

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

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

**To CANADIAN FORCES MILITARY MEMBERS  
CANFORGEN 083/24, released on July 3, 2024.**

CANADA GAZETTE	NAME	RANK	UNIT	DECORATIONS
03/07/24cf	BARONATIS, M.S.	Sergeant	Sr. Intelligence Analyst TF Latvia	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	BROWN, Kevin J.	Colonel	Performance & Competency Evaluation	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	CARRIER, R.R.L.J.	Major	Coord. Evacuation Cdns from Sudan 2023	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	HOLMAN, Robin, F.	Colonel	Leadership Acting Judge Advocate General	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	IRVINE, Ben J.L.	Colonel	TF Cdr UN Stabilization Mission Congo	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	JOHNSTON, E.J.	WO	Ukraine Op Union AS J35 Senior NCO	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	McLACHLAN, C.L.	Ms	Member CF National Investigation Cmte	MSM
03/07/24cf	MOORES,	LCol	Sr. Military Advisor Security in Europe	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	MORIN, Karen G.	Major	Sr. Intelligence Office JTF Impact	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	PARSONS, S. Mark	BGen	Deploy to Israel US Security Co-ord Org.	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	RICE, J.A.	Major	DCO Ops support Hub in Kuwait	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	RUTLAND, Liam Wade	BGen	Cdr JTF Impact / TF Central Kuwait	OMM MSC MSM* CD Bar
03/07/24cf	SAUNDERS, D.D.	Colonel	Cdn Defence Attaché to Iraq and Kuwait	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	SKELSEY, Craig D.	Major	Cdn Artillery Battery Cdr Adazi, Latvia	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	TETREAUULT, J.C.	Colonel	Chief of Liaison MFO (Sinai)	MSM CD
03/07/24cf	ONE (1) NOT GAZETTED	No Rank	Cdn Special Operations Forces Command	MSM
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**BARONATIS, M.S.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Sergeant GH:  
Senior Intelligence Analyst Task Force Latvia DOI: July 2019 to July 2023

“For expertly leading the analytical cell as the Task Force- Latvia Senior Intelligence Analyst from July 2019 to July 2023 during what is described as a “period of extreme geopolitical and military change.”

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**BROWN, Kevin J.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Colonel GH:  
Performance & Competency Evaluation DOI: August 2020 to April 2023

“For unwavering determination and technical acumen while serving as project director, leading the performance and competency evaluation system while in Ottawa, Ontario, from August 2020 to April 2023.”

Retired 2023

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**CARRIER, R.R.L.J.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Major GH:  
Coordinating the Evacuation of 739 Canadians from Sudan as the CJO Liaison in Djibouti DOI: 19 April to 04 May2023

“For brilliantly coordinating the evacuation of 739 Canadians and other civilians from partner nations from Sudan while deployed as the Canadian Joint Operations Command Liaison Officer in Djibouti from April 19 to May 4, 2023.”

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**HOLMAN, Robin F.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Colonel GH:  
Leadership Acting Judge Advocate General DOI: November 2021 to May 2023

“For leadership, dedication, and utmost professionalism after stepping into the role of Acting Judge Advocate General from November 2021 to May 2023.”

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**IRVINE, Ben J.L.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Colonel – ex Royal Canadian Regiment GH:  
Task Force Commander UN Stabilization Mission Congo DOI: September 2022 to August  
2023

“For exceptional leadership and remarkable innovation while serving as Task Force Commander for Operation Crocodile and as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Plans for the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo from September 2022 to August 2023.

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**JOHNSTON, E.J.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Warrant Officer GH:  
Ukraine Operation Union AS J35 Operations & Plans Senior Non-Commissioned Officer DOI: March to September 2023

“Received the award for outstanding proficiency and dedication to operational excellence and mission success during a deployment to Ukraine from March to September 2023 as Operation Union AS J35 Operations and Plans Senior Non-Commissioned Officer.”

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**McLACHLAN, C.L.** MSM CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Ms GH:  
Member of the Canadian Armed Forces National Investigation Committee DOI: 2017 to 2023

“**Ms. C.L. McLachlan** received the award for “impeccable dedication and determination” while undertaking a high-profile internal investigation and serving as a member of the Canadian Forces National Investigation. The investigation was launched in 2017 and lasted until 2023.”

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**MOORES,** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Lieutenant-Colonel GH:  
Senior Military Advisor Security in Europe DOI: August 2022 to September 2023

“For influential leadership and strategic vision during service as Senior Military Advisor to the organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe from August 2022 to September 2023.”

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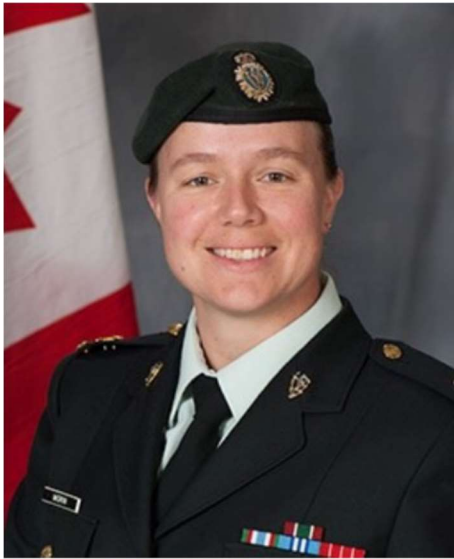
**MORIN, Karen G.**  
Major  
Sr. Intelligence Office JTF Impact

MSM CD

CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
GH:  
DOI: November 2022 to April 2023

“For outstanding service, mentoring, and ability in summarizing complex military information in “plain language” during his deployment to Kuwait as a Senior Intelligence Officer with Joint Task Force Impact/Task Force Central from November 2022 to April 2023.

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNMIS (Sudan) – CD and bar



Lieutenant-Colonel Karen Morin, MSM, CD retired from the Canadian Armed Forces on 04 July 2023 after 27 plus years of service. She Joined the Canadian Armed Forces in June 1996 as a Signals Officer, and graduated from the Royal Military College in 2000 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Engineering. After an on-the-job training period with 2 CMBS HQ and Signals Squadron in Petawawa, she was posted into ADM(IM) in 2001 on the secure common email project and then to the related military message handling system project.

In 2006, she deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan as Chief Information Systems for the NATO Mission, and then was posted to 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, and then moved over to ADM(MAT) in 2010 to work on the counter improvised explosive device project in Directo Combat Support Equipment Management.

In 2021, she was promoted to Major and took over as the technical authority for the Army C2 Long-Term Support contracts in Director Land Command Systems Program Management. She was posted to Calgary in 2015 where she was privileged to serve as the Commanding Officer of the Canadian Forces Recruiting Centre (Prairies and the North) until 2017. She then returned to Ottawa to serve as the Canadian Joint Operations Command Information Management Officer. In 2018, she returned to ADM(IM) to serve as J3 Network Operations for Director General Information Management Operations. In 2021, she was posted into Director General Information Requirements Management Section of Director 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 for the same section.

She will retire in the Ottawa area

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**PARSONS, S. Mark**

MSM CD

CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)

Brigadier-General

GH:

Deployed to Israel US Security Co-ordination Organization

DOI: June 2022 to July 2023

“For remarkable professionalism, transformational expertise, and guidance during a deployment to Israel from June 2022 to July 2023, which was within the United States Security Co-ordinator Organization.

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Expedition and one extra tour bar – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** probably in 2024 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Raised in Newfoundland and Labrador, BGen Mark Parsons joined the Canadian Armed Forces on the 25th of June, 1990 as a member of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals within the Canadian Army. He has commanded from Troop to Formation level, including 21 Electronic Warfare Regiment and the Canadian Forces Information Operations Group.

His key staff experiences include Senior Staff Officer Strategic Vision and Alignment for Defence C4ISR within Director General Cyber, Director Land Command Information and Army G6 within the Canadian Army headquarters, and Director of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals.

BGen Parsons is a graduate of the Royal Military College, St-Jean (CMR) with a bachelor's degree in Space Sciences and has attained three Master's degrees which include an MBA and an MDS from the Royal Military College, Kingston (RMC) and an MSc from the College of Information and Cyberspace, National Defense University in Washington, DC.

BGen Parsons has deployments with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan in 2007 and with the Office of the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority (USSC) in 2022 as Deputy Coordinator Support and Commander, Task Force Jerusalem (Operation PROTEUS).

BGen Parsons assumed the role of Director General Digital Enterprise Modernization within the Digital Transformation Office (DTO) in July 2023. He is married with two children. In June 2024, he was appointed as the Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> Canadian Division in Halifax.



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**RUTLAND, Liam Wade**

Brigadier-General – ex PPCLI

Commander Joint Taks Force Impact / Task Force Central Kuwait

**OMM MSC MSM\* CD**

**BAR**

CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)

GH:

DOI: May 2022 to May 2023



“For exceptional efforts during deployment to Kuwait as Commander of Joint Task Force Impact/Task Force Central from May 2022 to May 2023. Rutland is described as having restructured the task force while “fostering harmonious relationships” with coalition, allies and host-nation partners.”

**Medals:** OMM – MSC – MSM and Bar – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Service Medal with ribbon Expedition – SSM – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – Order of Viesturs 4<sup>th</sup> Class (Latvia)

He was awarded the Officer of the **Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 and the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 11 February 2012.

Awarded the **Order of Viesturs 4<sup>th</sup> Class (Latvia)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 03 March 2018 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

**Brigadier-General Liam Rutland, OMM, MSC, MSM\*, CD**

Born and raised in Pembroke, Ontario, BGen Rutland joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1995. Following infantry officer training, he was posted to Second Battalion Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (2 PPCLI) in 1999, where he served as a rifle platoon commander. In 2002, he was posted to the Second Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment (2R22ER), and spent the next two years as the unit’s Reconnaissance Platoon commander. Following the exchange posting, he served at the Infantry School in Gagetown; in 2006 he was posted within the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command.

BGen Rutland became Officer Commanding Charlie Company, 1 PPCLI, in 2008. He stayed within the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in 2010, taking on the role of the Brigade Operations Officer (G3). BGen Rutland attended the Joint Command and Staff Program in 2011, and in 2012 he became the first Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Canadian Joint Operations Command following the amalgamation of the operational commands.



BGen Rutland remained within the National Capital Region in 2013, moving to the Vice Chief of Defence Staff organisation. During this period, he had the honour of serving on the PPCLI Regimental Executive Committee as a Regional Representative, which included assisting with the Ottawa 100th anniversary celebrations. He recently returned from the Middle East, having completed a tour as the Chief of Staff of Joint Task Force – Iraq.



BGen Rutland took command of a rifle company in 1 PPCLI in 2008. He remained within the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) in 2010, as the G3. BGen Rutland attended the Joint Command and Staff Program in 2011, and in 2012 became the Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Canadian Joint Operations Command. BGen Rutland remained within the Ottawa Region in 2013, moving to the Chief of Programme organization. In 2015 he completed a tour as the Chief of Staff of Joint Task Force – Iraq.

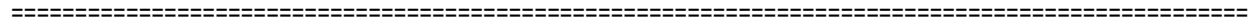
He then took command of 1 PPCLI. While at 1PPCLI, he deployed as the first Commanding Officer of the Enhanced Forward Presence (Latvia) Battle Group, which stood up in June 2017. During this deployment, he was named an Officer of the Order of Viesturs, awarded for contributions to promoting security and defense in Latvia.

**Brigadier-General Liam Rutland, OMM, MSC, MSM\*, CD**  
Former PPPCL  
Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division and Joint Task Force West

In 2018 he became the Chief of Staff, 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division and in 2019, he attended the US Army War College in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He commanded the 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group from June 2020 until April 2022. Subsequently, he commanded Joint Task Force – IMPACT and Task Force - CENTRAL in Iraq from May 2022 until May 2023. In July 2023, Brigadier-General Rutland assumed the role of Chief of Staff Army Operations at Canadian Army Headquarters.

BGen Rutland has participated in operations in Bosnia, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and Latvia, as well as multiple domestic deployments within Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree and two Masters Degrees (Defence Studies and Strategic Studies). He is a graduate of the US Army Ranger Course. BGen Rutland was appointed Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division and Joint Task Force (West) on 27 June 2024.

Within Canada, BGen Rutland took part in Operations GRIZZLY and LUSTRE. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering Degree from McMaster University, and a Master of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada. He is a qualified reconnaissance patrolman, parachutist, and a graduate of the U.S. Army Ranger School.



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**RICE, J.A.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Major GH:  
Deputy Commanding Officer Operations Support Hub in Kuwait DOI: June 2022 to June 2023

“For superb leadership, remarkable tact and thorough work ethic while serving as the Deputy Commanding Officer of the Operational Support Hub- in Kuwait from.”

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**SAUNDERS, D.D.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Colonel GH:  
Canadian Defence Attaché to Iraq and Kuwait DOI: August 2021 to August 2023

“For strategic insight, diplomatic acumen and unfailing professionalism while serving as the Canadian Defence Attache to Iraq and Kuwait from August 2021 to August 2023.”

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**SKELSEY, Craig D.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Major – Royal Canadian Artillery GH:  
Canadian Artillery Battery Cdr Adazi, Latvia DOI: December 2022 to June 2023

“For exceptional work ethic and unparalleled professionalism during deployment as the Canadian Artillery Battery Commander in Adazi, Latvia, from December 2022 to June 2023.”

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**TETREAU, J.C.** MSM CD CanForGen: 03 July 2024 (83/24)  
Colonel GH:  
Chief of Liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai) DOI: July 2022 to August 2023

“For exceptional leadership and diplomacy during service as the Chief of Liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai) from July 2022 to August 2023.”

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No Rank

GH:

Canadian Special Operations Forces Command

DOI:

"A member of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command was awarded the medal, but the name has been withheld for operational and security reasons.

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**MSM\***  
**BAR**

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No Rank

GH:

Canadian Special Operations Forces Command

DOI:

"A member from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command received the bar. However, the name and operation have been withheld for security reasons.



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