

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)  
CANADIAN FORCES**

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

**GAGNÉ, Joseph Raymond Marc**  
Brigadier-General  
Commander of Task Force Jerusalem

**OMM MSC MSM CD**

CG: 04 January 2020  
GH: 08 January 2020  
DOI: July 2018 to July 2019

“Brigadier-General Gagné served as commander of Task Force Jerusalem from July 2018 to July 2019. Notably, he successfully oversaw the implementation of technological and operational initiatives that improved the capabilities of the Palestinian Authority Security Forces. Furthermore, within the Office of the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority, he provided security coordination in the region. In a complex environment, he demonstrated diplomacy by promoting Canada’s interests in the region while maintaining good relations with key allies.”

“For extraordinary leadership and professionalism as the Commander of Task Force Jerusalem and Deputy Coordinator of support in the office of the US Security coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian authority from July 2018 to July 2019.”



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Colonel as the Chief of Staff to the Afghanistan National Police Development.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Legionnaire of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** 28 May 2011 of in the rank of Colonel for service in Afghanistan

Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** 06 December 2014 of in the rank of Colonel.

**Medals:** OMM – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar – Legionnaire of the Legion of Merit (USA) – Bronze Star (USA)



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

### **IRWIN, Robert Brian**

Colonel – Royal Canadian Engineers  
Defence Attaché Ukraine

MSC CD

CG: 04 January 2020

GH: 08 January 2020

DOI: August 2016 to July 2019

“As Canada’s defence attaché to Ukraine from August 2016 to July 2019, Colonel Irwin proved instrumental in realizing Canada’s foreign policy objectives. He rapidly became an influential and principal member of the mission, advising consecutive joint task force commanders, advancing security sector reform, and actively contributing to military co-operation between the two nations. Renowned for his professionalism and diplomacy, he has had an undeniable impact on Canadian Armed Forces operations in Ukraine.”

“For exceptional professionalism, political and strategic acumen as Canada’s Defence Attaché to Ukraine from August 2016 to July 2019.”

**Medals:** MSC – Peacekeeping – UN Iran and Iraq – NATO with UNPROFOR bar – CD and 2 bars.



After over 36 years of dedicated service, Colonel Brian Irwin will retire from the Canadian armed forces on 26 June 2020. He began his military service in 1983 as a member of the primary reserve Field Engineer Squadron in his home town of Ottawa. The following year, he transferred to the regular force where he completed post-secondary studies at Royal Military College and the Royal Military College of Canada, graduating in 1988 with a degree in civil engineering. Commissioned as an army engineer, he served with both 2 Combat Engineer Regiment and 1 Combat Engineer Regiment where he had the privilege to: lead an airborne field troop, a Mechanized Field Squadron, a Support Squadron, and an Administrative Squadron; serve as a Deputy Commanding Officer (1CER) and Commanded a Regiment (2 CER). As a staff officer, Brian served in a Brigade Headquarters, was the Engineer Career Manager, and was the Joint Staff Engineer Operations Officer. As a Senior Officer, he was a Chief of Staff for a Joint Task Force, the Operational Headquarters’ team Lead for the Afghanistan Mission, the Operations Advisor at the Canadian delegation to NATO, the Director for NATO and European Security Policy, and was the Chief of Staff for the Policy Group in Defence. Most recently, Colonel Irwin served as Canada’s Defence Attaché to the Ukraine. His operational tours include a UN Peacekeeping Mission in Iraq and Kuwait (1991), a NATO Stability Operation in Bosnia (1996 to 1997), and the war in Afghanistan (2006 to 2007). Colonel Irwin has a Masters Degree in Defence Studies and was awarded the Meritorious Service Cross for his serve in the Ukraine.

Upon retirement, he and his wife of 30 years, Sharon, will remain in the National Capital Region to be near their sons Robert and Jonathan.

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

**McKENNA, Christopher Alan**  
Colonel - RCAF  
Commander Canadian Task Force Mali

**OMM MSC MSM CD**

CG: 04 January 2020  
GH: 08 January 2020  
DOI: to 25 January 2019

“Colonel McKenna served as commander of Task Force Mali from July 2018 to January 2019. During his deployment, he assembled a robust and combat-ready team to conduct more than 30 aviation support operations in a violent and risk prone environment. Thanks to his dedication and mental agility, he was instrumental in addressing important coordination issues at United Nations Force Headquarters. His involvement and initiative shaped the deployment of military aviation in Mali while illustrating the impact of Canada’s contribution in the region.”

“For extraordinary leadership and professionalism as Commander of Task Force Mali.”



Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 December 2012 in the rank of Major as the Officer Commanding the Chinook Flight in Afghanistan.

Awarded the **Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 01 June 2019 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded the **Dutch Medal of Merit in Bronze** on 25 January 2019 for services in Mali.

**Medals:** OMM – MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Service with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO – CD – Dutch Medal of Merit in Bronze.



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

**MORRISON, Christopher Wayne**  
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF  
CO RCAF Helicopter Deployment in Mali

MSC CD

CG: 04 January 2020  
GH: 08 January 2020  
DOI: July 2018 to January 2019

"Lieutenant-Colonel Morrison served as commanding officer of the Task Force Mali Aviation Battalion from July 2018 to January 2019. Instrumental to the establishment of the new combat zone aeromedical evacuation capability, he led a unit involved in several complex airmobile operations under dangerous conditions, saving many lives and contributing to the success of the United Nations mission. Known for his positive and respectful approach, he conducted himself with diplomacy as a mentor and trainer of soldiers from other countries working in Mali."

"For exceptional professionalism as Commander of the Helicopter Deployment in Mali."

**Medals:** MSC – General Campaign Star SWA Ribbon with one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Mali - NATO former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD



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

**MacBETH, Steven Kelly**

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment  
Commander Task Force Jerusalem

**MSC MSM\* CD**

CG: 04 January 2020

GH:

DOI: July 2018 to January 2019

“While deployed to Latvia from July 2018 to January 2019 as commanding officer of NATO’s enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group, Lieutenant-Colonel MacBeth developed an innovative and ambitious plan to assemble a coherent and highly effective multinational team in the field. His contribution to improving communications capabilities within the mission was significant and had a direct impact on the coordination and control of operations, as well as on the long-term success of the mission, earning him and Canada praise from the international community.”



“For exceptional professionalism and tireless dedication while deployed to Latvia as CO of NATO S Enhanced Forward Presence Brigade from July 2018 to January 2019.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Captain with the 1RCR in Afghanistan.

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

**Medals:** MSC – MSM\* - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 3 extra tour bars - SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar



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

**FORTIN, Joseph Serge Steve Dany**

OMM SC CD

CG:

Major-General

CanforGen: 10 November 2020

Commander of the NATO Training and Capacity Training Mission in Iraq

DOI: October 2018 to November 2019

“Commander of the NATO Training and Capacity Training Mission in Iraq from October 2018 to November 2019”.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2015 in the rank of Colonel.

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

**Medals:** OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar NTM-IRAQ EIR Diamond Jubilee non-article 5 ribbon – CD and Bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)



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**COMEAU, John Marc**

MSC CD

CanforGen: 10 November 2020

Captain

GH: 07 November 2023

Canadian Forces Intelligence all-source technical analyst

DOI: 15 August 2011 to 30 October 2019

“For constant vigilance and insightfulness as a Canadian Forces Intelligence all-source technical analyst from 15 August to 30 October 2019.”

“As a Canadian Forces Intelligence Command all-source technical analyst from August 2011 to October 2019, Captain Comeau’s constant vigilance and insightfulness enabled the Government of Canada to curtail illicit foreign activities. His exemplary dedication safeguarded Canadian and allied technological and economic interests. His expertise and influence far exceeded his rank level, as he diligently collected evidence to effectively inform ministerial level decisions. Captain Comeau’s professionalism and persistence impacted major foreign military capability development and has brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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

**OUELLET, J. Stephane (“Steph”)**

MSC CD

CF HONOURS BOOK: 2020

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

CanforGen: 173/20 17 December 2020

Commanding Officer HMCS Chicoutimi – a Victoria Class Submarine

DOI: September 2017 to March 2018

“For strong leadership and dedication while deployed in the Asia-Pacific region as Commanding Officer of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Chicoutimi* from September 2017 to March 2018”.

**Medals:** MSC – CD and bar

*HMCS Chicoutimi* completed a 197-day deployment from September 2017 to March 2018, establishing a record for time at sea for the Victoria class of boats. That deployment also solidified diplomatic relationships in Pacific Asia, visiting nations that had not seen a Canadian submarine in decades. *Chicoutimi* visited Japan, for example, which had not hosted a Canadian sub since 1968. On the same deployment, *Chicoutimi* stopped in Hawaii and Guam. The sub also took part in exercises alongside the French and U.S. navies and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force.





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

**BULLEN, Anthony Francis Samuel**

MSC CD

Canfor Gen: 31 February 2021

Master-Corporal – RCAF SAR TECH

GH: 08 November 2021

SAR Team Leader Rescue 901 from 103 SAR Squadron rescue *MV Northern Provider*

DOI: 05 March 2017

“For exceptional professionalism, determination and courage in perilous circumstances when rescuing two fishermen in a fierce North Atlantic storm 280 Kilometers Northeast of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador as a Search and Rescue Team member on Rescue 901 on 05 March 2017.”

“On March 5, 2017, as the search and rescue team leader on Rescue 901 from 103 Search and Rescue Squadron, Master Corporal Bullen responded to a mayday call from the fishing vessel *Northern Provider*, caught in a fierce North Atlantic storm 280 kilometres northeast of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador. Demonstrating exceptional professionalism and determination in perilous circumstances, Master Corporal Bullen was lowered into the frigid water twice—once with a compromised immersion suit—to rescue two fishers who had abandoned ship in extremely hazardous sea conditions.”



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**MOREHEN, Travis Andrew**

MSC CD

CanforGen: 31 February 2021

Colonel – RCAF (Commander 1 Wing Kingston)

GH: 08 November 2021

Commander Task Force Mali

DOI: January to September 2019

“For tremendous leadership and meticulously and discreetly coordinating tactical support for a sensitive national operation as Commander Task Force Mali from January to September 2019.”

“Colonel Morehen was deployed as commander of Task Force Mali from January to September 2019, where he built a resilient, combat-capable team able to effectively operate in an austere and violent operational environment. During his tenure, the task force achieved 3 800 hours of tactical aviation flying and executed more than 30 deliberate operations. In addition to aeromedical support, he meticulously and discreetly coordinated tactical support for a sensitive national operation. Colonel Morehen’s tremendous leadership within a complex UN mission brought considerable honour to Canada.”



**Medals:** MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti with bar – UN Mali - NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)



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

**ROBISON, Damien Linsey**  
Sergeant – RCAF SAR TECH  
Rescuing three Fishermen in a fierce North Atlantic Storm from a helicopter

MSC CD

CF HONOURS BOOK: 2020  
CanforGen: 31/02/21 GH: 07 November 2023  
DOI: 05 March 2017

“For exceptional professionalism, determination and courage in perilous circumstances when rescuing three fishermen in a fierce North Atlantic storm 280 Kilometers Northeast of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador as a Search and Rescue Team member on Rescue 901 on 05 March 2017.”



“On 5 March 2017, as the search and rescue team leader on Rescue 901 from 103 Search and Rescue Squadron, Sergeant Robison responded to a mayday call from the fishing vessel Northern Provider, caught in a fierce North Atlantic storm 280 kilometres northeast of St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador. Demonstrating exceptional professionalism and determination in perilous circumstances, Sergeant Robison was lowered into the frigid water to rescue three fishers after they had abandoned ship in extremely hazardous sea conditions.”

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

**ST-LOUIS, Michel-Henri**

Brigadier-General – Canadian Army

Commander Joint Task Force Impact in Iraq and Syria

**OMM MSC MSM CD**

CanforGen: 31 February 20/21

GH: 08 November 2021

DOI: April 2019 to June 2020

“For demonstrating calm and courage under enemy fire and for his outstanding performance as Commander of Joint Task Force Impact, the Canadian Armed Forces mission in Iraq and Syria against DAESH from April 2019 to June 2020.”

“From April 2019 to June 2020, Brigadier-General St-Louis was deployed as commander of Joint Task Force – IMPACT, the Canadian Armed Forces mission in Iraq and Syria against Daesh. He worked tirelessly to strengthen relationships with key allies, advancing the Canadian government’s strategy in the Middle East. During increased tensions resulting from kinetic strikes, he demonstrated calm and courage under enemy fire while protecting his task force. Brigadier-General St-Louis’ outstanding performance in a complex multinational environment brought great honour to Canada.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 December 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with the R22eR in Afghanistan.

**Medals:** OMM – MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)

**Major-General Michel-Henri St-Louis, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD**  
**Deputy Commanding General for Operations of**  
**First Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord**

Major-General Michel-Henri St-Louis was born in Managua, Nicaragua, where he lived until 1977, when his family moved to the south shore of Montreal, province of Quebec.

Major-General St-Louis began his career at the Collège Militaire royal (CMR) de Saint-Jean in August 1987, graduating in May 1992 as an infantry officer with the Royal 22e Régiment (R22eR). He has been posted to Saint-Jean (Quebec), Quebec City (Quebec), Oromocto (New Brunswick), Ottawa (Ontario), Toronto (Ontario), Winnipeg (Manitoba) and Washington, D.C. He commanded at the tactical level within 2nd Battalion, R22eR, and then within 1st Battalion, R22eR. He was an instructor at the Infantry School and commanded the Richelieu Squadron at CMR. Brigadier-General St-Louis has taken part in five different overseas missions. He commanded a mechanized infantry platoon in Srebrenica, Bosnia, in the summer of 1993. He served as the intelligence officer of the Canadian Battalion Group in Rastevic, Croatia, in the summer of 1995.

In 2002, he was the second-in-command of the headquarters and S3 Plans Company in Zgon, Bosnia. He went on his first tour in Afghanistan in February 2006 as part of the Strategic Advisory Team – (SAT), which brought together a team of strategic advisors for Afghanistan. During his last deployment, from November 2010 to July 2011, he commanded the last battle group that conducted combat operations in the Panjwayi district of Kandahar Province. He is a graduate of the National War College (Washington, D.C., U.S.A.), the Canadian Forces College, the Collège Militaire royal de Saint-Jean, the Royal Military College in Kingston, and the Canadian Army Command and Staff College. His three masters have focused on war studies, military history, strategy and defence.



He served at the operational level as the first Army officer to hold the position of 1st Canadian Air Division Chief of Staff. He also served as a staff officer at the strategic level with the Director General, Strategic Planning, of the Canadian Armed Forces, within the Army Staff and, recently, with the Strategic Joint Staff at National Defence Headquarters. From 2015-2017 he was the 28th Commander of the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group

**Brigadier-General Michel-Henri St-Louis, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD**

Brigadier-General Michel-Henri St-Louis was appointed in 2018 as the Deputy Commanding General for Operations of First Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. As a globally responsive and regionally aligned force under the US Pacific Command, First Corps is prepared to deploy as a Joint Task Force and provide mission command over combined, joint, and Army forces in order to achieve national objectives and win decisively in any environment.

He was placed in command of Canadian Army Doctrine and Training Centre Headquarters In August 2020. He was promoted to Major-General in 2021 and served as the Acting Commander of the Canadian Army in that April 2021. In June 2022, he was appointed at the Director of the Military Staff in Washington D.C., USA, and as the Canadian Attaché to the USA.



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

**BROWN, William Blair**

**MSC CD**

CF HONOURS Book: 2021

Commander - RCN

GH: 08 November 2021

Commanding Officer, HMCS Fredericton in the Mediterranean, Black and Baltic Seas DOI: January to July 2020

"From January to July 2020, Commander Brown displayed exceptional leadership, professionalism and compassion while deployed to the Mediterranean, Black and Baltic seas as commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Fredericton*. Throughout the seven-month deployment, he ensured his crew remained operationally focused and resilient despite unprecedented hardships imposed by the COVID-19 global pandemic and by the tragic loss of the ship's helicopter and its six crew members. Commander Brown's remarkable efforts directly contributed to Canada's impressive standing among its allies."



**CARIGNAN, Marie Annabelle Jennie**

**CMM MSC MSM CD**

CF HONOURS BOOK: 2021

Major-General (now Lieutenant-General)

GH: 08 November 2021

Commander of NATO Mission Iraq  
2020

DOI: November 2029 to November

"As commander of NATO Mission Iraq from November 2019 to November 2020, Major-General Carignan provided inspired leadership during a turbulent and dangerous period, working tirelessly to maintain the political and military viability of the mission. She provided key advice to the Alliance's civilian and military leadership to help them develop future options for NATO in Iraq, while serving as their trusted agent in interactions with senior Iraqi government and defence officials. Major-General Carignan's extraordinary leadership and foresight reinforced the credibility of both NATO and Canada."

Appointed **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 June 2021 in the rank of Major-General.

**Medals:** CMM – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA and one extra tour bar – General Campaign Star with ribbon Expedition and one extra tour bar - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Golden Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)



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

**MALCOLM, Scott Francis**

**MSC CD**

CF HONOURS Book: 2021

Colonel - RCHS

GH: 08 November 2021

Director of Health Services Operations leading the CF COVID-19 Pandemic Response DOI: February to June 2020



"From February to June 2020, Colonel Malcolm's exceptional performance as director of Health Services Operations was critical to the success of the Canadian Armed Forces' COVID-19 pandemic response. Under challenging circumstances, he expertly guided the planning and execution of the many military health services contributions that were implemented to safeguard Canadian citizens from the virus. Colonel Malcolm's inspirational leadership, fortitude and strategic acumen provided comfort and hope to Canadians, and brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Armed Forces."

### **Colonel Scott Francis Malcolm, MSC, CD, MD**

Hailing from Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Col Scott Malcolm joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1999 through the Medical Officer Training Plan. Upon completion of his residency in Family Medicine he was posted to Canadian Forces Base Petawawa where he completed an operational tour to Bosnia and a mission with the Disaster Assistance Response Team to Sri Lanka. He completed two subsequent tours to Afghanistan, one to Kandahar as the Officer Commanding the Role 1 and the other to Kabul as physician team lead for the OPERATION ATTENTION training mission.

Trained as both a Flight Surgeon and Advanced Dive Medical Officer, he held positions as Base Surgeon at the clinics in both Kingston and Halifax. Following his role as Regional Surgeon (Atlantic) he was posted to Ottawa as medical advisor to the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy. Upon promotion to his current rank in 2015, Col Malcolm became the Director of Force Health Protection and was subsequently posted to Canadian Forces College to complete the National Security Programme. In June 2018, he was posted to Edmonton as the Commander of 1 Health Services Group. He was appointed to his current position as the Director of Health Services Operations upon posting back to Ottawa in October 2019. In July 2020, he was appointed the **Deputy Surgeon General**. In June 2021 he became the Commander of the Health Services Division.

**Medals:** MSC - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar Expedition – Peacekeeping – NATO with ribbon Bosnia - CD

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

**OKIHIRO, Kevin Ritchie**

**MSC CD**

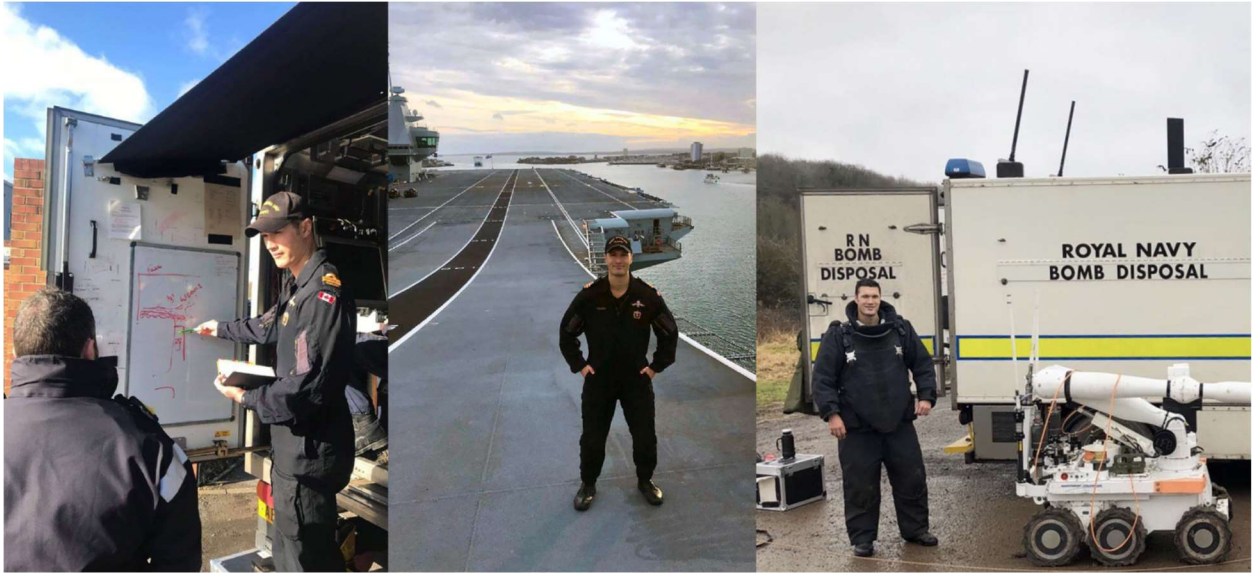
CF HONOURS Book: 2021

Lieutenant(N)

GH: 08 November 2021

Ordnance Disposal Operator in Charge Upton Cross, England rendered safe 10 bombs DOI: 26 August 2019

"On 26 August 2019, in Upton Cross, England, Lieutenant(N) Okihiro displayed exceptional leadership and courage representing the Canadian Armed Forces abroad as the primary explosive ordnance disposal operator in charge. En route to a domestic threat, he instinctively gave direction to establish a cordon for public safety. With the targeted building full of secondary flammable hazards and the ground soaked with unknown accelerants, he rendered safe 10 improvised explosive devices. His conspicuous actions saved lives and preserved critical infrastructure."



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

**KURTZ, Marie Thérèse Josée**

Commodore - RCN

commander of Standing NATO Maritime Group Two in the Black and Med. Seas

**OMM MSC CD**

CF HONOURS Book: 2021

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: June to December 2020



"From June to December 2019, Commodore Kurtz was deployed to the Black and Mediterranean seas as commander of Standing NATO Maritime Group Two. In a complex multinational environment and despite the constant threat posed by foreign fleets operating nearby, she ensured the vigilance and tactical effectiveness of the ship's personnel under her command. Her exceptional analytical skills directly contributed to security and stability in Eastern Europe. Thanks to her strong leadership and persistence, Commodore Kurtz continuously furthered Canada's interests internationally."



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 in the rank of Captain(N).

Awarded **NATO Meritorious Service Medal** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 February 2021 in the rank of Commodore.

**Medals:** OMM – MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Operational Service ribbon Humanitas – SSM with bar Expedition – NATO with ribbon Article 5 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – NATO MSM

Promoted Commodore and made the Commandant of Royal Military College in 2021.  
Promoted to Rear-Admiral and made Commander Maritime Forces Atlantic.

**ROCK, Forrest Glen**

Lieutenant-Colonel

Commander of Air Task Force – Romania

**MSC CD**

CF HONOURS Book: 2021 :

GH:

DOI: August 2019 to January 2020



"Deployed as the commander of Air Task Force – Romania from August 2019 to January 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Rock exhibited outstanding leadership and tactical acumen while directing the training, deployment, and execution of NATO's enhanced air policing mission in support of Operation REASSURANCE. Overcoming significant logistical and communications challenges, his task force expertly conducted more than 300 sorties and achieved 438 flight hours with only five CF-188 aircraft. Lieutenant-Colonel Rock's exceptional professionalism was integral to mission success and enhanced Canada's reputation."

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

### ONE (1) NOT GAZETTED

MSC

HONOURS BOOK: 2021

No Rank

GH:

Canadian Special Operations Forces

DOI: 2020 or 2021

"One member of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. For security and operational reasons, the name and citation of the recipient was not released."

### TWO (2) NOT GAZETTED

MSC

CF MESSAGE: 01 February 2021

No Rank Given

GH: Nil

Members of the Canadian Special Operations Force Command

DOI: around 2020

"Two members of the Canadian Special Operations Force Command were awarded the Meritorious Service Cross but no information was provided due to security reasons."

### FORESTIER, Coleen Ann

MSC CD

CF HONOURS Book: 2022

Colonel – Royal Canadian Forces Health Services

GH: 07 November 2023

COVID-19 Pandemic Lead for RCFHS

DOI: July 2020 to September 2021

"From July 2020 to September 2021, Colonel Forestier demonstrated unwavering dedication and leadership in helping to plan, implement and lead the Canadian Armed Forces response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the director of Health Services Operation in Ottawa, Ontario, she played a vital role in the nation's efforts to protect Canadians. Colonel Forestier's professionalism, commitment to duty and collaboration enabled quick responses to pandemic-related incidents across the globe and facilitated a comprehensive immunization campaign both at home and abroad."



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

**JOHNSON, Robert James**

Captain - RCAF

Air Evacuation from Afghanistan 2021

MSC CD

CF HONOURS Book: 2022

GH: 07 November 2023

DOI: 15 August 2021

"On 15 August 2021, Captain Johnson led a tactical evacuation mission into Hamid Karzai International Airport as part of the Canadian Armed Forces effort to evacuate Afghans who had a significant relationship with the Government of Canada. As the aircraft commander, he brilliantly overcame dynamic and deteriorating conditions at the airport. Despite degraded aircraft system challenges and extreme crew fatigue, Captain Johnson successfully extracted 69 personnel, including the Canadian Ambassador to Afghanistan, foreign diplomats from five coalition nations and 30 Canadian entitled personnel."

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**LAFOREST, Èric**

Colonel – 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Regiment

Commander Task Force Latvia

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"From June 2019 to June 2021, Colonel Laforest served with confidence as commander of Task Force Latvia, where he was responsible for force generation and management of nearly 2,000 troops from nine countries. He successfully and continuously cultivated good relations with the host nation, sending countries and NATO headquarters, despite a series of tactical, operational, strategic, and political challenges. Colonel Laforest's outstanding professionalism significantly enhance the operational effectiveness of the Task Force, bringing great credit to Canada."

**Medals:** MSC – General Campaign Star with SW Asia ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – EIIR Gold Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD

Promoted to Brigadier-General and appointed as the Director General of Operations, with the Strategic Joint Staff at Defence Headquarters on his return to Canada in July 2021.

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**OAKS, Thomas William**

Corporal - CF Electronic Warfare Centre

Analytic Tool for CF Electronics Warfare

MSC CD

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DOI: June 2018 to May 2020

"From June 2018 to May 2020, Corporal Oakes, an electronic intelligence analyst at Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Centre (CFEWC) in Ottawa, Ontario, designed a new analytic tool that considerably increased the efficiency of the international operational electronic intelligence community. His singular sense of innovation has greatly enhanced the ability of the Canadian Armed Forces and key allies to correctly identify land-based electronic intelligence and validate new geo-locatable operational electronic intelligence. Corporal Oakes' exceptional achievement established CFEWC as a significant contributor to the intelligence partnership."

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

**THREE (3) NOT GAZETTED**

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No Rank Given

GH: Nil

Members of the Canadian Special Operations Force Command

DOI:

"Two members of the Canadian Special Operations Force Command were awarded the Meritorious Service Cross but no information was provided due to security reasons."

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