

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

CITATIONS 2016

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

ALLISTON, Robert Archie

MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted

Second Lieutenant

GH: 29 February 2016

Rescue from a Car

DOI: 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.”

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

ASTLES, Andrew Christopher

MSM

CG: 04 June 2016

Leading Seaman – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 03 October 2016

An Attack Team Leader on HMCS Protecteur during the Fire off of Hawaii

DOI: 27 February 2016



"On February 27, 2014, while facing one of the most difficult situations at sea, Leading Seaman Astles demonstrated outstanding professionalism and leadership following a major fire on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. As attack team leader, he played a critical role in protecting lives and successfully extinguishing the fire. Leading Seaman Astles' dedication and performance throughout the fire and subsequent towing operation were critical to the safe arrival of the ship and crew."

Medals: MSM – Operational Service Medal ribbon Humanitas – NATO with ribbon Non-Article 5 ribbon with 3 tour numeral – NATO with Non-Article 5 ribbon with bar LIBYA.

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BAKER, Bradley Scott Pearce

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 03 April 2017

Combined Air Operations Centre Director at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters

DOI: July 2013 to July 2015



"Colonel Baker served as Combined Air Operations Centre director at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters between July 2013 and July 2015. His exceptional leadership directly contributed to the outstanding operational effectiveness of the Royal Canadian Air Force in delivering air power for both domestic and expeditionary operations, and in support of NORAD. Colonel Baker's integrity and professional knowledge fostered unparalleled productivity within the Combined Air Operations Centre during one of the busiest periods in the history of the Royal Canadian Air Force."

Medals: MSM – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM – Peacekeeping – CD and Bar

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

BELLAHNID, Abderrahim

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH: 27 February 2016

Director MERCURY GLOBAL to improve Wideband Satellite Communication Capacity

DOI: 2008 to 2014

“From 2008 to 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Bellahnid demonstrated outstanding leadership and technical knowledge as director of Project MERCURY GLOBAL, which aims to improve wideband satellite communication capacity. He successfully led a team of specialists during negotiations with the United States Air Force, under tight deadlines, to allow Canada's participation in initiatives related to the wideband global satellite communications system. Lieutenant-Colonel Bellahnid's professionalism brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”



Medals: MSM – Special Service Medal bar NATO – Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

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BUTTON, Kyle Patrick

MSM

CG: 04 June 2016

Corporal – Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Hamilton)

GH: 08 June 2017

One of 2 Guards on duty at the War Memorial when Corporal Nathan Cirillo was killed

DOI: 22 October 2014

“When a gunman approached the monument the morning of 22 October 2014, Button had just informed the sentries they only had about 15 minutes left at their posts before a change of the guard. At first sight he thought the gunman might have just been a tourist who was getting too close, someone he would have to shoo away. The gunman fired two quick shots and Kyle knew that Nathan had been hit because the gunman was so close. Button ran towards his stricken comrade, but had to duck and cover before the gunman fired two more shots. When the gunman left for the Peace Town, Button took control of the situation at the monument and began trying to save Cirillo's life. Button held Cirillo's wounds as bystanders who rushed to the scene to save the young reservist's life. He held on until the paramedics arrived at the scene.”



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

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

BYGROVE, Aaron David

Sergeant – Royal Canadian Air Force
Para Rescue of Two Inuit Hunters and a Civilian Pilot

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 27 February 2016
DOI: 09 January 2013

ROBITAILLE, Bruno

Master-Corporal – Royal Canadian Air Force
Para Rescue of Two Inuit Hunters and a Civilian Pilot

MSM

DOI: 09 January 2013

“On January 9, 2013, Sergeant Bygrove and Master Corporal Robitaille rescued two Inuit hunters and a civilian pilot whose aircraft had crashed through the ice on Hudson Bay, near Arviat, Nunavut. Working in bitterly cold weather conditions, they performed a perilous parachute jump onto an extremely thin ice floe. Displaying skill and professionalism, Sergeant Bygrove and Master Corporal Robitaille successfully rescued both the hunters and the pilot.”

Medals of now Master Warrant Officer Aaron Bygrove, MSM, CD:

MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD

Medal of Master-Corporal Bruno Robitaille, MSM:

MSM



Master Corporal Bruno Robitaille, MSM – Governor General – Sergeant (Now Warrant Officer) Aaron Bygrove, MSM

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

COOK, Brendan Stirling

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 03 April 2017

Long Range Patrol Detachment Commander Kuwait

DOI: October 2014 to April 2015

“While deployed to Kuwait from October 2014 to April 2015 as the Long-Range Patrol Detachment commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Cook led the training, deployment, activation and execution of overland Aurora combat missions that provided intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities over Iraq. Moreover, despite a gruelling tempo, he oversaw the successful implementation of an extensive array of new capabilities that provided critical support to the coalition. Lieutenant-Colonel Cook’s performance was integral to mission success and enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – CD and bar

Commanding Officer – 405 (RCAF) Squadron



DELAMERE, Shaun Edward

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Sergeant - RCAF

GH: 06 December 2016

Acting 4 Wing Construction Engineering Production Superintendent

DOI: May to August 2012

“As acting 4 Wing Construction Engineering Production Superintendent from May to August 2012—a master warrant officer position—Sergeant Delamere provided exceptional infrastructure support to national exercises while maintaining construction engineering support to ongoing Wing operations. Through astute intra-departmental engagements and outstanding leadership, he played a critical role in planning and executing five significant construction projects, which have provided lasting capabilities in support of vital activities. Sergeant Delamere’s actions brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

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

DOYLE, Paul

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force – CO 410 (RCAF) Squadron

GH: 03 April 2017

Command and Control of Air Operations in Iraq

DOI: August 2014 to March 2015



“While deployed to Qatar from August 2014 to March 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Doyle was heavily involved with the command and control of air operations in Iraq. His expertise and leadership resulted in the effective application of airpower during a particularly demanding period in one of the busiest theatres of operation worldwide. Lieutenant-Colonel Doyle’s dedication and excellent interpersonal skills were pivotal to the establishment of the multinational air coalition, which blunted the advance of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.”

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 November 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Medal with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Operational Service Ribbon - Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – US Meritorious Service Medal

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FERRISS, Allan

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 27 April 2016

Commanding Officer - 8 Air Communications and Control Squadron

DOI: July 2014 to July 2015



“As commanding officer of 8 Air Communications and Control Squadron from July 2014 to July 2015, Major Ferriss demonstrated superior vision and professionalism. He orchestrated the transfer of command to 2 Wing, which aligned Royal Canadian Air Force expeditionary capabilities. During a year-long transition period, he enabled the rapid projection of air power by way of his unit’s involvement in 12 exercises and operations. Major Ferriss’ efforts contributed to the Canadian Armed Forces’ international reputation for excellence.”

Medals: MSM (and bar) – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNMISS (Sudan) – UN Mali - CD

Awarded a **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per CanForGen of 21 February 2021 as the Chief of Operations for Task Force Mali.



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

FRANCESCUTTI, Louis Hugo
Honorary Colonel – 1 Field Ambulance
Professor – University of Alberta

OSTJ MSM
Edmonton, Alberta

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 03 April 2017
DOI: 2011 to 2016

“Appointed honorary colonel of 1 Field Ambulance in 2011, Dr. Francescutti has greatly supported his unit and the Canadian Armed Forces. During two influential appointments as president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (2011-2013) and president of the Canadian Medical Association (2013-2014), he promoted the Forces and solicited military input into national initiatives. Honorary Colonel Francescutti has significantly heightened the medical community's support of the CAF and their representation in activities under his purview.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of St. John (OSTJ)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 February 2002.



Medals: OSTJ – MSM – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – Alberta Centennial

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GEORGE, Fred
Honorary Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy
Carrying out his duties as an Honorary Captain(N), Royal Canadian Navy

ONS MSM
Bedford, Nova Scotia

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 08 July 2016
DOI: December 2011 to December 2014

“Honorary Captain(N) George's unwavering dedication to Canadian Armed Forces personnel, their families and veterans from December 2011 to December 2014 has been commendable. He continuously enhanced the Royal Canadian Navy's profile by providing flag and general officers with opportunities to engage with community and business leaders. Honorary Captain(N) George exemplifies the best of military values and has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

He received the **Order of Nova Scotia (ONS)** in 2013.

Medals: ONS – MSM – EIIR Diamond Jubilee



He left his civil war-torn country of Lebanon and arrived in Nova Scotia at 19 years of age. He began operating a video business and then was a supplier of bottled water to Walmart, Superstore and Sobeys. In 1997, he co-founded **Gammon Gold Incorporated**. As its president and chairman, he transformed that small exploration company into one of the largest gold and silver producers in Mexico. He presided over the listing of the company on the stock exchanges of Toronto, New York, American and Berlin. Under his leadership, the market capitalization of Gammon Gold, recently renamed **AuRico Gold**, grew from \$2 million to \$2.4 billion in just five years.



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

GIBBONS, Michael

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Captain – Canadian Forces Padre

GH: 03 October 2016

Pastoral Support to Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*

DOI: 27 February 2016



"On February 27, 2014, as pastoral support to Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*, Captain Gibbons displayed outstanding leadership and professionalism during a catastrophic fire while at sea. With an exceptionally calm demeanour, he was instrumental in maintaining order and motivating the crew to fight the fire. Fueled entirely by his dedication to the crew's well-being, he continued at an intense pace for weeks afterwards, effectively managing and prioritizing personnel issues and the quick transfer of personnel requiring movement back to Canada."

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

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GIROUARD, Luc Joseph

OMM MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH: 27 February 2016

Commanding Officer of 2 Air Expeditionary Squadron

DOI: February 2013 to November 2014



"From February 2013 to November 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Girouard played an instrumental role as commanding officer of 2 Air Expeditionary Squadron, increasing the expeditionary capabilities of the Royal Canadian Air Force. His unit's performance and contributions were vital to developing support elements used during exercises and air operations. Lieutenant-Colonel Girouard's efforts helped advance a new air expeditionary squadron for Canada and benefitted the Canadian Armed Forces as a whole

Awarded Officer of the **Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of

09 February 2013 in the rank of Major.

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon - General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon - Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

3 Command Commendations

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

GRÉGOIRE, Stéphan

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Major - RCAF

GH: 03 October 2016

A key executive and visionary with 2 Air Expeditionary Wing in Bagotville, Quebec

DOI: June 2008 to March 2015

"From June 2008 to March 2015, Major Grégoire distinguished himself as a key executive and visionary with 2 Air Expeditionary Wing in Bagotville, Quebec. His innovative approach, leadership and dedication helped to bring about a remarkable evolution in the expeditionary capacity of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). A proactive leader, Major Grégoire established the first operations-support element, a vital tactical element of the RCAF's air expeditionary operations, all to his credit."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Humanitas ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – OSUSAL – MFO – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and two bars



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

JEANS, Stephen Goward

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment

Sergeant-Major of the 1600-member-strong Mission Transition Task Force Afghanistan

MSM* CD

1st Bar

CG: 04 June 2016

GH: 27 April 2016

DOI: July to December 2011



“Chief Warrant Officer Jeans deployed to Afghanistan from July to December 2011, as sergeant major of the 1600-member-strong Mission Transition Task Force. Drawing on vast operational experience, he provided pertinent advice to his commander and exceptional leadership to a diverse team drawn from over 270 different Canadian Armed Forces units. Chief Warrant Officer Jeans’ outstanding soldiering ability was critical to the success of this extremely complex operation.”

This is the Second Meritorious Service Medal for Chief Warrant Officer Jeans

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

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars

JURKOWSKI, Ryan Edward

Lieutenant-Colonel – Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry

Deputy Combined Joint Planner within Joint Task Force-Iraq in Kuwait

MSM CD (MID)

CG: 04 June 2016

GH: 03 April 2017

DOI: October 2014 to April 2015



“From October 2014 to April 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Jurkowski was deployed to Kuwait as deputy combined joint planner within Joint Task Force-Iraq. His remarkable leadership proved essential during the transformation of an extremely fluid, hectic and high-stress headquarters. Moreover, his outstanding planning skills and execution capability led to the successful unfolding of the International Coalition Integration Conference, a key engagement opportunity for the Commanding General. Lieutenant-Colonel Jurkowski’s technical acumen, vision and perseverance enhanced Canada’s reputation within the coalition”

Awarded a **Mention-in-Despatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 08 November 2008 as a Captain serving in Afghanistan with the 1st Battalion PPCLI Battle Group.

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with MID and bar Afghanistan - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Afghanistan – EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

Commanding Officer 5th Canadian Division Training Centre.

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

KOROLYK, Curtis Lee

MSM

CG: 04 June 2016

Leading Seaman – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 03 October 2016

Fighting the Fire on **HMCS Protecteur** off of Hawaii

DOI: 27 February 2016

“On February 27 2014, Leading Seaman Korolyk displayed outstanding commitment and leadership in the face of grave danger during a major engine room fire while at sea on board Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. He entered the intense heat and flames of the fire zone five times, volunteered for the hazardous duty of locking the propeller shaft, and acted as on-scene commander in the boiler room. Leading Seaman Korolyk’s contribution to the successful firefighting efforts helped protect the ship and crew.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar - CD



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

LEBLANC, Mario
Colonel
Chief of Staff Haiti

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 27 April 2016
DOI: June 2014 to July 2015



“Colonel Leblanc demonstrated outstanding leadership while serving in Haiti as chief of staff from June 2014 to July 2015. His empathy for the Haitian people and his dedication to the mission instilled a sense of pride and unity within the multinational environment. His effective management of the peacekeeping forces and his knowledge of the security context maintained stability during the broad-based reduction in activities and military forces. Colonel Leblanc's actions brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti (MINISTAH) – CD and Bar

Promoted to **Brigadier-General** (acting while so employed) in July 2016 and appointed to Deputy J3 U.S Pacific Command, in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



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LUCAS, Paul Alexander
Master Warrant Officer - PPCLI
Recruitment of Aboriginal applicants for the Canadian Forces

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 27 April 2016
DOI: Since 2004



“Since 2004, Master Warrant Officer Lucas has demonstrated dedication and professionalism in annually recruiting over 100 Aboriginal applicants, leading to the highest Aboriginal recruitment rate in Canada. He is commended for diligently serving the well-being of his applicants, notably by focusing on the logistics of internet access and long-distance travel, and by actively promoting the benefits and opportunities that military service offers new recruits. Master Warrant Officer Lucas brings great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Medals: MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

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

MOAR, David Charles

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH: 06 December 2016

Fighter detachment commander within Air Task Force–Iraq in Kuwait

DOI: October 2014 to April 2015

“From October 2014 to April 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Moar performed remarkably as fighter detachment commander within Air Task Force–Iraq in Kuwait. His outstanding leadership enabled Canadian fighter aircraft to begin combat missions within 36 hours of arriving in theatre. Moreover, his tireless efforts to improve and sustain operations enabled impressive sortie launch reliability. Lieutenant-Colonel Moar’s accomplishments greatly contributed to Canada being recognized as an effective and reliable coalition nation in the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.”



Medals: MSM – General Service Medal Expedition Ribbon - NATO Non-Article 5 ribbon and bar – CD and bar



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NELLES, Jonathan James

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 26 February 2018

Air Expeditionary Wing commander – RCAF's Managed Readiness Plan

DOI: April to June 2014

“As Air Expeditionary Wing Commander from April to June 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Nelles was instrumental in the development of the first Air Expeditionary Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Managed Readiness Plan. As a result of his outstanding leadership, the newly created deployable force has enhanced delivery of air power at the operational level for domestic and international operations. Maintaining his professional acumen while under enormous pressure, Lieutenant-Colonel Nelles has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar



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

POISSON, Robert Michael

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel - CFHS

GH: 03 April 2016

Development and Implementation of the Surgeon General's Health Research Program DOI: 2008 to 2016

"Lieutenant-Colonel Poisson has demonstrated excellent initiative and dedication in the development and implementation of the Surgeon General's Health Research Program since 2008. His efforts have been critical to the successful start-up and growth of the Canadian Institute of Military and Veterans' Health Research. Internationally, his leadership has advanced the health research agenda and has fostered strong collaboration among partners. Lieutenant-Colonel Poisson's knowledge and vision have garnered him recognition and praise from strategic partners, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert ('Rob') Poisson joined the Canadian Forces in May 1983 as a Biological Science Officer and was posted to the Defence and Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine (DCIEM) where he served as a Human Factors Specialist until 1990. In July 1990, he was posted to 426 Squadron at CFB Trenton, Ontario as the Chief Aeromedical Training Officer teaching aerospace physiology to 1,200 people a year. After 1993, Major Poisson and his family moved to Neuilly-Sur-Seine, France, where he assumed his duties as the Executive Officer for the Advisory Group for Aerospace Research and Developments Aerospace Medicine Panel. During his four years in France, he managed the Aerospace Medical and Human Factors Knowledge translation for NATO and worked as a researcher in human factors at the Centre D Enseignement et de Recherche de Médecine Aéronautique or CERMA, a French Air Force Aeromedical Research Facility south of Paris. Additionally, he managed the transition of the Aerospace Medicine Panel to the Human Factors and Medicine Panel broadening the scope of the panel to include all military medicine. During his time in France he was also awarded an Honorary Phd from the Russian Academy of Military Science.

In 1997 he moved back to Toronto to work once again at DCIEM and take a post graduate diploma in Occupational Health and Safety at McMaster University. In 1999 he was sent to Ottawa to manage the Human Factors, Medical, Modeling and Simulation and Diving Portfolios for Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC). During his time at DRDC, he was awarded a Department of National Defence Deputy Minister's Commendation, an Associate Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Commendation, a DRDC Performance Award and a DRDC Team Performance Award.

Posted to the Canadian Forces Health Services Group in 2008 he became the Surgeon General's Science and Technology Manager. Since then, he has devoted most of his time planning and implementing the first national strategy for Canadian Military medical research under the Surgeon General's Health Research Program which includes the creation of the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran's Health Research or CIMVHR. In June 2016, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) for his role as the S and T Manager and in helping to stand up CIMVHR. As well, he is the senior mentor for all biological science officers in the Canadian Armed Forces.

Lieutenant-Colonel Poisson has a loving wife, Caroline and 3 adult children, Kaitlyn, Emily and Michael. With Caroline, they plan to travel far and frequently, renovate the house and he may dabble in some contract work. He has had an outstanding career with all the organizations he has worked with, doing things some people could only dream of. What has made his career so special is by the dedicated people he has worked with over a 33 year and 8 month career.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Poisson retired from the Canadian Armed Forces on 06 January 2017 after more than 33 years of loyal and dedicated Service.

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

STORIE, Peter Ronald

MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Petty Officer First Class – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 03 October 2016

Restoring temporary Electrical Power to HMCS Protecteur during the Fire off of Hawaii

DOI: 27 February 2016

“Petty Officer 1st Class Storie demonstrated outstanding professionalism under difficult conditions while restoring power to Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur* following a catastrophic engine room fire on February 27, 2014. He ingeniously resolved problems with emergency generators to restore temporary electrical power to the ship. These complex repairs were made possible due to his selfless actions in returning to the fire zone to retrieve parts and equipment. Petty Officer 1st Class Storie was instrumental in extinguishing the fire and supporting the crew during the subsequent towing operation to port.”

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

Now Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class - 2016



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FOUR (4) NOT GAZETTED

MSM

CG: 04 June 2016

Nil given

GH: Nil

Not Gazetted for Security Reasons

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ST-CYR, Pierre Joseph Albert Paul

Colonel - Canadian Defence Attaché to Kyiv

Donations of military equipment for Canada Military Training Assistance in Ukraine

MSM** CD

2nd Bar

CG: 04 June 2016

GH: 27 April 2016

DOI: March 2014 September 2015



“As Canadian defence attaché to Kyiv from March 2014 to September 2015, Colonel St-Cyr played a key role in distributing significant donations of military equipment from Canada and in developing a whole-of-government military training assistance program for Ukraine. His extensive knowledge was critical to developing a program to provide tangible tactical training to the appropriate elements of Ukraine’s armed forces. Colonel St-Cyr’s outstanding contribution brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and strengthened Canada’s international reputation.”

This is the Third Meritorious Service Medal for Colonel St-Cyr.

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

Awarded **Bar to Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per Canada Gazette of 08 November 2014 in the rank of Colonel as the Chief of Staff for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti



Medals: MSM and two bars – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Haiti ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti (UNMIH) – UN Stabilization Force in Haiti (MINUSTAH) – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars



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

ALIBHAI, Aly

MSM

CG: 12 November 2016

Captain - RCEME

GH: 03 April 2017

Deployed to Jordan as a Special Operations Planning and Liaison Officer

DOI: about 2016

“Captain Alibhai deployed to Jordan as a special operations planning and liaison officer. His detailed planning and extensive coordination resulted in the strengthening of whole-of-government relations between Canada and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. His outstanding leadership, technical expertise and unparalleled efforts to establish and maintain relationships with numerous stakeholders brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

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



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BAILEY, Charles

MSM CD

CG: 12 November 2016

Captain

GH: 26 February 2018

Deployed to Kuwait as the Joint Task Force Intelligence Targeting Officer

DOI: January to October 2015

“From January to October 2015, Captain Bailey deployed to Kuwait as the Joint Task Force intelligence targeting officer as part of the Canadian Armed Forces' contribution to the Middle East Stabilization Force. His superb work ethic and attention to detail proved invaluable to coalition and Canadian joint targeting efforts. Moreover, his expert advice and thorough analysis of intelligence products was well received and trusted by all within headquarters. Captain Bailey's outstanding performance helped set the conditions for operational success.”

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

BOYLE, Sean Thomas

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

Director of Canada's Combined Aerospace Operations Centre

OMM MSM CD

CG: 12 November 2016

GH: 24 June 2015

DOI: July 2012 to July 2013



"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.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon and one gold (2) tour bar – General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO ribbon Croatia – NATO bar Non-Article 5 – CD and Bar – NATO Meritorious Service Medal Bar – National Defence Medal in Bronze (France)



Promoted to
Major-General.



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

MacKENZIE, Raphael

MSM

CG: 12 November 2016

Captain

GH: 03 April 2017

Deployed to Ukraine as Joint Task Force Plans Officer

DOI: August 2015 to January 2016

“Captain MacKenzie deployed to Ukraine from August 2015 to January 2016 as Joint Task Force plans officer. In this capacity, he was able to combine all mission lines of effort into a single, achievable and unified campaign plan, which became the keystone Canadian Armed Forces document for military capacity building in Ukraine. Moreover, his cultivation of personal and professional relationships with allied forces enhanced multinational efforts. Captain MacKenzie’s outstanding leadership and remarkable vision directly and positively influenced Canada’s mission in Ukraine.”

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PLETZ, David

MSM CD

CG: 12 November 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH: 26 February 2018

Canadian Commander Air Task Force Lithuania

DOI: May 2014 to January 2015

“Lieutenant-Colonel Pletz deployed to Romania and Lithuania from May 2014 to January 2015 in response to the escalating crisis in Ukraine. The excellence with which he handled his assigned diplomatic, mentoring and training duties ensured increased operational capability with a key NATO partner. In particular, Lieutenant-Colonel Pletz’ remarkable leadership, dedication and operational performance during the Baltic Air Policing mission in Lithuania resulted in significant operational successes for Canada in support of NATO operations, thereby solidifying military co-operation within Eastern Europe.



Accepted the **Romanian Air Force Emblem of Honour** on 19 July 2014 by the Chief of the Romanian Air Force Staff, Major-General Laurian Anastasof on behalf of 425 Squadron.

Medals: MSM – CD



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

RADIFF, Francis William

MSM CD

CG: 12 November 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – RCAF – deployed to Qatar

GH: 03 April 2017

Cdn Target Engagement Authority / Air Task Force–Iraq Coordination Element Director

DOI: October 2014 to May 2015

“From October 2014 to May 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Radiff deployed to Qatar as Canadian target engagement authority and Air Task Force–Iraq coordination element director. His professional acumen as an experienced combat aviator resulted in countless successful combat air strikes against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. Lieutenant-Colonel Radiff’s outstanding leadership, dedication and his ability to establish working relationships with his coalition colleagues quickly came to the fore in his appointment as senior coalition lead to the Combined Air and Space Operations Centre.”



Medals: MSM – General Service with ribbon Expedition – CD and Bar



SHORT, John Garry

MMM MSM CD

CG: 12 November 2016

Chief Warrant Officer - RCAF

GH: 03 April 2016

Op Impact Task Force Kuwait Chief Warrant Officer

DOI: May to November 2015



“Chief Warrant Officer Short deployed as Joint Task Force–Iraq chief warrant officer from May to November 2015 where his exceptional leadership proved essential in achieving unity and synchronization of effort. In particular, he nurtured a collaborative culture that enabled Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force and Royal Canadian Navy personnel to unite under a common purpose, establishing a truly joint environment and fostering collaboration. Chief Warrant Short’s mission focus and steadfast personal example were an inspiration to all and directly contributed to mission success.

Medals: MMM – MSM – Gulf War – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Expedition – Canada 125 – CD and Bar

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



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

TRAGER, Brian Anthony

MSM CD

CG: 12 November 2016

Lieutenant-Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

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Joint Task Force Kuwait as Senior Intelligence Officer

DOI: April to December 2015

“From April to December 2015, Lieutenant-Commander Trager deployed to Kuwait as Joint Task Force–Iraq senior intelligence officer and officer commanding the National Intelligence Centre. In this capacity, Lieutenant-Commander Trager ensured that the National Intelligence Centre’s efforts were completely integrated and synchronized with American and multinational headquarters of the Middle East Stabilization Force, thereby positioning Canada as a key intelligence stakeholder in the coalition and assuring mission success.”

Medals: MSM – General Service Medal with ribbon Expedition - EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

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