

MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)
CANADIAN FORCES

CITATIONS from 2014 on

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

NOBLE, Aaron
Captain - RCAF
Aircraft Commander of a Rescue aircraft

MSC MSM

CG: 22 February 2014
GH: 14 February 2014
DOI: 27 October 2011



“On October 27, 2011, aircraft commander Captain Noble, onboard *Rescue 915*, was tasked with rescuing two hunters stranded in Foxe Basin, near Igloolik, Nunavut. The mission would require over 2 000 kilometres of travel, far exceeding the maximum aircrew day. Despite aircraft limitations, adverse weather conditions and compounding operational complexities, Captain Noble expertly planned and executed his mission, saving the lives of the two hunters, and recovering the three search and rescue technicians who had parachuted in to assist them.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the same **Canada Gazette** as his MSC in the rank of Captain, RCAF.

Medals: MSC – MSM



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

MILNER, Dean James

Major-General

Commander Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission

Commanding General of the NATO Training Mission

OMM MSC* CD

BAR

CG: 08 November 2014

GH: 02 October 2014

DOI: May 2013 to March 2014

“Major-General Milner was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as both the commander of the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission and the commanding general of the NATO Training Mission from May 2013 to March 2014. His character, leadership and strategic vision contributed to the development of an autonomous and sustainable Afghan security force in the aftermath of the coalition force departure, and ensured a successful end to Canada’s mission in Afghanistan. Major-General Milner was a consummate professional and an exceptional ambassador for Canada.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 June 2012 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: OMM – MSC and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with 3 extra tour bar - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UNMEE Ethiopia / Eritrea – NATO - CD and Bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)



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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

PELLETIER, Joseph Claude Camille

MSC CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Warrant Officer

GH: 02 October 2014

Leadership after devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on 12 January 2010

DOI: After 12 January 2010

“Warrant Officer Pelletier demonstrated leadership, professionalism, initiative and dedication during the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. He provided life-saving first aid to several local nationals immediately following the earthquake, and subsequently organized the evacuation of over 4,000 Canadian citizens. He also delivered crucial assistance to Canadian embassy staff and to governmental and non-governmental aid specialists coordinating the Canadian relief effort. Warrant Officer Pelletier’s decisive actions helped restore calm in Haiti.”

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GRANDY, Terrence Gregory

MSC CD

CG: 11 November 2015

Sergeant - RCAF

GH: 01 October 2015

SAR Tech – Helicopter Rescue 908 in the Atlantic

DOI: 20 September 2011



“On September 20, 2011, search and rescue technician Sergeant Grandy successfully evacuated three Belgian sailors from a damaged vessel during a severe storm in the Atlantic Ocean. Lowered from the Rescue 908 helicopter onto the vessel, Sergeant Grady was able to keep the rescue basket under control during the hoisting operation despite the gusting winds and high sea swells. Sergeant Grandy’s tenacity as well as his professionalism under difficult environmental conditions brought great credit to himself, to the Royal Canadian Air Force and to Canada.”

Medals: MSC – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – UNAMIR – CD and bar

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

BOIVIN, Joseph Michael Stéphane (“Steve”) OMM MSC MSM CD CG: 11 November 2015
Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Special Operations Force GH: 27 April 2016
Afghanistan DOI: September 2014 to February 2015

“Lieutenant-Colonel Boivin led the first deployment and integration of the special operations task forces from September 2014 to February 2015. His experience proved crucial to forging specific partnerships and establishing operational methods on the ground in Kurdistan. Lieutenant-Colonel Boivin’s exceptional skills and leadership helped support the Kurdish forces in their efforts to halt the advancement of the Islamic State, further strengthening security in Iraq.”



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** in 2014 but is one of the awards not Gazetted.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canadian Forces List** of 06 June 2016 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO – MFO – CD and bar

Colonel Joseph Michael Stéphane (“Steve”) Boivin, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Colonel Boivin was assigned to the 12th Canadian Armoured Regiment after his basic training. He held various positions of staff and leadership at all levels, and it culminated in the command of the Regiment from 2011 to 2013. In January 2016, he was nominated as an intern at the Strategic Studies courses at the Australian Defence College in Canberra.

His extra-regimental assignments led him to the School of Armour instructor at Quebec Area Headquarters Land Force (2nd Division) in the position of G3 Resources, J5 and J7, Headquarters of Canadian Army as a coordinator for the chief of land strategy and Staff Headquarters of national Defence to current operations of the strategic Joint Staff. From August 2015 to January 2016, he commanded Joint Task Force to counter the threat of explosions of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF FOICME).

He participated in four international missions. He deployed twice with different units in the former Yugoslavia under the NATO Stabilization Force's mandate. He ordered a reconnaissance squadron in 2008 in Kandahar province, with the battle group of 2nd Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry during Task Force 1-08. In 2014/15, he commanded Task Force El Gorah., Egypt on Op CALUMET acting simultaneously as head of the liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers.

He holds a BA in Mathematics from the University of Quebec in Montreal and earned a Master of Applied Military Science and Defence Management of Military College in Kingston and a Masters in Defence College Canadian Forces Toronto. He completed the Technical Staff Land Force program in Kingston, the commander course and Staff Land Force in Kingston and command program and the Joint Staff Forces College Toronto.

Colonel Boivin of Lachenaie, Quebec, is married and is the proud father of three young adults.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

LAMARRE, Charles Adrien

OMM MSC CD

CG: 11 November 2015

Brigadier-General

GH: 27 April 2016

Commander – Mission Transition Task Force Afghanistan (Close Out Team)

DOI: July to December 2011



“Brigadier-General Lamarre deployed to Afghanistan from July to December 2011, as commander of the Mission Transition Task Force. With inspired leadership and strategic acumen, he successfully accomplished the daunting task of closing out the Canadian combat mission and repatriating massive stockpiles of materiel and equipment, all while ensuring there was no disruption of support to personnel at Regional Command South and Kandahar Airfield. Brigadier-General Lamarre’s efforts, diplomacy and outstanding professional knowledge ensured the flawless execution of this important mission.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD and Bar – Alberta Centennial

Promoted Major-General in 2014.

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TAYLOR, Walter Andrew

MSC CD

CG: 11 November 2015

Lieutenant-Colonel – Joint Engineer, 1st Canadian Division, Kingston

GH: 27 April 2016

Commanding Officer of the Disaster Response Team (DART)

DOI: 13 November to 19 December 2013

\ to the super Typhoon in the Philippines - Op RENAISSANCE



“From November 13 to December 19, 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor deployed to the Philippines as the commanding officer of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) that provided humanitarian assistance in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Notwithstanding the enormity of the situation and immense time pressures for deployment, his team’s response time was remarkable. Moreover, Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor was integral in the establishment of the civil-military co-operation model, which resulted in organized exchanges of expertise between Canada and the Philippines. Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor’s leadership contributed greatly to a successful mission. .”

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition – SSM and 2 bars – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

O'NEIL, Gary

MBE MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Forces Health Services - CO 2 Field Ambulance
Cdn Commander Military Led Fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone

GH: 27 April 2016

DOI: December 2014 to April 2015

“From December 2014 to April 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel O'Neil displayed exemplary leadership as the Canadian contingent commander in the combined Canadian and British military-led fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone. He ensured his team was trained to the highest levels of clinical governance and that they maintained strict care protocols, resulting in a 100 per cent grading by the World Health Organization Inspection Team. Lieutenant-Colonel O'Neil's extraordinary level of professionalism during a challenging deployment inspired his personnel and brought great honour to Canada.”



Medals: MBE - MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN – Diamond Jubilee - CD – Ebola Medal (British)

Awarded **Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 September 2016 and the **London Gazette** of 23 September 2016 (to be dated 16 March 2016) in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel

LCol O'Neil was born in Bathurst, N.B. and commands 2 Field Ambulance.

Task Force Sirona was comprised of 37 Canadian Armed Forces doctors, nurses, medics and support staff from CFB Petawawa's 2 Field Ambulance and 1 Canadian Field Hospital units. After flying out of CFB Trenton Dec. 6, the group arrived in Sierra Leone Dec. 20 and are based at the U.K.'s 20-bed Kerry Town Treatment Unit. It sits next to an 80-bed treatment centre operated by the Save the Children charity. They face a daunting task. Officials estimate about half of people infected with Ebola virus die, and those living with the disease are often in grave condition. The World Health Organization has logged about 19,500 reports of Ebola virus disease and nearly 7,600 deaths, though authorities say actual numbers may be much higher than reported.

Caring for the ill and containing the virus is dangerous work. A Scottish nurse volunteering with Save the Children contracted the virus and on Wednesday was undergoing treatment in Glasgow. Yet O'Neil explained the Canadians are ready to work after receiving rigorous training. That's included instruction in the critical steps of putting on and removing protective equipment and sessions on ethics, respectful patient care and mental-health preparedness.

“Honestly, they're really motivated to get into the facility at Kerry Town,” O'Neil said. “The motivation stems from the level of training they've had. That puts people's minds at ease.” The team is on a 56-day rotation, though the command group led by O'Neil will stay in place for at least three to six months, he said.

The stress of treating the dying and critically ill means there's also a mental-health nursing officer on the task force.

“She sees the bulk of our clinicians on a daily basis,” O'Neil said. “They're not reporting to her but she makes herself available.” Though O'Neil and others on the team have had other overseas missions, it's a new experience for some.

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LEMON, Dwayne Michael

MSC CD

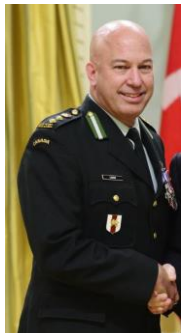
CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – CF Health Services – Dental

GH: 27 April 2016

Founded & led the CF Forensic Odontology Response Team (FORT)

DOI: January 2010 to February 2015



“From January 2010 to February 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Lemon founded and led the Canadian Armed Forces Forensic Odontology Response Team (FORT), the first North American forensic capability to integrate mental resilience training. With innovative professionalism, he generated personnel for three response undertakings: the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the First Air crash near Resolute Bay in 2011, and following an oilfield attack in Algeria in 2013. By improving the performance and well-being of FORT members while promoting and advancing enhanced disaster victim identification, Lieutenant-Colonel Lemon brought world-class benefits, recognition and honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

CONSTABLE, Daniel Stewart

MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Colonel

GH: Commander Joint Task Force Iraq

DOI:



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ELBOURNE, Julian Andrew

MSC CD

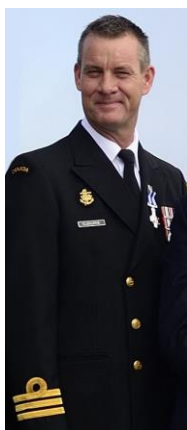
CG: 04 June 2016

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 03 October 2016

Commanding Officer *HMCS Protecteur*

DOI: 27 February 2014



“On February 27, 2014, a catastrophic and potentially fatal engine room fire broke out on board Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. As commanding officer, Commander Elbourne demonstrated critical, inspirational leadership and decision making that kept his crew focused and determined to save the ship under the most arduous sea conditions. Commander Elbourne’s outstanding actions were instrumental in minimizing injuries and protecting the lives of the 300 crew, and in saving the ship from sinking.”

Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – CD



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

KELLY, Ian Mark

MMM MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 03 October 2016

Coxswain – *HMCS Protecteur*

DOI: 27 February 2016

“On February 27, 2014, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Kelly demonstrated selfless dedication and outstanding leadership during and after a catastrophic engine room fire while at sea on board Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. In the chaotic early stages of the fire, he personally led the effort to identify and locate missing crew. His boundless drive was essential in enabling the crew to fight the fire, and to overcome significant challenges during the long towing operation to port.”



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2016 in the rank of Chief Petty Officer First Class.

KENNY, Eric Jean

MSC MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Colonel - Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 27 April 2016

Air Commander OP Impact

DOI: October 2014 to April 2015

“From October 2014 to April 2016, he was the Air Commander of Op Impact.” Operation IMPACT was the Canadian Armed Forces’ (CAF) contribution to the Middle East Stabilization Force (MESF) – the multinational coalition to halt and degrade the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Under Operation IMPACT, the CAF conduct air operations, provide training and assistance to the Iraqi security forces, provide capacity building capabilities to regional forces, and support the coalition with highly skilled personnel.



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 April 2013 in the rank of Colonel as the Commander of Task Force Libya.

Awarded **American Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 March 2011 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: MSC – MSM – General Campaign Medal – General Campaign Medal with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Libya – Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – MSM (USA).

CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

MURRAY, Jeffrey

Lieutenant-Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
Executive Officer – *HMCS Protecteur*

MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 03 October 2016
DOI: 27 February 2014



“As executive officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*, Lieutenant-Commander Murray led his crew in successfully extinguishing the second-largest fire in the history of the Royal Canadian Navy on February 27, 2014. His decisions, actions and forceful determination were instrumental in saving the ship and protecting the crew. His professionalism in the aftermath of the fire kept the crew focused on preparing the ship for towing, allowing the ship to arrive safely in Pearl Harbor with no casualties.”

Commanding Officer HMCS Fredericton in May 2014.

Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – NATO – CD

Commander Jeffrey Murray, MSC, CD

Commander Jeffrey Murray joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Direct Entry Officer in 1999. After completing Basic Officer Training as well as his Maritime Surface Officer classification training he was posted to his first ship, *HMCS Iroquois*. During this posting he served as an Officer of the Watch and Ship’s Team Diving Officer and was deployed to the Arabian Gulf during the first rotation of Operation APOLLO.



He then served as the Shipborne Air Controller and Diving Officer in *HMCS Athbaskan*. Upon completion of the Operations Room Officer Course Commander Murray served as the Operations and then Combat Officer in *NCSM Ville de Quebec*. While serving as Combat Officer, *Ville de Quebec* was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as a part of a NATO Task Group and was then re-tasked to support World Food Program shipments of humanitarian aid destined for Mogadishu, Somalia.

His postings ashore have included time as a Staff Officer in the Headquarters of both Maritime Forces Atlantic and the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, and as the Tactics Officer at the Canadian Forces Naval Operations School in Halifax, N.S.

Commander Murray holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree with a major/minor in Law and English, from Carleton University. In 2011 he graduated from the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Programme after which he proceeded on a year of second language training at the Asticou Centre in Gatineau, PQ before being appointed Executive Officer in HMCS PROTECTEUR.

During his tour as Executive Officer, *HMCS Protecteur* underwent a challenging program transitioning from an extended refit to achieving high-readiness status, and then served as the Duty Oiler off of the coast of Southern California and Hawaii for the United States Navy’s Commander Task Force 33. Commander Murray assumed Command of *HMCS Fredericton* on 23 May 2014.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

PENNER, Michael Andrew
Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy

MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 03 October 2016
DOI: 27 February 2016

“On February 27, 2014, during a major engine room fire at sea on board Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*, Petty Officer 1st Class Penner displayed exceptional leadership and unmatched technical acumen under extremely dangerous conditions. His rapid decisions and tireless actions in a smoke-filled compartment prevented catastrophic explosions and serious injury or death. Petty Officer 1st Class Penner demonstrated outstanding situational awareness during the incident.”

Medals: MSC – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition – Peacekeeping – CD and Bar

Now Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class



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No Rank
Not Named for Security Reasons

MSC

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 27 April 2016
DOI: Unknown

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, has awarded a Meritorious Service to a 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.