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33	**GEHLERT, Kristin Jennifer**	Major	NATO Centralised Targeting Capacity HQ	MSM CD
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CF = CanforGen

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AHN, Ye Hee (Leona) MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major – Logistics Officer GH:
Senior Cdn Representative deployed to Adazi, Latvia National Support Element DOI: June to December 2022



"Deployed to Adazi, Latvia, from June to December 2022, Major Ahn brilliantly led the National Support Element and acted as framework nation senior national representative. Tasked with managing competing multinational demands with scarce resources in an environment of high international tension, Major Ahn contributed to mission success through her transformational leadership and uncanny ability to positively influence individuals, despite language and cultural barriers. Major Ahn's exceptional efforts and initiatives demonstrated Canada's best on the international stage."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon - SSM bar NATO - EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD - EIIR Platinum Jubilee (Alberta)
and a CDS Commendation

July 2023 -	Grievance Analyst – NDHQ, Ottawa
July 2019 – August 2023	Officer Commanding – 1 Service Battalion Transportation Company, Edmonton, Alberta
April 2022 – December 2022	CO, National Support Element, OP Reassurance Rotation 22-02, Adazi, Riga, Latvia
Sept 2019 – May 2021	Royal Roads University – MA (Master of Arts, Human Security & Peacebuilding) part-time
July 2019 – July 2020	Chief of Logistics (G4) – 3rd Canadian Division, Edmonton, Alberta
May 2018 – July 2019	Senor Logistics Operations Officer, 1 Service Battalion, Edmonton, Alberta
August 2016 to April 2018	Senior Recruiting Manager, Canadian Forces Recruiting Center Prairies & North, Calgary
July 2015 – July 2016	Recruiting Operations Manager, Calgary Area, Calgary, Alberta
July 2014 – July 2015	Transportation Logistics Manager, 1 Service Battalion, Edmonton, Alberta
Jan 2012 – June 2014	Logistics Officer, Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), Edmonton, Alberta
Jan 2011 – December 2011	Supply Manager, Afghanistan
May 2010 – January 2011	Personal Assistant to Commander, Area Support Group, Edmonton, Alberta
Jan 2010 - April 2010	Logistics Coordinator, LSH(RC) deployed to support 2010 Olympic Games, Vancouver
Aug 2005 – May 2009	Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario – received BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration)

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ASTLEY, Christopher Delaval MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Sergeant GH: 09 November 2023
Defence Attaché Assistant in Kingston, Jamaica 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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AMAN, Jeffrey ('Jeff') Charles Lorne **MMM MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Chief Warrant Officer - CME GH:
Sergeant-Major of Joint Task Force – Impact, linking commands in 7 countries DOI: April to June 2019
CanForGen: 21 February 2021



"For exceptional leadership and being instrumental in linking multiple command teams across seven countries when deployed to Kuwait as Joint Task Force – Impact Sergeant-Major from 2019 to June 2020."

"Chief Warrant Officer Aman was deployed to Kuwait April 2019 to June 2020 as Sergeant-Major of Joint Task Force IMPACT. He immediately launched the systemic adjustment of the operational culture, reinforced the Senior Non-Commissioned officer cadre, and adjusted the mission mindset to one that was operationally focused. Moreover, he was instrumental in linking multiple command teams across seven countries. Chief Warrant Officer Aman's exceptional leadership under extremely challenging and dangerous conditions contributed to Canada's success in the middle east."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** 22 May 2010 of in the rank of Master Warrant Officer

Medals: MMM – MSM – Gulf War Medal with Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with one extra tour bar – General Campaign Star with ribbon Expedition - General Service with Ribbon Expedition– Operational Service with Humanitas ribbon-Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO with bar Kosovo – CD and Bar

Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Jeff Aman, MMM, MSM, CD, Canadian Military Engineers



He is originally from Scarborough, Ontario. He was born in March 1969 and joined the Canadian Forces in July 1987. After completing basic training and Combat Engineering QL3 in 1988, he started his career in the Airborne at 2 Combat Engineer Regiment (2 CER) in Petawawa. He deployed to the Gulf War in 1991.

In 1992, CWO Aman was posted to CFB Chilliwack where he was employed at Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) Base Ops and at 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1 CER) as a Section 2I/C, Section Commander, Field Troop Recce Sergeant, Operations NCO, and Field Troop Warrant. CWO Aman deployed to Bosnia in 1997 and to Kosovo in 1999.

In 2002, CWO Aman was posted to the Peace Support Training Centre (PSTC) at CFB Kingston. He was employed as a Training NCO and Operations Warrant. In 2006, he was promoted to Master Warrant Officer, and locally posted to Canadian Forces Joint Headquarters to be employed as the HQ Sergeant Major. In 2007, he attended second language training at CFB Kingston.

In 2008, CWO Aman was posted back to 2 CER where he held the position of Field Squadron Sergeant Major as well as Admin Squadron Sergeant Major. In 2009, he was appointed to the **Order of Military Merit as a Member of Military Merit.** In 2010, CWO Aman deployed to Afghanistan as the Task Force Engineer Sergeant Major. Upon returning from Afghanistan, CWO Aman was posted to Land Forces Doctrine and Training System (LFDTS) at CFB Kingston where he was responsible for all NCM Combat Engineer Individual Training. From 2013 to 2016, CWO Aman was appointed as the Regimental Sergeant Major of 4 Engineer Support Regiment (4 ESR) at CFB Gagetown in New Brunswick.

CWO Aman was appointed as the Base Chief Warrant Officer of CFB Kingston from 2016 to 2019, after which he deployed as the Task Force Sergeant Major for Operation IMPACT until June 2020. As a result of his performance during this deployment, he received the **Meritorious Service Medal** in 2021. CWO Aman was appointed as Sergeant Major 1 Cdn Div in July 2021. After three years in that position and over 37 years of service, he retired on 15 August 2024 and remained in Kingston with his family.

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AYOTTE, Christopher Charles **OMM MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
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

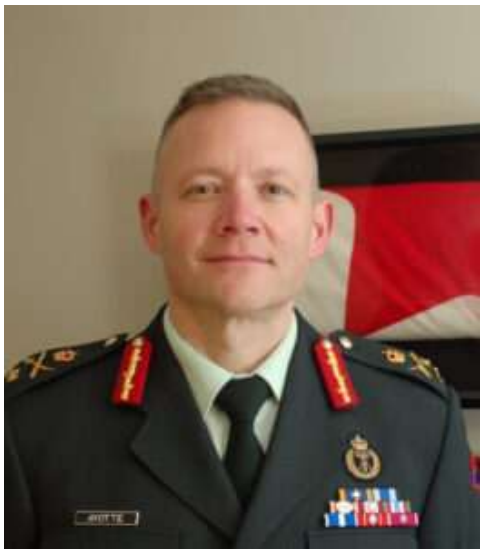
"From July 2019 to July 2020, Brigadier-General Ayotte was deployed to Iraq and Kuwait as an embedded officer within Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. At a time of unprecedented tension within an active conflict zone, he displayed innovative leadership, remarkable strategic acuity, 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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BABIN, Nicholas André Michael ('Mike') MSM CD
Lieutenant-Colonel – RCAF CO 430 (Squadron)
Innovative transition tools and services for CF member and their families

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: January 2019 to August 2019
CanForGen: 21 February 2021



"For outstanding performance, effective leadership and tactical acumen when deployed to Gao, Mali, as Commander of the Aviation Battalion from January to August 2019."

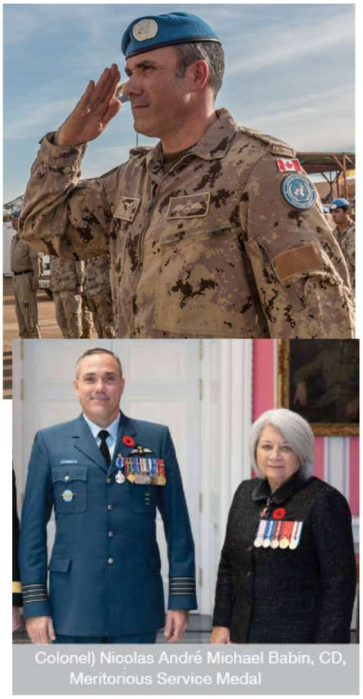
Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and extra bar – Operational Service Medal – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Mali – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD.

Brigadier-General Mike BABIN, MSM, CD, RCAF

Colonel Michael (Mike) Babin is originally from Val d'Or, Québec. He joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a pilot in 1997. He completed his first operational tour as a tactical helicopter pilot with 430e Escadron tactique d'hélicoptères (ETAH) in Valcartier, Québec. During his first tour, he deployed to Bosnia and Haiti.

In 2005, he was posted to 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School (3 CFFTS) in Portage-La-Prairie, Manitoba as a flight instructor. In 2008, he was promoted to Major and posted to the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC) in Wainwright, Alberta as the G5 Aviation.

In 2009, he was posted back to 430 ETAH where he deployed to Afghanistan as the Operations Officer of the Canadian Aviation Battalion, Roto 10. In 2011, he attended the Joint Command and Staff Program at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, Ontario.



Colonel) Nicolas André Michael Babin, CD, Meritorious Service Medal

In 2012, he was posted to 1 Wing headquarters in Kingston, Ontario as the A7, responsible for Standards, Training, Doctrine and Acquisitions. In July 2014 as an important crisis was taking place in Eastern Europe, he was posted to NATO Allied Air Command Headquarters in Ramstein, Germany as an Air Operations Planning Group Leader within the Strategy Division.

In July 2017, he took command of 430 Squadron in Valcartier, Québec. He was deployed to Mali on Operation PRÉSENCE as the Commanding Officer of Task Force Mali Aviation Battalion Roto 1. Following his Squadron command, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and posted to Ottawa, Ontario as the J5 and then Acting Director General Plans of the Canadian Joint Operations Command (CJOC). In May 2021, he was posted back to Kingston, ON as the Commander of 1 Wing. In August 2023, he was a Canadian Armed Forces Visiting Defence Fellow at Queen's University until June 2024. He was then promoted to Brigadier-General in June 2024 and was made the Chief of Staff of the Canadian Defence Academy.

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

BANTOCK, Wayne John **MMM MSM CD**
Chief Warrant Officer
Multinational Force and Observers Sergeant-Major

CG: 30 March 2024
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 3rd 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 3rd Canadian Division Sergeant-Major, taking over from CWO Rene Kiens, who had occupied the role for the past three years.

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BARFOOT, James Douglas MSM CD
Master Corporal
First Canadian National Security Agency Red Team Qualified Operator

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: 2015 to 2019

"For professionalism and dedication as the First Canadian and Second Party National Security Agency Red Team Qualified Operator, Canadian Forces Information Operations Group Headquarters, Detachment Fort George D. Meade, United States of America from 2015 to 2019."

"From 2015 to 2019, Master Corporal Barfoot became the first Canadian and second Party National Security Agency Red Team qualified operator. During two cyber exercises, he developed an enormous virtual environment, with hundreds of targets, and led the opposing force Red Team as technical director. As acting curriculum manager—a position requiring a Ph.D.—he substantially improved the cyber occupation course curriculum and delivery method. His professionalism and dedication have strengthened the Canada-United States relationship on cyber capabilities development."

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

BARKER, Christopher Robert MSM CD
Lieutenant(N) - RCN
Preserving the history of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Skeena*

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: 1992 to 2021

"Since 1992, Lieutenant(N) Barker has demonstrated a sustained commitment to preserving the history of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Skeena*, and to commemorating the sailors who served and perished during a violent storm on October 25, 1944. On his own initiative, he gathered historical artefacts, organized annual memorial services, spearheaded the construction of a monument in Iceland, and organized a recreational trip for all cadets. His unwavering dedication honoured veterans, inspired cadets and created a legacy for all Canadians."

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BARLOW, William MSM CD
Commander - RCN
Commanding Officer of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Ottawa* in the Indo-Asia Region

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: August to December 2019



"From August to December 2019, Commander Barlow demonstrated outstanding leadership and professionalism as commanding officer of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Ottawa* while deployed to the Indo-Asia Pacific region. He subsequently assumed command of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Calgary* from March to May 2020, during Operation LASER, the Canadian Armed Forces' response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Commander Barlow's exceptional ability to build combat-capable teams and excel in operations significantly advanced Canadian international and domestic strategic objectives."

Medals: MSM - Operational Service – Operational Service – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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BARNETT, Jon Michael MSM CD
Major – Royal Canadian Signals Corps
CO 4th Canadian Division Support Group Signals Squadron

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: 2024



"Major Barnett is the Commanding Officer of the 4th Canadian Division Support Group Signals Squadron in 2024. There has not been a citation for his MSM posted as yet."

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

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

BARRETTE, Joseph François Marin **OMM MSM CD**
Lieutenant-Colonel - CFHS
Commander of the Medical Training Group on Joint Task Force – Ukraine

CG: 30 April 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: March to September 2021
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023



"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.

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

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BEAUCAGE, Marie Diane Danielle Geneviève Marilou MSM CD
Major - RCAF
Commander of the Canadian Forces Aeromedical Evacuation Flight

CG 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: February 2020 to June 2021



Major Marie Diane Danielle Geneviève Marilou Beaucage, CD Meritorious Service Medal

"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."

Medals: MSM – SSM - CD

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

BENSON, John William MSM CD
Major
Military Assistant to the Commander in Baghdad, Iraq

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: October 2018 to November 2019
CanForGen: 10 November 2020 #144/20

"For consistent and unequivocal efforts while deployed to Baghdad, Iraq as Military Assistant to the Commander from October 2018 to November 2019".

"From October 2018 to November 2019, Major Benson was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq as military assistant to the commander. Part of the inaugural rotation of NATO Mission Iraq, he quickly developed an impressive understanding of wide-ranging issues and environmental dynamics, which permitted him to contribute extensively to key mission activities. His relationship-building in support of NATO Mission Iraq and his exceptional management of sensitive diplomatic files were particularly noteworthy. Major Benson's consistent and unequivocal efforts during his deployment brought great credit to Canada."

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BERLINGUETTE, Michelle Katherine MSM CD
Major
Project Manager Competency Evaluation

CG: 30 March 2024
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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BESWICK-ESCANLAR, Vincent Paul MSM CD
Commander – Royal Canadian Navy & CF Health Services Group
Section head of the Communicable Disease Control Program

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: July 2020 to April 2022



"As section head of the Communicable Disease Control Program from July 2020 to April 2022, Commander Beswick-Escanlar tirelessly provided timely medical recommendations. Collaborating with international partners and civilian public health authorities at all levels, he collated and analyzed rapidly evolving information that decisively protected Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members during the COVID-19 pandemic. Commander Beswick-Escanlar's noteworthy contributions influenced public health policy for Canadians, and enabled the capability of CAF operations both domestically and abroad."

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

BLACKBURN, Mélanie Rosanne Mary MSM CD
Master-Corporal - RCAF
Second i/c 2 Air Movements Squadron, Trenton, Ontario

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: Nil
DOI: July 2020 to August 2021
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

"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.

"As the cargo operations assistant with 2 Air Movements Squadron from July 2020 to August 2021, Master Corporal Blackburn demonstrated outstanding leadership that ensured the movement of critical material in support of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operations. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, her dedication and resourcefulness ensured the deployment of nearly 10 million pounds of equipment and supplies for domestic and foreign operations. Master Corporal Blackburn's remarkable drive was essential to mission success and brought honour to the CAF."

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BOIS, Kristina Lee MSM CD
Major
Chief of network operations for Director General Information Management Operations

CF Honour Book: 2022
GH: 09 November 2024
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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BOLAND, Joseph Lawrence MSM CD
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer of Task Force – Latvia National Support Element

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: January to July 2020

"As the commanding officer of Task Force – Latvia's National Support Element from January to July 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Boland displayed remarkable leadership, creativity, patience and unwavering commitment to mission success. His efforts guaranteed a safe, COVID-19-constrained environment for all soldiers, enhanced logistical support, and enabled Canada to improve upon its duties as a framework nation in NATO's deterrence efforts. Lieutenant-Colonel Boland's outstanding performance during a global health crisis directly contributed to the tremendous success of Canada's mission in Latvia."

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

BONIFACE, Matthew Joseph MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy GH: 09 November 2023
Coxswain of HMCS *Halifax* operations in the Baltic, Irish, Norwegian and North Seas DOI: January to July 2021



"Chief Petty Officer 1st 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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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

BOUCHARD, Sébastien MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH:
Joint Engineer of Joint Task Force – Latvia DOI: June 2020 to June 2022

"In his role as Joint Engineer of Joint Task Force – Latvia from June 2020 to June 2022, Major Bouchard served as the project lead for the Camp Adazi Program of Projects. His leadership and initiative ensured that the simultaneous construction of six major projects got off to a rapid start, strengthening Canada's credibility as a framework nation in the eyes of the host nation and international partners. By working with strategic-level leaders, Major Bouchard played a key role in the successful completion of permanent infrastructure projects in Latvia."

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BROWNFIELD, Maxwell MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Captain GH: 08 November 2021
Counterterrorism Operations in Iraq with the US Central Command in Qatar DOI: April 2019 to November 2020

"From April 2019 to November 2020, Captain Brownfield demonstrated outstanding professionalism in supporting counterterrorism operations in Iraq while employed in the United States Central Command Partnership Integration Enterprise in Qatar, and the Joint Targeting Intelligence Centre in Ottawa, Ontario. In particular, his contributions to innovating remote intelligence exploitation resulted in operational success both on the battlefield and for the Canadian Armed Forces Targeting Enterprise. Captain Brownfield's efforts significantly enhanced the process by which intelligence information is shared in a coalition environment."

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BUGEAUD, Douglas Richard Edward MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
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 Fie 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."

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

BURD, Darcy Lee Leslie MMM MSM CD
Chief Petty Officer First Class – now CPO Canadian Fleet Atlantic
Coxswain *HMCS St. John*

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: January to July 2018
CanForGen: 10 November 2020 #144/20



"For operational focus and people first, mission always leadership while deployed as Coxswain in *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship St. John* from January to July 2018".

'Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Burd was coxswain on *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship St. John's*, deployed on Operation REASSURANCE from January to July 2018. His operational focus and People First, Mission Always leadership kept the crew motivated, disciplined and focused despite the difficult, complex and changing operational environment. His efforts reached beyond his ship, tirelessly working with NATO partners in the volatile Eastern Mediterranean and Baltic seas, to raise camaraderie, increase operational output, and ultimately enhance Canada's reputation on the global stage.'

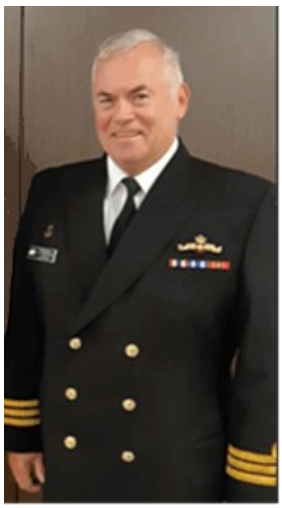
Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of CPO2 serving with HMCS Toronto.

Medals: MMM – MSM – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO – NATO – CD and Bar

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BYRNE, Martin James Connor MSM CD
Commander - RCN
Section Head of Submarine Requirements for the Royal Canadian Navy

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: 2019 to 2022
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023



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

"As the section head for Submarine Requirements for the Royal Canadian Navy from 2019 to 2022, Commander Byrne demonstrated steadfast resolve throughout the successful identification and options analysis phases, bringing clarity and direction to the largest submarine procurement project ever undertaken by Canada. His extensive operational experience, coupled with his in-depth knowledge of submarines, established the foundation for the current and future naval submarine program. His exceptional leadership, interpersonal skills and mentorship ensured the preservation of Canada's strategic submarine capability."

Medals: MSM – SSM – NATO – CD and Bar

Commander Martin Byrne joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1988. He has sailed in both submarines and surface combatants and has had a variety of postings in interesting shore positions including joint operational experience, an exchange with the United States Navy at the Surface Warfare Development Group in Norfolk Virginia, Deputy Director of the Canadian Forces Integrated Command Centre at CJOC HQ in Ottawa and three years as an Operational Requirements Manager for the Joint Battlespace Management Capability Project within the Information Management Group of DND. Cdr Byrne has been employed at the Directorate of Naval Requirements (DNR) since 2017 where he has been responsible for both under water warfare and submarine requirements. He is currently the Director of the Canadian Patrol Submarine Project (CPSP) which will replace the existing Victoria-class submarine fleet in the mid-2030s

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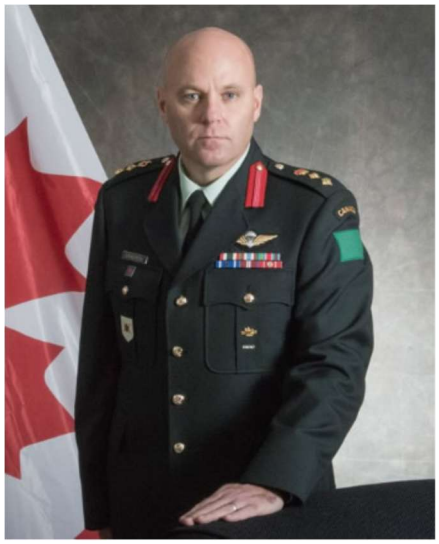
CAMERON, Caroline MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major – CFHS Op LASER GH: 08 November 2021
Commander of the Initial Medical Assistance Force in the Montréal region DOI: April to July 2020

"From April to July 2020, Major Cameron distinguished herself with honour through her exceptional commitment and dedication as commander of the Initial Medical Assistance Force in the Montréal region. Her quick initial actions were critical and resulted in the effective integration of military personnel into the residential and long-term care centres (CHSLD) during Operation LASER. To meet the growing demand for assistance, her team welcomed more than 200 personnel to help more than 2 000 vulnerable residents in 15 CHSLDs. Major Cameron's outstanding leadership and professionalism contributed to the exceptional outreach by the Canadian Armed Forces."

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CAMERON, Kelvin Ivan MSM CD CanForGen: 21 February 2021
Colonel GH: 09 November 2021
Innovative transition tools and services for CF member and their families DOI: January 2018 to July 2020

"For remarkable leadership, noteworthy contributions and personal actions in the development and implementation of innovative transition tools and services for Canadian Armed Forces member and their families, as Director Transformation and Strategic Planning in Ottawa, Ontario from January 2018 to July 2020."



"Colonel Cameron has demonstrated remarkable visionary leadership over the past three years and has been the driving force behind reinventing transition. His devotion and collaborative approach have significantly strengthened the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada. His exemplary work ethic and expertise in the transition space were instrumental to the development and implementation of innovative transition tools and services for CAF members and their families. Colonel Cameron's noteworthy contributions and personal actions epitomize the fundamental values espoused by the CAF."

Medals: MSM – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Mali – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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CAMPBELL, Jennifer Margaret MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
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."



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

CANN, John Derek MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Commander - RCN GH:
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 corner-stone of the RCN's future capability, and key to meeting the Government of Canada's priorities as laid out in Strong, Secure, Engaged."

From the 2021 Honours and Recognition for the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces book

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CARON, Joseph Robert Maxime MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Master Warrant Officer GH: 05 November 2024l
Line crew Warrant Officer with 2 Air Movements Squadron, Trenton moving Supplies to Poland DOI: March to April 2022

"Master Warrant Officer, then Warrant Officer Caron displayed remarkable acumen and resourcefulness as a line crew warrant officer with 2 Air Movements Squadron, Trenton, Ontario, from March to April 2022. Rigorously training a new and diverse team, he ensured efficiency and the timely airlift of over one million pounds of lethal and non-lethal freight to the logistics hub in Poland, to support Ukraine's efforts to achieve mission success. Master Warrant Officer Caron's innovative actions and leadership brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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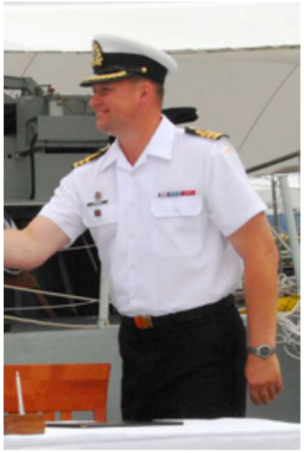
Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

CARRUTH, Lorne Campbell MSM CD
Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
Deputy Commander NAVRES / Operation Plan for COVID

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
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, ensuing 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 2022	Retired from RCN	Ottawa, Ontario
July 2021 to July 2022	Strategic Analysis and Concept Development, Royal Canadian Navy	Ottawa, Ontario
January 2017 to July 2021	Chief of Staff Personnel and Training, Naval Reserve HQ	Quebec, PQ
July 2016 to January 2017	Combined Maritime Forces	Manama, Bahrain
2015 to July 2016	Deputy Chief of Staff Current Operations - Maritime Forces Pacific	Esquimalt, BC
August 2012 to July 2015	**Commander Coastal Division,** Canadian Fleet Pacific Headquarters	Esquimalt, BC
	Operations of 6 Kingston-Class, 8 Orca-class vessels, HMCS Oriole	Esquimalt, BC
July 2010 to August 2012	Sea Trainer – Officer in Charge Minor War Vessel Section	Esquimalt, BC
August 2005 to August 2008	Commanding Officer – HMCS Edmonton	Esquimalt BC
1986 to 2005	Naval Officer	
2013 to 2015	Royal Roads University – MBA	Victoria, BC
1987 to 1991	McMaster University	Hamilton, Ontario



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

CASEY, Jennifer Rose MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Captain – Snowbird's Public Affairs Officer **Posthumous** GH: 05 October 2025
As a Public Affairs Officer, she raised the Profile of the Cdn Military using Social Media DOI: March to June 2020
Ms. Morgan Muise to receive on behalf of the family of the late Captain Jennifer Casey.on 06 October 2025.

> "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. He 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.



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

CHARLEBOIS, Daniel Alan **MSM* CD**
Commodore - RCN **BAR to the MSM**
Commander Combined Task Force 150

CG: 30 March 2024
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 multination 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.

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CHARTRAND, Patrice Pascal **MMM MSM* CD**
Chief Warrant Officer – Royal 22eR **Bar**
Sergeant-Major of the Mission to Assist the Security Forces of Ukraine

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: April to October 2019
CanForGen: 21 February 2021



"For leadership and involvement in the professionalization of Ukrainian Non-Commissioned Officers when deployed as Sergeant-Major of the Mission to Assist the Security Forces of Ukraine from April to October 2019."

"From April to October 2019, Chief Warrant Officer Chartrand was deployed as sergeant major of the mission to assist the Security Forces of Ukraine. His involvement in the professionalization of Ukrainian non-commissioned officers inspired them and strengthened the cohesiveness of the multinational effort. His performance and judgment illustrated the ideal of the NCO, combining experience and critical thinking. Chief Warrant Officer Chartrand's leadership enhanced the Canadian Armed Forces' reputation for excellence among representatives of the agencies present in Ukraine and contributed to Canada's positive branding on the world stage."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 13 August 2011 in the rank of Sergeant.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of in the rank of 13 August 2011 in the rank of Sergeant in the Royal 22eR.

Medals: MMM – MSM and Bar – Southeast Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Southeast Asia ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – UN Haiti with 2 Bars – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and two bars

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

CHU, Peter Paj MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Commander – Royal Canadian Navy GH:
Commanding Officer of *HMCS Windsor* (Victoria Class Submarine) DOI: February to June 2018
CanForGen: 17 December 2020 #173/20



"For tactical acumen and exceptional leadership while deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as Commanding Officer of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Windsor* from February to June 2018".

"Commander Chu deployed to the Mediterranean Sea from February to June 2018 as Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Windsor. His tactical acumen and exceptional leadership abilities were unprecedented during sensitive operational patrols while participating in two key NATO exercises. His crew was praised for providing a surveillance capability that proved invaluable to NATO's efforts toward establishing comprehensive maritime situational awareness in the region. Commander Chu's gallant and tireless efforts under extremely challenging circumstances brought great credit to Canada."

HMCS Windsor ended 133 days at sea on 20 June 2018, the longest deployment yet for the Victoria-class submarine. Cdr Chu was the boat's Commanding Officer for the bulk of that deployment, including NATO exercises and operations in the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas. On June 3 in Cadiz, Spain, he handed over command of *Windsor* to Lieutenant-Commander William Matheson, who led the crew through the final weeks as they crossed the Atlantic en route to Halifax.





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CLARK, Douglas Brian John MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH:
Deputy operations officer, Regional Command South, USA 3rd Infantry Div.Kandahar DOI: July 2012 to September 2013

"While deployed on Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from July 2012 to September 2013, Major Clark served as deputy operations officer, Regional Command South, with the United States 3rd Infantry Division in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was frequently sought as subject matter expert on coalition history in Afghanistan and his expertise helped the command team shape the campaign plans. Major Clark acted as a conduit between U.S. and coalition forces, and his articulate leadership and professionalism brought credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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

CONNERTY, Krystle Rose MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF GH: 09 November 2023
Acting Director of Plans North America supporting 4 concurrent challenges 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' 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 to Jul 2012	Standards & Training Officer (S&T O)	19 Wing Comox, BC
Nov 2010 to Jan 2012	Chief Controller Military Aerodrome Control Unit (CC MACU)	19 Wing Comox, BC
July 2010 to 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

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

CÔTÉ, Joseph Raymond Frederick MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel GH: 08 November 2021
Task Force Commander Military Mission to assist the Security Forces of Ukraine DOI: April to October 2019
CanForGen: 21 February 2021

"For exemplary leadership, outstanding professionalism and high level of discernment and ingenuity when deployed as Task Force Commander during the Canadian Armed Forces Military Mission to assist the Security Forces of Ukraine from April to October 2019."

"From April to October 2019, Lieutenant-Colonel Côté was deployed as Task Force commander during the Canadian Armed Forces military mission to assist the Security Forces of Ukraine. He demonstrated a high level of discernment and ingenuity in order to improve all operational aspects of the joint forces. He skilfully used communication and partnership as a cornerstone of his innovative plan to promote Canada's contribution. Lieutenant-Colonel Côté's exemplary leadership and professionalism brought international attention to the military contribution to Canada's strategy in Ukraine."

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CÔTÉ, Simon Hugh Guillaume MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Commander - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Director of the Arctic/Offshore Patrol Ship Project DOI: September 2018 to September 2020



"As director of the Arctic/Offshore Patrol Ship Project from July 2018 to September 2020, Commander Côté demonstrated unwavering determination to ensure the delivery of the first vessel of the fleet renewal project. Through his focused and dynamic efforts, he gained the confidence of numerous stakeholders from National Defence, various government departments and industry. His exemplary leadership led to the delivery of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Harry DeWolf*, the first warship built as part of the National Shipbuilding Strategy."

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – SSM – NATO non-article 5 – CD and Bar

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COURTY, Shawn MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel GH: nil
Canadian Commander and Deputy Chief of United Nations Mission in South Sudan 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.

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

CREASY, Landon Tod MSM CD
Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
Commanding Officer HMCS *Regina* during start of COVID-19

CG: 30 March 2024
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 – SSM bar NATO - CD and Bar

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).



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

CRAWFORD, Donovan James MSM CD
Chief Warrant Officer – Canadian Army
Task Force Ukraine Sgt-Major

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 05 November 2024
DOI: March to October 2021
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023



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

"From March to October 2021, Chief Warrant Officer Crawford was deployed to Yavoriv as the task force sergeant major for the Canadian Armed Forces' capacity building mission in Ukraine. His steadfast leadership and professionalism allowed the task force to successfully navigate simultaneous crises including a significant COVID-19 outbreak and the build-up of Russian forces on the Ukrainian border. His exceptional work empowered the non-commissioned officer corps of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and brought great credit to Canada."

Medals: MSM - 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

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CUNNINGHAM, William Randall MSM CD
Warrant Officer
Airfield surface assessment and reconnaissance capability Special Ops Command

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: 2018
CanForGen: November 2020 #144/20

"For remarkable efforts and professionalism in the conceptualization, development, and validation of airfield surface assessment and reconnaissance capability within the Canadian Special Operations Command, Ottawa, Ontario".

"Warrant Officer Cunningham was instrumental in the conceptualization, development and validation of Airfield Surface Assessment and Reconnaissance capability within the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command. His remarkable efforts have resulted in a capability that is rapidly deployable, interoperable with our allies and vital to our success on operations. Warrant Officer Cunningham's professionalism is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Canadian Armed Forces."

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DA SILVA, Andrew Arthur MSM CD
Leading Seaman – Royal Canadian Navy
Signals Intelligence Capability at the Alaska Mission Operations Center

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: nil
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 was Leading Seaman, now called Sailor 1st Class (S1).

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

DARGAVEL, Jeffrey William MSM CD
Commander - RCN
Commanding Officer *HMCS Toronto* Operations in the Baltic, Norwegian & North Seas

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: July to December 2020

"From July to December 2020, Commander Dargavel displayed outstanding leadership, initiative and professionalism as the commanding officer of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Toronto*. During operations in the Baltic, Norwegian and North seas in support of NATO assurance measures, HMCS Toronto became the first Canadian frigate to successfully execute an expeditionary deployment during a global pandemic. Commander Dargavel's remarkable efforts and tactical acumen directly contributed to mission success and Canada's strong standing among its NATO allies."


Captain(N) Jeffrey William Dargavel, CD, Meritorious Service Medal

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – OSM ribbon Expedition – SSM – NATO - CD

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DEJONG, Darryl Edward MSM CD
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class - RCN
Coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Fredericton in Mediterranean Black & Baltic Seas

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: January to July 2020

"From January to July 2020, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Dejong was deployed to the Mediterranean, Black and Baltic seas as coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Fredericton. While playing a key role during operations with Standing NATO Maritime Groups 1 and 2, he distinguished himself following the ship's helicopter crash on 29 April, and the tragic loss of its six crew members. His com-passion and leadership in the recovery efforts ensured the crew was able to effectively complete its assigned mission."



From the 2021 Honours and Recognition for the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces book

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DENEAU, Erik Douglas MSM CD
Lieutenant-Colonel
COS Ops Headquarters of the Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: August 2018 to September 2019
CanForGen: 21 February 2021

"For designing a counter improvised explosive device operation and for exceptional efforts when deployed to Bamko as Chief of Operation within the Headquarters of the Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali from August 2018 to September 2019."

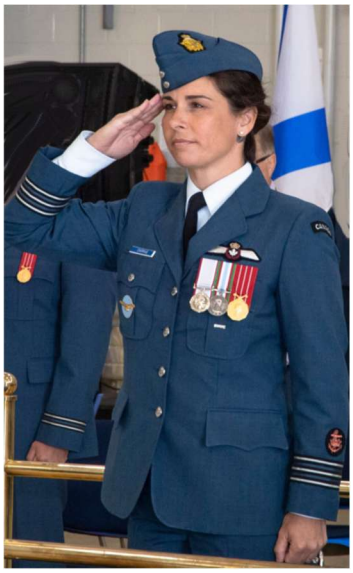
"From April to October 2019, Lieutenant-Colonel Côté was deployed as Task Force commander during the Canadian Armed Forces military mission to assist the Security Forces of Ukraine. He demonstrated a high level of discernment and ingenuity in order to improve all operational aspects of the joint forces. He skilfully used communication and partnership as a cornerstone of his innovative plan to promote Canada's contribution. Lieutenant-Colonel Côté's exemplary leadership and professionalism brought international attention to the military contribution to Canada's strategy in Ukraine."

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

DENIS DARRAS, Laurianne Margo MSM CD
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF
Acting Commander of 12 Wing in Shearwater – Stalker 22 Helicopter Crash

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
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 I 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.



Medals: MSM – OSM ribbon Expedition – Peacekeeping - CD

June 1995	Joined the Canadian Armed Forces; trained as a pilot
June 2016 – July 2017	Deputy CO 12 Air Maintenance Squadron
July 2017 – August 2018	CO 444 Squadron, RCAF
July 2019 – Present	CO 406 Squadron RCAF

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DIXON, Carl Arden MSM CD
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy
Coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina* during the start of COVID-19

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: nil
DOI: March 2020 to July 2021



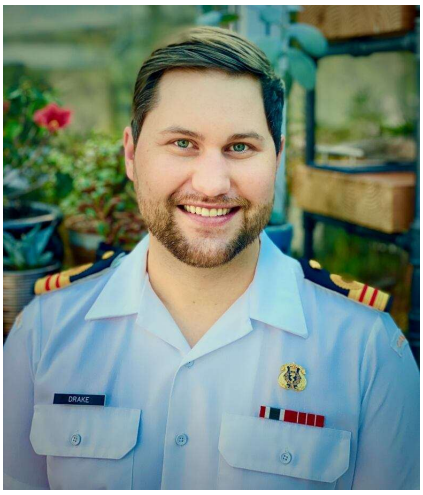
"As coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina* from March 2020 to July 2021, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Dixon provided exceptional leadership while operating in a challenging environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stepping beyond his role, he fostered cultural understanding by connecting 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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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

DRAKE, Mitchell Allan MSM CD
Lieutenant-Commander – Royal Canadian Navy – CFHS Group
Fleet Support Medical Officer (Pacific)

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 05 November 2025
DOI: March 2020 to February 2023



"From March 2020 to February 2023, Lieutenant-Commander Drake supported the response to the COVID-19 pandemic as the fleet support medical officer (Pacific). He provided complex and comprehensive medical advice to sailors, Health Services and Royal Canadian Navy leadership. His clinical knowledge and development of pre-embarkation protocols allowed the Fleet Commander to provide the Canadian Armed Forces with its largest COVID-19-free force. Lieutenant-Commander Drake's expertise directly contributed to a sustainable rotation of ships able to respond and react to any contingency."

Growing up in Vernon Bridge, he joined HMCS Queen Charlotte while studying as an undergrad at UPEI in Charlottetown. He continued serving through medical school in Halifax and his residency at the University of Calgary before joining the forces full time.

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DUBOIS, Joseph Stéphane MSM CD
Colonel – Royal Canadian Artillery
Rededication ceremony of the Kandahar Cenotaph in Ottawa

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: June 2019
CanForGen: 17 December 2020 #173/20



"For outstanding leadership and commitment in the planning and delivery of the rededication ceremony of the Kandahar Cenotaph, in Ottawa in 2019".

"In 2019, Colonel Dubois demonstrated outstanding leadership in the planning and execution of the Kandahar Cenotaph rededication ceremony. He put together an incredible team of officers, non-commissioned officers, non-commissioned members and civilians within a very tight timeframe to deliver a flawless and respectful event. The ceremony provided an opportunity to properly honour and recognize the sacrifice of the fallen soldiers, their families and all veterans affected by the operations in Afghanistan. His commitment brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Colonel J.S. Dubois was appointed Director personnel Generation Requirements in June 2019.

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

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

DUMAS, Joseph Stéphane MSM CD CG: 30 November 2024
Colonel GH: 08 November 2021
Canadian Task Force commander and as Deputy Chief of Staff Ops (MONUSCO) DOI: July 2019 to August 2020
Awarded on: 04 November 2021

"From July 2019 to August 2020, Colonel Dumas was deployed as Canadian Task Force commander and as deputy chief of staff – Operations and Plans, as part of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). He successfully led the planning and execution of operations against armed groups, ensured the protection of civilians, oversaw MONUSCO's response to COVID-19 and strengthened democratic institutions and the rule of law. A skilled commander, Colonel Dumas contributed significantly to the mission and brought great honour to Canada."

Retired from the Canadian Forces on 21 September 2021.

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DOHERTY, Liam Alexander **MSM** CG: 30 November 2024
Corporal - 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment GH: 05 November 2024
Improved Maintenance procedures on the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) 6.0 fleet DOI: August 2016 to January 2021

"From August 2016 to January 2021, as a vehicle technician with 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, Petawawa, Ontario, Master Corporal, then Corporal Doherty displayed exemplary leadership, technical expertise and a keen sense of innovation. While actively engaging with key stakeholders, he facilitated the improvement and standardization of maintenance procedures on the Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) 6.0 fleet. Master Corporal Doherty's commitment to excellence exceeding his rank has had a far-reaching impact, and has been essential to the continuing operational effectiveness of the LAV 6.0."

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EMODE, Joan Ohiovbemi **MMM MSM CD** CG: 30 November 2024
Petty Officer 2nd Class - RCN GH: 09 November 2021
Coxswain Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Fredericton in Mediterranean Black & Baltic Seas DOI: 2019 and 2020


Petty Officer 1st Class) Joan Ohiovbemi Emode, CD, Meritorious Service Medal

"Following two untimely deaths in 2019 and 2020 on Her Majesty's Canadian Ships Star and Unicorn, Petty Officer 2nd Class Emode demonstrated exceptional leadership and professionalism by volunteering for assignments to mitigate critical clerical shortages. Her impeccable expertise and organizational skills not only kept these units functional but surpassed previous administrative standards while she actively supported her shipmates' mental health in their time of need. Her selfless actions exemplified the Canadian Armed Forces military values: duty, loyalty, integrity and courage."

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

Medals: MSM – OSM ribbon Expedition – SSM – NATO - CD

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

FERRISS, Allan Edward **MSM* CD** CanForGen: 21 February 2021
Lieutenant-Colonel – RCAF - CMCEN **Bar** GH: 08 November 2021
Chief of Operations for Task Force Mali DOI: January to August 2019



"For relentless pursuit f excellence, personal dedication and exemplary conduct when deployed to Gao as Chief of Operations for Task Force Mali from January to August 2019."

"Lieutenant-Colonel Ferriss was deployed to Gao, Mali, from January to August 2019, as chief of operations for Task Force Mali. Responsible for the day-to-day conduct, coordination and future planning for all tactical units, Lieutenant-Colonel Ferriss demonstrated stalwart leadership and relentless mission focus that enabled responsive and agile tactical aviation operations in support of the UN Multi-dimensional Stabilization Mission in Mali. Lieutenant-Colonel Ferriss' relentless pursuit of excellence, personal dedication and exemplary conduct set the conditions for mission success, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** 04 June 2016 of in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SE Asia ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN Mission in Sudan (UNMIS) - UN Mali - CD

Commanding Officer, 77 Line Regiment, Canadian Military Communications and Electronics Network in 2020-2021.





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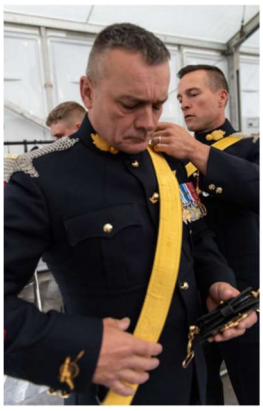


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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

FLANDERS, Justin David MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel – CO 2nd Battalion Royal Canadian Horse Artillery GH: 05 November 2024
Chief of Staff of Joint Task Force IMPACT / Task Force CENTRAL in Kuwait DOI: April 2021 to April 2022



"From April 2021 to April 2022, Lieutenant-Colonel Flanders was deployed to Kuwait as the chief of staff of Joint Task Force IMPACT / Task Force CENTRAL. While operating in a joint operations area characterized by the dispersion of Canadian Armed Forces elements across seven countries, complex regional security dynamics and a persistent pandemic environment, he demonstrated outstanding relationship management and strong organizational skills. His efforts significantly influenced operational effectiveness and directly contributed to the achievement of Canada's strategic objectives in the Middle East."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

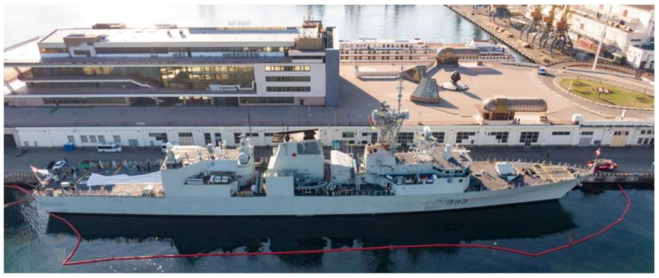
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FLUET, Martin Yvon MSM CD CanForGen:
Captain(N) - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Commanding Officer *HMCS Toronto* deployed in the Mediterranean and Black Seas DOI: January to August 2019



"Captain(N) Fluet was deployed to the Mediterranean and Black seas from January to August 2019 as commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Toronto*. A highly effective warfare commander, he distinguished himself within the NATO fleet by his operational expertise and keen understanding of the adversary while operating in close proximity to Russian forces. With his remarkable leadership and firm grasp of tactical and strategic needs, he ensured that the ship's crew remained vigilant and safe, all while admirably representing Canada."

Medals: MSM – SW Asia bar Afghanistan – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expeditionary – CD and Bar – National Defence Medal in Bronze (France)



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

FOXTON, Brian Kevin MSM CD
Commander – RCN (now retired)
Project Director for the Canadian Surface Combatant Project

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: May 2018 to March 2021

"As project director for the Canadian Surface Combatant Project from May 2018 to March 2021, Commander Foxton demonstrated unwavering resolve throughout the successful design phase, ensuring the Royal Canadian Navy's requirements were properly fulfilled. His special talent for articulating military requirements and developing common understanding among diverse military and civilian stakeholders was pivotal to the project. His knowledge, leadership and perseverance have helped prepare the future fleet to meet Canada's needs and obligations for years to come."

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FUKAKUSA, James Brian Beoji MSM
Captain - RCHS
Task Force Surgeon when deployed to Kuwait for Operation IMPACT

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: May 2020 to February 2021

"From May 2020 to February 2021, Captain Fukakusa was deployed to Kuwait. After his arrival, he was unexpectedly thrust into the role of Operation IMPACT task force surgeon and senior medical authority, wherein he performed beyond reproach and well above the expectations of his rank. His strategic understanding of the COVID-19 pandemic, coupled with his expert provision of medical advice, enabled the chain of command to return to full operations in minimum time, while endeavoring to protect all personnel from the virus."



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FLEMING, Maxim Cybulsky **MSM**
Lieutenant
No Information

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI:

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GEHLERT, Kristin Jennifer MSM CD
Major
NATO Centralised Targeting Capacity HQ

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 05 November 2024
DOI: March to October 2021
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

"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."

"From July 2019 to February 2022, Major Gehlert served as an inaugural member of NATO's Centralised Targeting Capacity Headquarters Element at Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. Her relentless efforts and unrivalled professionalism have enhanced NATO's readiness advantage, and she has been recognized as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe's pre-eminent and most capable targeting expert. Major Gehlert's exemplary performance, leadership and dedication have ensured international capacity, credibility and interoperability within the Alliance and with Canada's coalition partners."

She became the Commandant or the Canadian Forces School of Meteorology (CFS MET) in July 2024.

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

GAUDREAU, Joseph Dominic Stéphane **MMM MSM CD**
Chief Warrant Officer
Sergeant Major of NATO Mission Iraq

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: November 2019 to November 2020

"As sergeant major of NATO Mission Iraq from November 2019 to November 2020, Chief Warrant Officer Gaudreau made an exemplary contribution to the mission command team during a very demanding period. His loyalty, courage, intellectual acumen and diplomacy enabled him to play a key role during a tumultuous time stemming from restrictions imposed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Chief Warrant Officer Gaudreau embodies the excellence sought in our senior non-commissioned officers. He contributed significantly to NATO Mission Iraq and brought great honour to Canada within the Alliance."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2016 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer serving with 5 Canadian Combat Regiment.

Medals: MMM – MSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Golden Jubilee – CD and Bar

Chief Warrant Officer Dominic Gaudreau, MMM, MSM, CD



Chief Warrant Officer Dominic Gaudreau was born in November 1968 in the small town of Montmagny, QC. He joined the Canadian Forces in November 1986 as a Combat Engineer and, following Basic Training in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu, moved to Chilliwack, BC, for trades training. On completion of the course, he was posted to 5 CER (Valcartier) where he filled many sapper and corporal roles. From October 1992 to May 1993, he deployed to Croatia and Bosnia during Op Cavalier Roto 0 as a Section 2I/C.

Upon returning from deployment, Dominic was promoted to MCpl and posted to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering (CFSME) in Chilliwack, BC, where he primarily taught Bridging and General Military Training.

In January 1997, he returned to 5 CER as a Sergeant to be employed as a Sect Comd, a Recce Sgt, and a Sqn Ops Sgt. Promoted in April 2000, now WO Gaudreau trained his troop and deployed on Op Palladium (Bosnia) as the Tp WO from October 2001 to April 2002. Upon his return, he filled the Ops WO position at 5 CER. In August 2003, CWO Gaudreau was posted to the Non-Commissioned Member Professional Development Center (NCM PDC) in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu as a facilitator for the new ILQ course. After 14 courses as a facilitator and a year in Standards, he was promoted to MWO in July 2006 and returned to 5 CER as a Squadron Sergeant-Major.

Two years later, in July 2008, he was again posted to CFSME but this time, in Gagetown, NB. He filled the Standards Sergeant-Major billet for two years and the Field Engineer Training Squadron Sergeant-Major position for one.

Posted back to 5 CER again in July 2011, CWO Gaudreau was attach-posted to 5 CMBG HQ where he filled the G3 Eqpt and Ress position and acted as the Brigade HQ SM. Promoted to his actual rank in May 2012, he became the 23rd RSM of 5 CER. He remained in this position until June 2015.

His post-unit employment as a CWO includes AJAG CWO Eastern Region, Sergeant Major of the 2nd Canadian Division Support Group, and Sergeant-Major of the 2nd Canadian Division and Joint Task Force (East).

After more than 34 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Military Engineers, CWO Dominic Gaudreau, MMM, MSM, CD, retired on 30 June 2021. CWO Gaudreau is married and has two daughters.

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

GIROUX, Vincent Benoit Michel MSM CD Honours Book: 2021
Colonel GH: 09 November 2023
Deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as Deputy Director of the Directorate of Inform and Influence DOI: March 2019 to March 2020

"From March 2019 to March 2020, Colonel Giroux was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as deputy director of the Directorate of Inform and Influence. He brilliantly synchronized all of the unique functions of his position, including those related to strategic engagements, advice on gender equality, ministerial liaison in Baghdad and Erbil, and capacity building within Iraq's security forces. Thanks to Colonel Giroux's outstanding leadership and resilience, Canada's contribution to the Combined Joint Task Force Headquarters exceeded expectations, bringing honour to Canada."

From the 2021 Honours and Recognition for the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces book. Retired by 2023.

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GITTENS, William Brent **MMM MSM CD** CG: 30 November 2024
Chief Warrant Officer – Canadian Army GH: 05 November 2024
Ceremonial military planner for the No. 2 Construction Battalion National Apology Event DOI: 09 July 2022

"Chief Warrant Officer Gittens was the ceremonial military planner for the No. 2 Construction Battalion National Apology Event, held in Truro, Nova Scotia, on July 9, 2022. His community-oriented ethos, professionalism and ability to produce collaborative results with a large civilian and military team were key to the success of the event. Chief Warrant Officer Gittens had a positive impact on the descendants of the No. 2 Construction Battalion and members of the Black community."

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

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GODIN, Marie Jenny Madelaine MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Chief Warrant Officer GH: 09 November 2023
First occupational CPO 1st 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 1st 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)

GREEN, Jamie Donald David MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH: 18 November 2021
Leadership of combined, Joint, & interagency intelligence architecture in an operation DOI: 2019
CanForGen: 21 February 2021

"For being the driving force behind the creation and leadership of combined, Joint, and interagency intelligence architecture devoted to an operation."

"Major Green was the driving force behind the creation and leadership of a combined, joint and inter-agency intelligence architecture devoted to an operation. Despite initial resource and access limitations, he swiftly established inter-agency and allied networks, as well as developed innovative intelligence workflows and procedures, thus resulting in the creation of a sophisticated intelligence framework. Major Green's efforts delivered critical understanding that will endure beyond the immediate need and will be of great benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Promoted to LCol and retired by 2023.

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HALL, Michael Andrew MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
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."

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HOLAH, Ralph E. MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH: 18 November 2021
Developed a collateral damage estimation course for the CF Targeting Enterprise DOI: 2014 to 2018
CanForGen: 21 February 2021

"For dedication and tactical expertise in the development and implementation of an internationally recognized and accredited collateral damage estimation course for the Canadian Armed Forces Targeting Enterprise from 2014 to 2018."

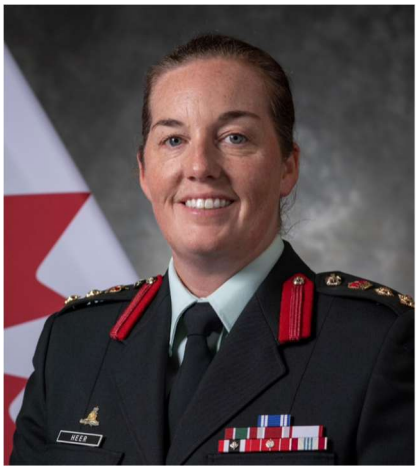
"From 2014 through 2018, Major Holah developed and implemented an internationally recognized and accredited Collateral Damage Estimation (CDE) course for the Canadian Armed Forces Targeting Enterprise. His tireless efforts evolved and aligned the CAF course with key allied partners and international standards. He is a trusted expert in the United States and his input on policy and technical issues is regularly sought out. Major Holah's dedication and tactical expertise in CDE methodology has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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

HEER, Sarah Anne MSM CD
Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
Commander of Joint Task Force-Ukraine

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
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 in 2023 and made a Special Advisor to the CDS.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Meda with Expedition ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon -
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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

HENLEY, Donald Roy MSM CD
Colonel – RCAF – Director Personnel Management
Resolving a standoff at former Camp Ipperwash with the First Nation

CG: 30 March 2024
GH:
DOI: March to July 2019
CanForGen: November 2020 #144/20

"For genuine compassion and respect for the First Nation while resolving a standoff at former Camp Ipperwash as the Commanding Officer of Real Property Operations Unit Ontario from March to July 2019."

"As commanding officer of Real Property Operations Unit – Ontario, Colonel Henley was instrumental in managing a delicate and complex First Nations protest at former Camp Ipperwash from March to July 2019. Through daily communications with protesters, the Chief of Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation, and other partners, he showed genuine compassion and respect for First Nation peoples, while resolving the standoff. His efforts to develop a successful path forward serve as an example for Indigenous community engagement."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 March 2011 in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – MSM (USA)

Colonel Donald Roy Henley, MSM, CD, RCAF
Director of Personnel Management – Canadian Armed Forces



Lieutenant-Colonel Henley was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and graduated from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1992. Throughout his time in university, Lieutenant-Colonel Henley was a member of the reserve force, serving as an artillery officer with 3 Field Regiment, Royal Canadian Artillery. Shortly after graduation, he transferred to the regular force as a Construction Engineer.

On completion of his military engineer training in March 1995, he was posted to the Construction Engineering Section at 12 Wing Shearwater, Nova Scotia. He filled a variety of positions at the 12 Wing CE Section until its amalgamation with Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Halifax. At that time, he was posted to CFB Halifax Formation Construction Engineering. While in Halifax, Lieutenant-Colonel Henley deployed to Bosnia with 1 Construction Engineering Unit from December 1998 to June 1999 where he was a project officer with the Works and Design Company. He was then posted to 8 Wing Trenton as the Commander of 81 Airfield Engineering Flight. After one year he also became Commander of 86 Airfield Systems and Utilities Flight.

In 2002, Lieutenant-Colonel Henley deployed to the Persian Gulf on Operation Apollo where he was the Commander of the Airfield Engineering Flight and the Engineering Services Officer for the National Support Unit.

On returning to Canada, Lieutenant-Colonel Henley was appointed Commanding Officer 4 Airfield Engineering Squadron at Cold Lake, AB. While at Cold Lake he also served as Detachment Commander for the 4 Wing commitment to Operation Peregrine supporting forest fire fighting in British Columbia.

After Cold Lake he completed a three-year exchange posting with the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. He returned to 4 Wing Cold Lake in 2008 as the Wing Construction Engineering Officer.

In 2010 Lieutenant-Colonel Henley was posted to Ottawa and has filled a variety of positions in the Assistant Deputy Minister Infrastructure and Environment organization most recently as the Chief of Staff of the Real Property Operations Group. Lieutenant-Colonel Henley is a graduate of the United States Air Force Command and Staff College. He has served as the Secretary for the Canadian Military Engineer Association National Executive Council since 2011.

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

HOLMES, David Joseph Glenn MSM CD
Colonel
Director of Continental Operations Canadian Join Operations Command HQ

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: July 2020 to 2022

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

Medals: MSM – SWA bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Service Medal – SSM – NATO - CD

Colonel David Holmes, MSM, CD, RCAF



Colonel (Col) David Holmes, a native of Brantford, Ontario, joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1994. He obtained a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from the Royal Military College in Kingston in 1998.

After earning his Wings in 1999, Col Holmes was assigned to 423 Maritime Helicopter (MH) Squadron in Shearwater, Nova Scotia. He operated the CH124 Sea King helicopter as an MH pilot and served aboard HMCS *Halifax*, *Fredericton*, and *St. John's*. Notable achievements during his first operational tour include multiple deployments with the Standing Naval Force - Atlantic (STANAVFORLANT), two Operation Apollo rotations, and holding Training and Readiness Pilot and Deputy Operations Officer positions for the squadron. Between 2005 and 2008, Col Holmes took on various training and evaluation roles at 12 Wing Shearwater. These included serving as a pilot instructor at 406 Maritime Operational Training Squadron, a standards pilot with 12 Wing Operations, and the Pilot Officer with the MH Standards and Evaluation Team. During this time, he also became an Instrument Check Pilot and took the lead in the annual Waterbird program, which involved practicing water landings with a modified CH124 helicopter. In 2008, Col Holmes was promoted to Major and transferred to Ottawa's Directorate of Air Requirements (DAR). Within DAR, he served as the Project Director for the RCAF Night Vision Capability Omnibus Project and Director Staff Pilot for the Maritime Helicopter Project, which aimed to replace the CH124 Sea Kings with the CH148 Cyclone. In 2010, Col Holmes attended the Joint Command and Staff Programme at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, concurrently earning a Masters in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College. Upon his return to 12 Wing in 2011, Col Holmes became the Helicopter Air Detachment Commander for HMCS *Charlottetown*, deploying for Operation METRIC in the Mediterranean Sea and Operation ARTEMIS in the Arabian Sea and the Arabian Gulf.

Prior to his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel (LCol), he served as the Deputy Commanding Officer of 423 (MH) Squadron. In 2013, Col Holmes participated in Op FOUNDATION in Doha, Qatar, serving as the Deputy Director of Combat Operations within the United States Air Force, Central Command, Combined Air and Space Operations Centre. Col Holmes assumed command of 423 (MH) Squadron in May 2014, leading the Maritime Helicopter deployable capability on the East Coast and overseeing the daily Wing Flying Program in Shearwater until 2016. After his command tour, Col Holmes was posted to the Strategic Joint Staff, where he served as the Officer in Charge of the Strategic Situation Centre and as the Desk Officer for Western Hemisphere and Asia Pacific Operations. He gained experience in civil-military cooperation as an Intergovernmental Emergency Management Committee member. From 2019 to 2020, Col Holmes served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Operations, Planning and Development and the National Air Operations Officer for the National Cadet and Junior Canadian Ranger Support Group.

Between 2020 and 2022, Col Holmes held the position of J3 Continental Officer at the Canadian Joint Operations Command. In this role, he directed Canadian Armed Forces Continental Operations, the Search and Rescue Enterprise, and National Commemorations and supervised the Canadian Forces Integrated Coordination Centre. In June 2022, he went to the advanced training list to attend the developmental phase four programme and the National Securities Program at Canadian Forces College in Toronto. He was then posted to Command 12 Wing, CFB Shearwater.

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

HOWELL, Scott Thomas Eugene **MMM MSM CD** CG: 21 February 2021
Master Warrant Officer - RCHS GH: 08 November 2021
Established the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Protocols for Operation Impact DOI: 2019



"For proactive leadership approach and remarkable actions when deployed on Operation Impact as part of a Special Operations Task Force."

"While deployed on Operation IMPACT, Master Warrant Officer Howell demonstrated proactive leadership that ensured the Special Operations Task Force was well prepared for unprecedented challenges. He applied the highest standards of a non-commissioned officer while refining force protection measures, establishing the 2019 Novel Coronavirus protocols, and playing an instrumental role during a national retrograde. Master Warrant Officer Howell's remarkable actions brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canforgen** 15 December 2023.

Medals: MMM – MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Campaign Star with ribbon Expedition – OSM ribbon Humanitas – SSM – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar – US Joint Service Commendation Medal (not shown)

Chief Warrant Officer Scott Howell, MMM, MSM, CD
RSM – Royal Military College Kingston

Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Scott Howell enrolled as a Gunner in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1998 at Canadian Forces Recruiting Center in Ottawa, ON. After completing his artillery training, he was posted to 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, in Petawawa, Ontario.

In 2006, he completed selection for the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR). Upon successful completion of the Special Forces Course, he was posted to CSOR as a Special Forces (SF) Operator. He served in various positions within the Regiment from 2006-2015 and 2017-2020 including roles as Special Forces Detachment Commander, Special Forces Platoon Warrant Officer, Regimental Standards Warrant Officer, and Company Sergeant Major. From 2021-2022 he served as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Canadian Special Operations Training Centre. Following this appointment, he served as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment, from 2022-2024.

CWO Howell was posted to United States Special Operations Command at MacDill, AFB at Tampa, Florida from 2015-2017 where he served in a dual capacity as a Liaison Officer and J3-International Operations Division Sergeant Major. He has deployed on numerous operations to Turkey, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Africa, and Iraq.

His military education includes the Special Forces Course, as well as Second Official Language Education Training. He is a graduate of the Joint Special Operations Forces Senior Enlisted Academy (Honour Graduate) – United States - Joint Special Operations University and the Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course at the United States - Joint Force Staff College.

CWO Howell is a recipient of the **Chief of Defence Staff Commendation**, the **Meritorious Service Medal**, **the United States Joint Service Commendation Meda**l and is a **Member of the Order of Military Merit**. CWO Howell is supported by his wife, Tina, and two daughters, Rachel and Sarah.

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

IRWIN, Duncan James MSM CD Honours Book: 2021
Major – Signals Officer GH: 09 November 2023
Training of the Latvian National Armed Forces in Signals DOI: September 2018 on

"Since September 2018, Major Irwin has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication as the Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade deputy signals officer. A champion for progress, he has vastly improved signals as well as command and control capabilities. He also facilitated the creation of structures and procedures that have made the Latvian National Armed Forces more capable, resilient and effective. Major Irwin's remarkable professionalism and technical acumen have had a significant impact on mission success and have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

From the 2021 Honours and Recognition for the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces book

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JONCZYK, Zbigniew Bogdan MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Commander – Royal Canadian Navy GH:
Chaplain on Operation REASSURANCE, Task Force Poland DOI: April to July 2022

"From April to July 2022, Lieutenant-Commander Jonczyk was deployed to Krakow, Poland, as a chaplain on Operation REASSURANCE, Task Force Poland. His pastoral wisdom brought hope and solace to countless individuals, including 1500 displaced Ukrainians. He contributed significantly to all lines of effort beyond his primary duties, translating key documents, facilitating Infantry Company training, and coordinating morale-enhancing outreach programs. Lieutenant-Commander Jonczyk's professionalism, compassion and spiritual counsel strengthened Canada's relationship with the host nation, bringing great credit to Canada."

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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

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 016/23 CMP 010/23
DOI: June 2019 to April 2022
CanForGen: 01 February 2023



"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 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and two bars



Major-General Derek William Joyce, OMM, MSM, CD

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.

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

KEIVER, Colin Roy **MSM* CD**
Brigadier-General - RCAF **BAR**
Commander of Joint Task Force – Impact in Kuwait

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: June 2018 to May 2019



"Brigadier-General Keiver was deployed to Kuwait from June 2018 to May 2019 as commander of Joint Task Force – Impact. Throughout his tenure, he demonstrated exceptional vision, dedication and professionalism. Moreover, he worked tirelessly to lay down the foundation for training delivered to partner forces and oversaw the reinvestment of Canadian Armed Forces personnel to new initiatives in support of theéééé mission to combat Daesh. Brigadier-General Keiver's remarkable leadership was praised by allies and advanced the Canadian government's Middle East strategy."

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while serving as an Air Operations Advisor in the Sudan.

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar – OSM ribbon Sudani – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – USA MSM.

Keiver joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1991. Progressing from primary flying training on the Beechcraft CT-134 Musketeer at CFB Portage la Prairie to completing basic flying training on the Canadair CT-114 Tutor at CFB Moose Jaw, he went on to multi-engine training returning to CFB Portage la Prairie where he trained on the Beechcraft King Air before transitioning to flying the CC-130 in 435 Transport and Rescue Squadron in 1994. In 2001, he had been sent on exchange with the United States Marine Corps to fly KC-130's in VMGR-252 as the Director of Safety and Standardization. In February 2002, while on exchange with the United States Marine Corps, he had been deployed to Afghanistan for 3 months to play a part in Operation Enduring Freedom.

In 2004, Keiver returned to Canada to Winnipeg, Manitoba, as A3 Transport Operations at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters. During his time at the 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters, he was deployed to Sudan as the Air Operations Advisor for the African Union Mission in Sudan from late November 2005, to late May 2006. Upon his return to 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters as A3 Transport where he had played a vital role in introducing both the CC-177 and the CC-130J to service.

In 2009, he attended the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, Ontario, where he obtained a master's degree in defence studies. Transitioning from the Canadian Forces College to flying the CC-130J in 436 Transport Squadron when it was delivered in June 2010 as the squadron commander, Keiver has had lots of experience in command roles at CFB Trenton from being the 27th commander of 436 Squadron to becoming the 49th Wing Commander of 8 Wing Trenton in the summer of 2015 until the summer of 2017. Throughout his time between being the commander of 436 Transport Squadron and the commander of 8 Wing Trenton, he had been in Ottawa as the Director Air Simulation and Training and had attended the Royal College of Defence Studies in London, United Kingdom. After finishing his time in Trenton, he was appointed Director Defence Program Coordination in the National Defence Headquarters of Canada for a year. He was appointed the commander of JTF-I in the summer of 2018. As of July 2019, he has been the Director General of Air and Space Force Development. In April, 2021, he was promoted to the rank of major general and appointed the deputy commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

He **retired in July 2023.**

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

KWASNY, Cory Steven MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF GH: 09 November 2023
Commanding Officer of the 423 Maritime Helicopter Squadron when Stalker 22 crashed DOI: 29 April 2020 and after

"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)

LACOMBE, Joseph Réal Luc **MMM MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Chief Warrant Officer GH:
Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Commander HQ of Multinational Corps NE Poland DOI: August 2018 to February 2019
CanForGen: 10 November 2020 #144/20



"For high level of professionalism and impeccable initiative as the First Senior Non-Commissioned Officer in Command within the Headquarters of Multinational Corps Northeast in Poland from August 2018 to February 2019".

"As the first senior non-commissioned officer at Headquarters Multinational Corps North-East in Poland, from August 2018 to February 2019, Chief Warrant Officer Lacombe exceeded expectations by demonstrating an impeccable level of professionalism and initiative. A pioneer in the implementation of the professional development program for Multinational Corps North-East NCOs, he ensured the credibility and respect of NCOs in Poland. Chief Warrant Officer Lacombe's determination and strength of character greatly enhanced overall operations and strengthened Canada's reputation as an effective coalition leader."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer with the 1 Royal 22e Regiment.

Medals: MMM – MSM – Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – CD and bar



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

LAKE, Melanie Maria MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Army GH:
Commander of Joint Task Force Ukraine DOI: July 2020 to August 2021
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

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

"As commander of Joint Task Force–Ukraine from March to October 2021, Lieutenant-Colonel Lake demonstrated outstanding professionalism and resolve under challenging conditions in the execution of Canada's support mission to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Her exceptional leadership and commitment to duty helped instil calm during Russian mobilization concurrent to a COVID-19 outbreak at the mission's onset. Throughout her deployment, she greatly advanced capacity building from a tactical focus to an increasingly operational focus, and was instrumental in evolving the mission."

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

Lieutenant-Colonel Melanie Maria 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.





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

LANGLAIS, Joseph Arthur Paul **MSC MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel GH: 08 November 2021
Chief Liaison Officer UN Organization Stabilization Mission Congo (MONUSCO) DOI: January 2019 to August 2020

"From January 2019 to August 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Langlais was deployed as chief liaison officer for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). His outstanding leadership and engagement resulted in a strong partnership between MONUSCO and the Forces armées de la République démocratique du Congo, which allowed the dispersed liaison section to play a vital role in protecting civilians. Lieutenant-Colonel Langlais did an exceptional job representing Canada, and his efforts significantly contributed to the mission's success."



Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 November 2008 as a Lieutenant-Colonel





UN Medal MONUSCO

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LAPOINTE, Bryan Herman MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Warrant Officer GH:
Discovery, Development and Maintenance of a Signals Intelligence Tool DOI: 2019 to 2022

"From 2019 to 2022, Warrant Officer Lapointe, as target development analyst, demonstrated exemplary leadership, dedication and technical expertise that significantly enhanced the security and defence of North America and the NORAD mission. He played a key role in the discovery, development and maintenance of a Signals intelligence tool, greatly enhancing this production. Warrant Officer Lapointe's professionalism and absolute devotion to duty were pivotal in obtaining the predictive intelligence vital to the effectiveness of operations by the Canadian Armed Forces, NORAD and the Five Eyes."

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

LANGLOIS, Laura Marie-France **OMM MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Captain(N) - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Securing resources to improve services to CF Members, Veterans and their families DOI: May 2017 to April 2019
CanForGen: 10 November 2020 #144/20



"For tremendous dedication, initiative and remarkable leadership in securing resources to improve services to Canadian Armed Forces Members, Veterans and their families, Joint Personnel Support Centre in Ottawa, Ontario from May 2017 to April 2019".

From May 2017 to April 2019, Captain Langlois demonstrated strong dedication, initiative and remarkable leadership. She spearheaded a multitude of efforts to bridge the gap between the Canadian Armed Forces and Veterans Affairs Canada. Her outstanding work ethic and professionalism were instrumental in securing resources that have resulted in improved services for many thousands of Canadian Armed Forces members, veterans and their families. Her unwavering commitment, contribution and actions embody, beyond any doubt, the fundamental values espoused by the Canadian Armed Forces and the Government of Canada.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 02 June 2018 in the rank of Captain(N).

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LAVALLEE, Mylene Sylvie MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
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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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

LEBEL, Jean Alexandre MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Commander – RCN (now Commander) GH: 09 November 2023
Canadian Intelligence Liaison Officer to the US Central Command, Tampa, Florida DOI: July 2018 to June 2020

"For outstanding performance when deployed as Canadian Intelligence Liaison Officer to the United States Central Command, Tampa, Florida, United States of America from July 2018 to June 2020."

"Assigned to Tampa, Florida, Lieutenant-Commander Lebel excelled as Canadian intelligence liaison officer to the United States Central Command from July 2018 to June 2020. With an unwavering dedication to the dissemination, synchronization and fusion of intelligence, he was instrumental in establishing Canadian intelligence as a reliable and integral component of the Five Eyes intelligence community. Lieutenant-Commander Lebel's outstanding performance ensured the mission's success and had a positive and lasting impact on Canada-US relations."

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LÉONARD, Joseph Pierre Michel Vincent MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Commander – Royal Canadian Navy and JAG GH: 09 November 2023
cyberspace and intelligence telecommunications operation 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."

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LEROUX, Jean George Robert MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force GH:
Director for Air Mobility and Search and Rescue DOI: July 2019 to June 2021

"As project director for air mobility and search and rescue from July 2019 to June 2021, Lieutenant-Colonel Leroux demonstrated exceptional leadership and initiative. His professional skills greatly contributed to the acquisition and introduction of many specialized capabilities vital to aeromedical evacuation and search and rescue during domestic and expeditionary operations. Lieutenant-Colonel Leroux's efforts had a direct and significant impact on the operational effectiveness of the Canadian Armed Forces, helping it to serve Canadians and save lives."

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

LIAKAS, Raphael MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Commander - RCN GH:
Advancing the Canadian Surface Combatant project DOI: May 2017 to November 2019

"Lieutenant-Commander Liakas demonstrated exceptional leadership and selfless devotion to duty in strengthening the National Shipbuilding Strategy and advancing the Canadian Surface Combatant project, while fostering relationships with other government departments and strategic industry partners from May 2017 to November 2019. His tireless leadership and actions directly advanced Canada's interests, bringing great honour and respect to the Canadian Armed Forces in the achievement of Strong, Secure, Engaged objectives."

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LORTIE, Geneviève MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel – JAG – Director of Law, Military Justice Policy GH:
Drafting and implementing the Regulatory Amendments resulting from Bill C-15 DOI: 2012 to 2018
CanForGen: 10November 2020 #144/20

"For exceptional leadership, professionalism, legal acumen and dedication in drafting and implementing the Regulatory Amendments resulting from Bill C-15, Ottawa, Ontario from 2012 to 2018".

"From 2012 to 2018, Lieutenant-Colonel Lortie led the drafting and enforcement of the regulatory amendments resulting from Bill C-15, aimed at strengthening military justice in the defence of Canada. She played a key role in enabling the Government of Canada to respond to the first five-year evaluation of the National Defence Act. Her exceptional leadership and professionalism, legal acumen and selfless dedication greatly contributed to the ongoing effectiveness of the military justice system."

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LUNNEY, Chrisopher Donavon MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH: 09 November 2023
Provincial Liaison Officer to Manitoba 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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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

MAGILL, Susan Adele MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH: 09 November 2023
Public Affairs Officer United Nations Command HQ in Pyeongtaek, Korea DOI: October 2018 to September 2020

"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."

Major Susan Adele Magill, MSM, CD, RCAF
Public Affairs Officer – Joint Task Force North



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 worked 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.

From October 2018 to September 2020, she served as a Public Affairs Officer for the United Nations Command HQ in Pyeongtaek, Korea.

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

After 15 years of military service, Joint Task Force North (JTFN) held Major Susan Magill's Depart with Dignity ceremony on 24 June 2022. Major Magill joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2007 as a Direct Entry Officer after a long career as a journalist. She has worked on Public Affairs teams across Canada and internationally in Afghanistan, Egypt and South Korea. Maj Magill finished her career at JTFN as the Senior Public Affairs Officer. Thank you for your years of dedication and service and good luck on your next adventures!

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.

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

MAHONEY, James Trent MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024:
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Coxswain of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Halifax* deployed to the Mediterranean DOI: July 2019 to January 2020

"From July 2019 to January 2020, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Mahoney distinguished himself as coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Halifax* while deployed to the Mediterranean. Displaying exceptional deck-plate leadership and problem-solving skills, he united the ship's crew, thereby empowering command to deliver mission effectiveness as the flagship of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Mahoney's unconditional dedication to the crew's well-being and morale, coupled with his tireless work ethic, contributed immensely to the ship's mission success."

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MARTIN, Gregory Francis Gerald MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Master Warrant Officer - RCAF GH: 09 November 2023
CH-148 Cyclone into Service 423 Squadron DOI: 2016 to 2019
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

"For Leadership, Commitment to Excellence, Dedication and Mission Focus in facilitating the introduction of the CH-148 Cyclone into serve 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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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

MARTIN, Karoline Anna MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Captain - CFHS GH: 08 November 2021
Oversaw CF-augmented Civilian Care Teams into Seven Ontario LTC Homes DOI: April 2020 to July 2020



"From April 2020 to July 2020, Captain Martin oversaw the deployment of Canadian Armed Forces-augmented civilian care teams into seven Ontario long-term care facilities, where she ensured technical and professional standards of care and practice were implemented and maintained. Moreover, her honest and diligent reporting of on-site conditions resulted in significant government mobilization towards solutions. Captain Martin's critical leadership and expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in operational success that was forefront in the public eye."

She was the Officer Commanding, Standards Company, Chief Standards Officer, Canadian Forces Health Services Training Centre, Department of National Defence.

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MASK, Corey Andrew MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force GH:
Commander of Air Task Force ROMANIA at Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base DOI: August to December 2021





"While deployed to Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base as the commander of Air Task Force ROMANIA from August to December 2021, Lieutenant-Colonel Mask provided exceptional leadership in support of the NATO enhanced air policing mission. His mission focus resulted in the generation of the highest sortie completion rate ever experienced for this recurring operation. Lieutenant-Colonel Mask improved the interoperability between partner nations through combined training and generated remarkable results in a critical NATO force evaluation of Canada's fighter capability."

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McDERMAND, Christopher Steven MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Sailor 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy GH:
Signals Intelligence specialist – Development of a vital Cdn Intelligence Tool DOI: July 2020 to November 2022

"From July 2020 to November 2022, in his capacity as a Signals intelligence specialist, Sailor 1st Class McDermand demonstrated outstanding work ethic, innovation and dedication to the Canadian Armed Forces. He led the development and enhancement of a vital Canadian signals intelligence tool that is now relied upon by Canada and the Five Eyes intelligence community to provide time-sensitive critical indications and threat warnings in support of continental defence and operations. Sailor 1st Class McDermand's creativity and technical expertise brought great credit to Canada."

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

McKENZIE, Megan McLachlan MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Commander – RCN GH: 09 November 2023
Canadian Forces Intelligence Command's Medical Intelligence Team COVID-19 Response DOI: January to June 2020

"From January to June 2020, Lieutenant-Commander McKenzie demonstrated exceptional leadership as team lead for the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command's Medical Intelligence Team, while supporting the National Defence, Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Government of Canada response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She directed the focus of the team towards ensuring CAF leaders had operationally relevant medical intelligence to support strategic decision making. Lieutenant-Commander McKenzie's steadfast commitment to operational effectiveness brought great honour to the Royal Canadian Medical Service Branch and to the CAF."

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McNEIL, Brian Leslie MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Captain - RCAF GH:
Staff officer for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) 1 Canadian Air Division DOI: August 2015 to June 2019

"During his tenure as 1 Canadian Air Division staff officer for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), in Winnipeg, Manitoba, from August 2015 to June 2019, Captain McNeil was instrumental in overseeing the creation of all Records of Airworthiness Risk Management, flight permits and operational airworthiness clearances for all UAS flying in support of Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) operations and training. His tireless dedication to improving the airworthiness process for UAS greatly enhanced CAF intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance capabilities."

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McGRATH, Meagan Kirsten MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH:
CO Transition Centre Borden DOI: March 2019 to August 2022

"In March 2019, Major McGrath was a supported member at Transition Centre Toronto who became the commanding officer of Transition Centre Borden in August 2022. With determined spirit, she was instrumental in increasing assistance and developing the military-to-civilian transition capability of the Canadian Armed Forces Transition Group. Her compassion ensured the best care and retention opportunities were provided to the ill and injured under her supervision. Major McGrath's effective contributions to strategic initiatives made a positive impact on the Canadian Armed Forces."

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

MERRY, Steven Vincent **MMM MSM* CD**
Chief Warrant Officer **Bar**
Sergeant-Major of the Mission to Assist the Security Forces of Ukraine

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: October 2018 to November 2019

"For tremendous leadership and for being an outstanding role model when deployed to Baghdad as initial command Senior Enlisted Leader of the NATO Mission Iraq from October 2018 to November 2019."

"Chief Warrant Officer Merry was deployed to Baghdad from October 2018 to November 2019, as initial command senior enlisted leader of NATO Mission Iraq. He proved central to the development of a cohesive group dedicated to mission success, despite significant obstacles and challenges. An outstanding role model, he consistently demonstrated the critical importance of the non-commissioned officer corps to Iraqi and international counterparts alike. Chief Warrant Officer Merry's leadership was essential to establishing a new and vital mission, and ensured Canadian credibility on the world stage."



CWO Steven Merry (left)

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

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 January 2020 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

On 09 December 2019, he was promoted to the rank of Major in the 1st Canadian Division.

Medals: MMM – MSM and Bar – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – MFO with 2 – CD and Bar



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

MI, Yu MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Captain – Logistics Officer GH: 08 November 2021
Procurement of Personal Protective Equipment at the start of COVID-19 DOI: April 2020

"During the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning in April 2020, Captain Mi expertly led a team of military and industry personnel in establishing a ground-breaking digital supply chain for the Government of Canada's procurement of personal protective equipment. In collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada, the team's development of multiple low- and high-value contracts resulted in the ability to immediately receive, store and efficiently distribute tens of millions of items. Captain Mi's exceptional efforts were critical to ensuring a successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Captain Yu MI

Logistics Officer Canadian Forces
Dates Employed: May 2007 – Present
Employment Duration: 14 years 7 months
Location: Winnipeg, Canada Area

Worked in both domestic and international capacities. Worked with a wide range of organizations, including the Army, Public Works Government of Canada, the Canadian Embassy, foreign military, local and international suppliers. Experiences in project management, procurement / contracting, ERP systems, finance, and Human Resources (HR) management.

Developed several local logistical policies and procedures, which provided clear guidelines and directions to non-administrative users.

I provided leadership and guidance at my unit during the Departmental implementation of SAP supply system.
I have abundant international work experience, I was deployed for 7 months in eastern Europe to support a NATO Baltic Air Policing mission, I created professional development opportunities with Lufthansa Technik in Germany, and I attended an International Study Trip to Hong Kong as part of my MBA program
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Ambitious and eager to learn, I'm currently pursuing an MBA in Supply Chain Management and a Certified Supply Chain Professional designation. I've recently completed a literature review on Reverse Supply Chain Management.

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

MONDELLI, Barbara Alena **MMM MSM CD**
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class - RCN
Coxswain *HMCS Toronto* as part of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: January to August 2019

"From January to August 2019, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Mondelli was deployed to the Mediterranean as coxswain of *Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Toronto*. Her outstanding leadership and mentorship were critical in integrating and focusing the non-commissioned members of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 towards diplomatic strategic objectives. Furthermore, her presentation on the joint Canadian Forces and NATO goal of gender equality across the ranks, which she delivered to the Ukrainian Military Academy, garnered significant attention and reflected favourably on the CAF."



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class while serving in HMCS Algonquin.

Medals: MMM – MSM – SW Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO – CD and Bar

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Barbara Alena Mondelli, MMM, MSM, CD
Base CPO – CFB Halifax

Mondelli has spent nearly 30 years in the Canadian Armed Forces. She was promoted to petty officer second class in 2002 and worked for many years as a naval communicator. She has worked at military bases in British Columbia, Ontario, Quebec and Halifax. She has also worked on several Canadian military ships throughout her career.

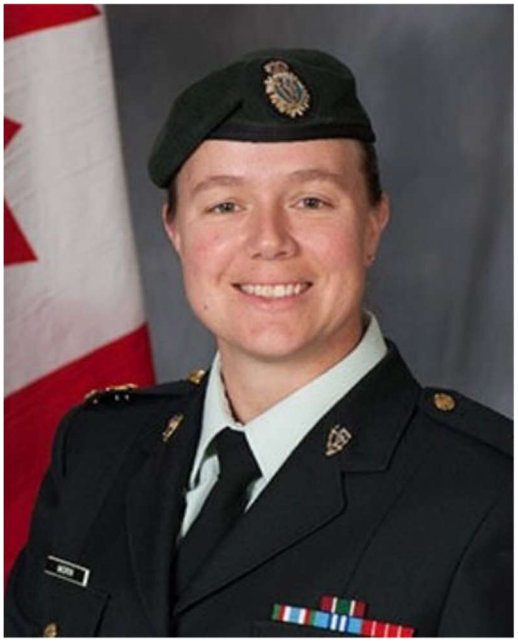
She served as the Coxswain of HMCS Toronto from July 2018 until August 2019. She then became the Personnel Coordination Center Atlantic Unit Chief Petty Officer. She was appointed as the first female Base Chief Petty Officer in the RCN on 21 July 2021 when she became the Base CPO at CFB Halifax.



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

MORIN, Kristina Lee MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
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 Kristina Morin, MSM, CD

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 he on job training with 2 CMBS HQ and Signals Squadron in Petawawa to became 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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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

NAHACHEWSKY, Ivan Ostop MSM CanForGen: 21 February 2021
Captain – Padre attached North Saskatchewan Regiment GH: 08 November 2021
Task Force Padre to Yavoriv, Ukraine Security Forces DOI: October 2019 to April 2020



"For outstanding professionalism and exceptional outreach efforts when deployed as Task Force Padre to Yavoriv, Ukraine, from October 2019 to April 2020."

"Captain Nahachewsky was deployed to Yavoriv, Ukraine, from October 2019 to April 2020. As task force padre, he expanded his role of internal pastoral support by fostering connections within the Ukrainian Orthodox community. Furthermore, he increased Canadian exposure with community outreach projects and collaborated directly with religious leaders on public holiday celebrations. Captain Nahachewsky's outstanding professionalism and exceptional outreach efforts operationalized his role by expanding the influence of the Canadian task force within the Ukrainian community and effectively growing the international partnership."

Medals: MSM – SSM bar NATO

Captain Ivan Nahachewsky, MSM, Canadian Force Chaplain Corps



In addition to his parish duties and his obligations to the bishop, Father Ivan joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2014, following the lead of his son who joined the military after high school. Father Ivan's son pointed out the army needed padres, and after seeing the need, Father Ivan joined the Canadian Armed Forces. Father Ivan now holds the rank of Captain. After the idea was planted in my heart, I had to consult with Bishop Bryan and with my other boss, Debbie. That process took about 6 months. Then there were two applications that needed to happen, the army had to accept me, as did the chaplain services. I was told that my application was very smooth and very fast. And within 6 months I was loaded onto three courses: one DL (Distance learning), one in St. Jean, Quebec and one in Borden, Ontario. Together these courses took 11 weeks to complete.

I took a 5-month sabbatical and I owe its success to Deacon Harrold Salahub. He was the primary administrative, liturgical and pastoral care provider for the Prince Albert District while I was away. Thank you. A secondary goal during my sabbatical was a study of iconography at Mount Tabor Monastery in Redwood Valley, California. At the end of it all I came back as Captain Nahachewsky.

The training in St. Jean was all about learning to be a soldier. We wore cadpat all the time. There were 24 of us in our intake, half were doctors and half were padres. I was very nervous about doing this abbreviated basic training at my age. As it turned out I was indeed the oldest person on our course. I was nervous about my fitness level, until I met the rest of the group. I was within the top third when it came to running or push-ups or marching with a rucksack. During this course we learned many things: how to be punctual, to obey orders, to march, to master drills like donning gas masks, preparing for inspections, living in a FOB (Forward Operating Base – fiberglass cabins surrounded by barbed wire), making weapons safe (Padres do not discharge firearms), first-aid, how to eat fast, how to sleep fast, to make decisions under pressure, etc. This was the most physically challenging part of our training.

The training at Borden was about being a chaplain. Here we abandoned our army boots and wore polished oxfords. The dress was DEUs, which means Dress Elemental Uniforms – ironed shirts and crisp creases worn with ties. During this month we were in the classroom all the time. We wrote essays and memos and briefing notes. We studied military laws, rules and orders. We did research assignments and prepared liturgical service. We practiced notifying Next of Kin. Our final assignment was how to advise the CO – Commanding Officer. This was the most academic part of our training and for me was the hardest, but God is good and I passed.

My first Remembrance Day in Uniform was in the Nations Capital and I was overwhelmed. The poppy will never be the same again. The next two Remembrance Days found me in Saskatoon at the largest indoor ceremonies in Canada. All my life I always thought that the big moment for a chaplain was the 30 minutes on stage surrounding 11:00, but now I know that the chaplain's role is several hours later being attentive to the troops as they, in their own way, remember the recent fallen.

When I was first considering this ministry, I asked "Why would the army invest in a 50-year-old priest when mandatory retirement is age 60 (with possible one-year extensions)?" The answer came "If we invest in you, we get 25 years of pastoral experience for free." Now it is obvious to me that all my priesthood prepared me to be a better military chaplain and that my military training enhances my eparchial efforts.

As a Reservist, I am expected to be present on Tuesdays and one weekend a month. I have a lot of control, with both the parish and the military, to say when I can and cannot be available. In the last couple of years, it has been 70 – 90 days (or half-days) per year that I work with the army. In the case that you are wondering, the army pays better then the church. But to be completely honest with you I do not do either vocation for the money. I do them because I am convinced that God has called me to serve.
How do I manage my time within these current ministries? If you were my confessor then you would have heard that I am constantly juggling my responsibilities and that I often "drop a ball". My schedule is pretty full, but that is the kind of guy I am. Here is a typical week. Monday is my day off. Tuesday is my military day. On Wednesday and Thursday, you can find me in Hafford and North Battleford Districts. Friday is for catch up. I used to call it my eparchial day, but my eparchial responsibilities don't limit themselves to one day a week. I use Fridays for the eparchy or the parishes or extra military time or sometimes even just to have a break. Saturday is parish work and Sunday is liturgical with a smattering of sacramental, meetings, catechesis or whatever else is opportune. The whole week is also punctuated with 700 -900 kilometers of driving.

The army, as does my priesthood, offers me many great opportunities. My next amazing adventure with the army will happen after the feast of Theophany on the Julian calendar. As you know, Ukraine is in turmoil with politics and war. During the "Maydan" we beheld riveting pictures of chaplains standing between the lines of violence. Now, on the front lines of the war, there are many chaplains ministering to the soldiers. These chaplains are all volunteers. The Ukrainian government desires that their chaplains be part of the army. They also wish for them to be non-combatant and multi-faith. This is very similar to the way that the Canadian Military Chaplains are organized. For the last year Canada and Ukraine have been in dialogue concerning military chaplaincy. The conversations have led to visits and common training and now the Staff of the Canadian chaplaincy school is preparing to go to Ukraine in order to present in detail how Canada recruits, selects, and trains their chaplains. The objective is to share our best practices, so that Ukraine can create a chaplaincy program best suited to its own needs. There will be professional translators for all the official presentations. I have been invited to participate for several reasons. First, I have sufficient Ukrainian language skills to be an asset to the encounter and second, I am a Primary Reserve Chaplain. I can be an example of how a priest who works in a parish and is involved with the Eparchy can contribute to the ministry of Military Chaplaincy.

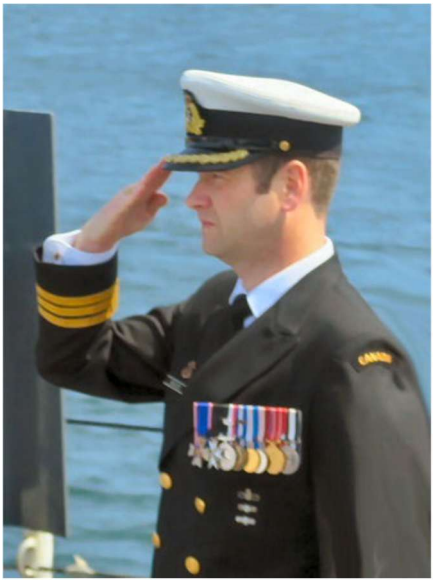


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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

NELSON, Scott Edward **MVO CStJ MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Commander - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Commanding Officer HMCS Halifax Flagship of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 DOI: July 2019 to January 2020

"From July 2019 to January 2020, Commander Nelson displayed remarkable leadership while deployed to the Mediterranean as commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Halifax*, during its term as flagship of Standing NATO Maritime Group 2. He successfully led the fleet in locating and monitoring Russian forces, participating in large-scale operations and exercises with other NATO and allied nations, and executing strategic engagements in foreign ports to advance Canada's global interests. Commander Nelson's professionalism contributed to Canada's high standing among its allies."



Awarded **Member of the Royal Victorian Order** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 09 October 2020 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander while serving as Canadian Forces Equerry-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of St. John (CStJ)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 08 May 2021 in the rank of Commander.

Medals: MVO – CStJ – MSM – SSM – Peacekeeping – NATO – NATO – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD – St. John Ambulance Service Medal

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NG, Kevin Henry Ka-Leong MSM CD Honours Book: 2021
Lieutenant-Colonel GH:
Senior Cdn Liaison Officer US National Geospatial Intelligence Agency DOI: 2016 to 2020

"As the senior Canadian liaison officer to the United States National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency from 2016 to 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Ng led the development of a comprehensive five-year rolling capability plan, the first of its kind. The outcome of this initiative has been praised by the senior leaders of the Five Eyes geospatial intelligence community. It will showcase Canada's space-based collection assets and strengthen Canadian Armed Forces capabilities as well as its relations with the United States and other Five Eyes partners."

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Lieutenant-Colonel Kevin Henny Ka-Leong Ng, Meritorious Service Medal

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

O'DONOHUE, Mark McGinnes MSM CD
Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
Commanding Officer Her Majesty's Ship *Calgary* operating in the Indo-Pacific Region

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
DOI: 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 (MARPAC) 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.







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

OAKE, John Dwayne **MMM MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Coxswain of *HMCS Toronto* on Deployed to the Baltic, Norwegian and North Seas DOI: July to December 2020

"From July to December 2020, as coxswain of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Toronto*, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Oake was deployed to the Baltic, Norwegian and North seas in support of NATO assurance measures. He displayed remarkable leadership, which ensured the morale and well-being of the crew and fostered unit cohesion. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Oake's close coordination and collaboration across all departments within the ship was the bedrock for maintaining unity of effort on operations, and was vital to HMCS *Toronto*'s operational effectiveness."

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 01 June 2019 in the rank of CPO2.
As an Ordinary Seaman, he was one of the Commissioning crew of *HMCS Toronto*.

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OBERSNEL, Michael Peter MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Sergeant GH: 05 November 2024
Instrumental helping the NATO Intelligence Fusion Centre assist Ukraine Forces DOI: July 2021 to January 2023

"From July 2021 to January 2023, Sergeant Obersnel's outstanding Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) knowledge was instrumental to the success of the NATO Intelligence Fusion Centre in supporting the Alliance during the Russia/Ukraine crisis. With determination and unwavering devotion to the mission, he designed and provided tailored GEOINT products throughout a period of increased operational tempo and elevated stress. Sergeant Obersnel's expertise and mentorship were observed among multinational partners, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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ONYSHCHENKO, Sergiy Serhiyovich MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Master Sailor - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Multi-disciplined Language Analyst at the Alaska Mission Operation Center DOI: 2015 to 2018

"As a multi-disciplined language analyst at the Alaska Mission Operation Center from 2015 to 2018, Master Sailor Onyshchenko greatly contributed to the strengthening of collaborative efforts between the United States and Canada, and increased the security of Allied and NATO forces. In addition to identifying a new point of access on a priority target, he contributed to over 100 reports, in which he addressed critical intelligence gaps. His innovative approach to analysis has had a profound and far-reaching impact on the intelligence community."

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OLIVIER, Jacques-Philippe **(CMM) MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Commodore – Royal Canadian Navy GH:
Director General Professional Conduct and Development – Culture Change DOI: May 2021 to September 2022



"As Director General Professional Conduct and Development from May 2021 to September 2022, Commodore Olivier demonstrated exemplary professionalism and leadership. He personally led the development and implementation of innovative culture change initiatives, including the Respondent Reintegration Framework, the integration and measurement of inclusive behaviours in the Defence Team, and the Department of National Defence / Canadian Armed Forces apology to victims of sexual misconduct. His tireless efforts and innovative spirit were key to the cultural change."

Medals: CMM - MSM – CD and Bar
Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **CanforGen** 13 December 2024 in the rank of Commodore.
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Citations to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (Military) (MSM)

PAQUETTE, Robert Axel Gabriel Joseph MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Warrant Officer GH:
Acting CO Cdn National Intelligence Centre, Allied Joint Forces Command in Naples DOI: 01 February to 01 April 2022

"From 1 February to 1 April, 2022, in the midst of the conflict in Ukraine, Warrant Officer Paquette of the Canadian National Intelligence Centre, Allied Joint Forces Command in Naples, Italy, demonstrated exemplary professionalism, dedication, leadership and team spirit while serving as acting commanding officer. He continually compared and merged the intelligence of NATO allies with the more refined and highly classified intelligence of Canada and other allies. Warrant Officer Paquette's expertise and intelligence assessment were essential to NATO's decision-making cycle, which brought honour to Canada in an international context."

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PETERSEN, Cole Franklin **(MSC) MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI GH: nil
Public Health Agency of Canada as the Vaccine Rollout Task Force Planning Officer DOI: November 2020 to March 2021



"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"

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** – Not Gazetted – in 2025 as the Commander of Joint Task Force Unifer, Warsaw, Poland in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel

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 in 2024 was 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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PEYTON, Paul James **MSM* CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Brigadier-General – LSH(RC) **BAR to the MSM** GH: 09 November 2023
Director Strategic Communications Joint Task Force INHERENT RESOLVE Kuwait & Iraq 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. He retired in July 2024.

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

PINHORN, James Eleazor MSM CD CanForGen: 21 February 2021
Major - RCAF GH: 08 November 2021
Aircraft Commander of Rescue 901 in a fierce North Atlantic Storm NE St. John's DOI: 5 March 2017



"For outstanding leadership, composure and life saving performance under perilous conditions as the Aircraft Commander of Rescue 901 in a fierce North Atlantic Storm 280 kilometers Northeast of St. John's Newfoundland and Labrador on 05 March 2017."

"On March 5, 2017, as the aircraft commander on Rescue 901 of 103 Search and Rescue Squadron, Major Pinhorn responded to a mayday call from the fishing vessel *Northern Provider*, caught in a fierce North Atlantic storm 280 kilometres northeast of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. Through an outstanding display of leadership, composure and life-saving performance under perilous conditions, Major Pinhorn expertly piloted the rescue helicopter to save five fishers who had abandoned ship in extremely hazardous sea conditions."

Medals: MSM – CD

Former Commanding Officer 103 SAR Squadron

RCAF Rescue 901 crew receives Cormorant Trophy (2018)
The Royal Canadian Air Force crew of search and rescue helicopter "Rescue 901" won this year's Cormorant Trophy for the rescue of five crewmen forced to abandon a fishing vessel 250 km offshore in fierce weather and rough seas. The Cormorant Trophy was commissioned by Leonardo (formerly AgustaWestland) in 2002 as an award to be presented annually to a Canadian civilian, government or military helicopter crew performing the most demanding helicopter rescue of the year.

This year's Cormorant Trophy recipients from 103 Squadron at CFB Gander include: Major Jim Pinhorn, Aircraft Commander; Captain Nicole Lively; First Officer; Master Corporal Sean O'Callaghan; Flight Engineer, Sergeant Damien Robison; Search and Rescue Technician (SARTech) Lead, Master Corporal Anthony Bullen, SARTech Member.



"The selfless heroism displayed by the team onboard Rescue 901 in this monumental rescue of the crew of the Fishing Vessel Northern Provider exemplifies the efforts of all RCAF search and rescue crews each and every time they head off into danger to put their lives on the line to save Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast," said Mark Fair, Canadian Customer Support, Leonardo Helicopters. Fair presented the Cormorant Trophy to the recipients in a ceremony at CFB Gander.

"It is an honour to be recognized for the actions of our crew during this rescue mission," said Major Pinhorn, who is also Commanding Officer of 103 Squadron. "The men and women of 103 [SAR] Squadron, as well as those from search and rescue organizations all across Canada, routinely exhibit professionalism and make tremendous sacrifices in order to ensure that they successfully fulfill their respective SAR mandates.

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

PITCHER, Barry Raymond MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel – 5th Canadian Division Halifax GH:
Lead military planner for the No. 2 Construction Battalion National Apology Event DOI: 09 July 2022

"Lieutenant-Colonel Pitcher was the lead military planner for the No. 2 Construction Battalion National Apology Event, held in Truro, Nova Scotia, on July 9, 2022. He worked in a position that was undefined in terms of community stakeholder engagement. In the absence of a bespoke event planner, Lieutenant-Colonel Pitcher managed the planning team through the organization and successful execution of the event. Lieutenant-Colonel Pitcher's community-oriented ethos had a positive impact on the descendants of the No. 2 Construction Battalion and members of the Black community".



Originally from Mount Pearl, Newfoundland, Mr. Pitcher is a Royal Roads Military College graduate who served seven years in the Canadian Armed Forces as an infantry officer. He spent 24 years with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) before retiring in 2019 at the rank of Inspector. Mr. Pitcher worked as an international security consultant prior to his role as Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Pitcher deployed to Afghanistan in 2007 and has been a member of the Primary Army Reserve since 2010. He is currently a Colonel with the 5th Canadian Division in Halifax and has served as Operations Officer for the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic and as Commanding Officer of the Princess Louise Fusiliers. Most recently, Mr. Pitcher was the Community Engagement and Event Lead for the federal government's apology to the descendants of the No. 2 Construction Battalion.

Mr. Pitcher comes from a family of police and military veterans and is an avid fitness and outdoor enthusiast. He is passionate about prioritizing people and culture in the workplace and recently completed a year long Equity, Diversity and Inclusion program at Dalhousie University.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Medal with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – RCMP LS&GC – CD and bar – EIIR Platinum Jubilee (NS)



On 12 September 2022, he became the **CEO of the Commissionaires of Nova Scotia** in Halifax.

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

POIRIER, Joseph Bruno **MMM MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
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

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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)

POUDRIER, Simon MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Colonel GH: 08 November 2021
Lead an integrated Logistics Team at the Public Health Agency of Canada COVID-19 DOI: March to July 2020



"From March to July 2020, Colonel Poudrier demonstrated outstanding professionalism in support of the Government of Canada's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. By leading an integrated logistics team at the Public Health Agency of Canada, he contributed to the successful execution of a sustainable and large-scale logistics operation that allowed Canada to respond appropriately to this global crisis. Colonel Poudrier excelled in this critical task of national importance, which brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces."

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POULIN, René MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF GH: 08 November 2021
Deputy Commandant of Royal Military College (RMC) Saint Jean DOI: 2016 to 2020

"As deputy commandant of Royal Military College (RMC) Saint-Jean from 2016 to 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Poulin excelled during a period of significant change. A builder and facilitator of internal and external relations, he was the driving force behind the College's return to university status. Thanks to his diplomacy and tireless energy, he was able to brilliantly reassure and guide all military and civilian personnel by setting common and achievable goals. Through his efforts and dedication, Lieutenant-Colonel Poulin contributed to the success of RMC Saint-Jean's mission."

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

Lieutenant-Colonel René POULIN, MSM CD, RCAF



LCol René Poulin enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1991 as an Officer Cadet at the Royal Military College of Saint-Jean. In 1996, he graduates from the Royal Military College of Canada and the following year he obtains his pilot wings in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Serving as a helicopter pilot within tactical aviation, he exercised the functions of Flight Commander, Operations officer and Chief Instructor Pilot and accumulated over 4000 flying hours.

His operational experience includes missions within the NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia in 1999 and 2001 as well as missions within the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan in 2006 and 2009. He also participated in several domestic operations in Canada.

LCol Poulin now serves as the Director of Cadets of the Royal Military College of Saint-Jean. He holds an undergraduate degree in Mechanical engineering and a Master's degree in Defense Security with the Royal Military College of Canada and is currently completing a Master's degree in Education with the Université du Québec à Montréal.

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

PRÉVOST, Jacques Paul Robert **CMM MSC MSM* CD** CanForGen: 21 February 2021
Brigadier-General - RCAF **Bar** GH: 08 November 2021
Director of the 609th Air Operations Center of the US Central Command Doha, Qatar DOI: February to July 2018



"For outstanding leadership and tactical acumen during his deployment to Doha, Qatar, as Director the 609th Air Operations Center of the United States Central Command Multinational Force from February to July 2018."

"From February to July 2018, Brigadier-General Prévost was deployed to Doha, Qatar, as director of the 609th Air Operations Center of the United States Central Command Multinational Force. His outstanding leadership and tactical acumen quickly earned him the respect and trust of American and coalition leaders, and contributed to tactical, operational and strategic advances against Daesh and the Taliban. Brigadier-General Prévost played a key role in the fight against Daesh and in coalition counter-insurgency operations, and made an extraordinary contribution to peace and security in the Middle East."

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

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

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

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the **Government House** of 08 October 2025 the rank of Colonel Director of Staff Strategic Joint Staff.

Medals: CMM – MSC - MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with Allied Forces ribbon – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar



Promoted Major-General in 2021 and appointed Director of the Strategic Joint Staff. In July 2025, he was promoted to **Lieuenant-General.**

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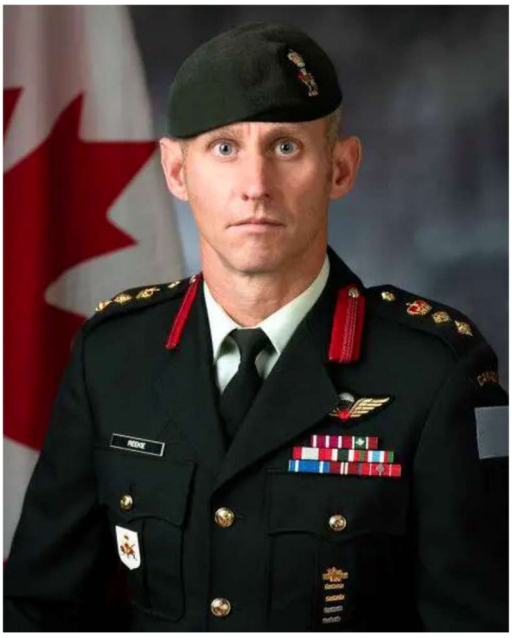
RAVEN Marc MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH: 08 November 2021
Revitalization of the Tactical Air Control Party capability of the Canadian Forces DOI: 2016 to 2020

"Renowned as an air-land integration subject matter expert, Major Raven has been a key enabler to the revitalization of the Tactical Air Control Party capability within the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). Between 2015 and 2020, his actions and initiative were instrumental in the development of training and the introduction of a command-and-control restructure. Major Raven's actions have strengthened the relationship between the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force, while enhancing CAF credibility in joint and combined operations."

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REEKIE, Michael John **MMV MSM CD** CG: 30 March 2024
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 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

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REICHERT, Keith Alan MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel GH: 09 November 2023
Strategic Joint Staff Legal Advisor COVID-19 Response DOI: January to July 2020

"From January to July 2020, Lieutenant-Colonel Reichert served brilliantly as the Strategic Joint Staff legal advisor during the Canadian government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the Canadian Armed Forces assisted with the repatriation of Canadians abroad and supported civil authorities helping the vulnerable at home, Lieutenant- Colonel Reichert worked tirelessly, anticipating and resolving myriad operational legal issues. His dedication, skill and outstanding collaboration with legal and operational colleagues in various departments contributed significantly to mission success."

From the 2021 Honours and Recognition for the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces book

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ROBICHAUD, Nicole Margaret MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Commander - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Executive Officer of *HMCS Fredericton* responsible for Repatriation of Helo Crash DOI: January to July 2020



"From January to July 2020, Lieutenant-Commander Robichaud was deployed to the Mediterranean, Black and Baltic seas as executive officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Fredericton*. Following the crash of the ship's helicopter and the loss of its six crew members on April 29, she initiated preparations for the repatriation of the fallen, including a dignified onboard ceremony. Her remarkable and empathetic leadership contributed to the mental readiness of the crew members and their ability to return to the ship's important mission."

Medals: MSM – SSM - NATO - CD

Lieutenant-Commander Nicole Robichaud, MSM, CD

She joined the Regular Force in 2002 and completed her initial Naval Officer Training in 2004. She joined HMCS Vancouver and obtained her Bridge Watch Keeping certificate and completed the Fleet Navigating Officer's course in 2007, after which she joined HMCS Winnipeg and deployed to conduct counter-piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden. In 2009 she was posted to the Naval Officer Training Centre - VENTURE where she taught naval officers. In 2012 she was re-united with Vancouver as the Combat Officer. In 2013,

LCdr Robichaud was sent to New Zealand for eight months where she sailed in *HMNZS Te Mana* and *HMNZS Canterbury,* earning a Chief of the New Zealand Navy Commendation. Upon returning to Canada, she was promoted to LCdr and posted to CANFLTPAC as a Fleet ORO. She left the West Coast in 2015 to work at Strategic Joint Staff (SJS) in Current Operations as the Rules of Engagement (ROE) Officer. In 2016 she was posted to Halifax and assumed the role of Commanding Officer of *HMCS Moncton* which in one year sailed to the Canadian Arctic and across the Atlantic Ocean to West Africa, conducting community relations in Senegal, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire.

Commander Robichaud was the Executive Officer of *HMCS Fredericton* in 2020. In 2021, she became the Commanding Officer of *HMCS Margaret Brooke*. She attained her Masters in Defence Studies in 2018 and lives in Halifax, NS with her dog Zach.



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ROUSSEL, Marie François MSM CG: 30 March 2024
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 thought 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 unpreceded period, Private Roussel contributed to the outreach of the Canadian Armed Forces."

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SCHNEIDER, Erik Joseph Wildes MSM CG: 30 March 2024
Master Corporal GH: 08 November 2021
Regional Lead Analyst (Africa) with Canadian Joint Operations Command HQ DOI: March 2017 to 2021

"Master Corporal Schneider has been employed as a regional lead analyst within Canadian Joint Operations Command headquarters since March 2017. With a primary focus on Africa, he has supported expeditionary operations reach-back, planning efforts and, most recently, full-spectrum targeting efforts pertaining to information operations. Master Corporal Schneider's extraordinary professionalism has had a wide-ranging impact on how Canadian Armed Forces personnel contribute to international humanitarian efforts and to maintaining the reputation Canada has built within the international community."

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SCHULZE, Tyler MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Warrant Officer GH: 08 November 2021
Developed first Canadian position within the Overhead Collective Management Denver DOI: June 2018 to June 2019
CanForGen: 21 February 2021

"For professionalism, dedication and efforts in the development of the first Canadian position within the Overhead Collective Management in Denver, Colorado, United States of America from June 2018 to June 2019."

"From June 2018 to June 2019, Warrant Officer Schulze was instrumental in the development of the first Canadian position within the Overhead Management Centre in Denver, Colorado. He played a critical role in organizing a tailored training program designed specifically to develop and operationalize Canada's new burgeoning capability. Warrant Officer's Schulze's efforts promoted Canada among other country partners in a highly professional manner that brought considerable benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces and the Department of National Defence."

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

SHAMAS, Mohamad A. MSM CD
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer of the Operational Support Hub in Kuwait – South-West Asia

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: August 2019 to July 2020
CanForGen: 21 February 2021



LCol Shamas (right) cutting Logistics cake

"For sound advice and remarkable initiative when deployed to Kuwait as Commanding Officer of the Operational Support Hub – South-West Asia from August 2019 to July 2020."

"Lieutenant-Colonel Shamas was deployed to Kuwait from August 2019 to July 2020 as commanding officer of the Operational Support Hub—South-West Asia. During his assignment, he ably provided logistical support to this most important and diverse Canadian Armed Forces mission. He provided sound advice to numerous commanders and defence attachés, leading to successful operations in seven countries. Through his remarkable initiative, Lieutenant-Colonel Shamas exercised significant leadership and influence, which brought honour to Canada."

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SHARPE, Reginald Richard MSM CD
Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI
Commanding Officer of the Real Properties Operations Unit–West

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 05 October 2025
DOI: July 2020 to June 2022



"From July 2020 to June 2022, Lieutenant-Colonel Sharpe demonstrated outstanding professionalism as commanding officer of the Real Properties Operations Unit–West. He proactively planned and led infrastructure service delivery and maintenance program improvements across nine Canadian Armed Forces bases, which resulted in fewer greenhouse gas emissions and a smaller carbon footprint on the part of National Defence. Lieutenant-Colonel Sharpe's foresight and exemplary leadership were critical to departmental success, and directly enabled the advancement of Government of Canada priorities laid out in Canada's defence policy."

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar Kosovo – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

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

SHEEHAN, Thomas David MSM CD
Commander – RCN and CFHS
Development of an innovative Road to Mental Readiness program

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: 2018 to 2020

"As a strong advocate for mental health, Commander Sheehan applied his exceptional leadership, tenacity and vision in the development of an innovative Road to Mental Readiness program, an effective, customized training approach for the Defence team. His unwavering professionalism and dedication have made a profound and lasting impression, contributing greatly to Strong, Secure, and Engaged efforts, and have significantly improved the resiliency and capacity of personnel throughout the Canadian Armed Forces."



Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon - CD

He became the Director of Ship Repair at Irving Shipbuilding in November 2020.

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SIMMONS, Eric Thomas O'Neill MSM CD
Captain
Regional operations officer Combined JTF – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE Iraq

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
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."

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STEFANSON, Michael Wayne MSM CD
Commander
Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Winnipeg* in the Asia-Pacific Region.

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 09 November 2023
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

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

STOCKER, James Jordan MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel – Commanding Officer, Queen's York Rangers GH: 09 November 2023
Joint Task Force Commander Ontario's Long Term Care Facilities COVID-19 Assistance DOI: April to July 2020



"Between April and July 2020, as a Joint Task Force commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Stocker demonstrated outstanding leadership as part of the Canadian government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. When the Province of Ontario called upon the Canadian Armed Forces to assist with an ongoing long-term care facility crisis, Lieutenant-Colonel Stocker quickly organized diverse components into a cohesive team. In doing so, he integrated augmented civilian care teams from the Canadian Forces Health Services Group into seven different long-term care facilities. Lieutenant-Colonel Stocker's leadership was instrumental in improving the Canadian government's response to the emerging pandemic."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA – General Service bar Expedition - CD

Lieutenant-Colonel James Stocker, MSM, CD, AdC
Commanding Officer of the Queen's York Rangers.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Stocker began his military career in The Queen's York Rangers, enlisting while in high school in 2000. Commissioning in 2002, he completed his training in Gagetown, NB, and has since held every Regimental officer appointment. Concurrently maintaining an active full-time military career, he held both command and staff appointments at a variety of units and headquarters, including the Regiment itself, 32 Canadian Brigade Group Battle School, 32 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters, 4 Canadian Division Support Group Headquarters, 4 Canadian Division Headquarters, the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps, and National Defence Headquarters.

His operational experience includes a deployment with the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar City, Afghanistan, in 2008-09, where he served in current operations. More recently, he deployed as Canada's Senior Liaison Officer to the Coalition Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve (the global community's response to the threat of ISIS in Syria and Iraq) Headquarters in 2017-18. Domestically, he served as the Task Force Adjutant for the Canadian Armed Forces support the G8/G20 Summits in 2010. More recently, he was privileged to command Territorial Battle Group 1, the high readiness composite unit formed to respond to Ontario's COVID pandemic and tasked to provide emergency assistance to select long-term care facilities.

A Toronto native, he is a graduate of York University, receiving an Honours BA in History, the Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces College, and the British Territorial Army Command and Staff College. He is employed as the Regional Departmental Security Officer, Central Region, as part of the Directorate-General, Defence Security. Lieutenant-Colonel Stocker's interests include history, politics, psychology, philosophy, after-dinner raconteurship, running, cross-training, and film. He enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Ashley, and torturing his large dog, Lily, with off-key singing.



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

STOCKER, Peter Rudolf MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Captain GH: 09 November 2023
Deployed Iraq as future plans & operations officer at Combined Joint Operations Center–Erbil DOI: July 2016 to January 2017

"Captain Stocker was deployed to Iraq from July 2016 to January 2017 as future plans and operations officer at Combined Joint Operations Center–Erbil. He provided critical coordination functions within the headquarters and its subordinate units, preserving the integrity of the coalition. As a lead executor of the relief-in-place from 101st Airborne Division to 1st Infantry Division, he directly con-tributed to the success of four major security force operations that ultimately set the conditions for the liberation of Mosul."

From the 2021 Honours and Recognition for the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces book

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STEEL, Graham Andrew MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Sergeant GH:
Assistance at a Building Explosion at CFB Comox DOI: 18 November 202

"On 18 November 2021, Sergeant Steel was one of the first members on scene minutes after a violent building explosion at Canadian Forces Base Comox, British Columbia. Despite his proximity to the explosion and the risk of a secondary blast, he assisted multiple casualties and competently directed evacuation efforts on the ground, preserving life and securing the area. Sergeant Steel's determination and critical work with the on-site incident commander projected professionalism and leadership in an extremely stressful and chaotic situation."

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

STRICKLAND, Richard Tod MSM CD
Colonel
Commander Canadian Contingent UN HQ in Korea

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: June 2018 to November 2019
CanForGen: 10 November 2020 #144/20



"From June 2018 to November 2019, Colonel Strickland served in the Republic of Korea as the commander of the Canadian Contingent and the deputy chief of staff Operations, United Nations Command Headquarters. In an uncertain and dynamic security situation, his tremendous leadership and professionalism were instrumental in establishing the Canadian Contingent, revitalizing United Nations Command, and implementing confidence-building measures between the two Koreas in order to restore lasting peace. Colonel Strickland's efforts greatly enhanced Canada's reputation and visibility in the region."

Awarded **Legionnaire of the Order of Merit (USA)** as per the Canada Gazette of 27 February 2021.

Awarded **Korea Service Medal (Republic of South Korea)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 October 2021 in the rank of Colonel.



Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 Bars – Legionnaire of the Order of Merit (USA) – Korea Service Medal

Brigadier General Tod Strickland was raised in Powell River, British Columbia and joined the Canadian Forces in 1988. Upon completion of Basic Infantry Officer training, he was posted to the Third Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) where he began Regimental service as a rifle platoon commander. Since then, he has served with all three Battalions of the Regiment in a wide variety of command and staff positions, enjoying numerous exercises, and deploying on domestic and international operations. These included two peacekeeping tours to Bosnia-Hercegovina, and two tours in Afghanistan. Domestically, he was deployed in support of Canadian Forces operations in Quebec following the ice storm (1997), as well as fighting forest fires in British Columbia (2003). He has also deployed to northern Canada on two separate occasions – participating in an adventure training expedition on Mount Logan and leading a sovereignty operation in the North West Territories near Inuvik.

Outside of the Regiment, he has served in a wide variety of positions. These have included postings to the Royal Canadian School of Infantry, Brigade Headquarters of the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG), Chief Military Personnel (CMP), the Strategic Joint Staff (SJS), and Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command. In June 2012 he assumed command of the 3rd Canadian Division's Training Centre (3 CDTC) in Wainwright Alberta. Subsequently, in 2014, he assumed the post of Deputy Commander of the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre (CMTC). In 2016 he joined the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) in Fort Leavenworth Kansas, where he completed the Advanced Strategic Leadership Studies Program (ASLSP) and was subsequently employed as an instructor on the Advanced Military Studies Program (AMSP). In June 2018, he deployed to the Republic of Korea where he joined United Nations Command (UNC) as the Deputy Director for Operations. Between 2019 and 2022 he commanded the Canadian Army Command and Staff College in Kingston.

Tod completed a Bachelor of Military Arts and Sciences (BMASc) from the Royal Military College as a visiting student at the University of Alberta in 2001. He has since attained a Masters Degree (MA) in Middle Eastern History from American Military University, a Masters in Defence Studies (MDS) from the Royal Military College, a Masters (MMAS) in Strategic Studies from Army University, and a Masters (MSi) in Adult Learning and Leadership through Kansas State University. He is married and has two daughters. His personal interests include the study of history, driving his Porche, and improving his golf game.

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

SUTTON, Jennifer Leah MSM CD
Sergeant
Acting as Canadian Defence Advisor Australia

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 05 October 2025
DOI: July 2021 to February 2022
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023



"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."

"From July 2021 until February 2022, Sergeant Sutton acted as the Canadian defence advisor (CDA) to Australia, carrying the full range of duties and accountabilities of the departed CDA. She fulfilled the additional responsibilities of a colonel position while maintaining her primary duties as the CDA's assistant. Despite being significantly under ranked, Sergeant Sutton executed all aspects of the Canadian Armed Forces' Military Diplomacy and Global Engagement Program in Australia, achieving greater interoperability and enhanced delivery of defence capabilities for ongoing, contingency and potential operations."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Somalia – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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

THOLBERG, Robert Douglas MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Master Warrant Officer GH: 05 October 2025
Logistical and Administrative Requirements for Exercise PRECISE RESPONSE DOI: 2016 to 2019

"From 2016 to 2019, Master Warrant Officer Tholberg showed exceptional leadership and demonstrated an inspirational work ethic, garnering praise from over a dozen NATO nations while ensuring that all logistical and administrative requirements for Exercise PRECISE RESPONSE were satisfied despite a very challenging environment. His tremendous leadership, hard work and professionalism guaranteed the repeated successes of this live-agent NATO Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear exercise, and brought credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada."

From the 2021 Honours and Recognition for the Members of the Canadian Armed Forces book

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THOMASSIN, Joseph Claude Gaston Christian MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
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."



Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Claude Gaston Christian Thomassin, MSM

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

TINSLEY, Brenda Jayne (B.J.) MSM CD
Major - RCAF
Commanding Officer of 51 Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron

CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: 2017 to 2019



"As commanding officer of 51 Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron from 2017 to 2019, Major Tinsley led the modernization of Canadian Air Defence Sector Tactical Command and Control training. She was instrumental in creating the Mission Training Centre, an innovative air battle management facility, which leveraged modern synthetic learning environments and platforms. Her commitment to strengthening operator training and advancing Royal Canadian Air Force initiatives brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and enhanced North American Aerospace security."

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

Honorary Degree from Nipissing University – Doctor of Letters (DLitt.) – 07 June 2018
Citation

Major Brenda Tinsley joined the Canadian Armed Forces out of Hamilton, Ontario in 1996 as a member of a proud military family. She attended the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston and graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Military and Strategic Studies in 2000.



After graduating from the Weapons Control Courses at the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Control Operations (CFSACO) and 51 Aircraft Control and Warning (AC&W) Operational Training Unit she was posted to 21 AC&W Squadron North Bay in 2002. Between 2002 and 2004 Major Tinsley worked as a Weapons Controller; earning additional qualifications as both a Senior Director and a Tactical Fighter Controller. In 2004 she was posted to the Alaskan NORAD Sector where she worked as a WC and SD, and spent her final year as the Director of Current Operations for the 176 Air Control Squadron.

Major Tinsley began her long involvement in the training realm with a posting to CFSACO, first as an instructor and then the Standards Officer between 2004 and 2008. In 2012 she was posted to Winnipeg as the Executive Assistant to the Commander of 2 Canadian Air Division (2 CAD).



Promoted to her current rank in 2013, she remained at 2 CAD as the Qualification Manager for Aerospace Controllers. In 2014 Major Tinsley deployed as part of Roto 0 for OP IMPACT, working as both A5 Plans and A3 Operations.

Posted to the Canadian Air Defense Sector in 2016, she returned to North Bay where she qualified as a Mission Crew

Commander and was Alpha Flight Commander within 21 Aerospace Control and Warning Squadron before assuming command of 51 Aerospace Control and Warning (Operational Training) Squadron.



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

TODD, Aaron Gary **MMM MSM CD**
Chief Warrant Officer
Sergeant-Major Joint Task Force-Ukraine

CG: 30 March 2024
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 brough great credit to Canda."

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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TREMBLAY, Luc Joseph Pierre MSM CD
Captain(N) - RCN
Defence Attaché to Baghdad, Iraq

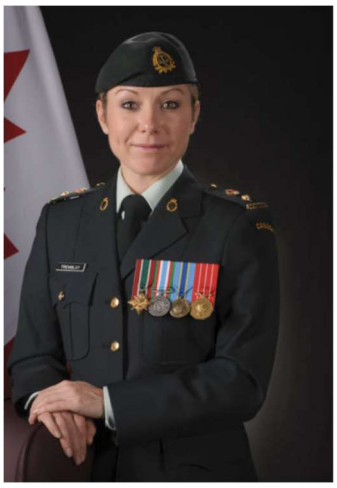
CG: 30 March 2024
GH: 08 November 2021
DOI: July 2019 to July 2020

"Captain(N) Tremblay was assigned to Baghdad, Iraq, as defence attaché from July 2019 to July 2020. He initiated a cycle of engagement and assessment with Canadian task forces and coalition partners to enable the Canadian ambassador to keep abreast of the situation on the ground. In a chaotic environment involving ballistic missile, rocket and mortar strikes, as well as civil unrest, his professionalism earned him the trust of Iraqi officials and quickly removed obstacles to mission success. Captain(N) Tremblay's outstanding work brought great honour to Canada."

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

TREMBLAY, Marie-Ève MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel - JAG GH:
Bill C-77 Declaration of Victims Rights and other changes to the military justice system DOI: July 2020 to June 2022



"From July 2020 to June 2022, as co-president of the C-77 Secretariat, Lieutenant-Colonel Tremblay worked tirelessly, under very tight deadlines, to develop and execute the full range of regulatory amendments required to bring Bill C-77 into force. This bill gave rise to the Declaration of Victims Rights and brought other important changes to the military justice system. Through her exceptional leadership, professionalism, legal skills and dedication, Lieutenant-Colonel Tremblay greatly contributed to the Government of Canada's efforts to ensure the swift implementation of Bill C-77."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN - CD

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TRENHOLM, Sean Douglas Connell MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Colonel GH:
Bill C-77 Declaration of Victims Rights and other changes to the military justice system DOI: January 2021 to Sept. 2022

"Between January 2021 and September 2022, Colonel Trenholm, as Bill C-77 secretariat co-chair, demonstrated exceptional leadership in the planning, development and realization of the strategic statute orientations and the policy infrastructure required for the execution of Bill C-77, The Declaration of Victims' Rights. His tireless actions directly advanced the implementation of an essential component of our military justice system, and strengthened trust and confidence in the Canadian Armed Forces. Colonel Trenholm's unwavering dedication contributed to the fulfilment of a departmental priority."

2014 – Commanding Officer of the 3rd Canadian Division Training Center.
2018 – Colonel (Acting While So Employed) served as Deputy Commander, JTF-1, on OP Impact
2019 – Colonel (Acting While So Employed) S.D.C. Trenholm will be promoted to Substantive Colonel and appointed Director Dispute Alternate Resolution, in Ottawa.
2021 - Appointed Assistant Chief of Staff Support, Canadian Forces Intelligence Command Headquarters in Ottawa.
2022 - Advanced Training List to attend the Development Phase Four Programme at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto.
2023 - Appointed Special Advisor to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff in Ottawa

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

WASSON, Mark Kenneth Willis MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH:
Officer in charge G4 Operations with the United States XVIII Airborne Corps DOI: February to September 2022

"In response to Russian aggression against Ukraine, Major Wasson was deployed to Europe from February to September 2022, with the United States' XVIII Airborne Corps. As the officer in charge of G4 Operations, he performed exceptionally well, tangibly enabling United States Army Europe and Africa mission success while advancing Canadian interests with dividends to its Euro-Atlantic strategic framework. Major Wasson's contributions, which were made in direct support of partnered military forces from the United States, United Kingdom, Poland and Ukraine, have profoundly enhanced Canada's reputation abroad."

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WONG, Wayne Terence **MSM* CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF **BAR** GH:
Deputy Chief of Staff, Combined Air Operations Centre in Qatar DOI: May to November 2022



"From May to November 2022, Lieutenant-Colonel Wong was deployed as deputy chief of operations, Combined Air Operations Centre in Qatar, where he expertly coordinated and conducted air operations throughout the Central Command area of responsibility. Nominated as the lead senior national representative, he implemented a secure communications system, built and strengthened partnerships and resolved legacy issues through innovation. Lieutenant-Colonel Wong's notable contribution and efforts were vital to the success of the Centre's operational mission."

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 05 January 2019 in the rank of Major for Leadership in Operation Captain Ho.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Medal with SWA ribbon – CD and Bar

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

WHITE, Bradley James MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Commander - RCN GH: 08 November 2021
Implementation of the Concept of Operations for the Future Naval Training System DOI: 2018 to 2020



"From 2018 to 2020, Commander White was the major architect, program lead and driving force behind the development and implementation of the Concept of Operations for the Future Naval Training System in Esquimalt, British Columbia. As delineated in Strong, Secure, Engaged, the modernized program will leverage cutting-edge technology, optimize Royal Canadian Navy world-class individual training, and ensure long-lasting and vital effects. Commander White's transformational leadership influenced and motivated team members to excel, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces."

Commander Bradley James WHITE, MSM, CD

May 2021 to present:	Program Manager – Training for FLEETWAY Inc. Halifax
May 2021	Retires from the Royal Canadian Navy
August 2018 to May 2021	Program Manager, Naval Training System Transformation CFB Esquimalt
July 2016 to July 2018	NATO Training and Policy Lead, Norfolk, Virginia
July 2015 to July 2016	Commandant CF Forces Training Development Centre, CFB Borden
1996 to June 2015	Training Officer in the Canadian Armed Forces
1992 to 1996	Royal Military College – BA



Education

2009 to 2011	University of New Brunswick – Master of Education (MEd) in Curriculum Design and Technology
2002 to 2004	Mount Saint Vincent University – Bachelor of Education (BEd)
1992 to 1996	Royal Military College (BA), Military and Strategic Studies

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WOLFEMAN, Gary Daniel MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Major GH: 08 November 2021
Integrating cyber into the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) targeting processes DOI: 2017 to 2019
CanForGen: 10 November 2020 #144/20

"For remarkable efforts and professionalism in integrating cyber into the Canadian Armed Forces targeting processes and achieving its effects on operations, Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, Ottawa, Ontario".

"As the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command's subject matter expert, Major Wolfman was instrumental in integrating cyber into the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) targeting processes and subsequently achieving its effects on operations. His ability to synchronize a diverse planning team consisting of CAF operational, legal and policy staffs, in addition to key inter-agency stakeholders, was truly commendable. Major Wolfman's remarkable efforts brought great credit to the CAF."

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

WHITING, Devin Roy MSM CD CG: 30 March 2024
Chief Warrant Officer GH: 09 November 2023
RSM Property Ops Unit Ontario in Toronto DOI: July 2021 to February 2022
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

"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."

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with ribbon Expedition and one extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Kuwait – NATO non-article 5 – CD and bar

Chief Warrant Officer Devin Roy WHITING, MSM, CD, RCAF



CWO Devin Whiting enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces on 28 May 1987 and spent his first 13 years as a Combat Engineer with postings to 1 CER in Chilliwack, BC, 5 RGC in Valcartier, QC, 4 ESR in Gagetown, NB, and back to 1 CER, which had now relocated to Edmonton, AB. During this time, he deployed to Kuwait in 1991 and supported several domestic operations such as the Ice Storm in the Montréal area and the Saguenay floods in northern Québec.

In August 2000, he became a Water, Fuels and Environment Technician, remaining within the Engineer Branch. In 2001, he was posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake where he completed a six-month tour to Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert in 2004 and again in 2007.

In 2008, he was promoted to the rank of Sgt and posted to Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School (CFLRS) in Saint Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC, where he spent three years as an instructor in the Leadership Division.

In 2011, he was promoted to WO and posted to 17 Wing Construction Engineer Squadron as the 171 CEF Warrant Officer. Following a deployment to Sicily, Italy, in support of OP MOBILE, he occupied the positions of 17 WCE Ops WO, Ops Director, and in 2014, A/SWO. He was then promoted to the rank of MWO and assumed the position of 17 Wing CE SWO.

In 2016, he was posted to the Real Property Operations Group, Detachment Borden, as the Detachment Sergeant Major. By July 2017, he had deployed to Kuwait to be the Camp Sergeant Major for the Operational Support Hub, South West Asia, for the next eight months.

CWO Whiting was promoted to his current rank in May 2018 and was posted to Real Properties Operations Unit, Ontario Region, as the Unit Chief Warrant Office. After more than 35 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Canadian Military Engineers Branch, CWO Devin Whiting, CD, retired on 31 August 2022.

CWO Whiting is happily married to Major (Retired) Bellemare-Whiting. After more than 35 years of loyal and dedicated service, he will join her in retirement in Wasaga Beach where, along with their fur babies, they will enjoy the area and all it has to offer.

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

WRIGHT, Michael Charles **CMM MMV MSM* CD** CG: 30 March 2024
Brigadier-General **BAR to the MSM** GH: 09 November 2023
Commander Joint Task Force Op Impact / OP Foundation Kuwait and Iraq 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** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Major.

Awarded the **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **CanForGen** of 15 December 2023 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: CMM - 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

Promoted to Lieutenant-General and appointed the **Chief of the Canadian Army** in 2024.



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

FOUR (4) NOT NAMED MSM CanForGen: 21 February 2021
No Rank GH:
Canadian Special Operations Force Command Member DOI: Between 2018 and 2020

"Four Members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. For security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipient are not released."

ONE (1) NOT NAMED MSM CanForGen: 21 February 2021
No Rank GH:
Canadian Special Operations Force Command Member DOI: Between 2018 and 2020

"One Member of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. For security and operational reasons, the name and citation of the recipient are not released."

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ELEVEN (11) NOT NAMED MSM Honours Book: 2022
No Ranks GH: nil
Canadian Special Operations Force DOI: 2020 to 2021

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

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FOUR (4) NOT NAMED MSM CF Honour Book: 2023
Nil Given GH:
Canadian Special Operations Forces Command DOI: 2022 to 2023

ONE (1) NOT NAMES MSM CF Honour Book: 2023
Nil Given GH:
Canadian Forces Intelligence Command DOI: 2022 to 2023
CanForGen: 016/23 CMP 010/23 01/02/2023

ONE (1) NOT NAMED MSM CF Honour Book: 2023
Nil Given GH:
Canadian Forces Information Operations Group DOI: 2022 to 2023

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

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2025 Sentry at Ottawa on Remembrance Day

