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BOSSÉ, Joseph Jean-Pierre **MSC CD**
Major
Joint Engineer at Task Force Latvia HQ

CG: 07 December 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: Since July 2022

"As joint engineer at Task Force Latvia Headquarters since July 2022, Major Bossé demonstrated unparalleled leadership in implementing infrastructures for the enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group and in planning the infrastructure needs for the future brigade. His ability to navigate delicate issues in an extremely challenging environment enabled the acquisition of critical real property assets for the brigade's growth. Major Bossé's remarkable efforts greatly enhanced Canada's reputation as a framework nation in Latvia."

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GALLINGER, Kirk Allister **MSC MSM CD**
Brigadier-General
As Director General Military Careers led the CAF Human Capital Enterprise

CG: 07 December 2025
GH: 06 October 2025
DOI: April 2021 to July 2024

"As Director General Military Careers from April 2021 to July 2024, Brigadier-General Gallinger led the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Human Capital Enterprise through a significant modernization. He developed and implemented an evidence-based General Officer/Flag Officer selection screening process to examine the character and competencies of senior leaders prior to promotion and selection for senior appointments. Brigadier-General Gallinger was instrumental in leading the CAF Inclusive Leadership Behaviors model, ensuring that senior leaders are judiciously chosen to lead the cultural evolution of the CAF."



Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 07 April 2007 in the rank of Major while serving with the PPCLI in Afghanistan.

Medals: MSC – MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and one bar

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

GRAHAM, Andrew Douglas MSC CD CG: 08 February 2025
Commander - RCN GH: 05 October 2025
Commanding Officer – *HMCS Fredericton* DOI: July to December 2021



"While deployed to the Baltic, Irish, Norwegian and North seas as commanding officer of HMCS Fredericton from July to December 2021, Commander Graham demonstrated extraordinary tactical expertise. He brought the ship back to safety following a major fire in its main engine room, off the coast of Norway. Moreover, as flagship captain to the Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group 1, he expertly led the multinational task group during several exercises and operations. Commander Graham was an outstanding ambassador for NATO and Canada."

"He was the Commanding Officer of *HMCS Fredericton* from Jan to Dec. 2021 while Canada commanded Standing NATO Maritime Group One."

He is a graduate of the University of Ottawa with a BA in History attending from 1995 to 2000. He also has a Master of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College, Kingston from the period 2015 to 2016
Following his training as a MARS Officer, he became the Navy Ammunition Technical Officer from July 2013 to July 2016.
From July 2016 to July 2018, he served as the Executive Officer of *HMCS Regina*. He then became the Above Water Warfare Requirements Section Head of the RCN from July 2018 to July 2020 in Gatineau, Quebec.
From July 2020 to February 2022, he was the Commanding Officer of *HMCS Fredericton* for 20 months. From February 2022 to May 2023, he was a Language Student at the CF Language School in Ottawa.

He is currently the Director of Naval Requirements from May 2023 based in Ottawa.

Repeat CG entry: 27/12/25

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McCULLEY, Ashley Allan MSC CD CG: 27 December 2025
Petty Officer First Class - RCN GH: 05 October 2025
Department Chief of Theater Undersea Surveillance Command Pacific DOI: July 2019 to August 2023

"As the department chief of Theater Undersea Surveillance Command Pacific, from July 2019 to August 2023 which included a period of seven months as acting department head for N4 Maintenance and Facilities Petty Officer 1st Class McCulley demonstrated exceptional leadership far surpassing the expectations of his rank. His skills underscored to our United States Navy partners Canadian technicians' critical contributions to mission success. His extraordinary performance and technical expertise brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and strengthened relations with our closest ally.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

MacKEY, Patrick Michael MSC CD CG: 08 February 2025
Chief Petty Officer First Class - RCN GH: 05 October 2025
Coxen of HMCS Fredericton DOI: July to December 2021

"While deployed to the Baltic region as coxswain onboard HMCS Fredericton from July to December 2021, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Mackey distinguished himself as a mentor and leader. This was acutely apparent on November 18, 2021, when the ship experienced a major fire in the forward engine room that caused a prolonged loss of propulsion in extremely hazardous weather conditions. CPO1 Mackey's exceptional professionalism directly enabled the crew of Fredericton to successfully complete its mission and brought credit to Canada."

"He was the Coxen of HMCS Fredericton from Jan to Dec. 2021 while Canada commanded Standing NATO Maritime Group One."

Medals: MSC – SWA with bar Afghanistan – SSM with bar NATO – CD and bar



CPO1 Patrick Mackey enrolled in the Canadian Forces as a Signalman (262) in his hometown of St. John's, Newfoundland and commenced boot camp on 1 April 1996 at the age of 21. On completion of Basic Training in Saint-Jean, Quebec he attended the inaugural Naval Communicator (277) course in Esquimalt, British Columbia. Upon completion of trades training, he was then posted to HMCS *Montréal*.

From 1997 to 2001 he was posted to a number of different ships including HMCS *Provider*, HMCS *St. John's*, and HMCS *Athabaskan* where he completed two NATOs prior to his first shore posting to *Trinity* in the summer of 2001.

In January of 2003, he became the first steady state 277 to be promoted to Master Seaman and was then posted to HMCS *Toronto* where he completed his first major deployment on OP ALTAIR. In May of 2005 he was posted to MARLANTHQ N31 and subsequently promoted to Petty Officer 2nd Class where he once again became the first 277 to obtain that rank.

In January of 2007 he was posted to HMCS *Charlottetown* where he was deployed on OP ALTAIR for a second time. Upon completion of his deployment in June of 2008, he was posted to MARITIME OPERATIONS GROUP 5 as the Information Management Manager where he also attended his 6B course and became the first Naval Communicator to be promoted to Petty Officer 1st Class. During his time ashore, CPO1 Mackey completed the Officer Program of Military Education.

In July of 2010 CPO1 Mackey was posted to HMCS *Iroquois* as the Senior Naval Communicator until being posted to CANADIAN FLEET ATLANTIC as the Fleet Senior Naval Communicator in July of 2011.

In July of 2013 he became the first Naval Communicator to achieve the rank of Chief Petty Officer Second class where he was then subsequently posted to MARLANT Visits and Protocol. CPO1 Mackey remained at Visits and Protocol until May of 2015 until he was posted to HMCS *Halifax* as the Combat Chief.

In 2016, CPO1 Mackey was selected to attend the NCM Executive Professional Development Programme at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. His studies mainly focused on Psychology and International Relations. In 2017 he then attended Second Language Training until June 2018.

On completion of French training CPO1 Mackey was selected to be the Executive Assistant to the Royal Canadian Navy Command Chief Petty Officer until July of 2020 until he was appointed as Coxen of HMCS *Fredericton*.

In July of 2020, CPO1 Mackey was appointed as COXN on HMCS *Fredericton* where he deployed on OP REASSURANCE. In 2022 he was appointed as COXN of Sea Training Atlantic until his appointment as the Atlantic Fleet Chief in June 2024.

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PETERSEN, Cole Franklin **MSC MSM CD** CG:
Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI GH: 02 November 2026
Task Force Commander Op UNIFER, Warsaw, Poland DOI: July 2024 to February 2025



"Lieutenant-Colonel Petersen demonstrated exceptional leadership, strategic foresight and unwavering commitment to mission success while deployed to Warsaw, Poland, from July 2024 to February 2025. As Task Force commander of Operation UNIFIER, the Canadian Armed Forces' military training, professionalization and capacity-building mission in support of Ukraine, he oversaw eight force elements across an extensive geographical area. His operational expertise provided focused objectives resulting in task force coherence and effectiveness. Lieutenant-Colonel Petersen's extraordinary performance during a critical operational period reflected great credit upon Canada."

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 2024 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel for leading the Public Health Agency Vaccine Rollout November 2021 to March 2022.

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

PRÉVOST, Jacques Paul Robert **CMM (OMM) MSC MSM* CD** CG: 07 December 2025
Major-General - RCAF GH: 06 October 2025
Leadership as Director of Staff of the Strategic Joint Staff, DOI: 2021 to 2024



"From 2021 to 2024, as director of staff of the Strategic Joint Staff, Major-General Prévost demonstrated exceptional collaboration, dedication and leadership, playing a key role in aligning efforts between numerous entities within the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). Under his leadership, whole-of-government coordination reached new heights in a turbulent strategic environment and period, ensuring that priority initiatives were carried out with increased efficiency and remarkable precision. Major-General Prévost strengthened CAF credibility, earning the trust of our allies and fostering a healthy, high-performance work environment."

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 December 2012 in the rank of Colonel as Commander of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing.

Awarded the **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 2024 in the rank of Brigadier-General as the Director of 609th Air Operations Center in Doha, Qatar.

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

Awarded the **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **CanForGen** of 13 December 2024 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with x ribbon – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Campaign Medal with expedition ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars

Promoted to Lieutenant-General in July 2024 and appointed Chief of Professional Conduct and Culture.
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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

WELLWOOD, Bernadette Maureen **OMM MSC CD** CG: 07 December 2025
Colonel – Royal 22e Regiment GH: 05 October 2025
COS DRC and Commander Task Force DRC (UN Congo) DOI: July 2021 to July 2022

"While deployed to Goma from July 2021 to July 2022, Colonel Wellwood served as the operations chief of staff for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and as the commander of Task Force DRC. Operating in a complex conflict zone, she brilliantly navigated the challenges of combat and support activity coordination, amid the presence of 126 rebel groups, 55 000 Congolese Armed Forces personnel, and foreign brigades outside the UN mandate. Colonel Wellwood's extraordinary leadership brought great honour to Canada."

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per CanForGen 11 December 2020 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, Royal 22eR.

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping - MONOC (Congo) - NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar



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ONE (1) NOT GAZETTED MSC CG: nil
No Rank – From Canadian Forces Cyber Command GH: 20 May 2026
MSC Not Gazetted for Security Reasons DOI: around 2024 / 2025

"One MSC Not Gazetted for Security Reasons from the Canadian Forces Cyber Command circa 2024/2025."

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

ASPIRAULT, Joseph Léo Cédric **OMM MSC CD**
Colonel
Inaugural Commander of the Multinational Brigade in Latvia

CG: 02 November 2026
GH: 20 May 2026 and 02 Nov. 2026
DOI: June 2024 to June 2025

"During his posting to Ādaži, Latvia, from June 2024 to June 2025, Colonel Aspirault distinguished himself as the first commander of Multinational Brigade – Latvia. By providing excellent leadership to 3,500 troops from 14 countries, he succeeded in deterring aggression, strengthening cohesion within NATO and transforming the forward land forces into a combat-capable formation. Colonel Aspirault's professionalism, diplomatic skills and extraordinary operational abilities have greatly strengthened the reputation and effectiveness of the Canadian Armed Forces in Europe, bringing great credit to Canada."

"For strengthening cohesion within NATO and transforming forward Land Forces into a combat-capable formation by leading 3,500 troops from fourteen different countries as the inaugural commander of the Multinational Brigade, Adazi, Latvia, from June 2024 to June 2025.:

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per Canada Gazette of 02 May 2018 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – SSM bar NATO and one extra tour bar – Campaign Service Medal with Operational ribbon and one extra tour bar – CD and Bar

Major Joseph Léo Cédric ASPIRAULT, CD – Chief of Defence Staff Commendation
"For his pivotal role, foresight and tact as executive assistant to the Chief of the Defence Staff designate during the seamless transition to the new Chief of the Defence Staff, 22 June to 17 July 2015." (awarded in 2015)

Promoted to Brigadier-Geneal in 2026.



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HANSEN, Jeremy Roger **MSC CD** CG:
Colonel - RCAF GH: 02 November 2026
Artemis II Mission around the Moon DOI: 01 to 10 April 2026

"Colonel Hansen demonstrated extraordinary professionalism and leadership as a mission specialist on the Artemis II mission that occurred from April 1 to 10, 2026. As the first Canadian and first non-American to travel beyond low Earth orbit, he contributed directly to the successful execution of the first crewed lunar mission in more than five decades. Colonel Hansen's exemplary performance enhanced Canada's international credibility and advanced national interest in human spaceflight, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."



Medals: MSC – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – KCIII Coronation – CD and Bar – USA Congressional Space Medal of Honour

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HELSBY-HANDLEY, Richard Josteph **MSC CD** CG:
Master Sailor – Royal Canadian Navy GH: 02 November 2026
Revitalizing Canada's Signals Intelligence capabilities DOI: September 2021 – April 2025

"From September 2021 to April 2025, Master Sailor Helsby-Handley displayed exceptional contributions to the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) by revitalizing Canada's Signals Intelligence capabilities. His efforts restored collection operations, enhanced training and supported deployed CAF personnel. He led system upgrades for Royal Canadian Navy ships and advised on a Five Eyes modernization initiative. Master Sailor Helsby-Handley's technical mastery, leadership and international collaboration ensured uninterrupted collection, enhanced maritime and terrestrial operations, and delivered enduring strategic effects, strengthening Canada's intelligence community presence."

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

KIRSTEIN, Vincent Gustav **MSC CD** CG:
Colonel – Royal Canadian Armoured Corps GH: 02 November 2026
Commander Task Force Latvia DOI: August 2022 to August 2024

"While deployed to Riga from August 2022 to August 2024, Colonel Kirstein performed in an extraordinary manner as the commander of Task Force Latvia. In this role, he expertly and diplomatically coordinated multinational operations to ensure mission success. Moreover, his strategic foresight was critical in evolving Task Force Latvia towards the current Forward Land Forces Brigade. Colonel Kirstein's remarkable professionalism and dedication significantly advanced 'Canada's NATO objectives, and enhanced international co-operation and operational effectiveness."



Medals: MSC – GCS with SWA ribbon SSM bar Expedition – CD and bar – Latvia Order of Viesturs 3rd Class

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

LAROCQUE, Keven MSC CD CG: nil
Colonel – former 12e Régiment Blindé du Canada GH: 20 May 2026
DCO in Charge of Operations &Plans UN Stabilization Mission in the Congo OP Crocodile DOI: September 2024 to July 2025



"From September 2024 to July 2025, Colonel Larocque provided extraordinary leadership as the Task Force commander assigned to Operation CROCODILE and as the deputy chief of staff responsible for Operations and Plans for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In a volatile environment characterized by increased armed-group activity, he was able to meet complex challenges with exceptional skill and determination. Through his outstanding efforts, Colonel Larocque has greatly strengthened Canada's credibility on the international stage"

"For extraordinary leadership in a volatile environment as Task Force Commander for Operations and Plans for the United Nation Organization Stabilization Mission in Goma, Democratic Republic of the Congo from September 2024 to July 2025."

Commander 4th Division Support Group 18 June 2026 in CFB Petawawa

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

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LIMON, David Robert **MMM MSC CD** CG: nil
Chief Warrant Officer GH: 20 May 2026
Seargeant-Major Multinational Brigade in Latvia DOI: June 2024 to June 2025



"While deployed to Ādaži, Latvia, from June 2024 to June 2025, Chief Warrant Officer Limon demonstrated extraordinary leadership as the sergeant major of Multinational Brigade – Latvia. He played a central role in establishing the brigade, developing comprehensive administrative and disciplinary procedures for the 14 contributing countries and providing sound and insightful advice that informed the brigade commander's decision-making process. In addition, the mentorship that he provided to the multinational sergeant majors significantly improved the operational capability and interoperability of the brigade. Chief Warrant Officer Limon's unwavering professionalism has brought great credit to Canada."

"For extraordinary leadership in setting up the Brigade and mentoring Sergeants Major, enhancing operational capability and interoperability as the Sergeant-Major of the Multinational Brigade, Adazi, Latvia from June 2024 to June 2025."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2020 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSC – SW Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

MATHERS, Kevin James **MMM MSC MSM CD**
Chief Warrant Officer – former Armoured Corps including LSH(RC)
First Canadian Command Senior Enlisted Leader at SHAPE

CG: nil
GH: 02 November 2026
DOI: 2022 to 2025



"From 2022 to 2025, as the first Canadian Command Senior Enlisted Leader at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Chief Warrant Officer Mathers reflected great credit upon Canada for his extraordinary performance as NATO's most senior non-commissioned member (NCM). His personal leadership during the reinvigoration of Combat Readiness Evaluation methodology for Forward Land Forces as well as his enhancement of the NCM professional development programme to a warfighting and readiness focus, significantly elevated the profile and esteem of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per Canada Gazette 11 February 2002 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.
Awarded **Member, Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNDOF – NATO bar KOSOVO – CD and 2 bars

Retired 01 December 2025 after more than 40 years of service

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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

TURENNE, David Keith **MSC CD** CG: nil
Colonel - RCAF GH: 02 November 2026
Director of the Combined Air Operations Center during the Israel-Iran Conflict DOI: June 2025

"In June 2025, Colonel Turenne demonstrated extraordinary leadership as director of the Combined Air Operations Center during the Israel-Iran conflict. His strategic clarity, courage and diplomatic skill were pivotal in synchronizing multinational air operations, preserving coalition cohesion and enabling the safe evacuation of 10,000 personnel from the Al Udeid Air Base in Doha, Qatar, which was under imminent missile threat. Operating in an exceptionally complex and high-risk environment, Colonel Turenne's composure and decisive actions were instrumental to the coalition's success.

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar – EIIR Platinum Jubilee (Alberta) – Legionnaire Legion of Merit (Alberta)



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