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The list that appeared on the Governor General's web site on 24 June 2015 never appeared in the Canada Gazette. I can only assume this was an oversite on the Chancellery's part as their citations and photos did appear on the Governor General's site. Thus these Not Gazetted entries are NOT the same as ones that were not gazetted for Security Reasons.

BERGERON, Joseph Henri ChristianMSM CDCG: 22 February 2014MajorGH: 14 February 2014Member of the Multinational Force and ObserversDOI: July 2012 to July 2013

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

BIBAUD, Joseph Damien Roger MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014 Warrant Officer (now Officer Cadet) – Royal Canadian Air Force GH: 14 February 2014

Regimental Sergeant-Major NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan DOI: January 2010 to February 2011



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

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

BLAND, Scott Charles Alfred MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014
Major - PPCLI GH: 14 February 2014

COS Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan

"From February to November 2012, as the chief of staff of the Consolidated Fielding Centre, Major Bland demonstrated leadership critical to the training and deployment of Afghan National Army soldiers. He formed a cohesive organization between Canadian, Afghan and coalition personnel, and provided essential mentorship and sage advice that contributed to

the Centre's operational effectiveness. Major Bland's performance ensured the successful fielding of over 15 000 soldiers and millions of dollars' worth of equipment, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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



DOI: February to November 2012

CAMPBELL, Douglas IanMSM CDCG:22 February 2014Lieutenant-Commander - RCNGH:14 February 2014Executive Officer - HMCS Charlottetown in the Arabian SeaDOI:January to June 2012

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





CHADDER, KennethOMM MSM CDCG:22 February 2014ColonelGH:14 February 2014Planning and Execution of Training Exercise JOINTEX 13DOI:2011 to 2013

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

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

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



CHEVARIE, Joseph Marcel Edmond MSM CD (MID) CG: 22 February 2014
Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment GH: 14 February 2014

Commander of the 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group DOI: January 2010 to January 2014

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





CLIMENHAGA, Jeffrey CampbellMSM CDCG: 22 February 2014Commander - RCNGH: 14 February 2014

J7 within Deputy Commander-Special Operations Forces Organization Afghanistan DOI: March to November 2012



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

DAME, Grant FernandOMM MSM CDCG:22 February 2014ColonelGH:14 February 2014Chief of Staff United Nations Stabilization Mission in HaitiDOI:July 2010 to July 2011



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



Medals: OMM - MSM - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon +

one additional rotation bar - Peacekeeping - UN Haiti - UNAMID (Darfur?) - Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar - MSM (USA)

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

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

DAWE, Peter Samson MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014
Colonel GH: 14 February 2014

NATO's Canadian Contingent Training Mission in Afghanistan

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

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



DOI: April 2011 to February 2012

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

ELKORAZATI, Islam MSM CG: 22 February 2014 Captain – Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) GH: 14 February 2014

Liaison between United Nations Disengagement Observer Force & Syrian authorities DOI: September 2011 to Sept 2012

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

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



DIXON, Gregory Alan MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014
Captain - RCAF GH: 14 February 2014

First Officer – Helicopter Rescue 903 DOI: 11 February 2011

NOBLE, Aaron MSC MSM

Captain – RCAF Aircraft Commander – Helicopter Rescue 903

UPSHALL, Allan Roy MSM CD

Warrant Officer - RCAF

Fight Engineer – Helicopter Rescue 902

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

completion of the mission."





EDMUNDSON, Haydn Clyde

MSM CD

Captain(N) - RCN

Chief of Staff to the Police Development General Officer

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

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

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

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





CG: 22 February 2014 GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: July 2011 to July 2012

GARBUTT, Philip Frederick Charles Colonel - RCAF

OMM MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014

GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: August 2011 to July 2012

Senior Canadian advisor to the Afghan Border Police

"Colonel Garbutt's knowledge and professionalism in his role as the senior Canadian advisor to the Afghan Border Police cannot be overstated. From August 2011 to July 2012, he helped improve

day-to-day operations, accelerating the force's development and moving it towards self-sufficiency. His most significant accomplishment was his work on the border agreement between Afghanistan, Pakistan and coalition forces. Colonel Garbutt's leadership and ability brought together disparate international parties to develop a stronger border force, enhancing Afghanistan's security."

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

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



GIBSON, Michael Richard

Colonel - RCAF

Deputy Judge Advocate General (Military Justice)

MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014 GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: February 2010 to June 2013



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

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



HARTNELL, Stuart GordonMMM MSM CDCG: 22 February 2014Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian RegimentGH: 14 February 2014Battle Group Sergeant-Major in AfghanistanDOI: April to November 2010

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

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

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

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



HILTON, Douglas Craig
OMM MSM CD
CG: 22 February 2014
Brigadier-General
GH: 14 February 2014
Institutional Leadership in the Advancement of Professional Military Education
DOI: 2011 to 2013

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

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



KENNEY, JeffreyMSM CDCG: 22 February 2014Petty Officer 1st Class - RCNGH: 14 February 2014

Signals Intelligence team leader in Kabul, Afghanistan DOI: February to November 2012



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

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

LEWIS, David RonaldMSM
CG: 22 February 2014
Sub-Lieutenant – RCN – HMCS Provost
GH: 14 February 2014

Creation Battle of the Atlantic Memorial and Naval Memorial Park in London, Ontario DOI: February to November 2012

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







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

MÉNARD, SylvainMSM CDCG:22 February 2014Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAFGH:14 February 2014CF-18 Detachment Commander Libya NATO Operation against LibyaDOI:March to May 2011



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

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

Promoted Brigadier-General in July 2017.



PATTERSON, Rebecca Louise MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014
Captain(N) – RCN – Royal Canadian Forces Health Services GH: 14 February 2014

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

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

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

Promoted to Commodore in July 2018.







DOI: July 2011 to July 2012

PICKELL, Paul GregoryMSM CDCG: 22 February 2014Lieutenant-ColonelGH: 14 February 2014

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



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

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

RIFFOU, Jean François Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment Commander of Task Force Jerusalem BAR to MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014 BAR GH: 14 February 2014

DOI: August 2011 to May 2012

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



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



ROWE, Daniel William MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014 Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class - RCN GH: 14 February 2014

Chief Boatswain Mate – HMCS Athabaskan – Repairs to Ship's Towline DOI: 28 and 29 December 2012

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





SCHELLER, Jessie DavidMSMCG:22 February 2014Sergeant - Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)GH:14 February 2014

Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan Equipping Afghan National Army Units DOI: May 2011 to February 2012

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

SMITH, Shane Alexander
Captain – Canadian Forces Health Services
Training Afghan National Army Medical Personnel

MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014 GH: 14 February 2014 DOI: February to May 2012



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

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

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

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

SMITH, Gregory RonaldMSM (*) CDCG:22 February 2014Colonel – Royal Canadian RegimentGH:14 February 2014Deputy Commander of the NATO Training Mission in AfghanistanDOI:March to November 2012



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

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

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

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

ST. GEORGE, Leonard Kerry

MSM CD

CG: 22 February 2014

Major – Administration Branch

GH: 14 February 2014

Land Force Central Area Casualty Administration Officer Repatriated 81 killed DOI: July 2006 to October 2008

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

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

Major Leonard Kerry St. George, MSM, CD

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



YOUNG, Douglas Michael Charles MSM CD CG: 22 February 2014
Captain(N) - RCN GH: 14 February 2014

Maritime Forces Atlantic Assistant Chief of Staff for Operational Readiness DOI: April 2009 to September 2012

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

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



LEBLANC, Joseph Christian GuyMSM CDCG: 08 November 2014Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAFGH: 01 October 2014First Officer Helicopter Rescue 908 saving lives off the SN Tabasco IIDOI: 27 March 2012

LEWIS, Clinton JeffreyMSM CDCorporal – RCAFFlight Engineer

MAR, Michael DavidMSM CDWarrant Officer – RCAFFlight Engineer

PELLERIN, Trevor Mark MSM CD

Captain – RCAF Aircraft Commander

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

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



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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

PENTON, AmbroseMMM MSM CDGH: Name Not GazettedChief Warrant Officer – 2nd Battalion Royal Canadian RegimentCG: 20 December 2014RSM of the CCTM - AfghanistanDOI: March to November 2012

"For Outstanding Leadership and Remarkable Performance as Task Force Sergeant Major of the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission in Afghanistan (CCTM-Afghanistan) from March to November 2012."

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

Medals: MMM – MSM – Gulf War with bar - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars

Chief Warrant Officer Ambrose PENTON, MMM, MSM, CD



Born on 05 June 1966 in St. John's, Newfoundland, CWO Ambrose Penton began his career with the Canadian Forces on 11 April 1985 as an Infantryman. Upon completion of his basic and trade training he was posted to 1 RCR in London, ON, where he commenced his Regimental duty.

From 1985 to 2001, he served as a rifleman, on up to the rank of Warrant Officer. During his time with 1 RCR, Chief Warrant Officer Penton took numerous trade-training courses given in an Infantry Battalion, such as Recce Patrolman, Advanced Recce Patrolman, Hel Ops, Combat Survival with the British SAS, Winter Warfare, Desert Warfare, to name but a few. He then served three years with 2 RCR in Gagetown, NB as Golf Cov CSM.

In 2004, he was posted to the Land Force Central Area Training Center in Meaford, Ontario as Skills Coy CSM. In 2006 Chief Warrant Officer Penton was appointed the Drill Sergeant-Major of LFCA Training Camp Meaford.

Chief Warrant Officer Penton was promoted to his present rank in September 2008 and posted to the Ceremonial Guard in Ottawa as Regimental Sergeant-Major. He was appointed as the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Battalion The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group on 03 May 2010. Chief Warrant Officer Penton would remain in this appointment until 13 February 2012.

From February 2012 to November 2012 he deployed to Afghanistan on Op ATTENTION, Roto 1, as the Task Force Sergeant-Major.

Chief Warrant Officer Penton has four operational deployments overseas:

the first was the Gulf War as a Section Commander with C Company, 1 RCR in 1991;

the second with the United Nations Peacekeeping forces in Croatia in 1994 – 1995, with the 1st Battalion, Recce Platoon; the third with SFOR in Bosnia in 1998 with the 1st Battalion:

and most recently on Operation ATTENTION Roto 1 in Afghanistan as the Task Force Sergeant-Major.

He completed his tenure as Brigade Sergeant-Major of 2 CMBG on 24 February 2014. In 2014 he was posted to Canadian Forces College in Toronto. His last working day in the Canadian Forces was 05 August 2015 and he retired in London, Ontario. He is married to Warrant Officer Carmel M. Bressette, who is also in the Canadian Forces. They have four boys and three grandchildren.

CORBOULD, Gordon DavidMSM* CDCG: 08 November 2014ColonelBARGH: 01 October 2014

Deputy Commanding General Coalition Effects & Transitions Joint Task Force-101 DOI: February 2013 to February 2013

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

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

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

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





ST-CYR, Joseph Albert PaulMSM* CDCG: 08 November 2014Colonel – Royal Canadian Air ForceBARGH: 01 October 2014Chief of Staff – United Nations Stabilization Mission in HaitiDOI: July 2012 to July 2013



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

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

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



BALFE, Todd Nelson MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014 Brigadier-General – Royal Canadian Air Force GH: 01 October 2014

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

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

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

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

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

February 1989 to June 1992 3 years 5 months July 1992 to July 2003 11 years 1 month July 2003 to May 2005 1 year 11 months May 2005 to July 2006 1 year 3 months July 2006 to August 2008 2 years 2 months July 2009 to August 2011 2 years 2 months August 2011 to march 2013 1 year 8 months May 2013 to March 2014 11 Months March 2014 to present 8 Months

CT-114 (Tutor) Instructor Pilot Canadian Forces CF-18 Pilot Canadian Forces Vice Chief Operations Division, NORAD HQ Wing Operations Officer, 4 Wing, Cold Lake Commanding Officer 409 Tactical Fighter Squadron Deputy Commander Alaskan NORAD Region Director of Western Hemisphere Policy NDHQ Deputy to the DCOS COMMS, ISAF HQ Director General Plans (J5), Strategic Joint Staff Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan Cold Lake, Alberta Colorado Springs, USA Cold Lake, Alberta Cold Lake, Alberta Anchorage Alaska Ottawa, Ontario Kabul, Afghanistan NDHQ Ottawa



BROWN, Robert Lee MMM MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy GH: O1 October 2014
Several Senior Appointments within the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan DOI: July 2011 to July 2012

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

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

COLBERT, Martin Joseph Bruno MMM MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014 Chief Warrant Officer – Royal 22e Regiment GH: O1 October 2014

Sergeant-Major of Canadian Contribution to NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan DOI: October 2012 to June 2013

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

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

Awarded USA Meritorious Service Cross but not gazetted.

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



FIFE, John Stanley

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 01 October 2014

Commended of the Contilion's Canadian Regiment

Commander of the Coalition's Consolidated Fielding Centre Training Advisory Group DOI: July 2013 to March 2014

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

Colonel John Stanley FIFE, MSM, CD Royal Canadian Regiment



Regiment's participation in the South African War. Palaces.

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

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

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

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

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

Colonel Fife is currently posted at 5th Canadian Division Headquarters, Halifax, Nova Scotia as the Chief of Staff for the 5th Canadian Division. He will retire from the Service on 20 July 2015. His last working day will be Wednesday 20 May 2015.

GODDARD, Paul Timothy MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014
Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force GH: O1 October 2014
Main Architect of the NATO Flying Training Centre program delivery recovery DOI: July 2010 to April 2013

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

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

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





HOLLAND, Christopher Daniel Lieutenant-Commander Executive Officer HMCS Victoria MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014 GH: O1 October 2014

DOI: July 2010 to September 2012

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

LAOUAN, Mohamed-AliMSM CDCG: 08 November 2014Major – Royal Canadian Air ForceGH: 01 October 2014Officer-in-Charge Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in HalifaxDOI: July 2011 to April 2012



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

Medals: MSM - CD and Bar

LEWIS, Sean PatrickLieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force
Senior advisor to the Afghan Border Police

MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014 GH: O1 October 2014 DOI: June 2012 to July 2013

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

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

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



MacDonald, StephenMSM CDCG:08 November 2014Lieutenant-Colonel – Logistics OfficerGH:O1 October 2014

Chief of Staff Joint Task Force Afghanistan and CO of the National Support Element DOI: October 2012 to July 2013

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

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



MORRISON, Gordon William FloydMMM MSM CDCG: 08 November 2014Chief Warrant OfficerGH: 01 October 2014Command Sergeant-Major Consolidated Fielding Centre in AfghanistanDOI: June 2012 to July 2013

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

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

NADEAU, Jocelyn JosephMSM CDCG: 08 November 2014Lieutenant(N) – Royal Canadian NavyGH: 01 October 2014

Improve Living Conditions of the Haitian People affected by the Earthquake DOI: 2009

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

NICKERSON, Robin Kent MSM CD CG: 08 November 2014
Major GH: O1 October 2014
Shepherding an Unprecedented Period of Military Co-operation Canada and Jordan DOI: April to October 2013

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

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OSTLER, James Robert

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Lieutenant-Colonel - Royal Canadian Dragoons

GH: O1 October 2014

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

DOI: September 2011 to August 2012

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



Lieutenant-Colonel James OSTLER, MSM, CD

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

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

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

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

PELLETIER, RochMSM CDCG: 08 November 2014Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e RegimentGH: 01 October 2014

Deputy Commander of the Cdn Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan DOI: October 2012 to July 2013



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

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti with 2 bars – CD and bar.

PUMPHREY, Ronald GeraldMSM CDCG:08 November 2014Captain(N) – Royal Canadian NavyGH:O1 October 2014Deputy Commander - Ministerial Advisory Group for the Afghan Ministry of the InteriorDOI:May 2013 to March 2014

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

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



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

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

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

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



RIZZO, Pasqualino

Warrant Officer

Preventing Harassment and Abuse through Successful Education (PHASE) Program

CG: 08 November 2014

GH: O1 October 2014

DOI: 2001 to 2013

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

Medals: MSM - CD and Bar



THOMPSON, Robert JosephMSM CDCG: 08 November 2014Chief Warrant OfficerGH: 01 October 2014Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Training Advisory Group Kabul Training CentreDOI: July 2012 to June 2013

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



TOPSHEE, Angus IanMSM CDCG: 08 November 2014Captain(N) – Royal Canadian NavyGH: 01 October 2014

Director of Operations for the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012 DOI: 29 June to 03 August 2012



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

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

Former Executive Officer – HMCS Toronto Former Commanding Officer Former Commanding Officer Promoted Commodore in June 2016.

– HMCS Algonquin– CFB Halifax

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

Part of that cooperation involved more than 25,000 personnel working together from Australia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Republic of Korea, the Republic of the Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, Tonga, the United Kingdom and the United States.



RIMPAC 2012 demonstrated a variety of exercise firsts, including the first-time non-U.S.



officers commanded components of the combined task force during the exercise. Commodore Stuart Mayer of the Royal Australian Navy commanded the Maritime Component and Brigadier-General. Michael Hood of the Royal Canadian Air Force commanded the Air Component. Other key leaders of the multinational force included Royal Canadian Navy Rear-Admiral Ron Lloyd, deputy commander of the Combined Task Force (CTF), and Japan Maritime Self Defense Force Rear Admiral Fumiyuki Kitagawa, vice commander of the CTF. Captain Ron Topshee was the director of operations for the Rim of the Pacific Exercise

WILLIAMS, Peter Joseph

MSM CD

Colonel

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

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

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



CG: 08 November 2014 GH: 01 October 2014

DOI: June 2012 to June 2013

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

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

CRABB, William John MMM MSM* CD CG: Not Gazetted Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment BAR to MSM GH: 24 June 2015

NATO Afghanistan Training Mission Sergeant-Major DOI: April 2013 to March 2014



"Chief Warrant Officer Crabb was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the NATO Training Mission sergeant-major from April 2013 to March 2014. His remarkable enthusiasm, initiative and collaboration with his mission counterparts, including the sergeant-major of the Afghan National Army, were essential to forging a non-commissioned officer corps within the Afghan National Security Forces. He achieved this by setting and personally exceeding the professional standard he set for others. Chief Warrant Officer Crabb's leadership and command presence reflected well upon the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 19 April 2008 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

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

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

HAMMOND, Lee JohnMSM* CDCG:Not GazettedLieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Horse ArtilleryBAR to MSMGH:24 June 2015

Deputy Commander Cdn Contribution NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan DOI: June 2013 to March 2014



"From June 2013 to March 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Hammond excelled as the deputy commander of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. His leadership helped to ensure that Canadian personnel in Afghanistan consistently delivered on their NATO commitments. He synchronized Canada's personnel drawdown plan from Afghanistan with the larger NATO plan, while preserving Canada's national imperatives in the region. Lieutenant-Colonel Hammond, through his accomplishments, enhanced Canada's reputation within the multinational environment."

Awarded Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) as per Canada Gazette of 13 August 2011 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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

ALBERT, MarioMSM CDCG: Not GazettedLieutenant-ColonelGH: 24 June 2015Creation of the Junior Canadian Ranger ProgramDOI: 2011 to 2014Head of the Canadian Cadet OrganizationDOI: 2006 to 2008

"Lieutenant-Colonel Albert demonstrated outstanding dedication toward the Canadian Cadet Organization while serving as its head from 2006 to 2008, and from 2011 to 2014. Through his leadership, commitment and sound advice, Lieutenant-Colonel Albert played a key role in helping young Canadians in uniform reach their full potential, notably through the creation of the Junior Canadian Ranger Program."

OMM MSM CD

BOYLE, Sean Thomas

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

Director of Canada's Combined Aerospace Operations Centre

"As the director of Canada's Combined Aerospace Operations Centre from July 2012 to July 2013, Colonel Boyle was responsible for the execution of all domestic and international Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) operations. With impressive leadership, innovative skills and dedication, he streamlined the Canadian NORAD Region's flying responsibilities, which led to its best evaluation in history. The Air Force's successes worldwide were directly attributable to his functional excellence and professionalism, and brought credibility and significant honour to the RCAF and to Canada."

Awarded Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per Canada Gazette of 09 February 2013 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.



Awarded NATO Meritorious Service Medal (NATO) as per Canada Gazette of 22 April 2006 in the rank of Major.

Awarded **National Defence Medal in Bronze (France)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 23 April 2007 in the rank of Major.



CG: 12 November 2016

DOI: July 2012 to July 2013

GH: 24 June 2015

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO ribbon Croatia – NATO bar Non-Article 5 – CD and Bar – National Defence Medal in Bronze (France) – NATO Meritorious Service Medal.

CARTER, Stephen WadeMSM CD
CG: Not Gazetted
Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
GH: 24 June 2015

Commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Charlottetown DOI: January to August 2012

"As commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Charlottetown, Commander Carter led his assigned forces through two distinct and challenging operations in the Mediterranean and Arabian seas, between January and August 2012. He laid the groundwork for future visits while simultaneously enhancing maritime security in a region rarely frequented by Canadian warships. Maximizing the use of all assets at his disposal, and exhibiting leadership and tactical acumen, Commander Carter ensured the ship's operational success and enhanced Canada's international reputation."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – NATO – CD and bar





CHARLEBOIS, Daniel Alan MSM CD CG: Not Gazetted Commander – Royal Canadian Navy GH: 24 June 2015

Commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Regina DOI: 15 February to 03 August 2014

"As the commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Regina, Commander Charlebois was crucial to the success of two different missions between February 15 and August 3, 2014. Initially deployed in an antiterrorism role in the Indian Ocean, his ship was re-tasked on short notice to reinforce NATO allies in the Mediterranean Sea. Despite this sudden change, Commander Charlebois displayed great leadership and command presence, ensuring the crew adapted seamlessly, which brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."



DUFOUR, Marc AndréMSM CDCG:Not GazettedLieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian ArtilleryGH:24 June 2015

U.N. Organization Stabilization Mission Democratic Republic of the Congo DOI: July 2012 to August 2013

"From July 2012 to August 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Dufour did impressive work within the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. A visionary with a tremendous sense of diplomacy, he ensured that stakeholders from 11 countries agreed on the development of a new mandate and the introduction of the intervention brigade. His efforts were vital to implementing innovative changes within the Mission, bringing great honour to Canada."



FERGUSON, David MichaelMSM CDCG:Not GazettedLieutenant-ColonelGH:24 June 2015

Chief of Mission Support to U.N. Mission Democratic in the South Sudan DOI: June 2013 to June 2014

"While deployed to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan from June 2013 to June 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Ferguson excelled as the acting chief of the Mission Support Center during the extremely turbulent civil uprising in Juba. He maintained an uninterrupted flow of supplies to all UN elements by keeping logistics in place, all while prioritizing, coordinating and assuring relief efforts for 37,500 refugees. Working under the constant pressure of a potential evacuation, Lieutenant-Colonel Ferguson was instrumental to the success of the UN's operation."

FINN, Patrick Terence CMM MSM CD CG: Not Gazetted Commodore – Royal Canadian Navy GH: 24 June 2015

Director General Maritime Equipment Program Management (DGMEPM)

Chief Engineer of the Royal Canadian Navy

DOI: July 2010 to November 2012

DOI: July 2010 to November 2012



"Commodore Finn served as Director General Maritime Equipment Program Management (DGMEPM) and chief engineer of the Royal Canadian Navy from July 2010 to November 2012. Demonstrating impressive leadership abilities and sharing expert advice, he played a significant role in the Halifax-class modernization project and in the return to operations of Victoria-class submarines. His dedication became the driving force behind the modernization project and helped to improve the effectiveness of DGMEPM's organization."

Awarded Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) as per Canada Gazette of 2015 in the rank of Commodore (Rear-Admiral when he received the medal).

Awarded Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per Canada Gazette of 13 July 2002 in the rank of Commander.

Medals: CMM - MSM - SSM with bar NATO - Canada 125 - CD and 2 Bars

FOSTER, RobertMSM CDCG:Not GazettedLieutenant-ColonelGH:24 June 2015Operational Team Lead National Day of Honour for AfghanistanDOI:2012 to 2014

"From 2012 to 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Foster served as the operational team lead for the most ambitious commemoration effort ever undertaken by the Canadian Armed Forces. He was paramount to the success of the Afghanistan Memorial Vigil, the National Day of Honour for Afghanistan and multiple activities related to the War of 1812. Responsible for the development of the concepts of operation and the synchronization of countless individuals' efforts, he enabled the flawless execution of these high-profile national events."

HAMILTON, Jeffrey MichaelMSM CDCG: Not GazettedCommander – Royal Canadian NavyGH: 24 June 2015Commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Toronto Op ARTEMISDOI: April to July 2013

"While deployed to the Arabian Sea region as the commanding officer of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Toronto* and as the commander of Operation ARTEMIS from April to July 2013, Commander Hamilton integrated seamlessly into the crew despite joining the ship at mid-deployment. Commander Hamilton, through his leadership, indomitable spirit and professional ability, ensured his crew reached their maximum potential, which culminated in the largest seizure of narcotics ever conducted by a Canadian warship. His efforts, and those of his crew, brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."

Medals: MSM (and Bar) – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service with ribbon Expedition – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

Awarded a **Bar to his MSM (MSM*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 2018 in the rank of Captain(N).

Promoted to Commodore (AWSE) in July 2018.





HISCOCK, Bradley DouglasMSM CDCG: Not GazettedSergeant – Royal Canadian Air ForceGH: 24 June 2015

Flight Engineer – Rescue 915 Cormorant Helicopter DOI: 27 October 2011

VEY, Dean Harvey MSM CD

Captain – Royal Canadian Air Force First Officer – Rescue 915 Cormorant Helicopter

"On October 27, 2011, Sergeant Hiscock and Captain Vey were respectively the flight engineer and the first officer onboard Rescue 915, a Cormorant helicopter, when they were tasked to rescue two hunters stranded in the Arctic waters near Igloolik, Nunavut. Facing high winds and rough seas, Sergeant Hiscock skilfully operated the hoist, while Captain Vey used his expert flying skills to recover the two hunters, as well as three search and rescue technicians who had previously parachuted in to assist them. Through their commendable efforts and actions, Sergeant Hiscock and Captain Vey contributed to the mission success, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Medals - Captain Dean Vey:

MSM – OSM with Haiti ribbon – SSM – CD and bar

Medals - Sergeant Bradley Hiscock:

MSM - Peacekeeping - NATO bar Kosovo - CD and bar



HOPE, Ian ClarenceMSC MSM CDCG:Not GazettedColonelRome, ItalyGH:24 June 2015

Commander of Collective Training in Afghanistan

DOI: June 2012 to June 2013

"While deployed to Afghanistan from June 2012 to June 2013, Colonel Hope distinguished himself as the commander of Collective Training, and as the senior coalition member at the Consolidated Fielding Centre. Working alongside his Afghan counterparts, he achieved considerable success in developing the capabilities of the Afghan National Army. Colonel Hope's leadership highlighted Canada's commitment to developing strong, capable and autonomous Afghan National Security Forces, and was essential to the Centre's success."

Medals: MSC - MSM - Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two additional tour bar - SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping - NATO bar former Yugoslavia - EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar - Gulf War (Britain) - MSM (USA)

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 07 April 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel as Commanding Officer of Task Force ORION during his deployment with Task Force Afghanistan in 2006.

Meritorious Service Medal (USA) awarded to Colonel lan Clarence Hope, MSC, as per Canada Gazette of 04 December 2010.



Colonel Ian Hope receiving the Meritorious Service Medal from the Canadian Ambassador to Italy, Her Excellency Alexandra Bugailiskis, on 24 June 2018 at the NATO Defence College in Rome.

KEENAN, John ArthurMSM CDCG: Not GazettedLieutenant(N) – Royal Canadian NavyGH: 24 June 2015

OIC Royal Navy Diving Unit in Scotland, United Kingdom DOI: February 2009 to August 2011

"As the officer in charge of the Royal Navy Northern Diving Unit in Scotland, United Kingdom, Lieutenant(N) Keenan displayed professionalism and perseverance in dismantling three letter bombs while preserving vital forensic evidence for law enforcement officials. His fortitude and efforts under extremely challenging circumstances led to the apprehension and eventual conviction of domestic terrorists. Lieutenant(N) Keenan's initiative and steadfast determination brought great credit upon himself and the Canadian Armed Forces."

Became Executive Officer of the Fleet Diving School in Halifax in August 2011 for 3 years.

In August 2014 became Joint Counter Explosive Threat Task Force - Naval Officer/Clearance Diver/EOD Tech, JCET TF, US Navy School for Exp.osive Ordnance Disposal.



MacCHARLES, Heather JoyMSM CDCG: 04 August 2012Lieutenant-ColonelGH: 24 June 2015Champion the Issue of Family Violence and Sexual AssaultDOI: 2009 to 2011

"Between 2009 and 2011, Major MacCharles exhibited personal courage, professionalism and leadership in her efforts to champion the issue of family violence and sexual assault. While spearheading a Canadian Forces-wide review on the subject, she identified deficiencies in the existing Canadian Forces policy. As a direct result of her perseverance, this sensitive issue was brought to the attention of the Armed Forces Council, which resulted in a complete review of and subsequent changes to the Canadian Forces' approach."

Medals: MSM - CD and Bar



MASSIE, James Gerald MSM CG: Not Gazetted Honorary Colonel - Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Borden GH: 24 June 2015

Establishment of the Operation Hero Scholarship Fund DOI: 2009

"In 2009, Honorary Colonel Massie initiated the establishment of the Operation Hero scholarship fund, which has since raised more than \$850,000, benefiting military dependants who attend Georgian College. His mentorship inspired creative, collaborative projects where military and civilian personnel worked together for the betterment of their shared communities. Honorary Colonel Massie's energy, professionalism and dedication have benefited the Canadian Armed Forces as well as his local community of Barrie."



PLOURDE, Stephan MarcelMSM CDCG: Not GazettedLieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Forces Health ServicesGH: 24 June 2015

Leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences Advisory Team DOI: July to December 2013

"Lieutenant-Colonel Plourde was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences Advisory Team from July to December 2013. He developed and implemented a comprehensive health services plan for the Afghan National Security Forces by assessing how best to provide care with limited medical resources and time. His knowledge and leadership established a sustainable and relevant plan that was sensitive to the Afghans' needs. Lieutenant-Colonel Plourde's indispensable work brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."

RUNDLE, David AlanOMM MSM CD
CG: Not Gazetted
Lieutenant-Colonel
GH: 24 June 2015

Canadian Military Attaché Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in Washington DOI: July 2011 to August 2014



"As the Canadian Armed Forces military attaché from July 2011 to August 2014 at Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (Washington), Colonel Rundle served as a critical information conduit between the United States Army and the Canadian Armed Forces. His professionalism and leadership ensured unprecedented Canadian access and influence during critical operations in Afghanistan, while his contribution to the Canadian-United States Engagement Strategy Agreement was instrumental in the management of exchange and liaison positions. Colonel Rundle's diplomatic efforts contributed to strengthening relations with the U.S., which brought great credit to Canada."

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

Medals: OMM – MSM – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – CD and bar

SHOPA, Timothy William MSM CD CG: Not Gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force GH: 24 June 2015

Project Director CF-18 Replacement Program Evaluation of Options Team DOI: February 2013 to February 2014

"From February 2013 to February 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Shopa showed exceptional leadership as project director of the CF-18 Replacement Program Evaluation of Options Team. In this role, he served as the authoritative voice of the fighter community. His expertise, professionalism and remarkable execution of duty contributed significantly to DND's renewed confidence in the program's evaluation process."

Medals: MSM – CD and Bar



SHUSTER, David William MSM CD CG: Not Gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Forces Military Police GH: 24 June 2015

Deputy Commander of Police Training, NATO Training Mission, Afghanistan DOI: November 2012 to Nov. 2013

"Lieutenant-Colonel Shuster was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the deputy commander of police training, NATO Training Mission, from November 2012 to November 2013. As the principal advisor to the Afghan National Police, he built strong relationships and established a dynamic esprit-de-corps that helped unite coalition forces and the Afghan police. The creation of a professional police force was a direct result of Lieutenant-Colonel Shuster's leadership and guidance. His contributions to Afghan security were a credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."



SMITH, Edward Patrick MSM CD CG: Not Gazetted Chief Warrant Officer GH: 24 June 2015

Task Force Sergeant-Major Cdn Contribution NATO Training Mission Afghanistan DOI: June 2013 to March 2014



"From June 2013 to March 2014, Chief Warrant Officer Smith excelled as task force sergeant-major of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. His tireless efforts to engender goodwill with allied nations ensured Canada retained its influential role and its well-earned credibility during mission withdrawal. Chief Warrant Officer Smith's presence enhanced the Canadian Armed Forces' international reputation and helped to solidify Canada's legacy in Afghanistan."

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

Chief Warrant Officer Edward P. Smith was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia in 1963. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1983. Upon completion of his Field Artillery training he was posted to D

Battery, 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Petawawa, Ontario.

CWO Smith was then posted to W Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery School, Gagetown, New Brunswick serving in several positions in the ranks of Gunner through to Master Bombadier from 1984-1988.

Subsequently, he was posted to the Canadian Forces Recruit School, Cornwallis, Nova Scotia where he was an Instructor from 1988-1989. Upon promotion to Sergeant in 1989, he reported to the 3rd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Shilo, Manitoba where he held several positions from Gun Sergeant to Battery Tech Warrant Officer until the unit reduced to nil-strength in 1992 and replaced by 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery which was repatriated to Shilo, Manitoba due to Canada's decision to withdraw the Canadian Armed Forces from Europe.

CWO Smith began his time with 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery with his first of three peacekeeping tours when the unit deployed to Cyprus where he held the position of the Recce Sergeant with Recce Platoon from August 1992 to February 1993.

In January 1994, CWO Smith was promoted to Warrant Officer and attended the Assistant Instructor In-Gunnery (AIG) course at the Royal Canadian Artillery School in Gagetown, New Brunswick. Upon his return to the 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, he assumed various positions and participated in a domestic Operation during the Winnipeg Flood in 1997.

He began his second tour in July 1997 to January 1998 located in Bosnia where he served as the Battery Commanders Tech in Coralici. His third tour was February to September 2000 returning to Bosnia serving as a Platoon Warrant Officer with C Battery, 3rd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at the Platoon house in Bihac.

In 2002, he participated in a domestic Operation assisting with the G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta and soon after was promoted to Master Warrant Officer and became the Battery Sergeant Major of C Battery, 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery where he remained for the next three years.

In 2005, he relocated to Halifax, Nova Scotia assuming the position of G3 Resource and Equipment at Land Force Atlantic Area Headquarters where he remained until 2009. CWO Smith was then transferred to 45 Depot Battery, Royal Canadian Artillery School, Gagetown, New Brunswick serving as the Battery Sergeant Major from 2009-2010.

In June 2010 CWO Smith was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer and appointed to the position of Regimental Sergeant Major, 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, Shilo, Manitoba.

CWO Smith takes pleasure in his recreation vehicles and is also a fan of numerous sports including auto racing, hockey, baseball, football and golf. He has successfully completed two-half marathons as well as a Mountain Man competition held in Land Force Western Area.

WHITECROSS, Christine Theresa

CMM (OMM) MSM CD

Major-General – Royal Canadian Air Force

Secretary General of the International Military Sport Council (CISM)

"In May 2013, Major-General Whitecross was elected as the International Military Sport Council (CISM) secretary general. In this position, she combined the arduous work of overseeing the 66-year-old military sporting organization with her Canadian Armed Forces responsibilities. Not only did she succeed in doing both roles exceptionally well, but she also crafted new strategic and business plans, which effectively transformed CISM into a modern organization shaped by shared Canadian values."

First Female promoted to Lieutenant-General in the Canadian Forces in June 2015.

Awarded Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per the Canada Gazette of 25 June 2005 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) as per the Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Major-General.

CG: Not Gazetted

GH: 24 June 2015

DOI: May 2013

Awarded Meritorious Service Medal (USA) as per the Canada Gazette of 09 June 2012 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 1 extra tour bar – SSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR with 2 extra tour bars – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – USA MSM

Lieutenant-General Christine WHITECROSS, CMM (OMM), MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General Chris Whitecross enrolled in the Canadian Forces while at Queen's University, in Kingston, Ontario when she was nineteen in 1982. She joining the Canadian Military Engineers after spending 4 years in the Cadet program.

After completing her phase training at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in the spring of 1986, she received her first posting to the Construction Engineering section at CFB Baden-Soellingen, Germany. She was promoted to Captain in 1988.



After a posting to Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, in 1989, she was promoted to Major in 1992 and appointed Requirements Officer for Foreign Military Training at 5 Wing Goose Bay. In 1995, she was selected for a one-year tour as the G1/G4 for the Force Engineers, United Nations Protection Force, in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia. Her tour in the FRY culminated in her selection as the Force Engineer upon the arrival of NATO forces, and the closure of the UNPROFOR mission.

Lieutenant-General Christine WHITECROSS, CMM, MSM, CD



Upon return to Canada, Major Whitecross was posted to 14 Wing Greenwood, as the Wing Construction Engineering Officer where she remained for two years until her selection to attend the Canadian Forces College, Toronto, in 1998. On promotion to Lieutenant-Colonel in the fall of that year, she was posted to 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters, Winnipeg and while at 1 CAD, held the position of A4 Airfield Engineering Operations.

From 2001 to 2003, she was the Commanding Officer, 1 Construction Engineering Unit, Moncton, after which she was selected as Executive Assistant to the Chief of the Air Staff at National Defense Headquarters, Ottawa. Upon promotion to Colonel in 2004, she assumed the duties of Director of Infrastructure and Environment Corporate Services for the Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment) and in 2006 the duties of Joint Engineer of the newly established Canada Command. She was made an Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per the Canada Gazette of 25 June 2005.

In July 2006, she became the first female Commander, Joint Task Force (North), Yellowknife, NWT. In March 2007, she was promoted to Brigadier-General and continued at the Commander, Joint Task Force (North).

In 2009, she became the Deputy Commander, Canadian Operational Support Command, Ottawa. In June 2010, she became the Deputy DCOS Comms, ISAF HQ, Kabul Afghanistan.

She was promoted to the rank of Major-General at the end of her one year tour with ISAF HQ on 30 June 2011. Major-General Whitecross was posted into the position of Chief of Staff for Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment) and appointed Chief Military Engineer of the Canadian Forces at National Defence Headquarters on 9 August, 2011.



Major-General C.T. Whitecross was **promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General** and appointed Chief of Military Personnel / Commander Military Personnel Command in July 2015, the **first female promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General in the Canadian Forces**. In December 2016, she became the Commander of the NATO Military College.:

Lieutenant-General Whitecross received a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering from Queen's University in 1984 and a Master's Degree in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College. She is a graduate of both the Command and Staff College and the Advanced Military Studies Course, both conducted at the Canadian Forces College

WILCOX, David Russell MSM CD CG: Not Gazetted Commander – Royal Canadian Navy GH: 24 June 2015

Canadian Armed Forces Health Services attaché to the United States DOI: August 2011 to July 2014

"As the Canadian Armed Forces Health Services attaché to the United States from August 2011 to July 2014, Commander Wilcox was devoted to the development and progression of international medical agreements and policy. In particular, he was integral in the negotiation of a reciprocal health care agreement that ensures Forces personnel are well positioned to work in a combined health services environment, and that members stationed in the United States will receive proper medical care."

Medals: MSM – SSM with 2 bars – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD



VOYER, BernardOC CQ MSMCG: 14 November 2015Honorary Lieutenant-ColonelGH: 01 October 2015

2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group DOI: June 2008 to October 2015

"Since his appointment to 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group in June 2008, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Voyer has been an outstanding ambassador for the Canadian Armed Forces. He has demonstrated tireless support for and dedication to the Canadian Rangers and Junior Canadian Rangers, taking every opportunity to promote youth development in northern communities and organizing a number of large-scale expeditions."

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Canada (OC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 20 October 2001 for his work as an explorer have visited both Poles and climbed Mount Everest.

Awarded Member of L'Ordre du Quebec (CQ) in 1997.

Awarded **Knight of the Legion of Honour (France)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 November 2007.

Medals: OC – CQ – MSM – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – Knight of the Legion of Honour (France)



LAVOIE, Luc Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Fusiliers Mont-Royal



MSM CG: 14 November 2015 GH: 27 April 2016 DOI: 2009 to 2015

"Beginning in May 2010, Luc Lavoie has been senior advisor to the CEO of Quebecor Inc. As such he is mostly involved in the development of Sun News, a new all-news channel in Canada. From December 2000 to December 2008, Luc Lavoie was Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs, of Quebecor Inc. He was previously Executive Vice-President of National Public Relations, first at National's Ottawa office, which he helped build and then at the Montreal office. In that capacity, he advised executives and policy-makers across North America and played a key role on some of the hot issues of the day. Before joining National, Mr. Lavoie was Canada's Commissioner General to the Universal Exposition in Seville, Spain. His performance in that diplomatic post earned him recognition by the newspaper La Presse as its "Man of the Week." Previously, Mr. Lavoie served in the federal government as Chief of Staff to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of State, and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada. In that capacity, he supervised the Prime Minister's foreign trips and was involved in all current political issues of importance. Between 1976 and 1986, Mr. Lavoie was national correspondent for La Presse Canadienne and then for the TVA television network. He has been a contributor to many other media outlets, including L'Actualité, CTV, Global and CNN. He was twice elected President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. He has travelled extensively in the course of his career, visiting nearly 70 countries on

5 continents. He speaks French, English and Spanish. On a regular basis he has been invited as a lecturer by different universities, including the Université de Montréal and the Université du Québec à Montréal. He is also well known as a geust pundit on different public affairs shows, in both English and French. Luc Lavoie is a member of the board of the Canada Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars, a prestigious think tank based in Washington. He is also a member of the board of the Fondation de l'Institut Pinel.

In September 2009 the Minister of Defense appointed him Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the Fusiliers Mont-Royal, one of the most prestigious infantry regiment in Canada.

Medal: MSM (military)

NEWMAN, JohnMSM CDCG: 14 November 2015Honorary ColonelGH: 27 April 2016

48th Highlanders of Canada DOI: 2007 to 2015

"For outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Honorary Colonel of the 48th Highlanders from July 2011 to December 2014."

Honorary Colonel John NEWMAN, MStJ, MSM, CD 48th Highlanders of Canada

Honorary Colonel John Newman MStJ, CD served with the 48th Highlanders of Canada as a Junior Officer from 1957 to 1962. He accepted the appointment of Honorary Lieutenant in July 2007 and was appointed Honorary Colonel in July 2011. He has been the Chairman and CEO of Multibanc Financial Holdings Limited, a private investment vehicle located in Toronto, since his retirement in 1990 as Deputy Chairman of Prudential Securities. Honorary Colonel Newman also served as Chairman of the First Canadian Place management committee from 1995 until 2007. He is currently Chairman of the AGF Family of Mutual Trusts and Corporations and is a director of a number of public and private Canadian corporations engaged in in real estate development, insurance, investment, mining, forestry and financing. Honorary Colonel



Newman is a member of the Senate of the St John Council for Ontario, Canada Company, the Royal Canadian Legion 165 Branch, the Royal Canadian Military Institute, the Board of Directors of Commissionaires Great Lake Financial and the Grey and Simcoe Foresters Honorable Guard. He is the Honorary Chairman of the 15th Battalion CEF Memorial Project and Operation Blue Puttees and Chairman of the St John Foundation Canada.

BONNEVILLE, Patrick LynnMMM MSM CDCG: 14 November 2015MajorGH: 03 April 2017CANSOFCOM Special Operations Liaison Officer to the US SOCOMDOI: 2011 to 2014

"For outstanding professionalism as the CANSOFCOM Special Ops Liaison Officer to the United States Special Operations Command (US SOCOM) from 2011 to 2014."

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

US SOCOM = United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM or SOCOM).

It is the Unified Combatant Command charged with overseeing the various Special Operations Component Commands of the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps of the United States Armed Forces.

GRÉGOIRE, Joseph Claude Stéphann MSM CD CG: 14 November 2015

Major - RCAF GH: Not Appear

RCAF Expeditionary Capability at 2 Air Wing Bagotville DOI: June 2008 to March 2015

"For outstanding his exceptional contribution to the development and success of the RCAF Expeditionary capability as a key leader at 2 Air Expeditionary Wing at Canadian Forces Base Bagotville, Quebec from June 2008 to March 2015."

GRENIER, Mélanie MSM CD CG: 14 November 2015

Master Corporal GH: Not appear Resolving a Crisis involving a Canadian Citizen DOI: 2014

"In 2014, Master Corporal Grenier played a key role in resolving a crisis involving a Canadian citizen. Her efforts in supporting the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) were vital to resolving the situation. Master Corporal Grenier's unwavering dedication to the Government's emergency response team bolstered the CAF's credibility with respect to DFATD's strategic sectors and brought great honour to Canada."

ALLISTON, Robert ArchieMSM CDCG:Not GazettedSecond LieutenantGH:29 February 2016Rescue from a CarDOI:26 July 2012

"On July 26, 2012, Second Lieutenant Alliston was driving along Highway 97C in West Kelowna, British Columbia, when he saw an out-of-control vehicle go by with an unconscious driver at the wheel. Second Lieutenant Alliston immediately pulled over and chased down the car on foot. He managed to open the passenger door and put the car in park. He then applied first aid until the paramedics arrived; sadly, the victim did not survive despite Second Lieutenant Alliston's best efforts."
