

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

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

BRENNAN, Shane Anthony
Brigadier-General
Commander of Joint Task Force–Iraq

MSM CD**
2nd Bar (Third Award)

CG: 16 June 2018
GH: 01 November 2018
DOI: May 2016 to February 2017



“Brigadier-General Brennan was deployed as commander of Joint Task Force–Iraq from May 2016 to February 2017, as part of Canada’s contribution to combatting Daesh in Iraq and Syria. He consolidated three command-and-control elements into a single Joint Operations Centre, expanded Canada’s role in the coalition’s Joint Task Force, and was instrumental to the successful employment of Canadian Armed Forces capabilities in the region. Brigadier-General Brennan’s stellar performance earned universal praise from coalition allies and strengthened Canada’s international reputation.”

Awarded **MSM** as per **Canada Gazette** 26 January 2008 of in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in Lebanon.

Awarded **Bar to MSM** as per **Canada Gazette** 11 February 2012 of in the rank of Colonel in Afghanistan

Medals: MSM and 2 bars – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Croatia – CD and two bars

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

BABIJ, Orest Myroslaw

Colonel

Intelligence Liaison Officer for the Ministerial Liaison Team in Baghdad, Iraq

MSM* CD

BAR

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 26 July 2018

DOI: May 2016 to July 2017

“From May 2016 to July 2017, Colonel Babij was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as an intelligence liaison officer for the Ministerial Liaison Team and as commanding officer of Canadian personnel. He provided vital intelligence briefings, liaised effectively with the U.S. military and the government of Iraq, and reinforced the Iraqi Security Forces’ capacity to combat Daesh. With inspiring leadership and technical acumen, Colonel Babij has brought great credit to himself and promoted Canada’s strategic objectives in the region.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 July 2010 in the rank of Major as the Commanding Officer of All Source Intelligence in Afghanistan.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** at the US Embassy in Ottawa on 18 July 2018.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bars – Canadian Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bars - CD and bar – Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)



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

BANVILLE, Angela Marie

Colonel

Deployed to Jerusalem as the Deputy commander of Task Force Jerusalem

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: July 2016 to July 2017



"From July 2016 to July 2017, Colonel Banville was deployed to Jerusalem as the deputy commander of Task Force Jerusalem and the director of Operational Support for the United States Security Coordinator. She led a multinational team that bolstered the capacity of the Palestinian Authority Security Force, enabling it to police the West Bank more effectively and safely. With steadfast leadership and professionalism, Colonel Banville cemented critical strategic alliances and advanced Canada's interests in the Middle East."

Awarded **American Meritorious Service Medal** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2019 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar – Canada 125 – CD and Bar – USA MSM

Colonel Angela BANVILLE, MSM, CD, RCAF



COLONEL ANGELA BANVILLE WILL RETIRE FROM THE CAF ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2020 AFTER 32 YEARS OF LOYAL AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RCLC, RCAF AND CAF.

COLONEL BANVILLE ENROLLED IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES IN 1988 AS A LOGISTICS OFFICER, AFTER RECEIVING A BSC (HONOURS) FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK. UPON THE COMPLETION OF HER INITIAL TRAINING SHE WAS POSTED IN 1990 TO WING SUPPLY AT 12 WING SHEARWATER NS. COLONEL BANVILLE'S SUBSEQUENT POSTINGS INCLUDED J4 LOG AT NDHQ; TECHNICAL SERVICES OFFICER AT CFSU(O); AIR LOG CAREER MANAGER AT DMILC; SO VCDS; ISAF CELL A4 CC-AIR RAMSTEIN GERMANY; WING LOGISTICS AND ENGINEERING OFFICER AT 4 WING COLD LAKE; LOGISTICS BRANCH ADVISER/INTEGRATOR; SJS STRAT J4 DIRECTOR SUSTAINMENT STRATEGY AND READINESS AND COMMANDANT CANADIAN FORCES SUPPORT UNIT (OTTAWA).

COLONEL BANVILLE DEPLOYED THREE TIMES INCLUDING AS THE STATION LOGISTICS OFFICER AT CFSALERT IN 1995; AS THE SO STRATEGIC AIR AT THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE (ISAF) HQ IN AFGHANISTAN IN 2007 AND AS THE DEPUTY COMMANDER OF TASK FORCE JERUSALEM (OP PROTEUS) WHICH INCLUDED THE ROLE OF DIRECTOR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES SECURITY COORDINATOR FOR ISRAEL AND PALESTINE IN JERUSALEM IN 2016. SHE WAS SELECTED TO ATTEND THE CF COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE IN 2004, WHERE SHE COMPLETED A MASTERS IN DEFENCE STUDIES AND ALSO ATTENDED THE NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMME IN 2013. SHE WAS AWARDED THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL IN 2018.

COLONEL BANVILLE WAS HONOURED TO COMMAND AT ALL RANKS AT 12 WING SHEARWATER, CFSU(O), 4 WING COLD LAKE AND AT HER MOST RECENT COMMAND AT CFSU(O). HER PASSION HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN PROVIDING OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO CAF OPERATIONS DOMESTICALLY AND ABROAD. SHE IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE AMAZING CAF MEMBERS, PUBLIC SERVANTS AND NON PUBLIC FUND COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED HER

WITH GUIDANCE, ADVICE AND SUPPORT THROUGHOUT HER CAREER. SHE HAS BEEN IMPRESSED BY THEIR PROFESSIONALISM, DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP AND ANY SUCCESS THAT SHE HAS ACHIEVED WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT.

COLONEL BANVILLE WOULD LIKE TO THANK HER EXTENDED FAMILY AND THOSE FRIENDS SHE HAS MADE AT EVERY POSTING WHO HAVE PROVIDED ALWAYS FRIENDSHIP, LAUGHTER AND ENCOURAGEMENT ALONG THE WAY. SHE WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK HER HUSBAND PIERRE WHO SUPPORTED HER AND LEFT HIS JOB AND FOLLOWED HER ON MULTIPLE POSTINGS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER AND THEIR AWESOME DAUGHTERS GABRIELLE AND JULIA WHO MAKE THEIR PARENTS PROUD EVERY DAY. THEIR COLLECTIVE LOVE AND SUPPORT HAS MADE HER CAREER POSSIBLE. ANGELA WILL BE RETIRING IN OTTAWA AND HER FUTURE PLANS INCLUDE INDULGING IN ALL HER HOBBIES THAT SHE HASN'T HAD TIME FOR IN THE PAST NUMBER OF YEARS AND EVENTUALLY SOME TRAVEL.

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

BENEDICT, Sean Eldon	MMM MSM CD	CG: 16 June 2018
Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment	Pembroke, Ontario	GH: 11 June 2019
Quartermaster Sergeant of Land Task Force Company on Canada's NATO contribution		DOL: September 2014 to January 2015

"From September 2014 to January 2015, Warrant Officer Benedict was deployed to Central and Eastern Europe as part of Canada's contribution to NATO assurance measures. As the quartermaster sergeant of the Land Task Force Company, he adroitly led the logistics team through a series of complex operations, such as moving sensitive items across international borders and integrating an airhead into the task force's supply chain. Through exemplary professionalism and leadership, Warrant Officer Benedict has brought great credit to himself and to Canada."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 02 June 2018 in the rank of Warrant Officer while serving with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment.

Medals: MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – CD and Bar



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

BERARDINELLI, Anthony

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

Major – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH:

Supporting Two Major Host Nation Operations against DAESH (L)

DOI:

“For decisive leadership and outstanding efforts in supporting two major host nation operations against DAESH L.”

“Major Berardinelli played a decisive role in supporting two major operations against ISIL. His outstanding efforts in developing the coalition plan and supporting the execution of the largest joint operation in the campaign against ISIL were instrumental in setting the conditions for the seizure of Mosul. Major Berardinelli’s contributions during this period resulted in an unprecedented influence with host nation and coalition forces, and brought great honour to Canada.”

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CARRIERE, Andrew Paul

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

Warrant Officer

GH: 26 February 2018

Senior Enlisted Medical Advisor at a Casualty Collection Point for Operations Task Force

DOI: December 2016 to April 2017

“Warrant Officer Carriere filled the role of a senior enlisted medical advisor in a casualty collection point for the Coalition Special Operations Task Force from December 2016 to April 2017. His superior performance provided a seamless integration of medical assets from seven different countries, which provided life-saving medical care to over 270 battlefield-injured casualties. As a result of these efforts, the relationship between coalition forces and the host nation’s leadership could not have been stronger.”

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DALEBOZIK, James

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

Warrant Officer

Ottawa, Ontario

GH: 11 June 2019

CANSOFCOM’s High Altitude Airdrop Mission Support Program

DOI: 2017

“Sergeant Dalebozik led the creation of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command’s (CANSOFCOM) High Altitude Airdrop Mission Support Program. His tireless devotion was foundational in the creation of the unit’s first high-altitude breathing tables and physiological incident protocols. Sergeant Dalebozik’s efforts resulted in CANSOFCOM becoming the training authority for the program, which has further enhanced its status as a world-class organization.”



“For tireless devotion to developing CANSOFCOM’s High Altitude Airdrop Mission Support Program”

Medals: 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)

ERMEL, Ross William

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

Brigadier-General

GH: 26 February 2018

Leadership in the Development of the Defence Policy Review

DOI: September 2015 to January 2017

“From September 2015 to January 2017, Brigadier-General Ermel exhibited leadership and professionalism during the development of the Defence Policy Review. His contribution directly enabled the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces to present a comprehensive defence policy to the government for the first time in over 20 years. Brigadier-General Ermel’s organizational vision, coupled with an indefatigable work ethic, resulted in an impressively executed review that was lauded at the highest levels of government.”



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

Promoted Brigadier-General in 2016.

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GALLOWAY, Steven Edward

MSM

CG: 16 June 2018

Leading-Seaman - RCN

Ottawa, Ontario

GH: 11 June 2019

Surveillance analyst with the Canadian Forces Network Operations Centre

DOI: January 2013 to July 2017

“Leading Seaman Galloway was employed as a surveillance analyst with the Canadian Forces Network Operations Centre from January 2013 to July 2017. He developed training modules and courseware that significantly enhanced the effectiveness of Cyber Defence Operations. Leading Seaman Galloway’s outstanding dedication and vast knowledge contributed to maintaining cyber superiority within the Canadian Armed Forces in order to ensure tactical advantage both domestically and abroad.”

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

GIRARD, Pierre-Marc

Warrant Officer

Head of Satellite Communications for the 2nd NATO Signals Battalion

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

NATO: 25 June 2018

DOI: July 2015 to February 2017



“Warrant Officer Pierre-Marc Girard (CAN A) provided outstanding service as Head of the Satellite Communications Maintenance and Support Section for the 2nd NATO Signal Battalion from July 2015 to February 2017.”

His MSM was presented on 25 June 2018 at the NATO Defense College by the Canadian Ambassador to Italy, Her Excellency Alexandra Bugailiskis. Colonel Iain Hope also received his MSM at this time.

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HAMILTON, Jeffrey Michael

Captain(N) - RCN

Development of the Defence Policy Review

MSM* CD

BAR

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: September 2015 to January 2017



“From September 2015 to January 2017, Captain(N) Hamilton exhibited leadership and professionalism during the development of the Defence Policy Review. His contribution directly enabled the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces to present a comprehensive defence policy to the government for the first time in over 20 years. Captain(N) Hamilton’s organizational vision, coupled with a solid work ethic, resulted in an impressively executed review that was praised at the highest levels of government.”

Awarded Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) as per **Government House** of 24 June 2015 in the rank of Commander while in command of *HMCS Toronto* in the Mediterranean.

Medals: MSM and Bar – SW Asian with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal Expedition – SSM – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

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

HAWCO, Darren Carl

Rear-Admiral – Royal Canadian Navy
Leadership as Chief of Force Development

MSM* CD
BAR

CG: 16 June 2018
GH: 26 February 2018
DOI: July 2016 to June 2017

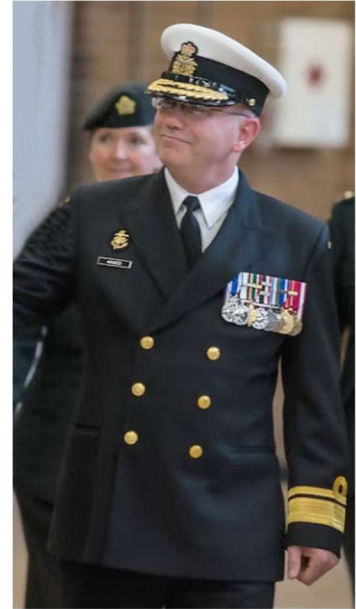
“From July 2016 to June 2017, Rear-Admiral Hawco demonstrated exemplary leadership and professionalism as chief of Force Development in Ottawa. As co-lead for the Defence Policy Review, he exhibited a high degree of strategic vision and exemplary personal commitment, which enabled the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces to present the most comprehensive and holistic defence policy to the government for the first time in over two decades, thereby meeting its institutional needs for years to come.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Commander while commanding *HMCS Ottawa* from May 2006 to June 2007.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 December 2010 in the rank of Commander.

He served for six months as the Deputy Director to General Petraeus' (COMISAF) CIG and for the next six months as the COS to the ISAF Counter Corruption CJIATF (Brigadier-General H.R. McMaster).

Medals: MSC and Bar – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with two bars – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – MSM (USA)



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HEPDITCH, David Edward

Chief Warrant Officer - RCAF
Chief Warrant Officer for Joint Task Force-Iraq

MMM MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018
GH: 01 November 2018
DOI: May 2016 to March 2017

“From May 2016 to March 2017, Chief Warrant Officer Hepditch was deployed to Kuwait as part of Canada's contribution to the Middle East Stabilization Force. As chief warrant officer of Joint Task Force-Iraq, he demonstrated leadership and exceptional professionalism that enabled the task force commander to build and maintain an operationally focused, one-team approach and to achieve mission success.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2015 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal with Allied Force ribbon – General Service with Expedition ribbon and 2 tours – Operational Service Medal with Humanitus Ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar



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

HINGSTON, Andrew Colin

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

Commanding Officer – HMCS Charlottetown – In the Mediterranean and Black Seas

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: June 2016 to January 2017



“Commander Hingston was the commanding officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Charlottetown from June 2016 to January 2017, when the ship was deployed as part of Canada’s contribution to NATO assurance measures in the Mediterranean and Black seas. He demonstrated steadfast leadership and outstanding professionalism throughout his tenure, particularly when he assumed command of the NATO Task Group responsible for the execution of targeted surveillance missions. Commander Hingston’s actions brought great credit to himself and bolstered Canada’s standing with our NATO allies.”

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

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HISCOCK, Tammy Michelle

Major - RCAF

Deputy Commander United Nations Command Rear

MSM CD

Bedford, Nova Scotia

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: Since August 2015



“Since August 2015, Major Hiscock has served with the Deputy Commander United Nations Command Rear and excelled as a diplomat and operational planner. In efficiently organizing visits to United Nations Command bases, she methodically championed the privileges of multinational forces participating under the terms of force agreements with Japan. This freedom of movement led to a significant increase in regional activity that supported the defence of the Republic of Korea.”

Major Tammy Hiscock was the Canadian Forces Female Athlete of the Year in 2007 while serving at CFB Greenwood. She is a distance runner and has won the prestigious award, which recognizes the elite of Canada’s military athletes before in 2004 after being named the Air Command Athlete of the year, a title she has earned four out of the past five years.



She joined the Forces in 1997, Hiscock has been posted in Greenwood since May 2007. Prior to her current posting, she served at Canadian Forces bases in Borden, Ottawa and Shearwater. When she moved back to the Valley, home for her, she continued her dedication to the sport of long distance and cross country running that began entirely by accident 12 years ago. She did a six-month deployment in Afghanistan.

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

LUND, Wilfred Douglas Gordon

MSM CD

CG: 06 June 2018

Lieutenant-Commander - RCN

GH: 26 February 2018

Leadership in the Creation and Employment of the Maritime Tactical Operations Group

DOI: 2014 to 2016

"Between 2014 and 2016, Lieutenant-Commander Lund displayed exceptional vision, dedication, planning and leadership throughout the creation and employment of the Maritime Tactical Operations Group. His commitment enabled the development of a proficient Enhanced Naval Boarding Team that could conduct obstructed boardings and assist with future direct support of special operations, deployments and Canadian Armed Forces objectives. His actions and achievements reflect the highest standards of dedication and professionalism."



Medals: MSM - Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

MATHESON, Mark Alan

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

Brigadier-General - RCAF

GH: 26 February 2018

Leadership as the Director General of Compensation and Benefits

DOI: August 2013 to July 2016

"From August 2013 to July 2016, Brigadier-General Matheson displayed hands-on leadership and unparalleled astuteness as director general of Compensation and Benefits in Ottawa. His exemplary contributions to pension delivery modernization, benefit enhancements, relocations and the efficient release of members have greatly improved the quality of life of the entire defence team. The impressive professional abilities of Brigadier-General Matheson, along with his manifestly selfless dedication to duty, have brought great credit to himself and to the Canadian Armed Forces."



Medals: MSM - Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bars – Canada 125 – CD and two bars

He retired as a Brigadier-General in 2016. Became Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel of the GGFG.

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

MURRAY, Jeffrey Lawrence

Commander – RCN

Commanding Officer HMCS Fredericton as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2

MSC MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 01 November 2018

DOI: January 2015 to July 2015



“Commander Murray was deployed aboard Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Fredericton* from January 2015 to July 2015 as part of Canada’s contribution to NATO assurance measures in the Mediterranean and Black seas. As commanding officer, he led the Royal Canadian Navy’s first modernized frigate overseas and demonstrated professionalism throughout various NATO exercises, which sharpened the maritime situational awareness, interoperability and anti-submarine, -air and -surface warfare tactics of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2. Commander Murray’s remarkable performance significantly strengthened Canada’s reputation with NATO allies.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander while serving as the Executive Officer of HMCS Protecteur.

Medals: MSC - MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM with bar NATO - NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia – CD

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

He then served as the Shipborne Air Controller and Diving Officer in HMCS ATHABASKAN. Upon completion of the Operations Room Officer Course Commander Murray

served as the Operations and then Combat Officer in NCSM VILLE DE QUEBEC. While serving as Combat Officer, VILLE DE QUEBEC was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as a part of a NATO Task Group and was then re-tasked to support World Food Program shipments of humanitarian aid destined for Mogadishu, Somalia.

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

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

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

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

OLSTAD, Keith Michael

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment
Regimental Sergeant Major of the Ministerial Liaison Team in Iraq

MMM MSM CD
Chalk River, Ontario

CG: 16 June 2018
GH: 11 June 2019
DOI: May 2016 to July 2017

“From May 2016 to July 2017, Chief Warrant Officer Olstad was deployed to Iraq as part of Canada's contribution to the Middle East Stabilization Force. As the regimental sergeant major of the Ministerial Liaison Team, he effectively collaborated with senior officers from the militaries of eight different countries, established key working relationships with the Iraqi Security Forces, and ensured the force protection of Canadian personnel.”

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

Medals: MMM – MSM – Sacrifice – Gulf War – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar - Operational Service with Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO with Non-Article 5 ribbon for the Balkans – CD and Bar

Chief Warrant Officer Olstad enrolled in the Canadian Forces on the 2nd of August 1986. After completing recruit and basic training at The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle School in Garrison Petawawa, he was posted to Kapyong Barracks, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and assigned to The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment. During his 33 years of service, he has served in the 1st and 3rd Regimental Battalions, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle School, Land Forces Central Area Training Center, 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, and most recently 4th Canadian Division. Chief Warrant Officer Olstad has six operational deployments overseas. In 1991, he deployed with The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Mike Company to Doha, Qatar for the first gulf War, while serving in Baden, Germany. In 1994, he deployed to Balkins with The 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Charles Company. In 2003, he deployed again to the Balkins with The 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Bravo Company. He deployed to Afghanistan as part of TF 3-06 and TF 3-08 with The 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment and The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment in 2006 and 2008. His most recent deployment was to Baghdad, Iraq from May 2015 to July 2016, as part of the Corps HQs CJ7 and Sergeant Major for the Canadian led Ministerial Liaison Team. Throughout his career, he has been employed in many positions to include Rifleman, Section Commander, Platoon 2IC, Anti-Armour 2IC, Battalion Training Warrant Officer, Company Quarter Master, Company Sergeant Major, Drill Sergeant Major of The 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Regimental Sergeant Major of The 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Brigade Sergeant-Major of 2 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, and most recently the 4th Canadian Division Sergeant-Major as of 01 June 2018.



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

ROBIDOUX, Christopher Lionel

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH: 01 November 2018

Deputy Chief Combat Operations Division of the 609th Combined Air Operations Centre

DOI: June to December 2016



"From June to December 2016, Lieutenant-Colonel Robidoux was deployed to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, as part of Canada's contribution to defeating Daesh. As the deputy chief of Combat Operations Division of the 609th Combined Air Operations Centre, he improved the integration of coalition partners and the delivery of air power in a highly dynamic environment. Lieutenant-Colonel Robidoux's tactical acumen improved the command and control of air assets, permitting more effective engagements of enemy targets."

Medals: MSM – SW Asia Medal with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – CD

Former Commanding Officer of 414 Squadron (Knights).

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ROBY, Nickolas Sebastien

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

Lieutenant-Colonel – RCA

Fredericton, New Brunswick

GH: 11 June 2019

Liaison officer to the Congolese Armed Forces – UN Stabilization Force Dem. Rep Congo

DOI: November 2016 to April 2017



"From November 2016 to April 2017, Lieutenant-Colonel Roby was deployed with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As a liaison officer to the Congolese Armed Forces, he pioneered a new force employment model that involved integrating key staff within the Congolese Armed Forces, which improved their combined operational effectiveness. This model, in turn, allowed them to better protect civilians."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Stabilization Mission in the Congo – EIIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD

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

ROSSI, Carlo

Major

Task force commander of Line of Effort 5 (Medical Training) & Senior MO in Ukraine

MSM CD

Ottawa, Ontario

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 11 June 2019

DOI: August to February 2017

“From August to February 2017, Major Rossi was deployed as task force commander of Line of Effort 5 (Medical Training) and as NATO’s senior medical officer in Ukraine. He was the catalyst for the progress made by the Multinational Joint Commission medical subcommittee, all while overseeing the health care needs of approximately 500 Canadian and allied troops. Major Rossi’s exceptional dedication and professionalism brought great honour to Canada.”

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SCHARLACH, Todd

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Artillery

Planning and Execution of an Extremely Complex Multinational Exercise

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: 2015 to 2017

“From 2015 to 2017, Lieutenant-Colonel Scharlach’s outstanding performance was critical to the successful planning and execution of an extremely complex multinational exercise involving tactical outputs and strategic political decision making. As the lead planner, he personally organized and shepherded key activities and senior-level engagements, culminating in a successful exercise that contributed significantly to national security through the enhancement of specific procedures and protocols. Lieutenant-Colonel Scharlach’s efforts and dedication have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.”

LCol Scharlach enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1989 with the RCA, initially released in 2000, and then re-rolled in 2003. Highlights of his career include tours in Bosnia and Afghanistan, qualification and employment as an Artillery Officer Instructor-in-Gunnery (IG), and most recently as the J7 of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM). He retired 25 July 2018.

Todd has transitioned to a senior civilian position within DND, and remains in his position as the J7 CANSOFCOM, where he intends to remain for the foreseeable future. Todd extends his sincere thanks to all he has had the privilege to serve with throughout his military career, for the friendship and camaraderie, and he looks forward to continuing those professional relationships into his new career as a defence civilian.

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

SMITH, Paul Anthony

MSM CD

Lieutenant-Commander – RCN

Deployed in support of Operation NEPTUNE TRIDENT in the Gulf of Guinea

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 01 November 2018

DOI: 17 February to 02 May 2017

“Lieutenant-Commander Smith is recognized for his leadership and global engagement efforts as the task element commander of the first Royal Canadian Navy deployment in support of Operation NEPTUNE TRIDENT, from February 17 to May 2, 2017. He was instrumental to Royal Canadian Navy successes in regional engagements and its participation in the international naval exercise OBANGAME EXPRESS 17. Lieutenant-Commander Smith strengthened diplomatic ties and demonstrated Canada’s commitment to fostering maritime security within the Gulf of Guinea.”

Medals: MSM – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Expedition – CD and bar

Lieutenant Commander Paul Smith, MSM, CD

Lieutenant Commander Paul Smith is busy preparing for his first deployment to West Africa after three years of commanding two Kingston-class ships Her Majesty’s Canadian Ships *Kingston* and *Summerside* based in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Smith has been meeting with historians and experts to learn more about African heritage, and Nova Scotia’s deep connection with Sierra Leone. He said “Anytime I travel somewhere I like to learn a bit about the place before I go. Where there is such a deep connection with Nova Scotia and Sierra Leone, it’s important to know the details.”

Smith and his crew aboard HMCS *Summerside* are getting ready to take part in Neptune Trident 17-1 and will work with partner navies in the Gulf of Guinea off the coast of West Africa. He described his team as being “a well-oiled machine,” and says the hardest part of being in command is stepping back and letting the team do its job. “Being a leader means knowing when to make decisions and letting the team advise you on the next course of action.”

Paul Smith was born in Lionel Town, Jamaica, and moved to Canada with his family at age 6. He grew up in Ontario before moving to Halifax in his teens to complete military basic training at 19, after being enrolled in the Royal Canadian Navy in 1986. In 1999 Smith became a Sub-Lieutenant and accepted his commission after nearly 14 years of being a Non-Commissioned Member (NCM). He kept moving through the ranks and was promoted to his current rank in January 2010. He was appointed commanding officer of his first ship, HMCS *Kingston*, in July 2014.

Lieutenant Commander Smith says he found out three days before assuming command of HMCS *Kingston* that he would host the prime minister on board. This was during one of former Prime Minister, Stephen Harper’s Northern Tours, and during *Kingston*’s participation in the patrol of the Canadian Arctic in search for the lost Franklin expedition ships HMS *Erebus* and *Terror*. He says “the Arctic was fantastic, anybody ever given the opportunity to go there should take it.”

Smith recognizes the importance of working with other navies, learning and collaborating together. He said it is important to be able to learn from allied countries during joint exercises with NATO to understand how their command teams work, figuring out what might work for your ship and what wouldn’t. “I love working with other navies, to be able to see how somebody else is running their organization you need to be able to step outside of yours and see how other leaders work,” Smith said.

During Operation CARIBBE 2016 Smith was in charge of HMCS *Summerside* when they set sail for the Caribbean, to participate in the multinational campaign against drug trafficking. During their participation in the operation, HMCS *Summerside* intercepted nearly \$11 million worth of cocaine.

“I’ve been extremely fortunate throughout my career. I’ve been to the Arctic, the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, and now the West Coast of Africa, in just three years of being in command. Being commander is the best job in the Navy, and anybody who is in command will tell you that.” He describes himself as a professional mariner, having spent nearly 25 years on ship, and says “I am a big fan of new experiences.”



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

VEITCH, Michael

Major

Engineer Planner Canada's Middle East Stabilization Force

MSM CD

Carleton Place, Ontario

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: July 2016 to March 2017

"From July 2016 to March 2017, Major Veitch was deployed to Kuwait as part of Canada's Middle East Stabilization Force. As the engineer planner of the Combined Joint Task Force, he synchronized engineering units across a multinational coalition in the fight against Daesh. Renowned for his technical acumen, esprit de corps and dedication, Major Veitch directly contributed to the success of multiple operations in both Iraq and Syria, bringing credit to Canada in the process."

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WOOD, Christopher

Major – Canadian Special Operations Force Command
Leadership in the Campaign to Defeat DAESH (ISIL)

MSM CD

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: 01 November 2018

DOI: 2017

"Major Wood displayed exceptional leadership at a particularly sensitive juncture in the campaign to defeat Daesh. His vision and engagement with coalition partners ensured the task force remained responsive during a highly intense period of operations. His efforts contributed to the security of the host nation while successfully repositioning the task force for future mission success. Major Wood's professionalism and dedication to the mission brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces."



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

On 20 October 2017, Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) announced the liberation of Raqqa, Syria from the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, ISIL, or Daesh. ISIS seized Raqqa in early 2014 and declared it the capital of their caliphate. It was also a central hub for planning overseas terrorist attacks. The fight to liberate Raqqa began in June 2017 with U.S.-coalition airstrikes backing SDF ground operations. The SDF forces were composed of Arab, Kurdish and Assyrian militias with NATO assistance.

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

Seven (7)

No Rank

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces

MSM

CG: 16 June 2018

GH: Nil

DOI: Not Listed

"Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, **has awarded seven Meritorious Service Medals** to members of the Canadian Armed Forces for military activities of high standard that have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada. For security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipients have not been released."

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