an excellent leader and representative of the Canadian Armed Forces.:

“For outstanding leadership, professional acumen and dedication Coxswain of *HMCS Oriole* during a 111-day deployment from Esquimalt, BC to Halifax, NS, from March to August 2017.



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

BOUCHARD, Daniel Joseph Jacques Larry

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

Deputy Commander Task Force and U.S. Security Coordinator for Israel & Palestine

Director Ops Support to Op Proteus

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: July 2017 to July 2018

“From July 2017 to July 2018, Captain(N) Bouchard was deployed to Jerusalem as Canadian deputy task force commander and director of operational support to the US Security Coordinator for Israel and Palestine. The pairing of these two positions enabled him to join the multinational efforts to build the capacity of the Palestinian Authority Security Forces. His leadership and expertise enabled him to improve security programs in the West Bank, making them more viable in a tense and unpredictable environment.”

“For outstanding leadership and decisive professionalism as Task Force Deputy Commander and Director Ops Support of the U.S. Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian authority in Jerusalem from July 2017 to July 2018.”

Medals: MSM – Operational Service Medal (Op Proteus) with one extra tour bar – CD and Bar – Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)

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CÔTÉ, Nicolas Robin

Warrant Officer

Sergeant Major for OP PRESENCE, Joint Task Force-Mali

MSM CD

Kingston, Ontario

CG: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: June to August 2018



“From June to August 2018, Warrant Officer Côté contributed to the UN mission in Mali. As camp sergeant major of the Joint Task Force Support Component, he ensured that new team members were welcomed and integrated smoothly to ensure the effectiveness of the mission in collaboration with the German and Dutch forces. Typical of his commitment, Warrant Officer Côté did not hesitate to travel urgently to Dakar, Senegal, to temporarily assume the role of sergeant major to maintain the continuous flow of equipment in the region.”

“For outstanding efforts as the Sergeant Major for OP PRESENCE, Joint Task Force-Mali from June to August 2018.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal Expedition – NATO bar non-Article 5 – NATO bar Article 5 – CD and bar

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

DURNFORD, Andrew Jack

MMM MSM CD

CG: 06 July 2019

Chief Warrant Officer – 3 Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment

Invested: 27 May 2021

RSM of Joint Task Force-Ukraine

DOI: September 2017 to March 2018

“While deployed to Ukraine from September 2017 to March 2018, Chief Warrant Officer Durnford forged key relationships between Ukraine and Canada, and served as an exemplary role model to both senior and junior soldiers. As the Joint Task Force regimental sergeant-major, he made important contributions to the development of the Ukrainian non-commissioned officer’s corps, notably by establishing training cadres at various military academies in Ukraine. Respected for his dedication and professionalism, he greatly enhanced Canada’s collaborative reputation abroad.”

“For exceptional dedication and stalwart professionalism as Regimental Sergeant-Major of Joint Task Force-Ukraine from September 2017 to March 2018.”

Medals: MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Southwest Asia with bar
Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar



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FOREST, Michael Patrick

MMM MSM* CD

CG: 06 July 2019

Chief Warrant Officer - PPCLI

BAR to the MSM

GH: 08 November 2019

Sergeant Major of NATO S Enhanced Forward Battle Group in Latvia

DOI: June 2017 to January 2018

“Chief Warrant Officer Forest was deployed to Latvia from June 2017 to January 2018 as part of Canada’s contribution to NATO deterrence in Central and Eastern Europe. As the sergeant major of the enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group, he shaped a disparate team into a cohesive unit and maintained discipline and morale in a complex and multinational environment. Recognized as a superb role model and ‘force multiplier,’ Chief Warrant Officer Forest left an enduring legacy of the battle group’s operational effectiveness and a positive reflection on Canada.”

“For outstanding leadership while deployed at the Sergeant Major of NATO S Enhanced Forward Battle Group in Latvia from June 2017 to January 2018.”



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 27 March 2010 in the rank of Warrant Officer with the PPCLI in Afghanistan.

Medals: MMM – MSM and bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar



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

FRENCH, Sean Martin

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment
Commanding Officer of NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence in Latvia

MSM CD
Oromocto, NB

CG: 06 July 2019
GH: 08 November 2019
DOI: January to July 2018



"From January to July 2018, Lieutenant-Colonel French displayed remarkable leadership and vision as the commanding officer of NATO's enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in Latvia. Displaying profound insight, he worked tirelessly to refine processes and procedures in a wide range of areas, from combat readiness to the mess, thereby ensuring the effectiveness and efficiency of the multinational battle group. Lieutenant-Colonel French's outstanding efforts and focus on all aspects of the tour directly contributed to the tremendous success of Canada's mission in Latvia."

"For remarkable leadership and vision while deployed as the Commanding Officer of NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence (eFP) Brigade in Latvia from January to July 2018."

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

Colonel Sean Martin French, MSM, CD

Colonel Sean French was born and raised near Buckingham, Quebec. He enrolled in the Army as an infantry officer upon finishing high school in 1994 and joined the Royal Canadian Regiment in 1999. Col French has had the fortune of serving with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions of the RCR. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and a Master's degree in Defence Studies.

Col French has had the privilege to command at the platoon, company and battalion level in a variety of roles to include mechanized, rifle, parachute, anti-armour, and combat service support. His operational experience includes tours of duty in Bosnia as a platoon commander, Afghanistan as a mentor with an Afghan National Army battalion, with the UN Force Headquarters in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a senior liaison officer and commanding NATO's enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in Latvia. Other career highlights include working with both the US 82nd Airborne, and Polish 11th Armoured Divisions, as well as commanding the Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team, the SkyHawks.

Staff assignments include time at the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre conducting trials, service as the G3 for 4th Canadian Division, and at Chief Force Development on Capability Based Planning and then defining the capability porting of the Strong, Secure, Engaged defence policy.



Col French is married with 2 children and enjoys hunting, fishing and woodworking.

Col French has been fortunate throughout his career to work with great people, they are the Canadian Armed Forces' greatest asset and strength. His most recent position has been with Chief Professional Conduct and Culture as part of the Leadership Support Team which is a new program focused on supporting units in implementing best practices to create stronger units.

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

HICKEY, Mark Christopher

MSM CD

CG: 06 July 2019

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force CO 409 Squadron

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Air Task Force Commander of NATO's Enhanced Air Policing Commitment Romania

DOI: August 2017 to January 2018

"Lieutenant-Colonel Hickey was deployed to Romania from August 2017 to January 2018 as part of Canada's contribution to NATO's air policing missions over Eastern Europe. As the Air Task Force commander, he superbly managed operational risk and coordinated support, discipline and host nation engagements. In the process, he executed over 250 sorties and accumulating more than 350 flight hours with a fleet of only four fighter aircraft. Lieutenant-Colonel Hickey's inspiring leadership and steely dedication ensured mission success, bringing credit to Canada.

"For inspiring leadership while deployed to Romania as the ATF Commander as part of the NATO's Enhanced Air Policing commitment over Eastern Europe from August 2017 to January 2018."

Medals: MSM – General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – SSM bar Expedition - NATO – CD and bar – Romanian Medal of Honour (not gazetted)



Colonel M.C. Hickey, MSM, CD
Deputy Commander of the 601st Air Operations Center

Colonel (Col) Mark Hickey joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1996. Upon graduation from the Royal Military College of Canada, he commenced pilot training at 15 Wing Moose Jaw on the CT-156 and CT-155 aircraft, earning his Pilot Wings in 2003. His first flying assignment was as a CT-156 instructor pilot at 2 Canadian Forces Flying Training School. After which, in 2007, he commenced CF-18 training, and was assigned to 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron, where he ultimately completed three operational tours over the course of his career.

Col Hickey's staff appointments include Executive Assistant to the Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division, Acting Senior Staff Officer – Fighters, & Staff Officer – Fighter Coordination. He also served as the A5/8 Combined Strategic Plans & Requirements Division Chief at 1st Air Force Headquarters, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Col Hickey has participated in numerous domestic and international operations, to include NORAD support to Operation NOBLE EAGLE, as well as Operation PODIUM. He deployed as the Roto 0 Air Task Force Commander in support of the NATO enhanced Air Policing mission during Operation REASSURANCE - ROMANIA, and he has also had the opportunity to fly combat missions in support of Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR over Libya, and Operation IMPACT over Iraq.

Col Hickey has held several command positions, including Commanding Officer of 4 Wing Operational Support Squadron, Commanding Officer of 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron, Commander of Air Task Force – Romania, and Commanding Officer of Canadian Detachment – Tyndall. He has over 2000 flying hours, of which more than 1000 hours are on the CF-18 Hornet. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering, a Master of Applied Science, a Master of Defence Studies, and is also a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Programme.

Col Hickey was promoted to his current rank on February 16, 2021, and is currently assigned as the Deputy Commander of the 601st Air Operations Center CONR/AFNORTH.

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

JAQUEMOT, Joseph François Jean-Claude Sylvain
Chief Petty Officer First Class – *HMCS Winnipeg*
Coxswain of HMCS Winnipeg deployed on Op Projection

MSM CD
Victoria, BC

CG: 06 July 2019
GH: 08 November 2019
DOI: March to August 2017



“Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Jaquemot served as coxswain on board HMCS Winnipeg during a mission in the Indo-Pacific region from March to August 2017. He distinguished himself within the command team by his methodical approach and great attention to detail, from the preparation phase to deployment, including creating a competent and coherent team. He proved to be a pillar of this mission, paving the way for the Canadian Armed Forces’ involvement in the region and increased multinational engagement.”

“For outstanding leadership and professionalism as Coxswain of HMCS Winnipeg during Op Projection in the Indo-Asia-Pacific Region from March to August 2017.”

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

In 2019 he became the Fleet Chief Atlantic.

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

JAYNE, Andrew Ronald

Colonel – Royal Canadian Engineers
Commander of Joint Task Force-Iraq

MSM CD
Ottawa, Ontario

CF: 06 July 2019
GH: 08 November 2019
DOI: March to August 2017

“Colonel Jayne served as commander of Joint Task Force Iraq from December 2017 to October 2018 as part of Canada’s mission to defeat Daesh. He skilfully and confidently led a 700-member team to build the capacity of the Iraqi armed forces, which earned him praise from the members of the international coalition. Through his initiatives, Colonel Jayne exceptionally represented Canada’s strategies and commitments within the coalition and enabled Canada to strengthen its ties with allied nations.”

“For exceptional leadership while deployed Commander of Joint Task Force-Iraq from December 2017 to October 2018.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Expeditionary - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – NATO with bar Kosovo – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

**Colonel Andrew Ronald JAYNE, MSM, CD
Royal Canadian Engineers**

After graduating from RMC in 1991, Jayne finished his training as a combat engineer officer in Chilliwack before being posted to Gagetown, NB. He was then posted to England for a couple of years where he served with the British Armoured Engineering Regiment and was deployed to Bosnia. His military career then took him from Calgary to Edmonton, where he worked in the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, and then took command of three different squadrons at 1 Combat Engineer Regiment. There, he was again deployed to Bosnia, before returning to Gagetown in 2003 to serve as an instructor and then the deputy commandant of the Military Engineer School. Jayne then graduated from the Joint Command and Staff Programme in Toronto, and began working at the Canadian Forces Warfare Centre. He was then deployed to Afghanistan as the Chief Engineer for Regional Command South. Upon return, Jayne worked in Force Development and the Army Staff in Ottawa before becoming the Director of Land Requirements. “That’s basically setting a requirement and managing the army’s equipment program,”



Jayne became the 21st Commandant of the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in 2009. Following his time in command, he went to Ottawa to work on the Army Staff to work in force development and then as the Coordinator for the Chief of Staff Land Strategy. Promoted to his Colonel in December 2012, Jayne took over the position of Director Land Requirements. Colonel Jayne completed the National Securities Program in 2015 at the Canadian Forces College before returning to the position of Director Land Requirements. On 20 October 2016, he became the Commanding Officer of Canadian Forces Base Kingston. He was promoted to Brigadier-General (Acting while so Employed – substantive June 2018) in November 2017 and deployed as the Commander, Joint Task Force Iraq on 16 December 2017. Brigadier-General Jayne then served as Director General Cyberspace. He was promoted to Major-General in June 2020 and appointed Chief of Staff to the Assistant Deputy Minister and Canadian Forces J6.

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

LOCKERBY, Alan

Major - RCAF

Developed air combat manoeuvre capabilities

MSM CD

Winnipeg, Manitoba

CG: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: 2008 to 2015



“Renowned as a highly valued strategist and speaker, Major Lockerby has shared his in-depth knowledge of air-land integration operations and tactics with armed forces around the world. Notably, from 2008 to 2015, he developed air combat manoeuvre capabilities that have impacted military tactics on both the national and international stages. His operational experience and expertise relating to air action has contributed to numerous successful counter-insurgency operations in Afghanistan and Libya.”

“For in-depth knowledge and remarkable contributions to the increased Tactical Air Control Party and Joint Terminal Attack Coordinator Capabilities at 1 Canadian Air Division Winnipeg from July 2013 to July 2017.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

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LUBINIECKI, Mark James

Lieutenant-Colonel – Lord Strathcona’s Horse

Commander of Joint Task Force-Ukraine

MSM CD

CF: 06 July 2019

GH:

DOI: March to August 2017

“From March to August 2017, Lieutenant-Colonel Lubiniecki actively contributed to building the capacity of Ukrainian forces, thereby further strengthening international alliances. As commander of Joint Task Force Ukraine, he demonstrated decisive leadership and dynamic insight during a period of volatility and instability. He worked tirelessly with Ukrainian senior staff to modify support infrastructure and incorporate new training methods, especially with respect to reinforcing the senior non-commissioned officer corps. His collaborative approach to mission planning, training and mentoring improved operational effectiveness and morale, contributing to a legacy of security and sovereignty in Ukraine.”

“For charismatic leadership and exemplary professionalism while deployed to the Ukraine as Commanding Officer of Joint Task Force-Ukraine from March to August 2017.”.



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar Expedition – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD

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

McCANN, Robert Claude

Chief Warrant Officer

Sergeant Major of Joint Task Force-Iraq

MMM MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CF: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: December 2017 to October 2018

“Chief Warrant Officer McCann was deployed to Kuwait from December 2017 to October 2018 as sergeant major of Joint Task Force Iraq. A dedicated member of the command team, he unified 650 members in 3 countries to form an effective team and has distinguished himself by his positive approach to challenges and changes. He was heavily involved in the international coalition’s efforts to ensure security in Iraq, support the local government and fight Daesh in the region.”

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

Medals: MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon– Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Canada 125 – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar



Appointed **Chief Warrant Officer of the Canadian Forces** in June 2023.

MURPHY, Thomas Edmund

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Engineers – CO 1 Engineering Support Unit
Commanding Officer of Joint Task Force Support Component UN Mission in Mali

MSM CD

CF: 06 July 2019

GH:

DOI: March to August 2017

“A model of professionalism and resilience, Lieutenant-Colonel Murphy provided essential Canadian support to the UN mission in Mali as commanding officer of the Joint Task Force Support Component. From June to August 2018, he oversaw the rapid establishment of three separate support bases in West Africa, ensured the establishment of key relationships with United Nations partners, and guaranteed the efficient delivery of inbound cargo and equipment in support of Task Force Mali, strongly representing Canada’s commitment to the mission.”



Present and former COs in attendance at the 1 ESU Mixed Dining-In held to commemorate the Unit's 75th Anniversary. From left to right, LCol Thomas Murphy (current CO), LCol (ret'd) Dave Riddell, LCol Steve McEwen, LGen Chris Whitecross, LCol Phil Baker, Col (ret'd) Ed Everest, and Col (ret'd) Tom Carr

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

REEVES, Kris Michael

Lieutenant-Colonel – 3 Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment
Commander of Joint Task Force-Ukraine

MSM CD

Petawawa, Ontario

CF: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: September 2017 to March 2018



“Lieutenant-Colonel Reeves served as commanding officer of Joint Task Force Ukraine from September 2017 to March 2018. Known for his diplomacy and personal touch, he played a key role in expanding the training program offered to the Ukrainian Armed Forces to include sniper, medical and leadership skills development. In addition, he endeavoured to connect strategic, operational and tactical groups, earning the respect of superiors and subordinates alike, which contributed greatly to mission success and helped achieve Canada’s objectives in Ukraine.”

“For exceptional leadership and planning acumen as Commanding Officer of JTF-Ukraine from September 2017 to March 2018.

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



ROBERGE, Joseph Pascal Jean David

Major

Lead Military Liaison Officer with the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH)

MSM CD

CF: 06 July 2019

GH:

DOI: October 2016 to May 2017

“Major Roberge deployed to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti from October 2016 to May 2017. As chief military liaison officer, he led the military contribution to the joint United Nations-Haiti security planning for two national elections. Drawing on his Haitian heritage and Creole language skills to build ties with the community, he provided politically and culturally appropriate information and advice to the Force Commander and took charge of an initiative to support a local orphanage. Major Roberge’s exemplary professionalism brought great credit to himself and advanced Canada’s interests in the region.”

“For exemplary Professionalism during Op Hamlet as the lead military liaison Officer with the United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) from October 2016 to May 2017.”

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

TOOLE, Jason Charles

Sergeant

Leadership on Op Impact

MSM (also MID)

CF: 06 July 2019

Invested: 27 May 2021

DOI: Around 2015/2016

“Sergeant Toole’s exemplary demeanour and actions during Operation IMPACT reflected highly on Canadian Special Operations Forces Command and earned the Canadian Armed Forces the confidence and respect of our NATO and Iraqi allies. His exceptional professionalism, initiative and leadership at forward Casualty Collection Points directly led to multiple lives being saved and allowed for a full recovery of critically injured operators, therefore contributing to the coalition’s continued efforts against Daesh.”

“For exceptional professionalism, initiative and leadership while deployed on Op Impact.”

Awarded **Mentioned in Despatches (MID)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 March 2010 in the rank of Private while service with the Canadian Forces in Afghanistan.



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar with MID – EIIR Diamond Jubilee

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YU, Alexander

Master Corporal

Personal Initiative and Professionalism an analyst with Operation JUTE

MSM

Toronto, Ontario

CF: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: May to November 2018

“Master Corporal Yu demonstrated outstanding dedication and team spirit during his deployment from May to November 2018 as an analyst with Operation JUTE. His ability to rigorously analyze digital data from equipment seized from the enemy led him to develop a new report showing how this information can improve a mission’s capabilities and identify targets. His advances in intelligence have greatly benefitted the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada as a whole.”

“For steadfast dedication, personal initiatives and professionalism while supporting ongoing missions.”

Medals: MSM – OSM Expedition



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NAME NOT GAZETTED (1)

No Rank

Name and Citation not released for Security and Operational Reasons

MSM

CF: 06 July 2019

GH:

DOI: no dates

“On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, has awarded a Meritorious Service Cross and a **Meritorious Service Medal** to members of the Canadian Armed Forces for military activities of high standard that have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada. For security and operational reasons, the recipient names and citations have not been released.”

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

CLARKE, Robert Joseph

Chief Warrant Officer

Regimental Sergeant-Major for Joint Task Force-Ukraine

MMM MSM CD
Edmonton, Alberta

CANFORGEN: 19 June 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: March to August 2017



"Chief Warrant Officer Clarke was deployed to Ukraine from March to August 2017 as the joint task force sergeant major. In this role, he demonstrated exceptional leadership in the development and implementation of the Ukrainian Armed Forces' Non-Commissioned Officer Corps, as well as the establishment of a permanent Canadian Armed Forces mentorship program at key training sites in Ukraine. Throughout his deployment, Chief Warrant Officer Clarke endeavoured to strengthen the unity of collective NATO training programs, subsequently benefiting Canada's multinational allies and partners."

"For extraordinary diplomacy and outstanding vision while deployed to the Ukraine as Sergeant-Major of Joint Task Force-Ukraine from March to August 2017."

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

Medals: MMM – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – NATO with bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

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