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MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

DEVLIN, Peter John

Colonel (Acting BGen) - Canadian Forces

Commander of the Kabul, Multinational Brigade, on Operation ATHENA

CMM MSC CD

CG: 13 November 2004

GH: 25 October 2004

DOI: July 2003 to January 2004

“Colonel Devlin was Acting Brigadier-General and Commander of the Kabul Multi-National Brigade on Operation ATHENA, in Afghanistan, from July 2003 to January 2004. Understanding the importance of building good relations through mutual respect, Col Devlin personally met all the key players of the Afghan Transitional Authority, his allied coalition and his NATO partners. He was involved in the creation of a joint security coordination centre where military, police and para-military organizations shared information and developed the common goal of safeguarding citizens and the Afghan Transitional Authority. Col Devlin distinguished himself by his exceptional dedication to the mission, during an extremely complex and strategic situation.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 June 1998 as Lieutenant Colonel.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 05 May 2010 as Major-General.

Awarded **Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 October 2008 (which said it was a USA MSM) and **Canada Gazette** of 31 January 2009 which corrected it to a Legion of Merit (as a Major-General).

Awarded **2nd Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 December 2010 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded the **Grand Officer of the Order of Military Merit (Brazil)** from the President of Brazil on 25 October 2012

Awarded the **Faith in the Cause Military Medal (Columbia)** from the President of the Columbia on 25 October 2012.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star with Iraq ribbon and one extra tour bar - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – NATO IFOR (2) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar - Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA) (twice) – Grand Officer of the Order of Military Merit (Brazil) – Faith in the Cause Military Medal (Columbia)



CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)
Lieutenant-General Peter John DEVLIN, CMM, MSC, CD



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

FORD, Wayne Arnold

MMM MSC CD

CG: 13 November 2004

Chief Warrant Officer - Canadian Forces

GH: 25 October 2004

Sergeant-Major for Kabul, Multinational Brigade, on Operation ATHENA

DOI: July 2003 to January 2004

“CWO Ford was deployed as the Kabul Multi-National Brigade Sergeant-Major on Operation ATHENA in Afghanistan, in 2003. He has acted as an ambassador for Canada and the Canadian Forces by establishing and maintaining key relationships with Afghan political and military personnel, thus ensuring the accomplishment of the Brigade's mission. His energy and enthusiasm contributed significantly to the organization and maintenance of Camp WAREHOUSE, the Brigade soldiers' living spaces. CWO Ford played a leading role in guaranteeing the success of Operation ATHENA and his contributions to the daily operations of the Brigade reflected highly on Canada in an international environment.”

Awarded **Member, Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 July 2002 as a Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bars NATO and Peace – Peacekeeping – NATO (Bosnia) – CD and Bar



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

LESLIE, Andrew Brooke

Major-General - Canadian Forces
Commander Task Force Kabul Operation ATHENA

CMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 13 November 2004
GH: 25 October 2004
DOI: July 2003 to January 2004



“MGen Leslie was deployed as the Commander for Task Force Kabul and also served as Deputy Commander of NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) of Operation ATHENA in Afghanistan, from August 2003 to February 2004. He guided the ISAF team of 2,200 members to exceptional results, and in doing so, ensured that a safe and secure environment was maintained within Kabul, while building mutual respect between the Afghan Transitional Authorities and the ISAF coalition partners. MGen Leslie's outstanding leadership, dedication and tireless efforts were pivotal to the successful completion of this mission.”

Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 March 2008 (Lieutenant-General).

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 July 1999 (Colonel)

Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 June 1997 (Colonel) – COS Sector South HQ Croatia

Commander Legion of Merit (USA) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 September 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit (Poland) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 December 2010 in the rank of Lieutenant-General. (below right)

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNCRO (2) – Canada 125 – EIRR Golden Jubilee - CD and 2 bars – Commander Legion of Merit (USA) - Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit (Poland)



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

SMITH, Sydney Rolland Allen
Chief Petty Officer Second Class
HMCS Ottawa

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2005
GH: 28 April 2005
DOI: 07 August 2003

“On August 7, 2003, while escorting HMCS *VICTORIA* some 200 nautical miles at sea in the Baja Peninsula, Mexico, HMCS *OTTAWA* experienced a major fire in its engine room. For several hours, in extreme temperatures and with limited visibility, CPO2 Smith personally led and directed the efforts of 20 firefighters, ensuring their safety and welfare and the preservation of vital engineering equipment. CPO2 Smith’s leadership and calm decision-making in extreme conditions were instrumental in the favorable conclusion of a life-threatening situation. Thanks to his personal efforts, HMCS *OTTAWA* was underway again in a normal engineering mode within two hours.”

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DAVIS, James Patrick
Lieutenant-Colonel
Mission des Nations Unies de Stabilisation en Haiti (MINUSTAH)

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2005
GH: 21 July 2005
DOI: March to August 2004

“LCol Davis is recognized for his outstanding contributions, leadership and tireless efforts in regards to the Canadian participation in the Multinational Interim Forces (MIF) in Haiti, and to the transition of operations to the *Mission des Nations Unies de stabilisation en Haiti* (MINUSTAH), from March to August 2004. His stewardship of the task force in one of most quickly mounted missions in Canadian Forces history and his exceptional personal commitment to the operation in Haiti were pivotal to the successful completion of the mission. Through his remarkable accomplishments, LCol Davis has brought great credit and international praise to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** by the American Government as per the **Canada Gazette** of 17 December 2005 in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSC – Somalia – Southwest Asia Medal bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – MSM (USA)

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

HILLIER, Richard ('Rick') J.
Lieutenant-General
Commander ISAF

OC CMM OStJ ONL MSC CD

CG: 24 September 2005
GH: 06 September 2005
DOI: February to August 2004



"Lieutenant-General Hillier, now General, is recognized for his outstanding contributions to NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and to the citizens of Afghanistan during his tenure as Commander ISAF V from February to August 2004. Under challenging and demanding circumstances, he guided the ISAF during a critical transition period. This included projecting influence through provincial reconstruction teams, building the capacity of Afghan security institutions, and providing assistance and security for voter registration during the electoral process. LGen Hillier's leadership, fortitude and dedication were of the highest calibre and enabled him to foster relationships with Afghan authorities that will assist NATO for years to come."

Officer of the Order of Canada (OC) awarded as per Canada Gazette of 04 February 2012 in the rank of General (retired).

Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 September 2001 in the rank of Major-General.

Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) on promotion to Chief of the Defence Staff.

Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 August 2002 as Major-General.

Officer of the Order of St. John (OStJ) awarded as per the Canada Gazette of 29 April 2006 in the rank of General.

Order of Newfoundland and Labrador (ONL) awarded in 2014.

Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** on 25 October 2008. Promoted **General and Chief of the Defence Staff** and **Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit** on 04 February 2005.

Medals of General Rick Hillier, CMM, OStJ, MSC, CD

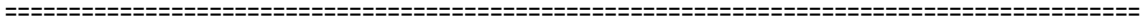
OC - CMM - OStJ - ONL - MSC - Campaign Star with bar ISAF - SSM with bar NATO - Peacekeeping - UNPROFOR - SFOR - Canada 125 - EIIR Golden Jubilee - CD and two bars - Saskatchewan Centennial Medal - Alberta Centennial Medal - Officer Legion of Merit (USA) - Commander of the Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands) (Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service is worn on the SFOR medal)



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



General Richard ('Rick') J. HILLIER, Richard, CMM, OstJ, ONL, MSC, CD



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

LABBÉ, Serge Joseph

MSC CD

CG: 24 September 2005

Colonel

GH: 06 September 2005

Deputy Chief of Staff International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF)

DOI: February to August 2004



“Colonel Labbé was deployed to the headquarters of the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan, from February to August 2004. In this most challenging operational theatre, his performance as deputy Chief of Staff was critical to the success of this Canadian-led operation. He established priorities and synchronized the efforts of a diverse group of representatives from 37 nations that allowed for the successful NATO prosecution of the mission. Colonel Labbé also fostered key ISAF relationships with NATO and UN representatives, the coalition and the international community. His outstanding performance brought great honour and respect to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

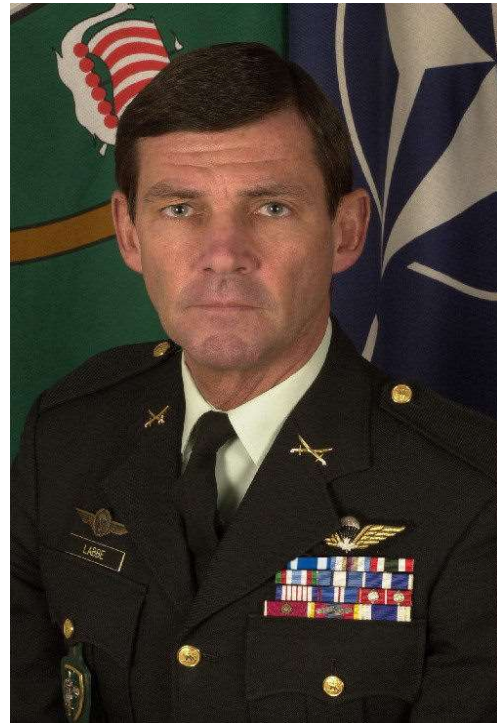
Medals: MSC - Somalia – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – SFOR – Canada 125 – EIIIR Golden Jubilee – CD and two Bars – Officer Legion of Merit (USA) – National Defence Medal in Gold (France) – NATO MSM

Promoted to Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 02 April 1994.

Awarded **Gold Medal, National Defence Medal (France)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 December 2001

Awarded **NATO Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 31 July 2004.



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

LACROIX, Jocelyn Pierre-Paul

MSC CD

CG: 04 February 2006

Colonel (Acting Brigadier General)

GH: 06 September 2005

Commander Kabul Multi-National Brigade Operation Athena

DOI: January to September 2004

“Colonel Lacroix, now Brigadier-General, is recognized for his outstanding performance as the Commander of the Kabul Multi-National Brigade during Operation ATHENA, from January to September 2004. His leadership and dynamism inspired his multinational team. Through his extensive professional knowledge and exceptional dedication, Colonel Lacroix made a considerable impact on the security situation in Kabul, and set the stage for the successful completion of Afghanistan’s first-ever democratic elections. His performance as a while-so-employed Brigadier-General under demanding and dangerous conditions has brought international praise and acclaim to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with bar ISAF – Special Service with bar NATO– Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – Canada 125 – CD and bar

MacLEOD, Barry Wayne

MSC CD

CG: 04 February 2006

Colonel

GH: 06 September 2005

Chief of Staff of the United Nations Mission in Haiti

DOI: May 2004 to January 2005

“As Chief of Staff of the United Nations Mission in Haiti from May 2004 to January 2005, Colonel MacLeod has distinguished himself through his outstanding dedication during complex and highly stressful circumstances. His actions in establishing the United Nations Mission, while promoting a secure environment, highlighted his superior leadership skills, determination and patience. During his tenure, Col MacLeod has brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSC – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti (MINUSTAH) – Canada 125 – CD and bar



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

NATYNCZYK, Walter John
Major-General
Deputy Commanding General Multi-National Corps Operation Iraqi Freedom

CMM (OMM) MSC CD

CG: 04 February 2006
GH: 06 September 2005
DOI: Jan 2004 to January 2005



“MGen Natynczyk is recognized for his outstanding leadership and professionalism while deployed as Deputy Commanding General of the Multi-National Corps during Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. From January 2004 to January 2005, MGen Natynczyk led the Corps' 10 separate brigades, consisting of more than 35,000 soldiers stationed throughout the Iraq Theatre of Operations. He also oversaw planning and execution of all Corps level combat support and combat service support operations. His pivotal role in the development of numerous plans and operations resulted in a tremendous contribution by the Multi-National Corps to Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, and has brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 September 2001 (rank Colonel).

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 January 2007 (rank Major-General).

Promoted **General** and made **Chief of Defense Staff** and **Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit** on 03 July 2008.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 November 2005 (rank Brigadier-General).

Awarded **Commander of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 September 2012 (rank General).

Awarded **Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit (Poland)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 June 2013 (rank General).

Medals: CMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with Iraq ribbon - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus - UNPROFOR – NATO SFOR – CD and two Bars – Commander, Legion of Merit (USA) – Commander Legion of Honour (France) – Commander's Cross, Order of Merit (Poland)



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



Commander's Cross
Order of Merit
Poland

General Walter John NATYNCZYK, CMM (OMM) MSC CD

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

MILLER, Marc
Master Seaman
HMCS Chicoutimi (Submarine)

MSC CD

CG: 08 April 2006
GH: 27 March 2006
DOI: 05 October 2004



“During the afternoon of October 5, 2004, a major fire broke out on board HMCS *Chicoutimi*. The submarine quickly filled with black, acrid smoke and was left without power. Electrical explosions and molten metal started secondary fires on one of the decks. MS Miller’s initiative, presence of mind, and dedication to duty in attacking and extinguishing these fires were crucial in the initial moments of the accident. He remained calm and focused throughout, assisting several crew members who became incapacitated, and taking charge of a challenging situation. MS Miller’s actions were instrumental in preventing further damage to the submarine.”

Medals: MSC – SSM with bar NATO - CD

GRENIER, J.F.M. Stephane
Lieutenant-Colonel
Operational Stress Injury Social Support Program

CM MSC CD

CG: 04 November 2006
GH: 24 October 2006
DOI: 2001 to 2006

“For exceptional leadership and determination in developing and implementing the operational stress injury social support program since 2001.”

“Lieutenant-Colonel Grenier was the driving force behind the development and implementation of the Operational Stress Injury Social Support Program. This program has had a remarkable effect on the lives of Canadian Forces members and veterans, as well as on their families. Since its inception in 2001, the program’s Peer Support Network has assisted more than 1,500 people in reintegrating into the workforce and society. Lieutenant-Colonel Grenier’s initiative has not only provided support service, it has also helped to eradicate many of the barriers to compassionate and humane treatment of those suffering from occupational stress injuries. Lieutenant-Colonel Grenier’s endeavour has brought him great personal pride and has been of great benefit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Canada (CM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 June 2018 in the rank LCol (ret’d).

Medals: CM – MSC (military) – General Campaign Star bar ISAF – Peacekeeping - UN Lebanon – UN Cambodia - UN Haiti - CD



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

VOITH, Michael Robert
Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Engineers
Commander Task Force Pakistan

MSC CD

CG: 04 November 2006
GH: 24 October 2006
DOI: 2006

“For outstanding leadership demonstrated as Commander Task Force Pakistan during DART ‘S’ contribution to earthquake relief efforts during Operation PLATEAU in 2005.”

“Lieutenant-Colonel Voith is recognized for the outstanding professionalism and leadership that he demonstrated during two deployments of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART). In the first mission, Operation STRUCTURE, the DART team provided humanitarian relief in the aftermath of PLATEAU, his unit contributed to the relief efforts to assist the inhabitants of earthquake-devastated regions of Pakistan. As the commander of Task Force Pakistan and as the commanding officer for Operation PLATEAU, Lieutenant-Colonel Voith demonstrated an uncommonly high standard of guidance that was directly responsible for the unqualified success of both missions. His actions were in the highest tradition of the principles upon which the Canadian Forces pride themselves.”



Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 September 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **Sitara-i-Eissaar (Star of Sacrifice) (Pakistan)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 July 2018 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Note: He served with the DART in Pakistan in October 2005 and the Canada Gazette entry was almost 13 years later!!!!

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 tour bars – SSM with bar NATO and Humanitas – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – CD and two bars – Bronze Star (USA) – Sitara-i-Eisaar (Pakistan)

Colonel Michael Voith, MSC, CD

LCol Voith was born in Calgary Alberta. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1979 and attended Collège militaire royal de Saint-Jean from 1979 to 1981, and the Royal Military College of Canada from 1981-1983. Upon graduation and completion of his military engineer training his first posting was to 1 Combat Engineer Regiment (1CER). While serving in 1 CER he deployed to Cyprus in 1986 with the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment as the contingent engineer officer. Upon his return to Canada, he was posted to 8 Field Engineer Regiment in Edmonton as the Regular Support Staff Officer. In 1989, LCol Voith was posted to 1 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters in Calgary where he served for three years holding the positions of G3 Plans and G1. In 1992, he was appointed the Deputy Commanding Officer of 4 Engineer Support Regiment at CFB Galetown.

LCol Voith was subsequently posted to Land Force Command Headquarters in St Hubert in 1993 as G1 Personnel Policy 2. In January 1995, he was assigned for one year to the former Yugoslavia as the Force Engineer Operations Officer in the United Nations Peace Forces Headquarters. In August 1996, LCol Voith was posted to the Director of Army Doctrine and in 1999 he was appointed Commanding Officer and Director of Administration of Land Force Doctrine and Training System Headquarters.

Colonel Michael Voith, MSC, CD

From 2000 to 2002, LCol Voith commanded 4 Engineer Support Regiment at CFB Gagetown. During his time in command, he deployed his regiment to Eritrea/Ethiopia as part of Operation ECLIPSE responsible for the engineer aspects of theatre activation, mission close out and close engineer support to the Task Force. From 2003 to 2006, LCol Voith was the Engineer Advisor in the Canadian Joint Force Headquarters and Commanding Officer of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) at CFB Kingston. He commanded the Theatre Activation Team for Operation HALO in Haiti in 2004 and was the Commander of Task Force Colombo and Commanding Officer of the DART following the Tsunami disaster in Sri Lanka in Dec 2004. LCol Voith was also the Commander for Task Force Plateau and Commanding Officer of the DART following the earthquake in Pakistan in October 2005. In January 2006, LCol Voith was posted to the Strategic Joint Staff at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. From January to October 2008, he served in Regional Command South Headquarters in Kandahar Afghanistan as the Commander's Planner. From October 2008 until October 2009 he was the Director of Army Doctrine.



In June 2010, LCol Voith was **promoted Colonel (Acting While So Employed)** and from October 2010 to October 2011 served as the Chief Engineer of 10th Mountain Division/Regional Command South in Kandahar Afghanistan. LCol Voith is a graduate of the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff Course and the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course. He holds a Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering, a Master of Arts in Defence Management and Policy and a Master of Defence Studies all from the Royal Military College of Canada. He is a Registered Professional Engineer with APEGA. LCol Voith is a recipient of the **Meritorious Service Cross** from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, **the Sitara-i-Eisaar (Star of Sacrifice) from the President of Pakistan** and the **US Bronze Star Medal** for exceptional meritorious service as the Chief Engineer of 10th Mountain Division during Operation Enduring Freedom.

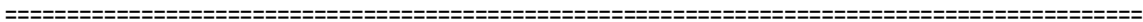
LCol Voith will commenced employment on 14 May 2012 as the Chief Executive Officer for of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires Kingston and Eastern Ontario Division in Kingston Ontario. He will also continue to work the family farm with his wife Janet and their children Adam, Brian, Craig and Hilary.



Sitara-i-Eisaar (Star of Sacrifice) of Pakistan



Bronze Star (USA)



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

BOWES, Stephen Joseph P.

CMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Colonel

GH: 27 October 2006

Commander Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT)

DOI: February 2005 to Feb 2006

“Colonel Bowes’ exceptional leadership as commander of the provincial reconstruction team was instrumental to the overall success of Task Force Afghanistan from February 2005 to February 2006. His vision and commitment played a crucial role in the developmental stages of Canada’s first tangible attempt at the whole-of-government approach to foreign policy in the region. His acumen and interpersonal skills were pivotal to the successful fusion of efforts by the Department of National Defence, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, the former Solicitor General Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency towards achieving the Government of Canada’s objectives of development and reconstruction in Afghanistan.



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 March 2008 in the rank of Colonel as the DCO of the Contingency Task Force.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2011 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 April 2014 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: CMM - MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia with two tour maple leaves - General Campaign Star with SW Asia Ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Bronze Star (USA) - Meritorious Service (USA)



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

FRASER, David Allison

CMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Colonel (Acting Brigadier-General in Afghanistan)

GH: 27 October 2006

Commander Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: 01 March 2006 to 01 Nov 2006

“For exceptional leadership as Commander Task Force Afghanistan from 01 March to 01 November 2006.”

“As the commander of Task Force Afghanistan and multinational forces in Afghanistan from March 1 to November 1, 2006, acting Brigadier-General Fraser experienced challenges of a breadth and depth unmatched in Canadian military operations carried out over the past half-century. In complex, intensive counter-insurgency operations, he created the operational conditions that led to a seamless and highly successful transition to NATO command. His exceptional leadership, unflinching resolve and superb professionalism have contributed to enhanced collaboration between the Afghan government, the international community and coalition forces.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 14 September 1996 (rank Lieutenant-Colonel for UNPROFOR).

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 January 2007 (rank Colonel).

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 May 2010 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded the **USA Legion of Merit (Legionnaire)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 2007 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded the **USA Bronze Star** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2011 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals:

CMM (OMM) – MSC – MSM – Southeast Asia with bar AFGHANISTAN – General Campaign Star with bar ISAF + FIAS – Peacekeeping – Cyprus (2) – UNPROFOR (2) – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD with two bars – Alberta Centennial – USA Legion of Merit (Legionnaire) – USA Bronze Star



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

NOONAN, Steven Patrick
Colonel – Royal Canadian Engineers
Canadian Commander Task Force Afghanistan

CMM MSC CD

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 01March 2005 to 01 March 2006

“For exceptional leadership as Canadian Commander Task Force Afghanistan from 01 March to 01 November 2006.”

“As commander of Task Force Afghanistan in 2005 and 2006, Colonel Noonan led an extremely complex and demanding operation. Following an intense period in support of the Afghan election process, he planned and led the closure of a major operating base in Kabul and the transition to the substantially more dangerous and challenging operations in the southern region. The success of this transition is directly attributable to his superb analysis and planning skills, exceptional leadership and exemplary dedication. Colonel Noonan has brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada and set the conditions for future NATO successes in southern Afghanistan.”



Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 September 2007 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 09 February 2013 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar – Peacekeeping - UNPROFOR – CD and 2 bars – Bronze Star (USA)



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

HOPE, Ian Clarence
Lieutenant-Colonel
Task Force Afghanistan

MSC MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 2006



“For outstanding professionalism as Commanding Officer of Task Force ORION during his deployment with Task Force Afghanistan in 2006.”

“In 2006, Lieutenant-Colonel Hope served as Commanding Officer of the Task Force Orion, the Canadian Battle Group that experienced the first major land combat operations since the Korea War. Leading from the front, Lieutenant-Colonel Hope worked tirelessly under difficult conditions to achieve Canada’s strategic aims in Afghanistan. A dynamic leader, he assembled an effective combat team that was instrumental in expanding the Canadian presence throughout the region and in achieving considerable success in suppressing enemy activities. His exceptional knowledge and understanding of Afghan culture strengthened the bond between local Afghan authorities and the Canadian contingent.”



Medals: MSC - MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star Southwest Asia ribbon one additional tour bar – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Gulf War (Britain) – MSM (USA)

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Government House** of 24 June 2014 in the rank of Colonel and not presented until 25 June 2018 at the NATO Defence College.

Meritorious Service Medal (USA) awarded to Colonel Ian Clarence Hope, MSC, as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 December 2010.



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

McDONALD, Michael Lawrence MMM MSC CD
Chief Warrant Officer
Brigade Sergeant-Major Task Force AEGIS with Task Force Afghanistan

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 2006

“For outstanding professionalism as the Brigade Sergeant-Major of Task Force AEGIS while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan in 2006.”

“In 2006, Chief Warrant Officer McDonald served as the brigade sergeant-major of Task Force Aegis, the multinational brigade headquarters for Operation ARCHER in Afghanistan. An outstanding leader and ambassador, he helped shape this dynamic and effective multinational headquarters. He reinforced the international reputation of Canadian soldiers and his tenacious drive and determination, coupled with a sound understanding of brigade dynamics, contributed to Canada’s successes as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.”



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

Medals: MMM - MSC – Southwest with Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus with 2 – CD and 2 Bars

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

HESS-VON KRUEDENER, Paeta Derek
 Major – PPCLI
 United Nations Mission Lebanon

MSC CD
Posthumous

CG: 11 August 2007
 GH: 30 July 2007
 DOI: 25 July 2007



“Major Hess-von Kruedener is awarded the Meritorious Service Cross posthumously for his outstanding performance and dedication to duty while serving at a United Nations observation post in the Kham area of southern Lebanon. When the conflict erupted, Major Hess-von Kruedener knew he could not be evacuated, yet he steadfastly maintained his position while reporting the situation as it presented itself, until his untimely death on July 25, 2006. A Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry officer, Major Hess-Von Kruedener brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and to the military profession.”

Major Hess von Kruedener enlisted on 10 December 1986 in Chilliwack and served in Cyprus, the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire, and twice in Bosnia before joining the United Nations Truce and Supervision Organization (UNTSO) in October, 2005. Major Hess-von Kruedener had

been an infantry officer with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry for 20 years, taking part in United Nations peacekeeping missions in Cyprus and in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Medals: MSC – Sacrifice - Peacekeeping – UNDOF - UN Cyprus – UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CC and bar



Cynthia Hess-Von Kruedener received the MSC from the Governor General



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

GIROUARD, Robert Michael Joseph	MSC CD	CG: 01 March 2008
Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment	Posthumous	GH: 02 October 2007
RSM 1 st R22eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan	Killed in Action	DOI: August 2006 to 27 November 2006

“Chief Warrant Officer Girouard was deployed in August 2006 as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan. Throughout his tour of duty, up to the moment he was killed in action on November 27, 2006, he led from the front, sharing the dangers and hardships associated with combat operations. He contributed greatly to the Battle Group’s fighting spirit, which led to the defeat of the enemy during Operation MEDUSA. Chief Warrant Officer Girouard’s outstanding leadership, professionalism and courage brought singular credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.

Killed in Action: 27 November 2006 - Two Canadian soldiers were killed on the outskirts of Kandahar when a suicide car bomber attacked a convoy of military vehicles. Cpl. Albert Storm, 36, of Niagara Falls, Ont., and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Girouard, 46, from Bouctouche, N.B., were members of the Royal Canadian Regiment based in Petawawa, Ont. They were in an armoured personnel carrier that had just left the Kandahar Airfield base when a vehicle approached and detonated explosives.



His wife, Jacqueline, accepted the MSC from the Governor General of Canada.

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

NORTHRUP, Randy Allan

MSC CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 27 October 2006

RSM 1 PPCLI Battle Group with Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2006



“For outstanding professionalism and leadership as RSM of 1 PPCLI Battle Group while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from January to August 2006.”

“From January to August 2006, Chief Warrant Officer Northrup was the regimental Sergeant-Major of the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group in Kandahar. There, he oversaw the transformation of the Battle Group into a highly effective combat unit. Chief Warrant Officer Northrup demonstrated leadership under intense combat conditions, which included direct and indirect enemy fire, multiple casualties, extreme environmental conditions and a determined enemy. His exemplary performance demonstrated the highest level of duty, leadership and courage and greatly contributed to the success of the mission and to the reputation of the Canadian Forces.”

Medals: MSC – SE Asia bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNDOF - UNPROFOR – CD and Bar – Alberta Centennial



Alberta Centennial Medal

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

LAVOIE, Omer Henry

OMM MSC CD

CG: 11 August 2007

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 30 July 2007

CO 1st Battalion RCR Battle Group, Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: August 2006 to Feb 2007

“From August 2006 to February 2007, Lieutenant-Colonel Lavoie commanded the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in southern Afghanistan. He played a leading role in two complex brigade operations, including Operation MEDUSA, the most significant ground combat operation in NATO’s history. His battle group’s actions throughout their operational tour set the conditions for thousands of Afghans to return to their homes. During this period of sustained intense combat, Lieutenant-Colonel Lavoie led from the front, sharing the dangers and harsh living conditions of his troops. His exceptional professionalism and leadership in combat brought great credit to the Canadian Forces, to Canada and to NATO.”



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (NATO)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 August 2007.

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

Medals: OMM - MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar KOSOVO - EIRR Diamond Jubilee – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar – NATO MSM



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

ROULEAU, Michael Norman

OMM MSC CD

CG: ng

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Artillery

GH: not known

Commander of a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan

DOI: 2006 to 2007



“Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Norman Rouleau was serving with the Canadian Forces Special Operations Task Force and commanded a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan in 2006 and 2007. His name was not gazetted at the time as Special Operations Task Force member’s names are not published while they are serving with this group.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – European Community Monitor Mission (Yugoslavia) – CD and Bar

Major-General Michael Norman ROULEAU, OMM, MSC, CD Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command

Born on the 4th of July 1967 into a military family, BGen Rouleau grew up in various locations including Montreal, Quebec City, Quetta Pakistan and Ottawa before joining the military in 1985. He was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer in 1986 and served Regimental tours in Valcartier, Quebec with 5e Régiment d’artillerie légère du Canada (5 RALC), and Lahr, West Germany with 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA) until 1992.

In 1994 he joined the ranks of a nascent Joint Task Force 2 (JTF 2) serving as Adjutant, Assault Troop Commander and Sabre Squadron Commander until 1999. In July 1999, MGen Rouleau retired from the Canadian Armed Forces and joined the ranks of the Ottawa Carleton Regional Police Service as an Emergency Response Officer; a job he cherished within a progressive police service for both its breadth and discretion. Owing to the events of 9-11, BGen Rouleau re-enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces returning to JTF 2 as Chief Instructor in September 2002 then briefly as regimental Second-in-Command of 5 RALC in 2004/05.



After attending the Canadian Forces Command and Staff Course in 2005/06, MGen Rouleau commanded a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan in 2006/07. He assumed command of JTF 2 in May 2007, a position he held until June 2009. Upon completion of the Canadian Forces National Security Programme in 2010 and a variety of subsequent strategic level portfolios, BGen Rouleau served as the Canadian Joint Operations Command liaison officer to US CENTCOM HQ (Forward) in Jordan in 2013.

His has served at the strategic level include CDS Transformation Team 2 and Executive Assistant to the Army Commander. In June 2011, he was promoted to Colonel and appointed Director of Force Development to the Chief of Force Development at NDHQ in Ottawa. He then served as the Director of NATO Police with the Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) Group.

Promoted to Brigadier-General, he was appointed the Commander of the Canadian Special Operations Group in February 2014.

**Major-General Michael Norman ROULEAU, OMM, MSC, CD
Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command**

In 2017, Brigadier-General Rouleau was promoted (acting while so employed in early 2017 and substantive in July 2017) to the rank of Major-General and remained as the Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command.

Major-General Rouleau pleaded guilty to one count of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline at his Court Marshal in October 2016 and was fined \$2,000. According to a statement of facts read during the court martial, Rouleau and another officer were getting ready to visit a forward operating base after presenting several soldiers with medals when his rifle fired one round. The bullet hit the ground less than two feet from the other officer. The case stemmed from an incident in northern Iraq in December 2015 where 170 Canadian Special Forces are training Kurdish forces in the fight against ISIL.



BGen Rouleau has deployed on operations in the Balkans three times, as well as Africa, Afghanistan, and the Middle East. His decorations include the Governor General's Commendation (Sarajevo 92), Meritorious Service Cross (Afghanistan 07) and he was inducted as an Officer within the Order of Military Merit in 2013. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Manitoba, a Master of Defence Studies and a Master of Arts Degree in Security, Defence Policy and Management, both from the Royal Military College of Canada. He has been married for 25 years and has an amazing 20 year-old daughter (2017).



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

O'BRIEN, Gary James Patrick

OMM MSC CD

CG: 23 June 2007

Brigadier-General – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 24 April 2008

Deputy Commanding General Combined Security Transition Command Afghanistan

DOI: March to December 2006

“Brigadier-General O'Brien is recognized for his outstanding leadership and commitment while deployed as the deputy commanding general for political military integration in the Combined Security Transition Command - Afghanistan, from March to December 2006. Through his frequent interactions with the President of Afghanistan and the Minister of the Interior, he greatly facilitated the establishment of legitimate and capable Afghan policing forces. This was essential to ensuring the rule of law, extending the Government of Afghanistan's legitimacy and enhancing the transition of the nation to a viable democracy. His exceptionally high level of performance brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada...”

Medals: OMM - MSC – SW Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – EIRR Golden Jubilee – Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD and bar – Baaryaal Darajaah UAK (Successful Grade 1st Grade) Afghanistan

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

Awarded **Baaryaal Darajaah UAK (Successful Grade 1st Grade) Medal** by the **Government of Afghanistan** in 2011 in the rank of Brigadier-General.



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

HETHERINGTON, Simon Charles OMM MSC (*) CD
Lieutenant-Colonel - Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
Commanding Officer Kandahar Reconstruction Team – Afghanistan

CG: 26 January 2008
GH: 24 September 2007
DOI: June 2006 to January 2007

“Lieutenant-Colonel Hetherington was deployed as commanding officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT), Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from June 2006 to January 2007. His exceptional leadership of the entire government team, as well as his tactical acumen, generated outstanding results in development, reconstruction and governance operations. His dynamic character and expert knowledge earned unstinting respect from Afghan and Coalition leaders and projected a strong, positive image of Canada’s role in Afghanistan. Lieutenant-Colonel Hetherington’s achievements during his assignment with the KPRT provided an extraordinary contribution to the International Security Assistance Force mission and played a vital role in helping the Afghan people rebuild their nation.”



Awarded **NATO Meritorious Service Medal** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 25 August 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Cross (MSC*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Colonel.



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Legionnaire of the Order of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM - MSC (later Bar) – Southwest Asia Ribbon with bar Afghanistan - General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon with one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO former Yugoslavia (2) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 Bars – NATO MSM – Legionnaire Order of Merit (USA)



Promoted to Major-General in April 2017.

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

LANTHIER, Jean-Marc
 Lieutenant-Colonel
 Commander Operational Mentor Team – Afghanistan

OMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 26 January 2008
 GH: 24 September 2007
 DOI: August 2006 to March 2007



“Lieutenant-Colonel Lanthier assumed command of the first Canadian operational mentor liaison team from August 2006 to March 2007. During that time, he demonstrated exceptional professionalism. He and his teammates delivered work of such high quality that they became models for similar NATO units. Under his command, the unit greatly contributed to the success of the development of the Afghan National Army, as evidenced by the impressive achievements of the battalion with which he was associated. Lieutenant-Colonel Lanthier’s remarkable leadership and organizational skills have brought tremendous honour to Canada’s mission in Afghanistan.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 April 2011 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 18 December 2010 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 2014 in the rank of Colonel

Medal: OMM - MSC - MSM – General Service Star with SWA ribbon plus two extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with Haiti ribbon - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR (2) – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)



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

BAISLEY, Mark Leslie

MMM MSC CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

Regimental Sergeant Major - 2nd RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2007

“While deployed in Afghanistan as the regimental sergeant major of 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from January to August 2007, Chief Warrant Officer Baisley maintained an unwavering focus on his mission and an exemplary discipline. His effective management of personnel, from soldier welfare to force protection, was highly regarded and respected.”

Medals: MMM - MSC – General Service Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar - Legionnaire of the Order of Merit (USA)

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 November 2008 (rank Chief Warrant Officer).

Awarded **Legionnaire of the Order of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 18 December 2013 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.



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

BARTLETT, Wayne Allan
Chief Warrant Officer - PPCLI
RSM Operational Mentor and Liaison Team JTF Afghanistan

MMM MSC CD

CG: 19 April 2008
GH: 11 March 2008
DOI: February to August 2007



“Chief Warrant Officer Bartlett, then master warrant officer, is being recognized for his outstanding military expertise while deployed as the regimental sergeant major of the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team in Afghanistan, from February to August 2007. His integrity and profound regard for cultural differences greatly contributed to improving the confidence of the Afghan National Army and its operational effectiveness.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 09 February 2013 in the rank of Captain.
(Appointed on 23 September 2011)

Medals: MSC – Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon — Peacekeeping – UNAMIR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

LONG, Ian

MSC CD

CG: 19 April 2008
GH: 11 March 2008
DOI: February to August 2007

Warrant Officer – 2nd Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment
Platoon 2nd in Command “C” Company, 2nd RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan



“Warrant Officer Long was deployed to Afghanistan as the platoon second-in-command with Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from February to August 2007. During that time, he led his platoon back into combat operation in the aftermath of devastating improvised explosive device strikes that claimed the lives of numerous members of his platoon, including its commander.”

Medals: MSC – SW Asia – General Service Star with SWA ribbon and one extra bar - Peacekeeping – UNDOF – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD

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

EYRE, Wayne Donald (CMM) MSC CD
Colonel – ex Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry
Commanding Officer Operational Mentor and Liaison Team JTF Afghanistan

CG: 19 April 2008
GH: 11 March 2008
DOI: March to August 2007

“Colonel Eyre, then lieutenant-colonel, distinguished himself by his outstanding commitment to the success of the mission while deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team, from March to August 2007. His expert knowledge of counter-insurgency strategy and tactics ensured Afghan successes against Taliban operations, bringing stability to the volatile region and strengthening good governance within Kandahar Province.”



Medals: CMM - MSC – General Service Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – NATO former Yugoslavia – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Alberta Centennial – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA) raised to Commander, Legion of Merit (USA) – Order of National Security 2nd Class (Korea) – Korean Service Medal – Commander, National Order of Merit (France) – Gold Cross of Honour (Germany) – Order of Viesturs 1st Class (Latvia)

Awarded **Commander, Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 June 2019 in the rank of LGen.

Awarded **Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 April 2015 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Officer, Legion of Merit – First Oak Leaf Cluster (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 February 2020 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Commander, Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 April 2021 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Order of National Security Merit (Gukseon Medal) (South Korea)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 February 2021 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

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



Awarded **Commander, National Order of Merit (France)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 October 2021 in the rank of LGen.

Awarded **The Gold Cross of Honour (Germany)** as per the **Honours & Recognition** of the CF 2024 as a General.

Awarded **Order of Viesturs First Class (Latvia)** as per the **Honours & Recognition** of the CF 2024 as a General.



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

WALKER, Robert Darren Keith

OMM MSC CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

Commanding Officer 2nd RCR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

DOI: February to August 2007



“Lieutenant-Colonel Walker was deployed as the commanding officer, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from February to August 2007. His dynamic leadership enabled the expansion of the Kandahar Afghan Development Zone and empowered the Canadian International Development Agency in its rehabilitation efforts.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Colonel

Medals: OMM - MSC – General Service Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD and bar



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

RUFF, Alexander Thomas MSC CD CG: 19 April 2008
 Major - Royal Canadian Regiment GH: 11 March 2008
 Officer Commanding 'H' Company, 2nd Battalion RCR Battle Group- JTF Afghanistan DOI: January to August 2007

“Major Ruff was deployed as the officer commanding Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. His tactical skills and outstanding leadership were instrumental in defeating a determined enemy during numerous engagements of his combat team.”



Medals: MSC – General Service Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD

**Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander (‘Alex’) Thomas RUFF, MSC, CD
 Commanding Officer – 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment**

June	1993	Officer Cadet	Royal Military College (RMC)
June	1997	2 nd Lieutenant	The Royal Canadian Regiment (3 rd Battalion)
June	1997	Lieutenant	The Royal Canadian Regiment (3 rd Battalion)
July	1998	Lieutenant	Op PALLADIUM Rotation 3 (Bosnia)
February	1999	Lieutenant	End Op PALLADIUM tour – with 3 RCR
June	2000	Captain	The Royal Canadian Regiment (3 rd Battalion)
March	2001	Captain	Op PALLADIUM Rotation 8 (Bosnia)
August	2001	Captain	End Op PALLADIUM tour – with 3 RCR
September	2002	Captain	Land Force Technical Staff Programme
September	2003	Captain	On Staff Infantry School
June	2006	Captain	The Royal Canadian Regiment (2 nd Battalion)
January	2007	Captain	Op ATHENA Rotation 3 (Kandahar, Afghanistan) 2RCR
August	2007	Captain	End Op Athena as OC ‘H’ Company 2RCR – awarded MSC
September	2007	Major	Directorate of Land Concepts & Design (embedded RCR)
August	2009	Major	Student Canadian Forces College (Toronto)
June	2010	Major	Completes Joint Command and Staff Programme (JCSP) 36
July	2010	LCol	Promoted LCol – to NDHQ Ottawa
June	2011	LCol	Commanding Officer 2 nd Battalion RCR CFB Gagetown
March	2012	LCol	Cdr National Command & Support Element Afghanistan *
November	2012	LCol	Ends tour in Afghanistan
June	2013	LCol	Ends term as Commanding Officer 2 nd Battalion RCR
July	2013	LCol	Canadian Forces Language School CFB Gagetown



* Commanding Officer, National Command and Support Element and Chief of Staff Canadian Contribution Training Mission - Afghanistan (CCTM-A) Op ATTENTION Rotation 1 (Kabul, Afghanistan) March 2012 to November 2012.

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

O'TOOLE, Wayne Francis

MSC CD

CG: 19 April 2008

Master Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 11 March 2008

Company Sergeant Major, 'H' Company, 2nd RCR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2007



“Master Warrant Officer O’Toole, deployed as the sergeant-major of Hotel Company, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007, is recognized for his leadership during combat operations, for his exemplary dedication to his troops and for his compassionate care of those injured.”

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

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BOLEN, William Alan

MSC CD

CG: 01 March 2008

Master Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 13 February 2008

Sergeant-Major for Patrol Company, Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team

DOI: May 2005 to February 2006



“For his outstanding leadership and professionalism as the sergeant-major for Patrol Company, Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, during Operation ARCHER, Rotation 0, from May 2005 to February 2006.”

Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – CD and Bar

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

GAUTHIER, Joseph Roger Alain

MSC CD

CG: 19 July 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal 22e Régiment

GH: 04 June 2008

Commanding Officer R22eR Battle Group Joint Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to February 2008

“Lieutenant-Colonel Gauthier was deployed as the battle group commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to February 2008. His leadership and strength of character during a critical phase of Afghan development inspired his troops and garnered immeasurable respect from the Afghan and international communities.”



Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Haiti - NATO former Yugoslavia – Interfet – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar



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

LAROCHE, Joseph René Marcel Guy
Brigadier-General
Commander Joint Task Force Afghanistan

OMM MSC CD

CG: 19 July 2008
GH: 04 June 2008
DOI: August 2007 to March 2008

“Brigadier-General Laroche commanded Joint Task Force Afghanistan from August 2007 to March 2008. His leadership, determination and vision were central to Canada’s mission in Afghanistan, bringing visible progress and enhancing the quality of life of the people of Kandahar province.”

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 March 2008 (rank Colonel).



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

MARCHAND, Joseph Georges Jean Pierre MMM MSC CD
 Chief Warrant Officer – 3 Royal 22e Régiment
 Regimental Sergeant Major 3rd R22eR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CG: 19 July 2008
 GH: 04 June 2008
 DOI: July 2007 to March 2008

“Chief Warrant Officer Marchand was deployed to Afghanistan as the regimental sergeant major of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, from July 2007 to March 2008. Determined and unwavering in his concern for the welfare of his troops, he mentored and led them through difficult and traumatic times. His dedication greatly contributed to the battle group’s cohesion, morale and extraordinary success.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 July 2002 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with one extra tour bar - Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – UN Haiti with bar – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar



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MERCIER, Joseph Christian Michel Mario MSC CD
 Master Warrant Officer - Royal 22e Régiment **Posthumous**
 Company Sergeant Major 3rd Battalion R22eR Battle Group - JTF Afghanistan

CG: 19 July 2008
 GH: 04 June 2008
 DOI: July 2007 to August 2007

“Master Warrant Officer Mercier was deployed as company sergeant major from July to August 2007. Displaying leadership and devotion to duty, he prepared his soldiers for the challenges they would face in Afghanistan, and inspired them as they went into battle. Sadly, Master Warrant Officer Mercier made the ultimate sacrifice when he succumbed to injuries sustained by an explosion from a roadside bomb.”

Killed in Action: 19 August 2007

On August 22, Master Warrant Officer Mario Mercier of the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22e Régiment, and Master Corporal Christian Duchesne of the 5th Field Ambulance, along with their Afghan interpreter, lost their lives when the LAV III in which they were riding hit what was believed to be a mine, approximately 50 km west of Kandahar.



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

ABBOUD, Joseph Antoine Dave

MSC MMV MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Major - Royal 22e Régiment

GH: 28 October 2008

CO 'B' Company, R22eR Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to March 2008



“Major Abboud was deployed as the commanding officer of B Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment, from July 2007 to March 2008. He displayed leadership and tactical skills during security and humanitarian assistance operations, which greatly contributed to bringing stability and hope to the Afghan people of the Zharey district.”

Awarded **Medal of Military Valour (MMV)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 November 2008 in the rank of Major.

Medals: MSC – MMV – MSM - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Campaign Star with ribbon Expedition - Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD

**Lieutenant Colonel (now Major-General) David Abboud, MSC, MMV, MSM, CD
Commander - School of Leadership and Recruit Canadian Forces**



Lieutenant Colonel Dave Abboud is from Montreal and joined the Canadian Forces in 1993 after having completed training as an infantry officer, he was posted to the Royal 22nd Regiment in Quebec City.

Lieutenant Colonel Abboud was deployed as a platoon commander in Haiti in 1997 with the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment as part of the Mission of the United Nations Transition, and thereafter in the Montreal area after the storm ice in January 1998 in 2002, always with the same battalion but this time as an operations officer for an infantry company, he was deployed to Bosnia - Herzegovina under the aegis of the stabilization Force NATO. In 2007-08, he was deployed to Afghanistan as the combat team commander with the Battle Group, 3rd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment under the aegis of the International Security Assistance Force of NATO.

Lieutenant Colonel Abboud held positions of staff in several organizations Headquarters of National Defence in Ottawa, including the Director General Military Careers, to the General Staff of the Army, to State strategic Joint Staff and Command Joint Operations Canada.



Lieutenant Colonel Abboud was promoted to his current rank in July 2011 and holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Ottawa and a Masters in art and science Military College Command and Staff of the United States Army.

In July 2014, Lieutenant Colonel Abboud took command of the School of Leadership and Recruit Canadian Forces in Saint -Jean- sur- Richelieu, Quebec.

In July 2024, he was promoted to Major-General and became the Commander of the Canadian Armed Forces Intelligence Command and Chief of Defence Intelligence.

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

CHAMBERLAIN, Robert Keith

MSC CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Artillery

GH: 28 October 2008

CO Kandahar PRT – Joint Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: January 2007 to February 2008

“Lieutenant-Colonel Chamberlain deployed as the commanding officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, from January 2007 to February 2008. With courage and determination, he created momentum to improve the governance and development aspects of the mission. His leadership and diplomatic skills directly contributed to the enhancement of the Canadian mission in Kandahar Province.”

Medals: MSC – Sacrifice - General Campaign Star with SW Asia ribbon and 4 extra tour bars – Sacrifice Medal - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping - UN Cyprus – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar



**Colonel Robert Keith Chamberlain, MSC, CD
Chief of Staff 4th Canadian Division Headquarters**

Colonel Chamberlain enrolled in the Canadian Forces as a private soldier in the **Royal New Brunswick Regiment** in 1983 and completed basic infantry officer training in 1985. After graduation from the University of New Brunswick with a BA (Joint Honours), he transferred to the Regular Force and on completion of artillery officer training in 1986, was posted to the **First Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery (1 RCHA)** in Lahr, West Germany where he was employed in the standard gunline positions and as a “Z” Battery Forward Observation Officer (FOO) with the 4th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group Reconnaissance Squadron.

His operational and command experience is varied. He has served in numerous regimental command positions at all levels from gun troop leader to commanding officer. His 12 years of regimental service include tours with the First and Third Regiments, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, in Shilo, Manitoba and Lahr, Germany including duty as Regimental Humanitarian Officer in Cyprus and as Battery Commander of both “J” and “A” Batteries, the latter including command of two batteries as part of the Regimental response to the “Flood of the Century” of 1997 in Manitoba and as the commander responsible for the Napierville area as part of the military’s assistance in Quebec for the Ice Storm of 1998.

From May 2001-2003, he was Commanding Officer of the First Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, including on Operation GRIZZLY, the Canadian Forces security operation for the G8 Summit, in Kananaskis, Alberta in June 2002. Under his command, the First Regiment also operated through a period of high tempo, generating “C” Battery for the 3 PPCLI initial deployment of Operation APOLLO in Afghanistan and “A” Battery for Operations PALLADIUM and ATHENA.. Deployed to Afghanistan in January 2007, he served as the Commander of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (KPRT) until February 2008, a period of tremendous activity and sacrifice amidst an ongoing insurgency. His team oversaw the rapid expansion of new governance structures after Operation MEDUSA and the launch of more than 1,000 new projects in line with the Afghan-led “Kandahar model” of reconstruction and development. He guided a strong “whole of government” team during a critical period in the mission, increasing consultation and collaboration with local government departments and international organizations. He received the **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** for this deployment.



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Chief of Staff 4th Canadian Division Headquarters

A graduate of the Combat Team Commander's Course, Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College and the Canadian Forces College (CFC), Colonel Chamberlain has fulfilled various staff appointments at the operational and strategic level, including employment as the Army's force generation and sustainment staff officer for all international



operations in the Middle East and Former Republic of Yugoslavia, as the Director Army Doctrine 7 (Firepower), as Directing Staff (Artillery) and Head of Land Studies at the Canadian Forces College, as the Director responsible for DND/CF Strategic Performance Management at National Defence Headquarters, and as the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command J35, Acting J3 and finally Deputy ACOS for South-West Asia. Promoted to colonel in March 2010, he was Director Peacekeeping Policy, served as Canadian Defence Attaché (Afghanistan) in 2012 and Chief of Staff at 4th Canadian Division/ Joint Task Force Central Headquarters. He is a graduate of the National Security Programme at CFC Toronto. He possesses a Masters of Public Administration from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) in Kingston. In 2015, Colonel Chamberlain assumed his current position as Chief of Staff of the Defence Renewal Team.

Colonel Chamberlain is an avid runner and loves most sports, but in particular hockey and basketball.

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

ELDAOUD, Nicolas

MSC CD

CG: 29 November 2008

Colonel – Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

GH: 28 October 2008

CO National Support Element – JTF Afghanistan

DOI: July 2007 to February 2008

“Colonel Eldaoud, then Lieutenant-Colonel, deployed as the commanding officer of the National Support Element, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to February 2008. An inspirational leader, he trained a cohesive combat-ready team. Despite persistent enemy attacks throughout the Afghan landscape, his personal example and dedication ensured the continuous and timely logistics support of the Task Force and was key to the success of the mission.”



Medals: MSC – General Service Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Iraq/Kuwait Observation Mission – CD and Bar

(Electrical & Mechanical Engineering Officer)



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

GRANT, Timothy James
Major-General – Lord Strathcona’s Horse
Commander Joint Task Force Afghanistan

OMM MSC CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: 01 November 2006 to 01 August 2007



“Major-General Grant, then Brigadier-General, commanded Joint Task Force Afghanistan from 01 November 2006, to August 1, 2007. His steadfast leadership, professionalism, resourcefulness and strong communication skills led to improved Afghan Army units, the safe return of tens of thousands of displaced Afghans to their homes, and increased security of the Afghan population. Through his efforts, he brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) as per Canada Gazette of 27 April 2004 (rank Colonel).

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Service Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO IFOR – CD and Bar – Alberta Centennial Medal.

Major-General Timothy James GRANT, OMM, MSM, CD
Deputy Commander – Canadian Expeditionary Force Command

Major-General Tim Grant joined the Canadian Forces in 1977 as an Armour Corps Officer. He commanded Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) and deployed with his battle group to Bosnia in 1997 as part of NATO’s SFOR operations. He returned to Bosnia for a second tour in command of the Canadian Forces Contingent in SFOR. He commanded the 1 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group (1 CMBG) from 2003 to 2005 and deployed to Kabul as part of ISAF. In 01 November 2006, he became the Commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan in Kandahar and served in that position until 01 August 2007. On return to Canada, he became the Deputy Commander of Canadian Expeditionary Force Command until he retired in August 2008.



After retiring from the Canadian Forces in 2008, he became the Assistant Deputy Minister, Electricity, Alternative Energy and Carbon Capture and Storage in the Alberta Government until 2011. In October 2011, he became the Deputy Minister, Alberta Transportation. In December 2012, he became the Deputy Solicitor General for the Alberta Government and in September 2013 added the title of Deputy Minister of Justice to his Deputy Solicitor General title. He held these positions until June 2015.

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

HENAULT, Raymond Roland Joseph
General – former Chief of Defence Staff
Chair NATO Military Committee

CMM (OMM) CStJ MSC CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: June 2005 to June 2008

“General Henault served as the chair of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s Military Committee from June 2005 to June 2008. During a period of unparalleled challenges and threats, he contributed to ensuring security within the Alliance’s areas of operation. General Henault’s outstanding military achievements, combined with his diligent and expert guidance while at NATO, have brought great credit to Canada.”



Medals: CMM – CStJ – MSC – SSM with bar NATO – Canada 125 – EIRR Golden Jubilee – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and two bars – Commander of the Legion of Honour (France) – Commander of the Legion of Merit (USA) - Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown (Belgium) – Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit (Hungary) – Meritorious Service Medal (NATO) – Czech Cross of Merit (1st Class)

Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) awarded on becoming Chief of Defence Staff on 29 June 2001 with the rank of General.

Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 20 June 1998 (rank Major-General).

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 March 1994 (rank Colonel).

Commander of the Legion of Honour (France) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 August 2003 (rank General).

Serving Member of the Order of St. John (SBStJ) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 April 2002 (rank General)

Commander of the Order of St. John (CStJ) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 April 2005 (rank General).

Commander of the Legion of Merit (USA) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 23 July 2005 (rank General).



Grand Cross of the Order of the Crown (Belgium) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 October 2008 (rank General).

Commander’s Cross of the Order of Merit (Hungary) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 31 January 2009 (rank General).



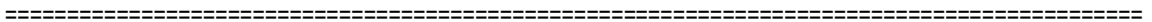
Meritorious Service Medal (NATO) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 May 2009 (rank General).

Czech Cross of Merit (1st Degree) (left)

Ukrainian Medal of Honour

General Raymond ('Ray') Roland Joseph HENault, CMM, CSTJ, MSM, CD

1949 Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba
1968 Enrolled in the Canadian Forces.
1972 Flying instructor at CFB Portage la Prairie on the Musketeer aircraft.
1976 Posted to 408 Squadron at CFB Edmonton to fly the Twin Huey helicopter.
1981 Promoted to the rank of major and transferred to 430e Escadron at CFB Val Cartier.
January 1985 Moves to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa to assume responsibility for doctrine and international programs in the Directorate of Land Aviation.
June 1985 Promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and appointed project director for the Canadian Forces Light Helicopter Project.
June 1987 Appointed commanding officer of 444(CA) Tactical Helicopter Squadron at CFB Lahr, Germany.
June 1989 Transferred to Air Command Headquarters in Winnipeg as senior staff officer requirements.
July 1990 Promoted to the rank of colonel and appointed base commander of CFB Portage la Prairie, Man.
July 1992 Appointed as the deputy commander of 10 Tactical Air Group at CFB Montreal.
May 1994 Promoted to rank of Brigadier-General and assumed command of 10 Tactical Air Group (10 TAG) headquartered in Montreal.
July 1995 Posted to Air Command Headquarters and appointed Chief of Staff Operations.
June to December 1996 Served as chief of staff J3 / Director General military plans and operations at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.
January to October 1997 Appointed Acting Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff
April 1, 1997 Promoted to the rank of Major-General.
Sept 1997 - Sept 1998 Served as Assistant Chief of the Air Staff.
August 15, 1998 Promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General and served as Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (now called Canada Command) from September 1998 to June 2001.
28 June 2001 Appointed Chief of Defence Staff to 04 February 2005
17 November 2004 voted NATO's Chief Military Adviser (Chairman of the NATO Military Committee)
Takes up appointment as NATO's Chief Military Adviser (Chairman of the NATO Military Committee) to June 2008
Retired in June 2008.



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

LAFAUT, Joseph Rosaire Aimé Stéphane OMM MSC CD
Lieutenant-Colonel
CO OMLT – Joint Task Force Afghanistan

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: July 2007 to Feb 2008

“Lieutenant-Colonel Lafaut deployed as the commanding officer of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to February 2008. Through his effort and leadership, he managed his unit’s three-fold increase in size to include the Afghan National Police. Lieutenant-Colonel Lafaut’s determination also ensured the rapid building of capacity in the Afghan National Security Forces, despite numerous engagements with the enemy.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: OMM - MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Observation Mission Iran-Kuwait - UNCRO – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar

On 15 September 1983, 17 years old Stéphane Lafaut went to CFB Chilliwack for Phase 1 Officer training.

After completing his training, he joined the Royal 22^e Régiment as a 2nd Lieutenant.

His army career took him to UN Mission in Croatia and the United Nations Observation Mission in Iraq and Kuwait for 12 months in 1999.

From August 2007 to February 2008, he deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan as a Lieutenant-Colonel.

On 21 June 2014, he took command of the 2nd Canadian Division (2 Cdn Div) and Joint Task Force East.



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

LANGLAIS, Paul
 Lieutenant-Colonel
 Military Observer UN Mission Democratic Republic of Congo

MSC MSM CD

CG: 29 November 2008
 GH: 28 October 2008
 DOI: November 2006 to March 2007



“From November 2006 to March 2007, while deployed in the Democratic Republic of Congo as part of the United Nations Organization Mission, Lieutenant-Colonel Langlais served with diplomacy and professionalism. He successfully defused numerous armed conflicts that would have destabilized the country during the presidential elections. Earning the trust of the government and UN officials, he led the evacuation of the Zimbabwean ambassador and his staff during a perilous situation, and managed the safe handover of 130 rebel soldiers to UN care. His extraordinary efforts greatly contributed to the UN’s success during this crisis.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 2024 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel for his work as the Chief Liaison Officer of the UN Organization Stabilization Mission in the Congo (MONUSCO).

Commanding Officer - Royal Montreal Regiment

Medals: MSC – MSM - Peacekeeping – UNOC (Congo) – MONUSCO
 - EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar



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PEARSON, Michael John
 Colonel
 United States Security Coordinator Mission - Palestine

MSC CD

CG: 29 November 2008
 GH: 28 October 2008
 DOI: Sept 2006 to April 2008



“As part of the United States Security Coordinator Mission, Colonel Pearson demonstrated exceptional leadership and diplomacy while posted in Israel, from September 2006 to April 2008. As both an officer and diplomat, he developed policy and implemented programs within the Palestinian security reform process, thereby bringing considerable prestige to the Canadian Forces and to Canada”.

Medals: MSC – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – Cyprus – UNPROFOR – CD and bar



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

SEMIANIW, Walter, Walter
Colonel (now Major-General)
Commander Task Force Kabul 2006

CMM (OMM) MStJ MSC CD

CG: 29 November 2008
GH: 28 October 2008
DOI: Feb to August 2006

“As commander of Task Force Kabul from February to August 2005, Major-General Semianiw, then Colonel, led Canada’s military efforts on land throughout South-West Asia. Identifying that supporting and developing Afghan self-government was critical to the rebuilding process, he established a framework to set the conditions for the successful deployment of the Strategic Advisory Team to Kabul and Canada’s first Provincial Reconstruction Team to Kandahar province. A dynamic leader, he demonstrated exceptional operational initiative during the seamless transfer of operations from Kabul to Kandahar.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 March 2006 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** 13 June 2009 in the rank of Major-General

Awarded **Member of the Order of St. John (MStJ)** in 2009.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MStJ - MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – Canada 125 – EIIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar

Promoted to Lieutenant-General



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