

**MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)**

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BGen Michael Wright, MMV, MSM & Bar, CD



LCol Michael Reekie, MMV, MSM, CD

### Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**CHARLEBOIS, Daniel Alan**

Commodore - RCN

Commander Combined Task Force 150

**MSM\* CD**

**BAR to the MSM**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: January to July 2021

"From January to July 2021, Commodore Charlebois was deployed to Bahrain as the commander of Combined Task Force 150. Effectively balancing Canadian strategic objectives in the Middle East with those of the Combined Maritime Force, he led this vital multinational task force at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the ships under his command experienced many operational successes while at Sea. Commodore Charlebois' exceptional professionalism greatly contributed to regional security and stability, thereby bringing great credit to Canada."

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per 24 July 2015 in the rank of Commander while the Commanding Officer of *HMCS Regina*.

**Medals:** MSM and Bar – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar Expedition – Peacekeeping – NATO – NATO – CD and bar

Commodore Charlebois was promoted acting while so employed to Rear-Admiral and appointed Director General Future Ship Capability in Ottawa in July 2022.



## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**PEYTON, Paul James**

Brigadier-General – LSH(RC)

Director Strategic Communications Joint Task Force INHERENT RESOLVE Kuwait & Iraq

**MSM\* CD**

**BAR to the MSM**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: July 2020 to May 2021



“From July 2020 to May 2021, Brigadier-General Peyton served as the Director of Strategic Communications for the combined Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE in Kuwait and Iraq. He led a multinational team that supported the commander of the international coalition against Daesh, enabling the transition to the final phase of the campaign plan. Brigadier-General Peyton’s exception efforts while engaging with the government of Iraq, the Iraq Security Forces and the international diplomatic community brought great credit to Canada.”

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 August 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while the Deputy Commander of Task Force Jerusalem.

Awarded the **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 September 2021.

**Medals:** MSM and Bar – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan and one extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with ribbon expedition and extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – USA MSM

### **Major-General Paul James PEYTON, MSM and Bar, CD**

Brigadier General Paul Peyton was born and raised in Happy Valley-Goose Bay and joined the Canadian Army as an officer with Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). He has served on regimental duty with reconnaissance and armour units both in Canada and abroad. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Military Arts and Science, a Master's degree in Military Science, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies.

Peyton's operational experience includes tours with the United Nations Protection Force in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia, NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia and Hercegovina, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan, and Operation PROTEUS with the United States Security Coordinator in Jerusalem. He also participated in several domestic operations, including commanding a Battle Group responsible for evacuation operations in Kananaskis during Operation LENTUS 2013, the Canadian Armed Forces' response to the catastrophic flooding in Alberta.

He has commanded at every level within his regiment, culminating as the Commanding Officer of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) from 2012-2014. Most recently he commanded the Canadian Forces Intelligence Group, a formation within the Canadian Armed Forces that provides integrated collection management, multi-source intelligence, and deployable capabilities. His staff appointments include J35-3 Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command, Land SOF Integration with Chief Force Development, Executive Assistant to Commander Canadian Army, and Chief of Staff Support Canadian Forces Intelligence Command. He has attended the Mubarak Al Abdullah Command and Staff College in Kuwait and the United States Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

He assumed the position of Vice Director, Plans and Policy – J5 United States Cyber Command.

Paul is the son of Lillian and John Peyton, formally of Happy Valley – Goose Bay, now residing in St. John's, NL.

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**WRIGHT, Michael Charles**

Brigadier-General

Commander Joint Task Force Op Impact / OP Foundation Kuwait and Iraq

**MMV MSM\* CD**

**BAR to the MSM**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: May 2020 to May 2021

“From May 2020 to May 2021, Brigadier-General Wright was deployed to the middle east as commander of Joint Task Force – Impact / Task Force Center. Charged with overseeing operations IMPACT and FOUNDATION, he brilliantly commanded a 500-member task force distributed Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and with an environment of extreme uncertainty and volatility. Despite these challenges, he delivered concurrent strategic and tactical effects with allies and partners on behalf of Canada.”

Awarded **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 February 2007 in the rank of Major serving in the PPCLI in Afghanistan.

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** 26 January 2008 of in the rank of Major.

**Medals:** MMV – MSM and bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star with Expedition Ribbon – General Service Medal with Expedition Ribbon with extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon - Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia with 2nd tour numeral – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – USA MSM



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**ASTLEY, Christopher Delaval**

Sergeant

Defence Attaché Assistant in Kingston, Jamaica

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: November 2020 to July 2021

“As the Defence Attaché Assistant in Kingston, Jamaica, from November 2020 to July 2021, Sergeant Astley was the sole Canadian military member representing Canada to the government of Jamaica. He was instrumental in ensuring continuity of operations as he provided a constant flow of information back to Canada, preserved the working relationship with the Jamaica Defence Force, and ensured the continued success of the Canadian Attaché office in Jamaica. Sergeant Astley’s action brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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**AYOTTE, Christopher Charles**

**OMM MSM CD**

Honours Book: 2022

Brigadier-General – Canadian Engineer Regiment

GH: 09 November 2023

Embedded Officer Combined Joint Task Force INHERENT RESOLVE in Kuwait / Iraq DOI: July 2019 to July 2020

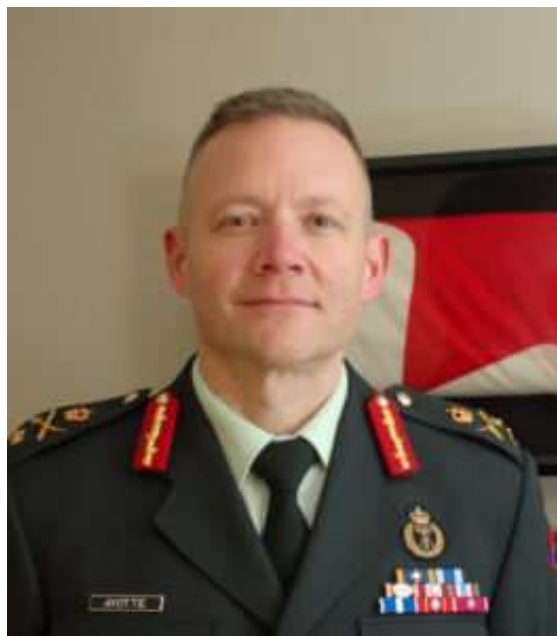
“From July 2019 to July 2020, Brigadier-General Ayotte was deployed to Iraq and Kuwait as an embedded officer within Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. At a time of unprecedented tension within an active conflict zone, he displayed innovative leadership, remarkable strategic acuity, and indomitable poise and composure within this vital United States-led fighting coalition command. Having earned the trust of his coalition commander, Brigadier-General Ayotte made significant and influential contributions to the task force’s efforts, which had a substantial strategic effect and brought great credit to Canada.

Awarded Officer of the **Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2020 in the rank of Colonel. 24/04/21a

Awarded **Officer of the Order of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as **CanForGen** of 24 April 2021 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

**Medals:** OMM – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition with one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO with ribbon Kosovo – CD and 2 bars – USA Officer of the Legion of Merit

### **Brigadier-General Christopher Charles AYOTTE, OMM, MSM, CD**



Brigadier-General Ayotte enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1992 first attending Royal Roads Military College Victoria, and then graduating from the Royal Military College of Canada Kingston, in 1996 with an undergraduate degree in Chemical and Materials Engineering. Upon completion of Military Engineer training in Chilliwack, he served in 1 CER, CFSME, 2 CER, and finally 4 ESR as the Commanding Officer in 2012.

Brigadier-General Ayotte's international deployments have been to Kosovo with Operation KINETIC in 1999 and Afghanistan under Operation ARCHER / ENDURING FREEDOM in 2005/06. His extra regimental appointments included service with 1 Cdn Div HQ as the CO DART / J35, Canadian Army HQ as DAS 2, and 4 Cdn Div HQ as the COS. Most recently, he completed command at Royal Military College of Canada as the Director of Cadets.

A graduate of the Australian Command and Staff Course in 2010, Brigadier-General Ayotte has also completed the National Security Programme at CFC in Toronto. He is currently serving as the Director of Strategic Communications in Baghdad under Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.

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**BANTOCK, Wayne John**

Chief Warrant Officer

Multinational Force and Observers Sergeant-Major

**MMM MSM CD**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: July 2020 to July 2021

"From July 2020 to July 2021, Chief Warrant Officer Bantock was deployed to Egypt to assume the role of Multinational Force and Observers Sergeant-Major. As key advisor and confidant to the force commander, he provided tactical, operational, and strategic counsel. Moreover, he promoted co-operation and harmony throughout the Force, and served as a role model, particularly in the aftermath of the fatal crash of a Force helicopter. Chief Warrant Officer Bantock's professionalism brought great credit to Canada."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per 03 June 2017 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

**Medals:** MMM – MSM – Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar Expedition – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – NATO former Yugoslavia – MFO – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars

CWO Bantock became the Sergeant Major for 1 Service Battalion on 25 June 2015 with the Change of Command parade at the Harvey Barracks Parade Square. He then served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division Support Group Sergeant-Major from June 2018 to June 2020. After his tour in the Sanai, on 02 September 2021, Chief Warrant Officer Wayne Bantock assumed the role of 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division Sergeant-Major, taking over from CWO Rene Kiens, who had occupied the role for the past three years.



**BEAUCAGE, Marie Diane Danielle Geneviève Marilou**

Major - RCAF

Commander of the Canadian Forces Aeromedical Evacuation Flight

**MSM CD**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: February 2020 to June 2021

"From February 2020 to June 2021, as commander of the Canadian Forces Aeromedical Evacuation flight, Major Beaucage demonstrated leadership and professionalism in the development of transportation for patients with infectious disease during the COVID-19 crisis." Working with partners, she oversaw the evacuation of 7090 stranded Canadians and was instrumental in the acquisition of a new biological containment system used to transport 10 critically ill patients at a time. Major Beaucage's experience and ingenuity have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

**BERLINGUETTE, Michelle Katherine**

Major

Project Manager Competency Evaluation

**MSM CD**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: February 2020 to June 2021

"From 2018 to 2021, Major Berlinguette demonstrated outstanding initiative and technical knowledge as the project manager of the new Performance and Competency Evaluation (PaCE), Ottawa, Ontario. Whether leading a team of two or single-handedly throughout most of the COVID-19 pandemic, she successfully conducted a trial involving more than 1,000 participants and set the conditions for PaCE implementation through the Department of National Defence in transforming performance appraisal. Major Berlinguette brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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### BONIFACE, Matthew Joseph

Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Royal Canadian Navy

Coxswain of HMCS *Halifax* operations in the Baltic, Irish, Norwegian and North Seas

MSM CD Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: January to July 2021

“Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Boniface served from January to July 2021 as coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Halifax* during operations in the Baltic, Irish, Norwegian and North Seas. In this role, he provided outstanding leadership and support to the ship's crew, and judicious advice to the commander of Standing NATO Maritime Group 1. His exceptional efforts mitigated the effects of isolation placed on the crew by the COVID-19 pandemic, and ensured high morale and mission effectiveness despite extreme and extraordinary challenges.”

**Medals:** MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Medal with ribbon SWA – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Humanitas – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Expedition – SSM bar Expedition – Peacekeeping – NATO ribbon Macedonia – NATO with Article 5 Bar – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar



Growing up in southern Ontario, CPO1 Matt Boniface enrolled in the CAF Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in August 1992 as a Naval Electronics Technician. On completion of recruit training at CFB Cornwallis, he completed the Naval Combat System Technician Training Programme in St. John's, NL and was posted to Halifax, NS to begin his naval career.

After a brief stint at Fleet Maintenance Group (Atlantic), he commenced a regular rotation of naval deployments and shore postings on the East Coast which lasted until 2018. During this time, he served in HMC Ships *Fredericton* and *Toronto*, deploying twice on each and later deploying in HMCS *Halifax* on Op HESTIA and in HMCS *Charlottetown* as the Combat Systems Engineering Chief during Op REASSURANCE.

Ashore, he worked to support the Fleet, acting at 5th Maritime Operations Group as an In-Service Support Coordinator and the Senior Naval Electronics Technician for East Coast Minor War Vessels. At the Naval Engineering School in Halifax, he worked both as an instructor and later as the Training Support Division Chief, where he was responsible for the support of over 500 students as well as Infrastructure: Safety and IT operations. During this time, he was selected as Coxswain of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo,

where he supervised CAF personnel involved in this multi-national event.

Following his tour in HMCS *Charlottetown* he worked in the HQ of Joint Personnel Support Unit NS-NL as the Region CPO, supporting a geographically disparate team to provide integrated, multi-disciplinary support to ill and injured service members across the two provinces. Upon promotion to CPO1 he was posted to Director Naval Requirements as a Project Director in the field of Unmanned Aerial Systems, after which he was appointed Coxswain of HMCS *Halifax* and deployed once again on Op REASSURANCE in 2021.

After returning from deployment, he was nominated to the NCM Executive Professional Development Programme at RMC where he completed a Certificate of Advanced Military Studies. He subsequently was appointed back to the CAF Transition Group as the Formation CPO1, where he humbly serves to this day. He is supported in this by his ever-patient wife Michelle and his two sons, Zachary and Simon.

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**BUGEAUD, Douglas Richard Edward**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Major

GH: 09 November 2023

Deputy Chief Cdn Liaison Detachment US National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

DOI: 2016 to 2021

"From 2016 to 2021, Major Bugeaud was employed as the deputy chief of the Canadian Liaison Detachment to the United States National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency in Springfield, Virginia. Throughout his tenure, he projected a high degree of professionalism and leadership within the Five Eyes intelligence domain. His contributions have laid the foundation that will accelerate the Five Eyes Geospatial-Intelligence cycle through the leverage of data science, machine learning, and other emerging techniques and technologies. His accomplishments have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."

**CAMPBELL, Jennifer Margaret**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 09 November 2023

Leader of the 1 Canadian Air Division Family Support Team

DOI: 2014 to 2020

"From 2014 to 2020, Major Jennifer Campbell served as a member and leader of the 1 Canadian Air Division Family Support Team. She played a key role in conceiving, developing, and implementing the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Family Sponsor Program, which has proven to be highly successful in improving communication and connectivity between RCAF units, members, and their families, especially during transition. Major Campbell's leadership, initiative, and ingenuity have been the critical Driving force behind the program's success."



**CARRUTH, Lorne Campbell**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 09 November 2023

Deputy Commander NAVRES / Operation Plan for COVID

DOI: March to June 2020

"From March to June 2020, as acting deputy commander of Naval Reserve, Quebec, during the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic, Commander Carruth led the largest activation of the Naval Reserve since the Second World War. Displaying innovation and professionalism, he crafted and realized the nationwide plan, ensuring sailors were ready for the demands of the pandemic. His vision, engagement, and tireless efforts ensured the rapid transition of units across Canada to an operational tempo that served the needs of Canadians."

July 2022 to present

Maritime Training Systems Specialist at CAE

July 2021 to July 2022

Strategic Analysis and Concept Development, Royal Canadian Navy

January 2017 to July 2021

Chief of Staff Personnel and Training, Naval Reserve HQ

July 2016 to January 2017

Combined Maritime Forces

2015 to July 2016

Deputy Chief of Staff Current Operations - Maritime Forces Pacific

August 2012 to July 2015

**Commander Coastal Division**, Canadian Fleet Pacific Headquarters

Operations of 6 Kingston-Class, 8 Orca-class vessels, HMCS Oriole

July 2010 to August 2012

Sea Trainer – Officer in Charge Minor War Vessel Section

August 2005 to August 2008

Commanding Officer – HMCS Edmonton

1986 to 2005

Naval Officer

2013 to 2015

Royal Roads University – MBA

1987 to 1991

McMaster University

Ottawa, Ontario

Quebec, PQ

Manama, Bahrain

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Hamilton, Ontario

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### **CASEY, Jennifer Rose**

Captain – Snowbird's Public Affairs Officer

As a Public Affairs Officer, she raised the Profile of the Cdn Military using Social Media

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**Posthumous**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: nil

DOI: March to June 2020

"As a public affairs officer, Captain Casey raised the profile of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) through her creative use of social media campaigns for both the CF-18 Demonstration Team in 2018, and the Snowbirds from 2019 to 2020. As the architect of Operation INSPIRATION, she led the CAF's largest social media outreach to date, in which more than 25 million viewers were informed about the CAF's ongoing activities. Her tireless efforts had a truly positive impact on Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic."

Casey joined the Canadian Forces in 2014 and was based out of Trenton, Ontario, after working in radio as a reporter, anchor and producer in her hometown of Halifax and then in Belleville, Ontario. Casey completed a masters of interdisciplinary studies at Royal Roads University in 2019 and held a bachelor of journalism from University of King's College and a bachelor of arts in political science and comparative world religions from Dalhousie University.

On 17 May 2020, she was a passenger in a Snowbird Tutor jet taking off from the Kamloops, BC, airport. The investigation revealed that a small bird flew into the plane's engine shortly after take-off causing the plane to lose power. Low altitude, low airspeed, proximity to another aircraft, and in the vicinity of a built-up area all contributed to the accident. The pilot then gave an order to abandon the aircraft – at too low of a height to safely do so. The pilot, Captain Richard MacDougall, survived the ejection but Captain Casey was killed.



## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

### CONNERTY, Krystle Rose

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

Acting Director of Plans North America supporting 4 concurrent challenges

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: June 2020 to July 2021

"As acting director Plans North America, in Ottawa, Ontario, from June 2020 to July 2021, Lieutenant-Colonel Connerty demonstrated outstanding performance while balancing and executing strategic, national-level support to concurrent challenges. Her impressive leadership facilitated the coordination of the Government of Canada's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Quebec long-term care inquiry, the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) vaccine roll-out, and the review of strategic documents for NORAD modernization. Despite the difficult circumstances, she excelled a range of various roles, which had a significant positive impact on CAF strategic guidance."



**Medals:** MSM – CD and Bar

### Lieutenant-Colonel Krystle Rose Connerty, MSM, CD, RCAF

August 2022 – present 2023	Deputy Wing Commander	19 Wing Comox, BC
April 2022 to July 2022	Strategic Staff - Interim Director Plans North America	Ottawa, Ontario
August 2021 to May 2022	Strategic Joint Staff - Section Head: NORAD and SAR	Ottawa, Ontario
February 2021 to August 2021	Strategic Joint Staff - Interim Director Plans North America	Ottawa, Ontario
June 2020 to January 2021	Strategic Joint Staff - Section Head: NORAD and SAR	Ottawa, Ontario
July 2019 to June 2021	Strategic Joint Staff - Senior Staff Officer	Ottawa, Ontario
January 2018 to July 2019	RCAF Readiness - Programs (D Air Rdns 4)	Ottawa, Ontario
July 2017 to January 2018	Executive Assistant to Deputy Commander Royal Canadian Air Force	Ottawa, Ontario
August 2016 to June 2017	Student at Canadian Forces College	Toronto, Ontario
	- Joint Command and Staff Programme 43	Toronto, Ontario
July 2014 to July 2016	Wing Air Traffic Control Officer (WATCO)	19 Wing Comox, BC
July 2012 to July 2014	Wing Air Traffic Control Officer (WATCO)	12 Wing Shearwater, Nova Scotia
Jan 2012 - Jul 2012	Standards & Training Officer (S&T O)	19 Wing Comox, BC
Nov 2010 - Jan 2012	Chief Controller Military Aerodrome Control Unit (CC MACU)	19 Wing Comox, BC
year 3 months		
19 Wing Comox, British Columbia		
Jul 2010 - Nov 2010	Terminal (IFR) Controller	19 Wing Comox, British Columbia
December 2006 to July 2009	Aerodrome (VFR) Controller	4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta

### Education

2015 to 2021	Master of Science (M.S.) Space Studies University of North Dakota
2016 to 2017	Master of Defence Studies (MDS) Royal Military College of Canada
2009 to 2010	Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies (CFSACO)
	Instrument Flight Rules
2005 to 2006	Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Studies (CFSACO)
	Basic Aerospace Control Course and Visual Flight Rules (VFR) Control Course
2000 to 2004	Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc.) Chemical Engineering
	University of Toronto



## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

### **COURTY, Shawn**

Lieutenant-Colonel

Canadian Commander and Deputy Chief of United Nations Mission in South Sudan

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

GH: nil

DOI: June 2019 to October 2020

"From June 2019 to October 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Courty was deployed to Juba as Operation SOPRANO Task Force commander and as deputy chief of the Mission Support Centre of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan. Through his remarkable leadership, diplomacy and work ethics under extremely trying circumstances, the Mission was the first authorized to resume rotations under the complex COVID-19 restrictions. Lieutenant-Colonel Courty's outstanding performance during his deployment brought great honour to the Canadian Armed forces and strengthened Canada's reputation in the United Nations."

In 2023, he was the Commander of the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Center.

### **CREASY, Landon Tod**

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

Commanding Officer HMCS *Regina* during start of COVID-19

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOI: March 2020 to June 2021

"From March 2020 to June 2021, Commander Creasy displayed exceptional professionalism and leadership as the commanding officer of her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina*. In supporting positive cultural change and safe work environment, he created a command culture advisory position, which has since been adopted throughout the fleet to help enforce departmental policy and address crew concerns. Executing a demanding, uncertain operational schedule involving multiple international and domestic exercises, he maintained high morale and readiness despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic."

**Medals:** MSM – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition - CD

### **Commander Landon Creasy, MSM, CD, RCN**



After being a Sea Cadet and Navy League Cadet, Creasy joined the navy in 1991, as an ordinary diesel mechanic in the naval reserve unit HMCS Unicorn in Saskatoon. In 1993, he was accepted into a commissioning program to become a naval reserve officer at HMCS Unicorn. He kept working full-time contracts sailing small ships on the West Coast, and rolled over to the regular force as a naval officer in 2001.

Through his navy career, Creasy has been commander of a smaller warship, HMCS Brandon, was deployed with HMCS Winnipeg, and was the executive officer of a sea training group.

While he entered the navy without a degree, the 46-year-old now has a Bachelor of Communications from Royal Roads University, and a masters from Canadian Forces College. After serving for nearly 30 years, Creasy was appointed to command HMCS Regina on 10 September 2019, the ship named after the capital city of his home province. The commander often must spend time away from home and his wife of 25 years, Saskatoon native Jocelyn. Together they have two sons, now 26 and 22 years old, and a husky-Shepherd cross named Max. (all dates as of 2023).

### Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**DA SILVA, Andrew Arthur**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Leading Seaman – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: nil

Signals Intelligence Capability at the Alaska Mission Operations Center

DOI: August 2014 to August 2017

“During his posting to the Alaska Mission Operations Center from August 2014 to August 2017, Leading Seaman Da Silva brought great credit to Canada in terms of signals intelligence capability. He acted in an exemplary manner by fostering communication, both within the unit’s capability and among all stakeholders. He also distinguished himself by his research and implementation of innovative techniques to improve the conduct of missions, notably for the Alaska regional target tracking center. Led by Leading Seaman Da Silva, the team designed over 20,000 intelligence products in support of NORAD.”

When this MSM was announced, his rank, if still Leading Seaman, would be Sailor 1<sup>st</sup> Class (S1).

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**DENIS DARRAS, Laurianne Margo**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH: 09 November 2023

Acting Commander of 12 Wing in Shearwater – Stalker 22 Helicopter Crash

DOI: April to May 2020

“As Acting Commander of 12 Wing in Shearwater, Nova Scotia, from April to May 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Darras provided outstanding leadership following the Stalker 22 helicopter crash and during the early stages of the global pandemic. Her compassion and concern for the well-being of individuals and families in the aftermath of the accident reassured and inspired 12 Wing and the entire Royal Canadian Air Force. Her constant and deliberate attention to the maritime helicopters was essential to maintaining this capability. Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Darras’ outstanding professionalism brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

The helicopter crash occurred on 29 April 2020 in the Ionian Sea involving a CH-148 Cyclone helicopter that claimed the lives of six Canadian Armed Forces members. The helicopter, known by its call-sign Stalker 22, was operating from Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Fredericton* as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 under Operation REASSURANCE.



### Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**DIXON, Carl Arden**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: nil

Coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina* during the start of COVID-19

DOI: March 2020 to July 2021



"As coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina* from March 2020 to July 2021, Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Dixon provided exceptional leadership while operating in a challenging environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stepping beyond his role, he fostered cultural understanding by connecting with sailors in meaningful, innovative ways. His sustained, selfless efforts brought significant, lasting culture change, enabling the ship and crew to maintain their unimpeded operational focus and ability to respond to any mission at home or overseas."

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**GODIN, Marie Jenny Madelaine**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 09 November 2023

First occupational CPO 1<sup>st</sup> Class / CWO Corps, Director General Military Careers

DOI: 2020

"Throughout 2020, Chief Warrant Officer Godin served as the first occupational advisor of the Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class / Chief Warrant Officer Corps, Director General Military Careers, in Ottawa, Ontario. In this demanding role, she demonstrated tremendous professionalism and impressive dedication. Her on-going commitment to excellence, modernization, coherence, and awareness had a positive impact on the newly constituted corps, and brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**HALL, Michael Andrew**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Sergeant

GH: 09 November 2023

Contemporary Musical Development in the Canadian Armed Forces

DOI: 2010 to 2020

"A gifted musician, Sergeant Hall was at the forefront of contemporary musical development in the Canadian Armed Forces from 2010 to 2020. In addition to exceptional instrumental performances on guitar, he composed numerous original songs paying tribute to Canada's serving and fallen heroes. Through social media outreach, recordings, videos and live performances, Sergeant Hall's compositions have reached thousands of Canadian at home and abroad, inspiring national pride and honouring those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to Canada."

**HEER, Sarah Anne**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Horse Artillery

GH: 09 November 2023

Commander of Joint Task Force-Ukraine

DOI: September 2020 to April 2021

"As the commander of Joint Task Force-Ukraine from September 2020 to April 2021, Lieutenant-Colonel Heer displayed exceptional leadership and strategic decision making in overcoming myriad challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic. She provided the necessary focus to resume and maintain all operations in Ukraine and completed a mission restructure to more efficiently meet the operational requirements of the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Lieutenant-Colonel Heer's outstanding professionalism and execution of this vital mission in difficult circumstances reflected positively on Canada."

Promoted to Colonel.



## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**HOLMES, David Joseph Glenn**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2002

Colonel

GH: 09 November 2023

Director of Continental Operations Canadian Joint Operations Command HQ

DOI: July 2020 to 2022

“Colonel Holmes has been employed as the Director of Continental Operations within the Canadian Joint Operations Command Headquarters since July 2020. In this role, he has demonstrated remarkable leadership, acumen, and personal resolve while planning and supporting Canadians across the entire country who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact of numerous natural disasters. Colonel Holmes’ untiring dedication and tremendous efforts have helped save lives and reduce suffering, bringing great credit to Canada.”

In June 2022, he went to the advanced training list to attend the developmental phase four programme at Canadian Forces College in Toronto.

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**KWASNY, Cory Steven**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2002

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH: nil

Director of Continental Operations Canadian Joint Operations Command HQ

DOI: 29 April 2020 and on

“Lieutenant-Colonel Kwasny demonstrated exceptional compassion and empathy as the commanding officer of the 423 Maritime Helicopter Squadron following the tragic loss of six crew members on board the Cyclone helicopter Stalker 22, on 29 April 2020. Under the most challenging of circumstances, he honoured the service of the fallen, and supported their families and fellow squadron members during this difficult time. His professionalism and focus throughout this period, all while re-establishing a critical Maritime Helicopter capability, brought credit to the Canadian Army Forces.”

July 2020	French Studies	
July 2018 to July 2020	Commanding Officer 423 (Maritime Helicopter) Squadron	Shearwater, NS
July 2015 to July 2018	Executive Officer, Strategic Plans, SHAPE	Belgium
July 2012 to July 2015	Deputy Commanding Officer 423 (Maritime Helicopter) Squadron	Shearwater, NS
August 2011 to July 2012	Student – Canadian Forces College	Toronto, Ontario
1997 to 2011	Pilot and Helicopter Training – Operational Helicopter Pilot	Shearwater, NS
1993 to 1997	BEng in Software Engineering at Royal Military College	Kingston, Ontario

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## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**LAVALLEE, Mylene Sylvie** MSM CD Honours Book: 2022  
 Major – Royal Canadian Air Force GH: nil  
 Acting Commander of Air Task Force – IMPACT evacuation operations in Kabul DOI: August 2021

“In August 2021, Major Lavallee served as Acting Commander of Air Task Force – IMPACT during non-combatant evacuation operations based in Kabul, Afghanistan. Under her remarkable direction and leadership, an air bridge was established from Kabul to Cologne, Germany, through which 3,700 evacuees were safely transported. Major Lavallee’s outstanding professionalism and relentless determination played a crucial role in the overall success of one of the most complex humanitarian operations in Canadian military history, bring great credit to Canada.”



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

### Major Mylene Lavallee, MSM, CD, RCAF

August 2022	A4 Maintenance Readiness, 1 Canadian Air Division	CFB Winnipeg
August 2017 to Aug 2022	Deputy Commandant, CF School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering	CFB Borden
April 2016 to August 2017	Aerospace Engineering Officer Instructor	CFB Borden
March 2013 to April 2016	Staff Officer (Maintenance Readiness Section), 1 Canadian Air Division	CFB Winnipeg
March 2009 to March 2013	Aircraft Servicing Officer (Aerospace Engineer) Globemaster III Aircraft	CFB Trenton

#### Education

2013 to 2016	Master of Business Administration (MBA)	Imperial College London
2008 to 2008	Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) Chemistry	Royal Military College Kingston, Ontario

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**LÉONARD, Joseph Pierre Michel Vincent** MSM Honours Book: 2022  
 Lieutenant-Commander – Royal Canadian Navy and JAG GH: 09 November 2023  
 Acting Commander of Air Task Force – IMPACT evacuation operations in Kabul DOI: 2017 to 2021

“As legal advisor to the Chief of Force Development from 2017 to 2021 in Ottawa, Ontario, Lieutenant-Commander Léonard made outstanding contributions to cyberspace and intelligence telecommunications operation. His exceptional performance, commitment and determination helped to operationalize the cyber domain in a constantly shifting and rapidly evolving context. He created a risk assessment framework to align different intergovernmental approaches to establish a high priority course of action. His efforts led to the resolution of complex legal issues in the cyber domain, benefiting the entire Canadian Armed Forces.”

### Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**LUNNEY, Christopher Donavon**  
Major  
Provincial Liaison Officer to Manitoba

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022  
GH: 09 November 2023  
DOI: August 2016 to August 2021

"From August 2016 to August 2021, Major Lunney was employed as the provincial liaison officer to Manitoba. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, he was instrumental in the coordination and oversight of multiple pandemic and natural-disaster responses within the province. Providing incredible leadership and support to both military and civilian stakeholders, he mentored multiple working groups and developed processes that dramatically improved both provincial and Canadian Armed Forces domestic response capabilities. His efforts resulted in timely whole-of-government responses to assist Canadians."

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**MAGILL, Susan Adele**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022  
GH: 09 November 2023  
DOI: October 2018 to September 2020

Major  
Public Affairs Officer United Nations Command HQ in Pyeongtaek, Korea

"From October 2018 to September 2020, Major Magill distinguished herself as the public affairs officer at the United Nations Command Headquarters, in Pyeongtaek, Republic of Korea. She brilliantly led and coordinated all media activities for countless high-profile visits to the Demilitarized Zone, while implementing a comprehensive communications strategy that transformed the headquarters. Her professional competence was crucial in promoting the Command's mission of maintaining peace and security on the peninsula. Major Magill's accomplishments and efforts brought great honour to Canada."

On return to Canada, she was posted to Canada's Northern Command in Yellowknife as a Public Affairs Officer.

Captain Magill was born and raised in Toronto but is most comfortable living in Ottawa, Ontario. She earned a diploma in journalism from the Humber College School of Journalism in Toronto in 1994. She later earned a Bachelors of Professional Arts in Communications (Distinguished) from Athabasca University in 2006. After completing Second Language Training in St. Jean, Quebec in 2008, she began her Public Affairs training at Defence Public Affairs Learning Centre in Gatineau in 2009. She completed her training in July, 2009, and was posted to Land Forces Western Area in Edmonton, Alberta to work for Joint Task Force West.

She began training with the Mission Transition Task Force in December 2010 and works predominantly in Current Operations.

She was deployed to Operation PODIUM with 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in November 2009. She was the Deputy Public Affairs Officer for the Land Component Command (Calcheak) for the Olympic Games from January to March 2010. Shortly after that domestic deployment she departed for a three-month Technical Assistance Visit in Kandahar, Afghanistan from April to June 2010. In July 2010 she began working with Army Multimedia as the Army News Officer for Land Force Western Area in Edmonton, Alberta.

Susan then worked with the Mission Transition Task Force in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Captain Magill will return to Land Force Western Area in 2012 after her deployment to Afghanistan.

She spends her spare time reading, camping, boxing, climbing rock and hiking mountains. Her favourite pastime is dinner-and-movie-nights, either at home with her cat or out on the town.

## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**MORIN, Kristina Lee**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Major

GH: nil

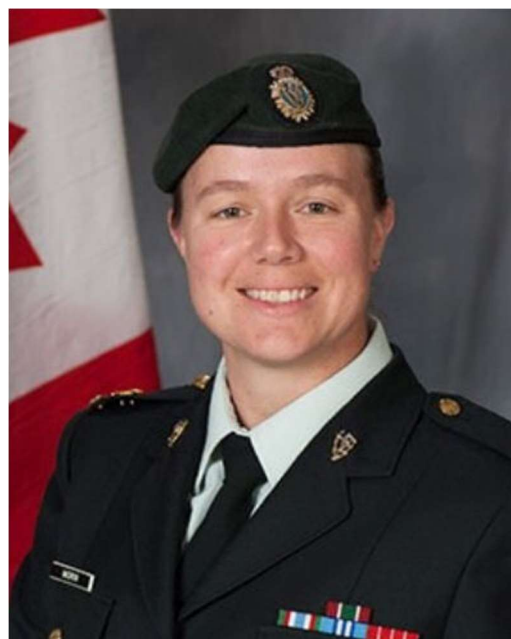
Acting Commander of Air Task Force – IMPACT evacuation operations in Kabul

DOI: 2018 to 2020

“From 2018 to 2020, Major Morin served as Chief of Network Operations within Director General Information Management Operations in Ottawa, Ontario. While leading operational support for the global communication and information system infrastructure, she galvanized numerous and diverse teams consisting of both internal and external stakeholders. Her contributions in this role led to innovative solutions and the modernization of several processes and procedures. By ensuring support for critical operation and ushering in a new era of technological innovation, Major Morin set a standard of excellence far beyond expectations.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNMIS South Sudan – CD and Bar

Lieutenant-Colonel Morin started her career as a student at Royal Military College, Kingston, in June 1996 and graduated in June 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering. After her on job training with 2 CMBS HQ and Signals Squadron in Petawawa to become a Signals officer, she was posted to ADM(IM) in 2001 on the Secure Common Email Project and then the military message handling system project. In 2006, she deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as Chief Information Systems. Following this she was posted to the office of Director Information Management Security as Security Advisor for the Secret Domain. In 2009, she deployed to Khartoum, Sudan, as a G3 Watch Officer for UNMIS. The following year she joined ADM(Mat) to work on the counter improvised Explosive Device Project in the Director of Combat Support Equipment Management. On promotion to Major in 2012, she took over as the Technical Authority for the Army C2 long-term support contract in the Director of Land Command Systems Program Management. She was posted to Calgary in 2015 as the Commanding Officer of the Canadian Forces Recruiting Center (Prairies and the North) until 2017. She returned to Ottawa to ADM(IM) to serve as J3 Network Operations for the Director General Information Management Operations. In 2021, she was posted to the Director General Information Capability Force Development Office into the Joint and Combined requirements management section of Director of Joint Command and Control Information Systems Force Development. At the end of 2021, she was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel and took over as the Section Head of this Section. She retired in May 2023 and intends to remain in Ottawa to spend more time with her husband Louis.



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**O'DONOHUE, Mark McGinnes**

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

Commanding Officer Her Majesty's Ship *Calgary* operating in the Indo-Pacific Region

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

GH: 09 November 2023

DOL: March to August 2021



"From March to August 2021, Commander O'Donohue was deployed to the Indo-Pacific region as the Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Ship *Calgary*, where he led Canada's naval contribution to global security, counter-terrorism and maritime interdiction operations. At the helm of the first Royal Canadian Navy warship to transit the disputed Spratly Islands, he maximized opportunities to demonstrate Canada's interoperability. In addition, under his exemplary leadership, the mission carried out 17 successful heroin seizures, which resulted in more the US\$95 million being kept out of terrorist hands."

Commander O'Donohue became Commanding Officer of *HMCS Calgary* on 22 July 2020. From 2016 to 2018, Cdr O'Donohue assumed the duties of Executive Officer in *HMC Ships Fredericton* and *Toronto*, participating in multiple exercises and trials, sailing to Central and South America, as well as the Canadian Great Lakes. Upon completion of his Executive Officer tour, he joined the Maritime Component Commander staff in Halifax, overseeing and supporting ships deployed on named operations. In his new role as Commanding Officer of *HMCS Calgary*, he will oversee the ship's tiered readiness program in order to prepare the ship and crew for their upcoming deployment to the Far East and the Arabian Gulf starting in February 2021. Commander Maritime Forces Pacific (MARFAC) awarded the ship with a Canadian Forces Unit Commendation for halting 33,573 kilograms of illicit narcotics in Middle Eastern waters. On promotion to Captain(N) in 2021, he was made the Deputy Commander of Canadian Fleet Pacific in Esquimalt.

**Medals:** MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – SSM with Expedition bar – CD and bar

In the photo, he is holding the Canadian Forces Unit Commendation to HMCS Calgary.



**Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)**

<b>PETERSEN, Cole Franklin</b> Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI Public Health Agency of Canada as the Vaccine Rollout Task Force Planning Officer	MSM CD	Honours Book: 2022 GH: nil DOI: November 2020 to March 2021
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“From November 2020 to March 2021, Lieutenant-Colonel Petersen displayed exceptional leadership and dedication while seconded to the Public Health Agency of Canada as the Vaccine Rollout Task Force Planning Officer, in Ottawa, Ontario. His collaborative approach to inter-agency planning and his commitment to achieving results were instrumental to the successful roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines and the optimism that this effort engendered. Lieutenant-Colonel Petersen provided a vital contribution to the nation’s readiness to receive and administer vaccines, and consequently, to protect Canadians”

Lieutenant-Colonel Cole F. Petersen is an infantry officer with Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI). He has served in 1 PPCLI, 3 PPCLI, HQ 1 CMBG and CANSOFCOM HQ and is currently posted to the Army Staff. He is a graduate of the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College and the United States Marine Corps School of Advanced Warfighting.

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## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**POIRIER, Joseph Bruno**

**MMM MSM CD**

Honours Book: 2022

Chief Warrant Officer – RCAF – 12 Wing Shearwater CWO

GH: 09 November 2023

Repatriation Stalker 22 Helicopter Members and Snowbird Member

DOI: Spring 2020



"In the spring of 2020, Chief Warrant Officer Poirier provided critical leadership in the repatriation of the crew of a CH-148 Cyclone helicopter, Stalker 22, and a Snowbirds public affairs officer. His work, in collaboration with several commands and civilian agencies in support of multiple ceremonies, helped to unite families, members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Canadians in their grief, while respecting the wishes of loved ones. Chief Warrant Officer Poirier's exceptional dedication and compassion under extremely difficult circumstances eased the pain of the bereaved families and brought great credit to the CAF."

**Awarded Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** on 27 January 2022 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer, RCAF.

**Medals:** MMM - MSM – General Service Medal ribbon expedition with extra tour bar – SSM with Expedition bar – CD and bar

### **Chief Warrant Officer Bruno Poirier, MSM, CD, RCAF**

CWO Bruno Poirier was born and raised in Rimouski, Québec. He enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in January 1988. Upon completion of Basic training in St-Jean sur le Richelieu, he was sent to CFB Borden to complete

Second language training and trade training. His first posting was to CFB Halifax onboard HMCS Skeena.

In 1991, he transferred to the Naval Reserve in Rimouski. During his time with the Reserve, he was employed in Rimouski, Valcartier and as an Instructor at Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School St-Jean sur Richelieu.

CWO Poirier transferred back to the Reg Force in 1997 and was posted to CFB Halifax. In 2000, He is posted onboard HMCS Montréal and deployed to South West Asia as part of Operation APPOLO. CWO Poirier was promoted to MCpl in 2003 and posted to 12 RBC in Trois-Rivières, Quebec.

When promoted to the rank of Sgt in 2006, he was posted to the Canadian Forces Logistics Training Center in Borden as Course Director for QL3, QL5 courses and to instruct on QL6. Promoted to Warrant Officer in 2009, he was assigned to the Training Warrant Officer Position for the Supply Technician Cadre

In 2010, CWO Poirier was selected for an OUTCAN posting to 1 Canadian Forces Logistics Liaison Unit Detachment Philadelphia as a Logistics Liaison Officer where he was responsible for CF-18, Aurora and some Naval weapons systems parts.

Promoted to Master Warrant Officer in 2013, he is posted to the National Capital Region to the Director General Material Systems and Supply Chain as the National Supply Help Desk MWO. In 2014, he was transferred to Director General Military Career as the Career Manager for Supply Technician (MCpl/Sgt).

CWO Poirier was promoted to his current rank in 2017 and posted to 8 Wing Trenton as the Deputy Wing Commander Branch Chief Warrant Officer. From February 2018 to September 2018, he deployed as the Air Task Force – Iraq Chief Warrant Officer.

In 2019, he was appointed as the Wing Chief Warrant Officer at 12 Wing Shearwater, Nova Scotia. He retired on 01 July 2022. Chief Warrant Officer Bruno Poirier is married and they have two children.

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## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**REEKIE, Michael John**

**MMV MSM CD**

Honours Book: 2022

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 09 November 2023

Help Manitoba's First Nations communities deal with the COVID-19 virus

DOI: November 2020 to January 2021

"From November 2020 to January 2021, Lieutenant-Colonel Reekie was at the forefront of the Canadian Armed Forces' effort to deal with the deleterious effects of the COVID-19 virus within Manitoba's First Nations communities. His outstanding professionalism and skills during this crisis directly led to the reduction of COVID-19 cases within these communities and the bolstering of integral First Nations leadership. Lieutenant-Colonel Reekie's remarkable actions resulted in a tangible resolution of three crisis situations, and undoubtedly saved lives."

Awarded Medal of **Military Valour (MMV)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of

**Medals:** MMV – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon – SSM with Expedition bar - Peacekeeping - NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar



**ROUSSEL, Marie François**

**MSM**

Honours Book: 2022

Private

GH: nil

Work in a Nursing Home in PQ COVID-19

DOI: April to July 2020

"From April to July 2020, Private Roussel was assigned to the Résidence Berthiaume-Du Tremblay as a nurse team leader to stop the spread of COVID-19. She distinguished herself with honour through her commitment and unparalleled dedication in carrying out duties usually performed by an experienced officer. Demonstrating exceptional leadership, she was directly involved in limiting the spread of the virus and in saving lives. Her involvement in complex processes led to the effective management of the residence. During this unprecedented period, Private Roussel contributed to the outreach of the Canadian Armed Forces."

## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**SIMMONS, Eric Thomas O'Neill**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Captain

GH: 09 November 2023

Regional operations officer Combined JTF – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE Iraq

DOI: April to July 2020

“From February to August 2021, Captain Simmons was deployed to northern Iraq where he demonstrated exceptional leadership and tactical acumen as the regional operations officer for Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. In particular, his intervention prevented a catastrophic incident that could have resulted in the loss of friendly force lives and triggered a strategic incident that would have negatively affected regional stability. Captain Simmons’ exception commitment to the mission brought tremendous credit to Canada.”

**STEFANSON, Michael Wayne**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Commander

GH: 09 November 2023

Commanding Officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Winnipeg* in the Asia-Pacific Region.

DOI: April to July 2020



“From September to December 2020, Commander Stefanson was deployed to the Asia-Pacific region as Commanding Officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Winnipeg*. He displayed exceptional leadership and professionalism while leading the first West Coast warship to deploy under the arduous conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Commander Stefanson’s exemplary poise and dedication in unprecedented times were instrumental in *Winnipeg*’s notable contribution to the multinational Enforcement Coordination Cell and to overall mission success, which greatly enhanced Canada’s reputation abroad.”

**Medals:** MSM - SWA with bar Afghanistan – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – CD and bar

**THOMASSIN, Joseph Claude Gaston Christian**

MSM CD

Honours Book: 2022

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 09 November 2023

Sergeant-Major Joint Task Force Impact

DOI: May 2020 to May 2021

“From May 2020 to May 2021, Chief Warrant Officer Thomassin demonstrated leadership and outstanding mentoring skills while assigned to the Middle East as Sergeant Major of Joint Task Force IMPACT. During a deployment marked by the dual challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic and increased regional tensions, he promoted a resiliency training program for deployed leaders, which he was instrumental in creating and implementing. Chief Warrant Officer Thomassin performed his duties with great aplomb, thereby ensuring the success of the mission.”

## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**TODD, Aaron Gary**

Chief Warrant Officer

Sergeant-Major Joint Task Force-Ukraine

**MMM MSM CD**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: nil

DOI: September 2020 to March 2021

"From September 2020 to March 2021, Chief Warrant Officer Todd was deployed to Yavoriv as sergeant major of Joint Task Force-Ukraine. Notwithstanding a challenging COVID-19 environment, his tireless efforts and exceptional leadership in support of the advancement and development of the senior non-commissioned officer capability in the Security Forces Ukraine were unparalleled. His contributions will have an enduring impact on institutional reform and allied interoperability.

Chief Warrant Officer Todd's accomplishments during this period brought great credit to Canada."

**Awarded Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer, RCAF.

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



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**ELEVEN (11)**

No Ranks

Canadian Special Operations Force

**MSM**

Honours Book: 2022

GH: nil

DOI: 2020 to 2021

"For security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipients are not released."

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## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**BARRETTE, Joseph François Marin**

**OMM MSM CD**

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Lieutenant-Colonel - CFHS

GH: 09 November 2023

Commander of the Medical Training Group on Joint Task Force – Ukraine

DOI: March to September 2021

“Lieutenant Colonel Barrette for his professional contribution and diplomacy as Commander of the Medical Training Group on Joint Task Force – Ukraine from March to September 2021.”

“Colonel Barrette served with distinction as commander of Joint Task Force – Ukraine Medical Training Group. An insightful and analytical leader, he identified the lack of training and standards of combat casualty care as one of the key survivability issues for the Ukrainian military in operations. To address this issue, he implemented an integrated training program. Lieutenant-Colonel Barrette’s professional and diplomatic contributions greatly enhanced the credibility of the Canadian Armed Forces’ capabilities in Ukraine.”

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

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**BLACKBURN, M.R.M.**

**MSM CD**

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Master-Corporal - RCAF

GH:

Second i/c 2 Air Movements Squadron, Trenton, Ontario

DOI: July 2020 to August 2021

“For outstanding leadership, dedication and initiative as the Second in Command of Cargo Operations at 2 Air Movements Squadron, Trenton, Ontario, from July 2020 to August 2021.

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**BYRNE, Martin J.C.**

**MSM CD**

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Commander - RCN

GH:

Section Head of Submarine Requirements for the Royal Canadian Navy

DOI: 2019 to 2022

“For exceptional Leadership, Interpersonal Skills, and Mentorship as the Section Head for Submarine Requirements for the Royal Canadian Navy in Ottawa.”

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**CRAWFORD, Donovan J.**

**MSM CD**

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Chief Warrant Officer – Canadian Army

GH:

Task Force Ukraine Sgt-Major

DOI: March to October 2021



“For steadfast Leadership, Professionalism and exceptional Work while deployed to Yavoriv, Ukraine as the Task Force Sergeant-Major from March to October 2021.”

**Medals:** General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar Expedition – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – CD and Bar

## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**JOYCE, Derek William**

Major-General - RCAF

D/Cdr Continental USA North NORAD

OMM MSM\* CD

**BAR to MSM**

CanForGen: 01 February 2023

GH: 016/23 CMP 010/23

DOI: June 2019 to April 2022

"For strong Performance and being instrumental in the successful delivery of the Joint Air Defence Operation Centre's mission as Deputy Commander of the Continental United States North American Aerospace Defense Command Region at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, United States of America from June 2019 to April 2022."

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 12 March 2013 in the rank of Colonel.

**Medals:** OMM – MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – NATO bar Libya – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and two bars

**Major-General Derek Joyce, OMM, MSM and Bar, CD**

Major-General Derek Joyce joined the Canadian Forces in 1985 after graduating from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science in Math and Economics.

He earned his Air Navigator (now Air Combat Systems Officer) wings in 1987 and assumed the duties of a maritime patrol navigator on the CP-140 Aurora with 405 (Maritime Patrol) Squadron (Sqn), his first of three tours with the Pathfinders. He began his last tour with 405 Sqn as Commanding Officer in 2004 and subsequently deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2006, working in NATO Headquarters. From 2007 to 2009 he was appointed Wing Commander, 14 Wing Greenwood, and in 2010, he assumed command of the Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre located at 8 Wing/CFB Trenton.

In August 2011, he was appointed the Commanding Officer of Task Force Libeccio, the air component deployed on Operation MOBILE, the Canadian Forces' participation in the NATO operations in Libya. In 2012, he was promoted to Brigadier-General and assigned to the Privy Council Office in Ottawa as the Military Advisor to the National Security Advisor and subsequently Director of Operations in Foreign and Defence Policy.

In 2013, he was appointed Director General Military Careers at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He was promoted to his current rank in December 2014, and assigned as the Deputy Commander, Military Personnel Command. In July 2016 he was appointed Director General International Security Policy, a position he held until June 2019 when he was appointed to his current job as Deputy Commander Continental United States NORAD region at Tyndall AFB, Florida. He retired from the RCAF in April 2022.

Major-General Joyce attended the United Kingdom Advanced Command and Staff Course and the National Studies Program in Toronto. He has over 3,000 flying hours on the CC-130 Hercules and CP-140 Aurora.



## Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

**LAKE, Melanie M.**

Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Army  
Commander of Joint Task Force Ukraine

MSM CD

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

GH:

DOI: July 2020 to August 2021

“For outstanding professionalism and resolve under challenging conditions while deployed as Commander of Joint Task Force Ukraine from March to October 2021.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour star – SSM – EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

### Lieutenant-Colonel Melanie LAKE, MSM, CD



She was raised in Churchill Falls, Labrador and later graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada in 2002 with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

She has been immensely privileged to serve in all three Combat Engineer Regiments in Canada. She began her career in 5 RGC as a Field Troop Comd, served as 2IC 23 Armoured Sqn and Operations Officer at 1 CER and was Officer Commanding of 24 Field Sqn and 25 Sp Sqn at 2 CER before returning to her current job as the Commanding Officer of 2 Combat Engineer Regiment in Petawawa, ON. She had the opportunity to learn from some of the best Sappers and Soldiers in the country and considers herself very lucky for these opportunities.

Outside of Combat Engineer Regiments, LCol Lake served as an instructor at the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School, spent time as a HUMINT operator, worked in the Office of the Chief of the Defence Staff as the Senior Staff Officer and oversaw Engineer Operations and Plans at the Canadian Joint Operations Command. She deployed to Afghanistan three times on Op ATHENA and on two domestic operations including as the JTF Comd for Op WINISK. In March 2021, she assumed command of Operation UNIFIER Roto 11. She will return as Commanding Officer of 2 Combat

Engineer Regiment following this deployment.

She and her partner Jeff, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer, have a young daughter named Avigail.



**Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)**

**GEHLERT, K.J.**

MSM CD

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Major

GH:

NATO Centralised Targeting Capacity HQ

DOI: March to October 2021

“For exemplary Performance, Leadership and Dedication while employed as an inaugural member of NATO’s Centralised Targeting Capacity Headquarters Element as Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) at Casteau, Belgium from July 2019 to February 2022.”

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**MARTIN, Gregory Francis Gerald**

MSM CD

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Master Warrant Officer - RCAF

GH: 09 November 2023

CH-148 Cyclone into Service 423 Squadron

DOI: 2016 to 2019

“For Leadership, Commitment to Excellence, Dedication and Mission Focus in facilitating the introduction of the CH-148 Cyclone into service at 423 Maritime Helicopter Squadron, CFB Shearwater, Nova Scotia from 2016 to 2019.”

“From 2016 to 2019, Master Warrant Officer Martin made exceptional contributions to facilitate the introduction of the CH-148 *Cyclone* into service. His leadership and commitment to excellence advanced the maintenance, airworthiness and training programs, which contributed significantly to this transition for the Maritime Helicopter community and introduced a new operational capability. Master Warrant Officer Martin’s dedication and mission focus provided the ability to project air power on international deployments from Halifax-class frigates, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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**SUTTON, J.L.**

MSM CD

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Sergeant

GH:

Acting as Canadian Defence Advisor Australia

DOI: July 2021 to February 2022

“For fulfilling the additional responsibilities of a Colonel position as the Canadian Defence Advisor to Australia while maintaining her primary duties and being significantly under ranked at Canberra, Australia from July 2021 to February 2022.”

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**Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)**

**WHITING, Devon Roy**

MSM CD

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 09 November 2023

RSM Property Ops Unit Ontario in Toronto

DOI: July 2021 to February 2022

"For Exemplary leadership, engagement and collaboration while employed as the Regimental Sergeant Major with Real property operations unit Ontario in Toronto, Ontario from June 2018 to December 2021."

"As the regimental sergeant major with the Real Property Operations Unit Ontario from June 2018 to December 2021, Chief Warrant Officer Whiting demonstrated exemplary leadership, engagement and collaboration with myriad departments and organizations involved in the continued remediation of the former Camp Ipperwash. His actions propelled progress on a variety of contentious legacy issues such as unexploded ordnances, derelict housing, security, and Indigenous relations. Chief Warrant Officer Whiting's exceptional efforts directly contributed to the Government of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation commitments."

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MSM

CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

No Rank Given

GH:

Member of the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command

DOI: around 2020

One Member from the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. For security and operational reasons, the name and citation of the recipient are not being released."

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**Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)**

**BOIS, Kristina Lee**

MSM CD

CanForGen:

Major

GH: 09 November 2023

Chief of network operations for Director General Information Management Operations DOI: 2018 to 2020

“From 2018 to 2020, Major Bois served as chief of network operations within Director General Information Management Operations in Ottawa, Ontario. While leading operational support for the global communication and information system infrastructure, she galvanized numerous and diverse teams consisting of both internal and external stakeholders. Her contributions in this role led to innovative solutions and the modernization of several processes and procedures. By ensuring support for critical operations and ushering in a new era of technological innovation, Major Bois set a standard of excellence far beyond expectations.”

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**CANN, John Derek**

MSM CD

CanForGen:

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 09 November 2023

Canadian surface Combatant Detachment Commander

DOI: 2016 to 2019

“As the Canadian Surface Combatant Detachment Commander from 2016 to 2019, Commander Cann demonstrated professional competence and inspired leadership, which were instrumental in fostering trust among senior Canadian Armed Forces officers, public servants and industry executives. His capacity for finding innovative solutions was critical to the overall success of the design selection for the Royal Canadian Navy’s (RCN) new ships—the cornerstone of the RCN’s future capability—and key to meeting the Government of Canada’s priorities as laid out in Strong, Secure, Engaged.”

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