

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

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

ALEXANDER, John Joseph

Colonel - RCAF

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

OMM MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 03 April 2017

DOI: June 2015 to July 2016



"Colonel Alexander was deployed to the Sinai from June 2015 to July 2016 as part of Canada's contribution to the Multinational Force and Observers. He provided exceptional leadership as chief of liaison and Canadian contingent commander in a period of ever-increasing threat and deteriorating security. Moreover, the diplomatic tact he displayed while collaborating with the Egyptian Security Forces and the Israeli Defence Forces was both remarkable and essential to the success of the mission."

Awarded **Operational Service Medal with bar Iraq** by the British Government as per the **Canada Gazette** of 23 April 2005 in the rank of Major.

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

Medals: OMM - MSM – Peacekeeping - NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Multinational Force – CD and bar – Operational Service Medal with bar Iraq (Britain) – General Service Medal (Britain for Northern Island)

On 08 July 2022, Brigadier-General John Alexander became the Commander of 2 Canadian Air Division in Winnipeg, the RCAF's training division

Brigadier-General John Alexander, OMM, MSM, CD

Brigadier-General John Alexander enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1989 under the Direct Entry Officer program. Upon completion of pilot training, he was assigned to 450 Tactical Helicopter Squadron flying the CH-135 Twin Huey. Subsequent postings included:

- 427 Tactical Helicopter Squadron (CH135 and CH146 Griffon)
- Joint Task Force Two as the Aviation Liaison Officer
- exchange pilot with 33 Squadron Royal Air Force (Puma HC1 helicopter)
- 403 Helicopter Operational Training Squadron as the Deputy Commanding Officer
- Headquarters' Commanding Officer Canadian Special Operations Forces Command in Ottawa
- Commanding Officer of 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron
- Director Structures Integration 7 under Director General Capabilities & Structures Integration
- Commander of Operation Calumet to the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai, Egypt
- Director Flight Safety



Tours of operations include Bosnia (2002-3), the War in Iraq (2003, 2005), Northern Ireland (2004) and the Multinational Force & Observers (2015-16).

Brigadier-General Alexander is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario (Bachelor of Arts 1989), Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, (Masters of Defence Studies - 2009) and the NATO Defence College Rome (2015).

Brigadier-General Alexander was appointed Commander, 2 Canadian Air Division, on 8 July 2022.

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

ARMSTRONG, Jason Scott

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

Commanding Officer – HMCS Toronto – In the Mediterranean and Black Sea

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: August 2014 to January 2015



“After a section of the allied defensive line was attacked and overrun by enemy forces, Major Ward advanced with a small team and took control of a highly volatile and uncertain situation. He provided unwavering guidance to his team while simultaneously advising and assisting allied commanders in order to regain the initiative and re-establish the defensive line. Major Ward’s personal leadership solidified relations at the tactical level and resulted in unprecedented recognition of Canadian national support. Commander Armstrong was deployed from August 2014 to January 2015 to the regions of the Mediterranean and Black seas. As the commanding officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Toronto*, he led his crew through successful naval patrols that provided a deterrent and bolstered the maritime situational awareness of Standing Maritime NATO Group 2. Commander Armstrong’s outstanding leadership contributed to maintaining the stability and security of eastern and central Europe and strengthened Canada’s commitment to NATO.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Africa – CD and bar

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Commodore Jason Scott Armstrong, MSM, CD

Commanding Officer

HMCS Toronto, HMCS Montréal and HMCS Ville de Québec

Director-General Naval Force Development



Commander Jason Armstrong was born in Iserlohn, West Germany. As the son of a career soldier he grew up in various army and air force bases throughout Canada, but calls Sault Ste Marie, Ontario his hometown. Commander Armstrong is a graduate of Royal Military College of Canada with a BA in history. He joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Maritime Surface and Subsurface Officer in 1989 and completed his training in 1994.

Upon completing his training, he joined HMCS WINNIPEG in Halifax to conduct acceptance trials and the coastal transfer. Since obtaining his bridge watchkeeping certificate, he conducted two Asia Pacific deployments, a NATO deployment, his Anti-Submarine Warfare Director’s course and a deployment to the Persian Gulf as part of OP AUGMENTATION. He completed his Operations Room Officer course and was posted to HMCS OTTAWA as the Weapons Officer. He was subsequently posted back to WINNIPEG and again deployed to the Persian Gulf as the Combat Officer and Chief of Staff for OP ALTAIR Roto One.

Commander Armstrong then served in several staff positions at Canadian Fleet Pacific headquarters in British Columbia before attending the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, graduating with a Master’s degree in Defence Studies. Upon graduation from the Canadian Forces College, he was appointed Executive Officer of HMCS

CHARLOTTETOWN

Promoted to Commander in December 2010, he was appointed Chief of Staff for the Canadian Fleet Atlantic, where he stayed until joining the Directorate of Naval Requirements as the Underwater Warfare section head.

Commander Armstrong assumed command of HMCS Montréal on 31 July 2013, of HMCS Ville de Québec on December 17th 2013 and of HMCS Toronto on April 11th 2014.

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Commander Armstrong is the Commanding Officer of HMCS TORONTO on OP REASSURANCE, which represents Canada's ongoing commitment to international peace and security, particularly in support of NATO's reassurance measures for Ukraine.



He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) as per Government House of 26 February 2018 for his work while commanding HMCS Toronto on Op Reassurance.

Captain(N) Jason Scott Armstrong was promoted Commodore and appointed Chief of Staff Operations, Chief of Military Personnel, in June 2021, in Ottawa, replacing Brigadier-General S.Y. Menard.

However, shortly after the first announcement was made, Commodore Jason Armstrong was appointed Director General Naval Force Development in July 2021, in Ottawa, replacing Commodore Christopher Robinson.

In 2022 he was appointed as Director-General of Naval Force Development.

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ARSENAULT, Timothy Maurice

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment

Commander of Operation UNIFIER International Mission to Support Ukrainian Forces

MSC MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 03 April 2017

DOI: January to August 2016



"Lieutenant-Colonel Arsenault was on assignment in Ukraine from January to August 2016 as commander of Operation UNIFIER, Canada's contribution to the international mission to support Ukrainian forces through capacity building. He influenced the mission at the tactical, operational and strategic levels by providing expert advice on the medical services and logistics programs, as well as by supporting improvements to the infrastructure of the Demining Centre in Kamyanets-Podilsky. He contributed in bolstering the Ukrainian armed forces' capabilities to defend their country and therefore solidified the Canadian Armed Forces' international reputation for excellence.

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 13 August 2011 in the rank of Major as the Officer Commanding 'B' Company with the Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan.

Medals: MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar



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BELHUMEUR, Pascal

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

Commander - RCN

GH: 03 April 2017

Commanding Officer HMCS Winnipeg

DOI: June 2016 to January 2016

“Commander Belhumeur served as commanding officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Winnipeg* from June 2015 to January 2016 through three operational missions and two key NATO exercises. Collaborating effectively with allies, he exhibited excellence at sea, strengthened maritime security, and ensured the ship’s operational success in increasingly volatile regions in the Caribbean, the Mediterranean and Black seas, and the Indian Ocean. Through his exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication, Commander Belhumeur brought great credit to himself and contributed to the Canadian Armed Forces’ international reputation for excellence.”



Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Expedition - CD

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CHAISSON, John

MSM

CG: 17 June 2017

Master-Corporal

GH: 26 February 2017

Middle East Stabilization Force as Detachment Collator and Target Intelligence Advisor DOI: December 2015 to March 2016

“Master Corporal Chaisson was deployed to Qatar from December 2015 to March 2016 as part of Canada’s contribution to the Middle East Stabilization Force. In addition to his primary job as detachment collator, he performed exceptionally well as the target engagement authority intelligence advisor. Master Corporal Chaisson provided outstanding support and enabled the effective prosecution of targets in accordance with Canadian policy.”

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CYR, Darcy Dean

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

Captain

GH: 03 April 2017

Air-Land Integration Cell in Kingston, Ontario Expert on Forward Air Control

DOI: July 2009 to September 2015

“From July 2009 to September 2015, Captain Cyr served with the Air-Land Integration Cell in Kingston, Ontario, as the Canadian Armed Forces’ subject matter expert in forward air control (FAC) and close air support. During this whole period, he was instrumental in the development of the Canadian FAC program from its infancy into a sustainable program that is the envy of many international partners. Captain Cyr’s transformational leadership, professionalism and distinctive accomplishments have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

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CRABBE, Roy Raymond
Lieutenant-General (Retired)
Colonel of the Regiment - PPCLI

CMM MSC MSM CD
(OMM)

CG: 17 June 2017
GH: 26 February 2018
DOI: May 2010 to June 2015



"As colonel of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant-General Crabbe was the driving force behind the Regiment's highly successful 100th anniversary celebrations. His leadership, guidance and tireless efforts galvanized the entire regimental family, enabling it to deliver a keystone element of the Government of Canada's wider plan to honour the efforts of the nation's First World War veterans."

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 20 June 1998 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 20 December 1989 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the Canada Gazette of 10 December 1996 in the rank of Major-General as the Canadian Commander of UNPROFOR.

Medals: CMM – MSC – MSM – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – Canada 125 – ELIR Golden Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – National Defence Medal in gold (France)

Lieutenant-General Roy Raymond CRABBE, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General Ray Crabbe was born in Neepawa, Manitoba and joined the Canadian Army in September 1963. On graduation from the University of Manitoba, he served in a variety of command and staff appointments including a tour of duty with the United Nations in Cyprus and NATO in Germany. He served in Calgary with 1st Battalion Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as Commanding Officer and Operations Officer and with the Canadian Airborne Regiment in Petawawa ON as the Regimental Major. Following studies at the US Armed Forces Staff College, he was appointed Commanding Officer 1 PPCLI.

He joined the Army Staff College in Kingston, Ontario as a member of the Directing Staff and later as Chief of Staff. In 1986-89, he served as Chief of Staff of Prairie Militia Area in Winnipeg and attended French language training in 1990. He was promoted to Brigadier-General in 1990 and appointed Commander Special Service Force in Petawawa. In 1992, he was appointed Director-General Personnel Careers Other Ranks at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa ON and was responsible for personnel policy and management for all non-commissioned members of the Canadian Forces. He was posted to the Former Republic of Yugoslavia at the height of the Balkans War as the Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Protection Force and Commander of the Canadian Contingent.

He returned to Canada in June 1995 and was posted to Halifax NS where he commanded Land Force Atlantic Area. In January 1996 he was decorated with the **Meritorious Service Cross** by the Government of Canada, and in June 1997, with the National Defence Medal (Gold) by the Government of France for his service in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia. In September 1997, after a brief tour of duty as Commander 1 Canadian Division in Kingston Ontario, Lieutenant-General Crabbe was appointed Deputy Chief of Defence Staff at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, where he was responsible for Canadian Forces operations and intelligence worldwide.

In May 1998, Lieutenant-General Crabbe was promoted in the Order of Military Merit to the grade of Commander. Lieutenant-General Crabbe retired from the Canadian Forces in October 1998. Lieutenant-General Crabbe is a graduate of the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College, Kingston Ontario, the Canadian Forces Staff College, Toronto Ontario, and the United States Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk VA. In May 2010, Lieutenant-General Crabbe was appointed as the Colonel of the Regiment of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and held this appointment until June 2015.



He now resides in East St. Paul Manitoba and is the past Chairman of Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. in Portage La Prairie, past President of the Royal Military Institute of Manitoba, past Chair of the International Steering Committee of the Multinational Standby High Readiness Brigade for United Nations operations and is currently Chair of the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Division of the Corps of Commissionaires. He is a member of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Senate and a Trustee of the Rifle's Foundation. He remains active in defence and security matters as well as foreign affairs and operates a consulting business. He is married to the former Brenda Freeman of Killarney Manitoba. They have two children, Lia and Derek, and four grandchildren.

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D'ORSONNENS, Joseph Michel Paul

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

Major – later Commanding Officer Brockville Rifles

GH: 03 April 2017

Military Liaison Officer in South Sudan Deployed to the South Darfur Border Area

DOI: October 2013 to April 2014

“From October 2013 to April 2014, Major D’Orsonnens did an outstanding job as military liaison officer during the extreme and turbulent civil war in South Sudan. While deployed to the South Darfur border area, he succeeded in engaging South Sudanese military and internal security organizations in the negotiation of cross-border agreements, despite the ongoing internal conflict. Through his dedication and diplomacy, Major D’Orsonnens contributed to the success of the peace agreements and to regional economic stability, bringing great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA – Peacekeeping – UNMID (South Sudan) – UNIMIS Sudan – CD and Bar



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HURLEY, Paul Douglas

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

Major

GH: 08 June 2017

United Nations Mission in South Sudan

DOI: October 2013 to April 2014

“Major Hurley was deployed to the UN Mission in South Sudan from October 2013 to April 2014. Serving as a military liaison officer, he led UN presence patrols, assessed battle damage and conducted investigations into human rights abuses committed by armed factions in a turbulent intra-state conflict. Moreover, he coordinated aerial evacuations of civilians and ensured the safety of UN personnel and equipment, thereby protecting lives and avoiding armed confrontation. With unwavering professionalism and determined resilience, Major Hurley brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

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IRVINE, James Andrew

Colonel - RCAF

Commander Joint Task Force Iraq

MSM* CD

BAR

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: November 2015 to June 2016



“Colonel Irvine was deployed to Kuwait from November 2015 to June 2016 as part of Canada's contribution to the Middle East Stabilization Force. As commander of Joint Task Force– Iraq, he was instrumental in overseeing its transition from a primarily air-based mandate to a holistic one with new capabilities. Moreover, he personally led an initial visit to Jordan to develop options for a Canadian capacity building mission. Colonel Irvine's outstanding performance solidified Canada's reputation within the multinational coalition.”

Awarded Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) as per the Canada Gazette of 18 December 2010 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel for aerial mapping of Afghanistan.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Medal ribbon SWA – SSM bar NATO – NATO non-Article 5 ribbon – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

Brigadier-General Irvine, a Royal Canadian Air Force CP-140 Aurora pilot, has served in command roles at the crew, flight, detachment, squadron, and wing levels, including as Commanding Officer of 405 “Pathfinder” Squadron during Operation ATHENA in Afghanistan. He recently served as Director of Plans at the Canadian Joint Operations Command. Brigadier-General Irvine was promoted to his current rank on 19 October 2015. On promotion to Brigadier-General, James Irvine assumed command of Joint Task Force-Iraq (JTF-I) from Brigadier-General Lise Bourgon on 15 November 2015 as part of a regular, previously planned rotation for Operation IMPACT.



IRVING, John Keillor Farrer

Honorary Colonel

Honorary Colonel of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment

MSM

Saint John, New Brunswick

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 06 December 2017

DOI: 2009 to 2016



“Since 2009, Honorary Colonel Irving has been demonstrating exceptional support and selfless dedication as the Honorary Colonel of 3rd Field Artillery Regiment (The Loyal Company), Royal Canadian Artillery. He was instrumental in restoring the title “The Loyal Company” to the Regiment; in producing a historical record of the Regiment's second century of service; and in refurbishing two guns of great historical significance. His efforts to promote the history and heritage of the Canadian Armed Forces have brought great credit to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – EIIR Diamond Jubilee

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KELLY, Emmett Gary

Chief Warrant Officer

Regimental Sergeant Major for Operation Sculpture Roto 21 in Sierra Leone

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: 200 to 2015

"From 2011 to 2015, Chief Warrant Officer Kelly led the flawless execution of a series of parades throughout Europe commemorating the Battle of St. Julien. His expert planning, coordination and relationship building with a broad range of stakeholders were instrumental to the success and security of these internationally significant events. Chief Warrant Officer Kelly brought great credibility and distinction to Canada on the international level."

Medals: MSM – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Sierra Leone – CD and Bar

**Chief Warrant Officer Emmett Kelly, MSM, CD
RSM – Calgary Highlanders
Brigade Sergeant Major – 38 Canadian Infantry Brigade**



CWO Kelly was born in Montreal, Quebec in 1965 and was raised and educated in the Montreal area. In 1982, after five years as an Army Cadet with the 3 Field Engineers and The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada, he joined the Black Watch as a private soldier in B Company.

CWO Kelly was with the Black Watch from December of 1982 until transferring to Calgary Highlanders in August of 1995. During his tenure with the Black Watch, CWO Kelly qualified as an Infantry Communicator and Basic Machine Gunner. In 1985 CWO Kelly attended the Ecole de Combat with the Royal 22nd Regiment in Valcartier and successfully completed the Regular Force Infantry Section Commanders Course. This was followed with the completion of the Basic Parachutist Course at CFB Edmonton in December of that same year. While employed with the Black Watch, CWO Kelly was employed as a Section Commander and eventually as a Platoon WO in A Company. He was also employed as the Platoon WO with the Reconnaissance Platoon with 3rd Battalion of the Royal 22nd Regiment within the 10/90 establishment. CWO Kelly was attached to 2eme Regiment Artillerie Leger de Campagne during Operation Salon (Oka Crisis) in 1990 as a platoon WO.

In 1995 CWO Kelly transferred to the Calgary Highlanders where he filled all available positions for a Senior NCO within A Company. From 1999-2002 CWO Kelly was employed as the HQ Company Sergeant Major at the Western Area Training Centre in Wainwright, Alberta. CWO Kelly was appointed as Regimental Sergeant Major of the Calgary Highlanders in 2008, eventually handing over the position in January 2012.

CWO Kelly deployed to Sierra Leone on Operation Sculpture Roto 21 as the Staff College Sergeant Major within the International Military Advisory Training Team (IMATT). While there in 2011 he instructed on a Sergeant Major Course and on a Machine Gun Instructor course for the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces (RSLAF.) CWO Kelly returned to Sierra Leone in 2012 using his civilian skills to oversee construction of a FOB and FIBUA Training Site sponsored by IMATT in support of RSLAF pre-deployment training. Upon return to Canada CWO Kelly was appointed as the Brigade Sergeant Major for 41 Canadian Brigade Group.

CWO Kelly attended Dawson College in Montreal studying Languages and Literature. CWO Kelly has worked in the construction industry in Calgary as a project manager and operations manager for various developers and construction firms.

CWO Kelly is married to Otilie Kelly (nee Ermel) of Wainwright, Alberta and they have a daughter in the Calgary area. CWO Kelly also has a daughter who resides in the Montreal area. His hobbies include golf and when possible, more golf.

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KNIPPEL, Frank Michael

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy – Cdr Naval Training Group

GH: 26 February 2018

Transforming the Naval Fleet Schools into a Modern and Responsible Organization

DOI: 2013 to 2015



"Between 2013 and 2015, Captain(N) Knippel was instrumental in transforming the Naval Fleet Schools into a modern and responsible organization that will ensure the Royal Canadian Navy is prepared for current and future missions. His leadership, strategic vision and personal and tireless pursuit of excellence transformed current naval training models to meet the challenges of future classes of ships and equipment."

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



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LINDSAY, Wayne Christopher John

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

Major - PPCLI

GH: 26 February 2018

Deployed to South Sudan – Established Canadian House Education Initiative

DOI: August 2014 to June 2015



"While deployed to South Sudan from August 2014 to June 2015, Major Lindsay led multinational teams of senior civilians and military officers to gain critical intelligence used to save lives. He also established the Canada House Education Initiative, which offers free business and computer courses to locals. He selflessly devoted his free time to raising funds for the initiative and to teaching its students. While giving hope to hundreds of youths from a war-torn region, Major Lindsay significantly contributed to mission objectives."

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MACAULAY, Derek Alan

Brigadier-General – Commander 5th Canadian Brigade
Chief of Staff Operation Impact in Iraq

OMM MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017
GH: 26 February 2018
DOI: April 2015 to March 2016

“Brigadier-General Macaulay served as the chief of staff of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command–Iraq from April 2015 to March 2016. With exceptional leadership, he united a multinational command and staff of over 4 000 soldiers from 18 countries and oversaw more than 50 strikes aimed at defeating the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. As the senior Canadian Armed Forces representative in Iraq, Brigadier-General Macaulay solidified Canada’s reputation among the allied countries of the coalition.”



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

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 December 2016 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)

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MacLEAN, Trevor John Christopher

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
Bedford, Nova Scotia
Commanding Officer, HMCS Fredericton in support of NATO OP Reassurance

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017
GH: 06 December 2017
DOI: January to June 2016

“Commander MacLean served as the commanding officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Fredericton from January to June 2016, in support of NATO assurance measures in the Mediterranean and Black seas. His exceptional leadership and professionalism ensured operational success, particularly during maritime surveillance operations in the Aegean Sea. Commander MacLean’s operational acumen emphasized Canada’s commitment to its NATO allies, and contributed to maintaining stability and security in Eastern and Central Europe.”



Medals: MSM – Southeast Asia with bar Afghanistan – Operational Service bar Expedition – NATO OP Reassurance – CD and Bar

Promoted to Commodore in 2022.



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PILON, Joseph Jean Louis Nicolas

Colonel – Royal Canadian Engineers

Chief of staff of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 03 April 2017

DOI: July 2015 to July 2016

“Colonel Pilon was on assignment in Haiti from July 2015 to July 2016 as chief of staff of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti and as commander of Task Force Port-au-Prince. In carrying out his duties, he demonstrated outstanding leadership while maintaining high morale during a year marked by tumultuous elections and a heightened threat level. He quickly earned the trust of the Haitian and UN authorities, and helped to strengthen Canada’s reputation.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra ribbon – Peacekeeping – MINUSTAH (Haiti) with 2nd tour 2 – Interfet (East Timor) – CD

Colonel Nicolas Pilon, MSM, CD

Colonel Nicolas Pilon is currently the Director of Land Requirements for the Canadian Army working in the Canadian Army Headquarters in Ottawa. Colonel Pilon enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1992 and graduated from Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario in 1996 with a Bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering. He completed his Military Engineer officer training in 1997 and throughout his career he has served with the Royal Canadian Engineers field forces for over 9 years, including commanding 2 Combat Engineer Regiment in Petawawa, Ontario from 2012 to 2014. He has held many staff appointments that include working in the J5 Plans Branch of the Canadian Joint Headquarters in Kingston, in the G3 operations staff in Canadian Army Headquarters, as Chief of Staff of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group and as the Senior Joint Engineer in the Canadian Joint Operations Command in Ottawa.

Colonel Pilon has also served at the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineers where he was responsible for the training of all Military Engineer officers. Colonel Pilon has four overseas deployment that include East Timor (1999), Afghanistan (2003 and 2005) and Haiti where he was the Chief of Staff of the Military Forces to the United Nations Stabilization Mission from July 2015 to July 2016. He is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff Program from the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. Colonel Pilon holds a Master’s degree in Defence Studies and is also a licensed Professional Engineer with the province of Ontario. He is married and has three children.



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SMITH, Gregory Ronald

Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment

Assistant Chief of Staff J5 (Strategic Plans) SHAPE Belgium

MSM* CD

BAR

CG: 17 June 2017

GH:

DOI: 2017

“Commander of Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq in 2016.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 February 2014 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 and 1 extra tour bar SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD and Bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)

MGen Gregory Smith, MSM and Bar, CD

Promoted to Brigadier-General in February 2016 and made Chief of Staff of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command - Operation Inherent Resolve in Baghdad, Iraq.

Promoted substantive Brigadier-General in 2017 and made National Military Representative for Canada (SHAPE) and Commander Formation Europe.

Promoted to Major-General in February 2022 and made Director General of International Security Policy.



Major-General Greg Smith is an Infantry Officer who was born in Oshawa, Ontario. He has served in each of the battalions of the Royal Canadian Regiment (The RCR) at Platoon and Company level, was Commanding Officer of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment, Commandant of the Canadian Army Command and Staff College, and Director of the Royal Canadian Infantry Corps. He was Canada's National Military Representative/ Commander Formation Europe and Assistant Chief of Staff J5 at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons, Belgium. He served in the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command as Director General Intelligence Enterprise and in 2022 Director General International Security Policy.

Major-General Smith's other staff appointments include serving at the Infantry School, the Army Headquarters, the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, and the Defence Renewal Team. Major-General Smith's operational deployments include UNPROFOR in Croatia in 1994-95 as platoon commander, a deployment to Kabul in 2003-04 as Battalion Group Operations Officer, to Kandahar in 2009-10 as Special Operation Task Force Commander, to Kabul in 2012 as Deputy Training Mission Commander, and to Baghdad, Iraq in 2016 as Chief of Staff of the Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.



He is a graduate of the Transitional Command and Staff Course at the Canadian Army Command and Staff College, the Joint Command and Staff Programme at the Canadian Forces College (CFC) Toronto, the National Security Programme at CFC Toronto. He is a Fellow of the U.S. National Defence University Capstone Course, the NATO Defence College General Officer Flag Officer Ambassador Course, and the Daniel K. Inoye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Transnational Security Cooperation Course. Major-General Smith possesses a Bachelor of Arts in Military and Strategic Studies (Honours) from Collège militaire royal de St-Jean and three Masters of Arts in War Studies, Defence Studies, and Public Administration through the Royal Military College of Canada (RMCC) and the University of New Brunswick. He has been a Visiting Defence Fellow at the Queen's University Centre for International and Defence Policy in Kingston, Ontario. He is married to Major (retd) Danielle Garon and they have two children in university.



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

TIFFIN, Andrew John

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy
Chief Warrant Officer for Joint Task Force-Iraq in Kuwait

MMM MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017
GH: 01 November 2015
DOI: November 2015 to June 2016



“Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Tiffin was deployed to Kuwait from November 2015 to June 2016 as the chief warrant officer for Joint Task Force–Iraq. His inspired leadership helped to forge a disparate group of personnel into a cohesive team that achieved operational excellence. He also provided sound advice to senior staff, resolved operational and personnel issues, and ensured a state of high morale during relief-in-place rotations. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Tiffin was integral to mission success.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 2009 in the rank of Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class while serving with the Diving Unit Atlantic.

Medals: MMM – MSM – Sacrifice – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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WARD, Declan

Major
Taking over a Highly Volatile Situation and Stabilizing the Line

MSM CD

CG: 17 June 2017
GH: 26 February 2018
DOI: Unknown

“After a section of the allied defensive line was attacked and overrun by enemy forces, Major Ward advanced with a small team and took control of a highly volatile and uncertain situation. He provided unwavering guidance to his team while simultaneously advising and assisting allied commanders in order to regain the initiative and re-establish the defensive line. Major Ward’s personal leadership solidified relations at the tactical level and resulted in unprecedented recognition of Canadian national support.”

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

BELIVEAU, Michel

MMM MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Warrant Officer – Canadian Forces Health Services

GH: 26 February 2018

Provision of medical services for the task force

DOI: Unknown

“While deployed, Warrant Officer Beliveau was responsible for overseeing the provision of medical services for the task force. Demonstrating exceptional expertise and professionalism during the host nation campaigns, he was responsible for the treatment of hundreds of casualties. His expert planning and treatment of these casualties went beyond the call of duty and brought honour to Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **73rd ORMM List** of 2023 in the rank of Captain.

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BOURNE, Jordan Kekoa Dexter

MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Sergeant

GH: 26 February 2018

Coordinated host nation-level leadership to adjust formations to defeat the enemy

DOI: Unknown

“Sergeant Bourne placed himself and his team in positions of overwatch during the critical phases of host nation operations. He controlled the fire of his personnel and coordinated host nation-level leadership to adjust formations in real time, in order to defeat a well-entrenched enemy.”

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

CHAGNON, François Joseph

Brigadier-General – former Signals Officer

Commander of Task Force Jerusalem (Operation Proteus)

OMM MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: July 2015 to July 2016



“From July 2015 to July 2016, Brigadier-General Chagnon served as commander of Task Force Jerusalem. As the senior Canadian flag officer in the Middle East, he played a key role in implementing security sector reform and the professionalization of the Palestinian Authority security forces. Moreover, he represented the Government of Canada brilliantly during a high-level meeting in Jordan for the Aqaba process.”

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

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Humanitas ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – MINURCA (Central America) – NATO with bar Kosovo – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and two bars.

Brigadier-General François Joseph CHAGNON, OMM, MSM, CD

Col. F.J. Chagnon became base commander of CFB Kingston on 30 May 2013. The command role will mark the third time Chagnon's been stationed in Kingston. Chagnon joined the Canadian Forces in 1983 and attended both le Collège Militaire Royal de St-Jean and the Royal Military College of Canada, graduating in 1988 with a bachelor of electrical engineering.

He was stationed as a staff officer in Ottawa before being posted to the Special Service Force in Petawawa where he served as the regimental signals officer for the 2nd regiment of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. Later he served as deputy commanding officer of the Special Service Force headquarters and signal squadron. In 1996, after being promoted to major, Chagnon returned to Ottawa to the Directorate of Land Requirements. In 2000, he was appointed aide-de-camp to the chief of the defence staff. In 2002, he was posted to the Headquarters Allied Forces Northern Europe in Brunssum, the Netherlands. In 2005, the year after he was appointed an officer in the Order of Military Merit and promoted to lieutenant colonel, he returned to Ottawa to the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command (CEFCOM) headquarters.

His last assignment to Kingston was between 2007 and 2009 when he commanded the Canadian Forces Joint Signal Regiment. Following his promotion to colonel in 2009, he was on the staff of the Assistant Deputy Minister (Information Management) at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. In 2011, he was the Director Land Command and Information and Director of Signals.



In the summer of 2015, Colonel Chagnon was promoted to Brigadier-General and appointed as the Commander of Canadian Contingent to Task Force Jerusalem as part of Operation Proteus. On returning to Ottawa in the summer of 2016, he was appointed to a new position, Assistant to the COIC Chief of Staff Operations at NDHQ. He was promoted to Major-General and appointed Chief of Staff to the Assistant Deputy Minister (IM) at NDHQ in summer 2018.

In addition to his electrical engineering degree, Chagnon holds master degrees in applied military sciences and project management, is a graduate of the National Security Programme, the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College, the Land Forces Technical Staff Course and the Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff Course. Chagnon served on five deployments, including Cyprus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Kosovo and Afghanistan.

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

MACDONALD, Kevin Hervé

MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Master Seaman – RCN

GH: 26 February 2018

Technical Expertise to Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) DOI: 2014 to 2017

“In his role providing technical expertise to Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM), Master Seaman Macdonald established an enduring analytical, scientific and intelligent counter-terrorism framework across Canadian and allied communities. Most significantly, his ability to work with other agencies and multiple nations has revolutionized how the Canadian Armed Forces conducts threat analysis. This had a direct influence on the preparation of CANSOFCOM missions and enhanced real-time knowledge of threats in theatres of operations.”

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MALO, Joseph Robert François

MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Colonel - RCAF

GH: 26 February 2018

Director General of the Canadian Forces Grievances Authority

DOI: May 2012 to February 2017

“As the director general of the Canadian Forces Grievances Authority from May 2012 to February 2017, Colonel Malo demonstrated great leadership, outstanding professionalism and personal commitment. During a period of unprecedented transformation and renewal, he gave a voice to Canadian Armed Forces members during grievance processes.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 January 2001 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.



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

SAVORY, Adam

MSM

CG: 11 November 2017

Corporal – Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Centre

GH: 26 February 2018

Operational Electronic Intelligence (Op ELINT) Mission

DOI: 2015 to 2017

“From 2015 to 2017, while serving with the Canadian Forces Electronic Warfare Centre, Corporal Savory demonstrated exceptional professional knowledge of and dedication to the Operational Electronic Intelligence (Op ELINT) mission. The Near Real-Time Electronic Anomaly Detection tool that he developed significantly improved the efficiency of time and personnel required to deliver actionable intelligence. Corporal Savory’s outstanding contributions have positively impacted the FIVE EYES ELINT community.”

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SOULIS, Nicolaas

MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Sergeant – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 26 February 2018

Deployable High Readiness Tactical Data Link capability

DOI: August 2012 to July 2016



“From August 2012 to July 2016, Sergeant Soulis demonstrated outstanding dedication to the Royal Canadian Air Force Deployable High Readiness Tactical Data Link capability. With exceptional leadership skills and an inspirational work ethic, he played a crucial role in the development and implementation of the expeditionary Tactical Data Link and Full Motion Video capabilities in support of domestic and international missions.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA - CD

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

TREMBLAY, Tammy

MSM CD

CG: 11 November 2017

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 26 February 2018

Military Expert to the United Nations Under-Secretary-General response to Sexual Abuse

DOI: May to September 2016

“From May to September 2016, Lieutenant-Colonel Tremblay served as the first military expert to the United Nations Under-Secretary-General responsible for improving the UN response to sexual exploitation and abuse. She excelled at generating necessary decisions from her international partners in this complex and sensitive environment. Her efforts led directly to the development of world-class tools to address and prevent sexual misconduct by members of United Nations forces.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon and one extra tour bar – UN SSM (for UN HQ New York) - CD



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

**In 2017, Several MSM (military) were declassified and citations published in the
*Honours and Awards for the Men and Women of the Canadian Armed Forces 2017 Document***

BOIVIN, Joseph Michael Steve

OMM MSC MSM CD

CG: not gazetted

Captain – Royal 22e Regiment

CF: CF Honours Document 2017

Deployed to Afghanistan with a Special Operations Task Force

DOI: not published



“Captain Boivin was deployed to Afghanistan with a Special Operations Task Force, where he was involved in several combat engagements and direct actions operations. His relentless pursuit in the fielding of forces, proven in combat against a determined and in some cases numerically superior enemy has placed a confirmed operational capability in the hands of the Canadian Special Operations Forces community. He has proven to be a determined, brave, tireless and utterly inspiring leader. His steadfast professionalism on this mission has brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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

Awarded Meritorious Service Cross as per the Canada Gazette of 14 November 2015 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Announcement of the award of the **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal** as per the *Honours and Awards for the Men and Women of the Canadian Armed Forces 2017 Document* in the rank of Major.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – NATO with bar Kosovo – Multinational Force and Observers with 2 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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BOIVIN, Joseph Michael Steve

OMM MSC MSM* CD

CG: not gazetted

Major - Royal 22e Regiment

BAR

CF: CF Honours Document 2017

Deployed with a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan

DOI: not published

“With considerable leadership and tactical acumen, Major Boivin deployed with a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. He and his task force excelled during intense counter-insurgency operations. Leading from the front, Major Boivin’s performance furthered stability in the region bringing great credit to Canada.”



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

Awarded Meritorious Service Cross as per the Canada Gazette of 14 November 2015 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Announcement of the award of the **Meritorious Service Medal** as per the *Honours and Awards for the Men and Women of the Canadian Armed Forces 2017 Document* in the rank of Captain.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – NATO with bar Kosovo – Multinational Force and Observers with 2 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

Major-General Joseph Michael Steve BOIVIN, OMM, MSC, MSM and Bar, CD
Commander 2nd Canadian Division and Joint Task Force (East)

Brigadier-General Boivin joined the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in 1997 as an armoured officer. He commanded the 12^e Régiment blindé du Canada, the CAF Joint Counter Explosive Threat Task Force, Task Force El Gorah in Egypt, and 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. More recently, he served as the Deputy Commanding General – Operations of 1 Corps U.S. Army at McChord Base in Washington State. His key staff positions include Chief of Staff Army Strategy Coordinator, Routine Operations for Strategic Joint Staff at National Defence Headquarters, and Special Advisor to the Commander of the Canadian Army.



BGen Boivin participated in four expeditionary deployments and two domestic operations. He was deployed twice with two different units to the former Yugoslavia under the mandate of the NATO Stabilization Force. He commanded the Reconnaissance Squadron in 2008 and deployed to Kandahar with the 2 Patricia Princess Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group under Task Force 1-08. In 2014–2015, he was appointed Commander of Task Force El Gorah, Egypt, as part of Operation CALUMET and, at the same time, Chief of Liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers.

Colonel Steve Boivin commanded the 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade in Quebec from 2017 to 2018. He was then promoted to Brigadier-General in May 2018 and appointed as the Deputy Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command replacing BGen Peter Dawe.

In June 2021, he was promoted to Major-General and appointed the Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, again replacing Peter Dawe.

He completed the Land Forces Technical Staff Programme in Kingston, the Joint Command and Staff Programme at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, and the Defence and Strategic Studies Course in Canberra, Australia.

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