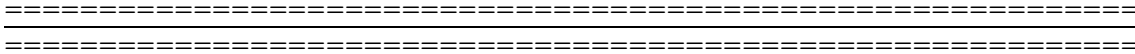


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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

DEARING, Rodney Albert
Master Warrant Officer
Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team Afghanistan

MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010
GH: 21 October 2009
DOI: 2008



“In 2008, Master Warrant Officer Dearing was deployed to Afghanistan with an operational mentoring and liaison team. His involvement in direct combat with insurgents and his skillful mentoring of Afghan army counterparts demonstrated leadership, commitment to the mission and loyalty to his troops. Master Warrant Officer Dearing’s courage under fire and resolve significantly increased the effectiveness of Afghan forces and contributed to the success of the operation.”

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and multiple tours bar – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Haiti with bar – NATO bar non Article 5 – CD and bar

DICKINSON, Pierre Christophe
Commander
Commanding Officer HMCS *Ville de Quebec*

MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010
GH: 21 October 2009
DOI: July to December 2008

“From July to December 2008, Commander Dickinson commanded Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Ville de Québec* during a NATO deployment. During this mission, the VDQ was temporarily reassigned, on very short notice, to escort World Food Program vessels in pirate-threatened waters in the Arabian Sea. His foresight and leadership ensured a seamless transition to this tactically challenging role, resulting in food delivery to populations in need. Commander Dickinson’s performance throughout both missions brought great credit to himself and to the Canadian Forces.”

MEDALS: MSC – SW Asia – SSM bar NATO – NATO former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Article 5 Active Endeavour – CD and bar



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

LESSARD, Joseph Guy Marc
Lieutenant-General
Commander – Regional (South) Afghanistan

CMM MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010
GH: 21 October 2009
DOI: February to November 2008



“From February to November 2008, Lieutenant-General Lessard, then major-general, was deployed as commander of Regional Command (South). His insight into the complex nature of the battle space, coupled with his exceptional strategic vision and operational foresight, shaped the multinational counter-insurgency campaign in southern Afghanistan, and set the conditions in place for the success of multinational forces. Lieutenant-General Lessard’s integrity, statesmanship and dedication ensured the coalition’s operational success in Afghanistan’s most violent and challenging region.”

MEDALS: CMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with bar ISAF – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and two bars – USA Legion of Merit (Legionnaire)



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

McNABB, John Robert

Warrant Officer - PPCLI

Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team Afghanistan

MMM MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010

GH: 21 October 2009

DOI: May to July 2008

“From May to July 2008, Warrant Officer McNabb led Canadian troops partnered with Afghan army forces to defend a remote strong point in the Panjwayi district. During this period of intense combat, his judgment, steadiness under fire and skilled coordination of combat assets instilled confidence in his team of soldiers and their Afghan counterparts. His tactical acumen during prolonged engagements was critical to overcoming the enemy. Warrant Officer McNabb’s extraordinary leadership ensured the defence of the strong point and the maintenance of the coalition’s freedom of movement throughout the western part of the district.”



Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2015 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer, PPCLI, with the 5th Cdn Division.

Medals: MMM - MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Bar IFIS – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD and Bar

Retired in 2016 after 24 years of service in the rank of Master Warrant Officer

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MILLS, Darryl Albert

Lieutenant-Colonel – Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry

On Exchange US Army, 3rd Infantry Division - Iraq

MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010

GH: 21 October 2009

DOI: March 2007 to June 2008

“While serving as an exchange officer with the United States Army, Lieutenant-Colonel Mills demonstrated outstanding professionalism as deputy chief of staff, 3rd Infantry Division and Multi-National Division, in Iraq. Routinely entrusted with responsibilities far exceeding his rank, Lieutenant-Colonel Mills was recognized for his analytical and decision-making abilities under the most difficult of circumstances. He was a superb ambassador who brought honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Awarded **USA Bronze Star** and **Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 May 2009.

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 May 2009.

Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Bar IFIS – Peacekeeping – CD and Bar – USA Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster – USA Meritorious Service Medal
2nd tour with US Army in Iraq – first one was in 2005.



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

MORETTI, Giovanni R.J.

Chief Warrant Officer

Sergeant-Major Regional Command (South) Afghanistan

MMM MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010

GH: 21 October 2009

DOI: January to November 2008



“Chief Warrant Officer Moretti was deployed to Afghanistan as the sergeant-major of Regional Command (South), from January to November 2008. Through his pertinent advice to senior staff, he significantly contributed to moulding 450 members from 12 nations into a cohesive and focussed team. A consummate professional, he inspired and mentored both his peers and subordinates. His tact and diplomatic skills enabled him to achieve consensus on many previously contentious issues, earning him praise from multiple National Contingency commanders.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 July 1999 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer, RCHA.

Medals: MMM – MSC – Campaign General Service Star with bar ISAF – CD and Bar – Meritorious Service Medal (USA) – Faith in the Cause Military Medal (Columbia)



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

THOMPSON, Denis William
Brigadier-General – Canadian Forces
Canadian Joint Task Force Afghanistan

OMM MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010
GH: 21 October 2009
DOI: May 2008 to February 2009

“Brigadier-General Thompson commanded Joint Task Force Afghanistan from May 2008 to February 2009. Through hands-on leadership and in-depth knowledge of operational realities, he achieved numerous successes in disrupting insurgent activities, enabling a secure environment for development projects, and enhancing the professionalism of the Afghan security forces. His openness and co-operative approach fostered greater coherence between military and broader government efforts, and significantly enhanced Canada’s mission objectives in the eyes of Afghan and coalition partners.”



Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star bar SWA ribbon and extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia (2) – CD and two Bars



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

BAINES, Craig A.

Commander - Commanding Officer HMCS Winnipeg
Task Force Standing NATO Maritime Group 2

MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010
GH: 29 March 2010
DOI: March to June 2009

“For outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Commanding Officer of HMCS Winnipeg while serving with Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 from March to June 2009.”

“Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Winnipeg* was deployed to the Gulf of Aden from March to June 2009, on Canada’s inaugural counter-piracy mission. As commanding officer, Commander Baines’ operational focus enabled the ship to integrate seamlessly into the NATO-led task force and make aggressive use of its many resources to disrupt pirate activity. He worked closely with the media to ensure that extensive coverage of Canadian naval excellence was projected in media outlets worldwide. Commander Baines’ outstanding leadership significantly contributed to international counter-piracy efforts.”

Medals: CMM - MSC – SSM bar NATO - NATO with bar Africa – CD and Bar

Promoted Vice-Admiral and made the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy 12 January 2021 (37th Cdr RCN). Appointment ended in June 2022.



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

DAVIDSON, Robert Andrew
Rear Admiral (then Commodore)
Commander Task Force Arabian Sea

CMM MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010
GH: 29 March 2010
DOI: April to September 2008

“For outstanding professionalism as the Commander of Task Force Arabian Sea from April to September 2008.”

“From April to September 2008, then-Commodore Davidson’s outstanding command of Task Force Arabian Sea demonstrated Canada’s ability to rapidly project naval power with its allies. Whether leading coalition ships in the war on terror, escorting merchant vessels through pirate-infested waters or conducting life-saving search and rescue operations, Rear-Admiral Davidson showed great planning abilities and leadership that enabled the task force to seamlessly accomplish a variety of operations across three oceans.”

MEDALS: CMM – MSC – Southwest Asia – SSM with bar NATO – CD and two bars

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

Promoted Vice-Admiral in July 2012.



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

PIERCE, Brian
Warrant Officer – SAR TECH

CV MMM MSC CD

CG: 27 March 2010
GH: 29 March 2010
DOI: 03 January 2007

HARRISON, Shawn
Sergeant – SAR TECH
435 Transport and Rescue Squadron Winnipeg

MSC CD



“For outstanding professionalism as members of a rescue team when they used an unproven procedure in a parachute jump to save the life of a critically injured aircraft passenger at Blatchford Lake, Northwest Territories on 03 January 2007.”

“On January 3, 2007, parachute rescue team leader Warrant Officer Pierce and team member Sergeant Harrison performed a perilous procedure in a parachute jump to help a critically injured aircraft passenger, at Blatchford Lake, in the Northwest Territories. In the face of severe weather conditions, both performed a low-altitude jump, where the slightest error could have had catastrophic results for the team. The extraordinary level of professionalism demonstrated by Warrant Officer Pierce and Sergeant Harrison under these difficult circumstances brings great honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals Sergeant Harrison: MSC – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD

Warrant Officer Brian Pierce was awarded the **Cross of Valour (CV)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 09 May 1998 in the rank of Master Corporal while serving as a SAR TECH.

Warrant Officer Brian Pierce was awarded the **Member of the Order of Military Merit** as per **Canada Gazette** of 16 March 2011 1998 in the rank of Warrant Officer while serving as a SAR TECH.

Medals Pierce: CV – MMM – MSC – General Campaign Service Star with SWA ribbon – Golden Jubilee – Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar



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

DERIGER, Samuel James

MSC CD

CG: 03 July 2010

Sergeant - PPCLI

GH: 31 May 2010

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Commander JTF Afghanistan

DOI: Sept 2008 to May 2009

“Sergeant Deriger was deployed to Afghanistan as an explosive ordnance disposal commander, from September 2008 to May 2009. While leading over 50 successful counter-improvised explosive device operations, he personally dismantled nearly every device and ensured the operations were conducted quickly and efficiently. He uncovered critical information on new insurgent tactics that led directly to adjustments in Task Force search techniques. Sergeant Deriger’s leadership, courage and selfless work ethic significantly reduced the threat of improvised explosive device attacks in his area of operations.”



Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD

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SPENCE, Darrell Lawrence

MSC CD

CG: 03 July 2010

Sergeant - PPCLI

GH: 31 May 2010

Primary Engineering Advisor to OC Recon Squadron JTF Afghanistan

DOI: Sept 2008 to April 2009

“Sergeant Spence was deployed to Afghanistan as the primary engineering advisor to the officer commanding a reconnaissance squadron, from September 2008 to April 2009. Despite not having access to the full range of engineering equipment, he developed mitigating strategies that enabled him to perform tasks better suited to dedicated engineering units. Sergeant Spence overcame the difficulties associated with operating in a remote region. His selflessness and skills provided immediate protection to ground troops and ensured the successful forensic analysis at the scene of multiple improvised explosive device attacks.”



Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO with Kosovo Bar - CD

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WOODWORTH, Dana Jeffrey

MSC CD

CG: 03 July 2010

Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Engineers

GH: 31 May 2010

Commanding Officer Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team JTF Afghanistan

DOI: January 2008 to Feb. 2009

“Lieutenant-Colonel Woodworth was deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, from January 2008 to February 2009. With an expanding civilian presence, he encouraged co-operation and openness that helped forge the unit into a unified military-civilian team. In response to the Sarposa Prison break, he developed a security plan that enabled Afghan National Security Forces to take the lead in defending Kandahar City. Lieutenant-Colonel Woodworth’s outstanding leadership advanced Canada’s strategic initiatives in Afghanistan.”



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

LAROCHE, Joseph René Marcel Guy
Brigadier-General (now Major-General)
Commander Canadian Forces in Haiti

OMM MSC* CD
BAR to MSC

CG: 18 December 2010
GH: 29 September 2010
DOI: January to March 2010



“Following the earthquake in Haiti, Brigadier-General Laroche modelled and developed an operation plan within a multinational and inter-agency framework, which quickly distinguished itself from those of the other military forces. Brigadier-General Laroche’s altruism and his capacity to analyze operational issues, combined with his close collaboration with the Canadian Ambassador, the Prime Minister of Haiti, and the forces in place, enabled Canada to be one of the first countries to contribute humanitarian assistance to the Haitian people, from January to March 2010.”

Medals: OMM – MSC and Bar – General Campaign Star with ribbon Southwest Asia – OSM with Haiti ribbon - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 19 July 2008 as Commander JTF Afghanistan in the rank of Brigadier-General.

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



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

BRINK, Joseph Martin

Sergeant – 3 PPCLI

3 PPCLI Battle Group JTF Afghanistan

MSC

CG: 18 December 2010

GH: 29 September 2010

DOI: 15 January 2006

“On January 15, 2006, Sergeant Brink demonstrated exemplary leadership as the section commander during an attack on his patrol convoy by a suicide vehicle borne improvised explosive device. He quickly established a security perimeter and sent a detailed report to command headquarters, which allowed for the rapid dispatch of the quick reaction force to provide assistance at the scene. He then entered a burning, overturned and ammunition-laden vehicle to render aid to a trapped and seriously injured soldier until that soldier could be safely extracted. Sergeant Brink’s perseverance and performance under extreme duress were exceptional.”



Medals: MSC – Campaign General Service Star – Peacekeeping – NATO (SFOR) (2)

Sergeant Joseph Martin BRINK, MSC, PPCLI

On January 15, 2006, Brink was section commander of a patrol to escort an RCMP Superintendent and a Canadian diplomat to a small village south of Kandahar City where they were conducting a meeting with the elders to establish what the town needed. The meeting took most of the morning and then they headed back to base, stopping at Kandahar Airfield halfway back for lunch.

It was there the first inkling of potential trouble arose. They were delayed leaving the airfield because of the threat of improvised explosive devices (IED) along one of the routes back to the base. About an hour later, after investigation deemed the route clear, they decided to go. “We chose to take the paved route,” he said, noting it was safer because IEDs are usually dug into the road.

“The patrol back to Kandahar City was pretty uneventful. We entered the big arched gates to Kandahar City and had to reduce our speed down to about 40 km/hr. because of wall-to-wall traffic we couldn’t avoid. “As we entered the city we approached a taxi stand with about 25 taxis congregated in one area.” Brink was in the first of their four vehicle convoy and passed the stand. “The second vehicle, as it passed the stand, was struck by a taxi that was parallel parked along the edge and angled out to the second vehicle detonating explosives. He (the driver) blew himself up instantly sending the second vehicle, a Mercedes G wagon with upgraded armour about 20 feet into the air and 50 metres across the highway.” There were five high explosive artillery shells in the trunk of the taxi.

“It went over top of a four foot cement wall between two lanes of traffic and landed against a building on the opposite side of the road.”

“Once I heard the blast I looked in the rear view mirror and saw nothing but smoke, then one of my vehicles came through it. What I didn’t realize for a split second was the vehicle coming through was our third vehicle. About the same time my second in command radioed we’d been hit. Right away I was on command radio and radioed headquarters a contact report, and called for the quick reaction force to deploy. We were less than 600 metres from home camp. Headquarters asked how many sections of back-up we needed, the usual complement is one, I asked for two because a major crowd was gathering.

“We were just a block away from the Afghan police station and those guys came over and helped establish a perimeter. Once that was set we did a survey of the scene. My second in command and another corporal were already at the damaged vehicle rendering whatever aid they could. The driver, a medic, (M/Cpl. Paul Franklin) was thrown from the vehicle and was missing a leg. I brought the last vehicle forward, the driver and gunner loaded the medic in the vehicle and once I did a threat assessment, because we were so close, I sent the vehicle by itself back to camp. The medic was at risk of dying at that point, I knew we needed quick reaction.”

Next Brink determined what had happened to the rest of the passengers in the vehicle. "The commander (Cpl. Jeff Bailey) of that vehicle was found face down in a ditch. My second in command had pulled him from the ditch and was rendering first aid. It was obvious he had brain damage and was unconscious. Next I saw the diplomat, Glyn Berry, who was obviously dead laying in an alley so I covered him up with a mat. There was one private missing. I went to look for him, went into the vehicle which was opened like a tin can and laying on its side. I could hear breathing, very laboured, I called his name and got no response.

"There was a bunch of ballistic plates and glass all over the place. I started throwing it out of the way the best I could. Finally I uncovered his body, he was still alive but unconscious and bleeding from the ears and nose. I took off his helmet, loosened his clothing, he was partly trapped. My biggest concern was an M72 rocket launcher underneath his arm that had been crushed open, split lengthwise with the rocket exposed. With the heat present and trauma done to the wrapper of the ammunition I wasn't able to move the private at that time because of the risk of further explosion. I rendered first aid and stayed with him until the quick reaction force arrived six minutes after the initial blast — which felt like an eternity. With the quick reaction force was also a group of explosives engineers who were able to render the ammunition safe and then could extract Private William Salakin.

"Once all men were accounted for and placed inside an armoured Bison ambulance they were brought into the Provincial Reconstruction Team base in Kandahar City." All three, were flown from there by Black Hawk helicopter to Kandahar Airfield for further assessment and then taken to Germany.

Berry, who was serving as political director for the Department of Foreign Affairs to the Provincial Reconstruction Team, was the first Canadian diplomat to be killed while on duty in Afghanistan.

Brink said he still keeps in touch with the three soldiers who were wounded during the incident. Franklin lost his other leg as well but is otherwise healthy. He has set up a foundation to improve the lives of other amputees and has had the story of overcoming his injuries featured in a book.

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No ranks given
Canadian Special Operations Forces Command

MSC

CG: Not Gazetted
GH: 11 March 2011
DOI: 2010

"His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announces the awarding of **three Stars of Military Valour and two Medals of Military Valour**, as well as **one Meritorious Service Cross, three Meritorious Service Medals and one Mention in Dispatches**, to members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM).

These members received their decorations today during a ceremony at Rideau Hall in the presence of the Chief of the Defence Staff. They were recognized for devotion and acts of valour in the presence of the enemy and for military deeds performed in a highly professional manner. For security and operational reasons, recipients' names and citations are not released."

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

ARSENAULT, Timothy Maurice

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Major - Royal 22e Regiment

GH: 02 June 2011

Officer Commanding 'B' Company R22eR Battle Group in Afghanistan

DOI: March to October 2009

"For outstanding frontline leadership, tactical acumen and unwavering determination as Officer Commanding 'B' Company, 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan from March to October 2009."

"As company commander from March to October 2009, Major Arsenault's front-line leadership, tactical acumen and unwavering determination greatly contributed to enhancing security in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Operating with Afghan and coalition forces during numerous combat operations, he demonstrated courage under fire that inspired those around him and enabled them to consistently defeat the enemy. Major Arsenault's remarkable efforts were critical to the success of Joint Task Force Afghanistan and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces."

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 June 2017 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Cross (MSC*)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 March 2024 in the rank of Brigadier-General as Commander of Task Force Central JTF IMPACT, Kuwait.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **CanForGen** 11 December 2020 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: Medals: OMM – MSC and Bar – MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon SW Asia with one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – General Service with Expedition ribbon - Peacekeeping – NATO ribbon and bar former Yugoslavia – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 1 bar



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BÉDARD, Martin Joseph Claude

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Petty Officer 1st Class – Canadian Forces Health Services

GH: 02 June 2011

Physician's Assistant in Afghanistan

DOI: March to November 2009

"For outstanding professionalism and unwavering dedication as a physician's assistant with Joint Task Force Afghanistan from March to November 2009."

"Petty Officer 2nd Class Bédard was deployed to Afghanistan as a physician assistant, from March to November 2009. As the senior medical authority at the remote Forward Operating Base Ma'Sum Ghar, he became a pioneer in the application of advanced medical techniques normally reserved for medical officers. Operating in an incredibly austere environment without the benefit of modern medical facilities, he drew universal praise from other medical personnel, including specialists in the field. With unwavering dedication, he provided exceptional care to our soldiers at this remote location, and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces."



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

BIGAOUETTE, Marc Joseph André

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 02 June 2011

Commanding Officer, Canadian Helicopter Force Afghanistan

DOI: April to November 2009



“As commanding officer of Canadian Helicopter Force Afghanistan from April to November 2009, Lieutenant-Colonel Bigaouette demonstrated leadership, professionalism and unwavering dedication which contributed to the success of his unit’s operations. Orchestrating and executing all missions with precision, he ensured exceptional support was provided to Canadian and allied ground forces, whether supporting combat and sustainment operations or transporting dignitaries. Lieutenant-Colonel Bigaouette’s command of his unit reinforced the first-class reputation of Canadian aviation forces among Canada’s international allies in Afghanistan.”

Medals: MSC – Campaign General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – Multinational Force Middle East with 2 – CD and bar

Promoted to Colonel November 2009 and posted as the Director Air Force Training, Second Canadian Air Force Training, in Winnipeg.

PAUL, Jocelyn (‘Joe’) J.M.J.

CMM MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Lieutenant-Colonel (now Colonel) – Royal 22e Regiment

GH: 27 July 2011

Commanding Officer of the Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan

DOI: April to November 2009



“Colonel (then Lieutenant-Colonel) Paul for outstanding leadership and tactical brilliance as the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan from April to October 2009.”



“As commanding officer of 2nd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment Battle Group, from April to October 2009, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul displayed outstanding leadership and tactical brilliance as he planned and conducted highly successful counter-insurgency operations that significantly degraded the enemy’s combat capability. Through his innovative, bold and focused approach, he disrupted the insurgency’s ability to gain tactical initiative during the traditional fighting season, and strengthened the Afghan government’s authority within Kandahar province. His superb command of his unit ensured its success, advanced international efforts in Afghanistan, and brought great credit to Canada and to the Canadian Forces.”

Medals: CMM - MSC – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon – Operational Service Medal with extra tour bar ribbon Expedition - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – EIIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)

Appointed Commander of the Canadian Army in June 2022 in the rank of LGen.

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

PILE, Tyrone Herbert William

CMM MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Rear Admiral – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 02 June 2011

Commander Joint Task Force Games for Operation Podium (2010 Olympics)

DOI: 2009 to April 2010

“As commander of Joint Task Force Games for Operation Podium, the Canadian Forces’ mission in support of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games, Rear-Admiral Pile led one of the most complex domestic military operations ever conducted in Canada. He demonstrated exceptional leadership in shaping a co-operative and effective working environment among dozens of partners, including all levels of government and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as well as their civil and military counterparts in the United States. His ability to facilitate the collaboration and coordination of these entities, while ensuring that strategic and operational goals were understood, respected and met by all, was instrumental to the success of Operation Podium and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”



Medals: CMM – MSC - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 March 2008 in the rank of Rear-Admiral.

Also awarded **American Navy Commendation Medal** but it was not gazetted so is not worn in uniform.



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

VANCE, Jonathan Holbert CMM (OMM) MSC (*) CD CG: 13 August 2011
Brigadier-General – ex Royal Canadian Regiment GH: 27 July 2011
Commander Canadians Joint Task Force Afghanistan DOI: February to November 2009

“For outstanding leadership, as Commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, that enabled the Canadian Forces to maintain the initiative and advance the mandate of ISAF from February to November 2009.”

“Demonstrating outstanding leadership as commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from February to November 2009, Brigadier-General Vance enabled the Canadian Forces to maintain the initiative and advance the mandate of the International Security Assistance Force. His strategic and tactical skills and astute political insight allowed for the disruption of the Taliban’s operational objectives and strengthened the Afghan government’s authority within Kandahar province. Brigadier-General Vance’s forward-thinking diplomacy greatly advanced Canadian and international efforts in the region, and brought credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Mentioned-in-Despatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 February 1996 as a Major with UNPROFOR.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 2009 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Cross (MSC*)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 February 2012 as a Brigadier-General Commanding the Canadian Joint Task Force in Afghanistan for a second time.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 March 2014 in the rank of Lieutenant-General. Jonathan Vance’s father, LGen John Elwood Vance, was also a CMM. (Returned after Retirement)

Promoted to **General** as the **Chief of the Defence Staff** on 17 July 2015 and made the **Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)**.

Awarded **Commander of the Legion of Honour (France)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 September 2017 in the rank of General.

Awarded **1st Class of the Order of Viesturs (Latvia)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 September 2018 in the rank of General.

Awarded **Commander of the National Order of Romania (Romania)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 29 June 2019 in the rank of General.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSC and bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 3 extra tour bars – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR with MID – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 bars - Commander of the Legion of Honour (France) - 1st Class of the Order of Viesturs (Latvia) - Commander of the National Order of Romania (Romania)



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

TURENNE, Carl Jean

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Lieutenant-Colonel (now Colonel)

GH: 27 July 2011

Commanding Officer of the Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan

DOI: Jan 2009 to January 2010

“Colonel (then Lieutenant-Colonel) Turenne for superb leadership as the Commanding Officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan from January 2009 to January 2010.”

“As commanding officer of the Provincial Reconstruction Team from January 2009 to January 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Turenne contributed to the success of all allied operations in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Working in close co-operation with the Canadian battle group, allied nations and Afghan officials, he led an organization of more than 400 personnel to maintain the initiative against insurgents, while advancing the mandate of the International Security Assistance Force. His leadership ensured the operational success of his unit and furthered international efforts in Afghanistan, bringing great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Awarded Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA) as per the Canada Gazette of 27 March 2016 in the rank of Brigadier-General while serving as the Deputy Commanding General – Operation to US Army Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington.

Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon and one additional tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar UNPROFOR – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)

On 08 May 2017, MGen Turenne was appointed as the Deputy Commander Canadian Army.



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

THIBAUT, Gilbert Clement

Lieutenant-Colonel

Aircraft Commander of a Cormorant Helicopter during a rescue at sea

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

GH: 27 July 2011

DOI: 09 June 2008



“Lieutenant-Colonel Thibault for exceptional professionalism, as the aircraft commander onboard a Cormorant helicopter that provided critical command decisions during a rescue at sea on 09 June 2009.”

“On the morning of June 9, 2008, the aircrew of Cormorant Helicopter Rescue 913 successfully evacuated a critically injured sailor from the MV *Maersk Dunedin*, near Halifax. Aircraft Commander Lieutenant-Colonel Thibault made critical command decisions as he piloted the aircraft under exceptionally demanding circumstances. He was assisted by First Officer Captain Mercer, who helped fly the aircraft for nearly 10 hours, twice landing on Sable Island for fuel as the aircraft's endurance was pushed to its limits. In conditions where visibility was so poor that they could not even see the vessel in distress, flight engineer Sergeant Pawulski was instrumental in providing advice to help guide the aircraft into position over the deck in order to facilitate the hoist operation. Search and rescue technicians Warrant Officer Mitchell and Sergeant Kelland were then lowered onto the heaving deck, where they rendered life-saving medical aid to the injured sailor and coordinated his removal to the rescue helicopter. The team's conduct, dedication and professionalism in the planning and execution of this daring rescue brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

The Following received the Meritorious Service Medal for this action:

Sergeant William Joseph **Kelland**, MSM, CD

Warrant Officer Keith Paul **Mitchell**, CV, MSM, CD

Captain Andrew John **Mercer**, MSM, CD

Sergeant David Michael **Pawulski**, SC, MSM, CD



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¹ Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert Thibault - Sergeant WJ Kelland - Captain AJ Mercer – Governor General Johnston - WO Keith Paul Mitchell, CV, MMM, MSM, CD - Sergeant David Michael Pawulski, SC, MSM, CD

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

MOREAU, Jules Joseph

MMM MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal 22nd Regiment

GH: 27 July 2011

Regimental Sergeant Major R22eR Battle Group in Afghanistan

DOI: April to October 2009

“For exemplary leadership and selfless dedication as Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan from April to October 2009.”

“As regimental sergeant-major of 2nd Battalion, Royal 22^e Régiment Battle Group, from April to October 2009, Chief Warrant Officer Moreau demonstrated leadership and selfless dedication, which set the standards for the unit’s success. His fighting spirit and judicious guidance helped soldiers deal with the physical and psychological toll of combat, particularly in wounded soldiers recovering before their return to Canada. Whether mentoring ground troops or providing strategic advice to the commander, he distinguished himself as a first-rate soldier who was critical to the unit’s integrity and success.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 17 July 1999 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM – MSC – General Campaign Star Southwest Asia ribbon – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus (2) – UNPROFOR – UN HAITI – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 bars



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SMITH, Michael Adam

MSC CD

CG: 13 August 2011

Sergeant - PPCLI

GH: 27 July 2011

Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Operator in Afghanistan

DOI: April to October 2009

“For outstanding professionalism, courage and selfless dedication to duty as an EOD Operator with Joint Task Force Afghanistan from April to October 2009.”

“As an explosive ordnance disposal operator in Afghanistan from April to October 2009, Sergeant Smith made a significant contribution to the elimination of improvised explosive devices (IED) concealed by the enemy. Successfully dealing with over 90 devices, including nine in one day, he helped to ensure the safety of ground forces. He also used his extensive knowledge to implement a training program that improved IED awareness among Canadian, coalition and Afghan personnel. Called to task almost daily, Sergeant Smith’s selfless dedication to duty undoubtedly saved numerous lives and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”



Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD

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

BOUCHARD, Joseph Jacques Charles OC CMM MSC CD
Lieutenant-General – Royal Canadian Air Force
Commander - Combined Joint Task Force Unified Protector (Libya)

CG: 11 February 2012
GH: 21 November 2011
DOI: March to September 2011



“From March to September 2011, Lieutenant-General Bouchard was the commander, Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Unified Protector. In a complex political environment, he developed a campaign plan that put pressure on the entrenched regime while successfully synchronizing the efforts of multiple nations. Leading an intricate combination of multinational naval and air forces, Lieutenant-General Bouchard brought great credit to Canada with his demonstration of exceptional operational and strategic acumen, which helped to protect the citizens of Libya from harm during this period of civil strife.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Canada (OC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 February 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

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

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

Awarded **Officer of Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 January 2006 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded **Officer of Legion of Merit (USA)** (2nd Award) as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 April 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Officer of Legion of Merit (USA)** (3rd Award) as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 June 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Honour (France)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 February 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Medals: OC - CMM (OMM) – MSC - SSM with bar NATO – EIIR Golden Jubilee Medal – CD and two bars – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA) x2 – Officer of the Legion of Honour (France)



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

DROUIN, Christian

OMM MSC CD

CG: 11 February 2012

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 07 December 2011

Commander Canadian Air Wing in Afghanistan

DOI: November 2009 to September 2010

“As commander of the Air Wing in Afghanistan from November 2009 to September 2010, Colonel Drouin was instrumental in developing the squadron’s capability so that it could fully support operations. While promoting the strength of combat aviation to an unprecedented degree, he ensured Canada’s leadership within several multinational operations, including one of the largest airmobile operations in the history of Canada’s efforts in Afghanistan. Colonel Drouin is a first-rate leader and innovator, and his outstanding command was pivotal to operational success.”



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

Medals: OMM - MSC – Southwest Asia Ribbon with bar Afghanistan - General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia Ribbon and multiple tour bar – Peacekeeping - ONUCA (Nicaragua) – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia - NATO bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar

STEVENS, Shawn Douglas

MMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 11 February 2012

Chief Warrant Officer - PPCLI

GH: 07 December 2011

Regimental Sergeant-Major PPCLI Battle Group Joint Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: October 2009 to May 2010

“Chief Warrant Officer Stevens was the regimental sergeant-major of the battle group in Afghanistan from October 2009 to May 2010. His exacting standards and attention to detail enabled every soldier in the unit to succeed during intense operations. Whether providing sage advice to senior leaders or sharing the risk with ground troops, he enabled the battle group to work as a unified fighting force. His outstanding leadership and professionalism ensured operational success and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



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

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** 07 April 2007 of in the rank of MWO.

Medals: MMM – MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars

Canadian Forces Orders CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

HAINSE, Joseph Marcel Marquis
Brigadier-General – R22eR
Deputy Commander Regional South Afghanistan

CMM MSC CD

CG: 11 February 2012
GH: 13 November 2012
DOI: April 2007 to January 2008



“As deputy commander, Regional Command South in Afghanistan, from April 2007 to January 2008, Brigadier-General Hainse demonstrated leadership and drew upon his experience to assist international efforts in Afghanistan. An inspiration to everyone under his command and a first-rate ambassador for Canada, he quickly earned the trust of Afghan partners and of the coalition. Brigadier-General Hainse’s generous contribution proved indispensable to the success of the mission, earning international praise for Canada.”

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

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 March 2011 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded the **Victory Cross (Chile)** as per of 23 March 2015 in the rank of LGen.

Awarded **Grand Officer of the Order of Military Merit (Brazil)** as per the **Canadian Forces Orders** of 21 December 2015 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Faith in the Cause Military Medal (Columbia)** as per the **Canadian Forces Orders** of 21 December 2015 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Honour (France)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 May 2016 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSC - General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia Ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Canada 125 – EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 bars – NATO MSM – Grand Officer of the Order of Military Merit (Brazil) - Faith in the Cause Military Medal (Columbia) - Victory Cross (Chile)

Promoted to Lieutenant-General in 2012 to Command the Canadian Army; Canadian Military NATO Representative in 2016.



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

Lieutenant-General Marquis Hainse, CMM, MSC, CD



Receiving the Victory Cross of Chile on 23 March 2015



**Lieutenant-General Marquis HAINSE, CMM, MSC, CD
Commander – Canadian Army**



Lieutenant-General Hainse enrolled in the Canadian Forces in 1977 and was commissioned into the Royal 22e Régiment in August 1980.

His operational postings began in 1980 with the 2nd Battalion Royal 22e Régiment in Quebec City. He served on five operational missions abroad and participated in two domestic operations, namely Oka and the 1998 ice storm. He also held diverse command appointments at every rank level. In 1996, he assumed command of the 1st Battalion Royal 22e Régiment in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In April 2002, he served as Commander of the Bosnia-Herzegovina Task Force and on 2 September 2004, he became the 21st commander of 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. In 2007, he served in Southern Afghanistan as Deputy Commander Regional Command South (a NATO British led multinational Division). He assumed Command of Land Force Doctrine and Training System in May 2008.

Lieutenant-General Hainse also filled many staff positions. At National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) in Ottawa, he was a staff officer for the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff and aide-de-camp to the Chief of the Defence Staff. In the summer of 2001, he held the position of Chief of Staff of Land Force Quebec Area. He was transferred back to NDHQ as J3 International in the fall of 2002. In July 2006, he was appointed Chief of Staff of Canada Command in Ottawa. In August 2010, he was appointed as Chief of Programme at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa. He subsequently spent two years in Italy as the Deputy Commander Allied Joint Force Command Naples.



He was involved in training and education on three different occasions: in 1984 at the Infantry School in Gagetown, in 1994 at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, as Director of Cadets, and in 2008 as Commander of Land Force Doctrine and Training System, where he oversaw all aspects of training of the Canadian Land Force.

Lieutenant-General Hainse has pursued professional development at the Land Force Command and Staff College in Kingston and at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto. On completion of Battalion Command in 1999, he undertook a master's program at the École nationale d'administration publique (ÉNAP) in Quebec City. He holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and an advanced graduate diploma (DESS) in International Management Studies.

Lieutenant-General Hainse assumed command of the Canadian Army in July 2013. After completing three years in the position, he moved to Brussels as Canada's Military NATO representative in July 2016.



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

HETHERINGTON, Simon Charles

Colonel – ex Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
Deputy Commander Joint Task Force Afghanistan

OMM MSC* CD
BAR

CG: 11 February 2012
GH: 07 December 2011
DOI: November 2009 to September 2010

“Colonel Hetherington served as deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from November 2009 to September 2010. His dedication and integrity helped to maintain campaign momentum despite an increasingly demanding operational tempo. With exceptional leadership abilities, he assumed command of the task force at a critical juncture in the mission, which strengthened Canada’s credibility with our allies and kept the task force focused. Colonel Hetherington’s professionalism was critical to the success of the mission, and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”



Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2008 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **NATO Meritorious Service Medal** as per the Canada Gazette of 25 August 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-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 **Legion of Merit (Legionnaire) (USA)** as per **Not Gazetted** in 2016 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM - MSC and Bar – Southwest Asia Medal with Afghanistan Bar – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon and multiple tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia with multiple tour bar – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – NATO Meritorious Service Medal – Legion of Merit (USA)



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

VANCE, Jonathan Holbert
 Brigadier-General
 Commander Joint Task Force Afghanistan (for a 2nd Time)

CMM (OMM) MSC* CD
BAR

CG: 11 February 2012
 GH: 07 December 2011
 DOI: June to September 2010



“Demonstrating outstanding leadership as commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from February to November 2009, Brigadier-General Vance enabled the Canadian Forces to maintain the initiative and advance the mandate of the International Security Assistance Force. His strategic and tactical skills and astute political insight allowed for the disruption of the Taliban’s operational objectives and strengthened the Afghan government’s authority within Kandahar province. Brigadier-General Vance’s forward-thinking diplomacy greatly advanced Canadian and international efforts in the region, and brought credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada. From June to September 2010, Brigadier-General Vance demonstrated exemplary leadership in his second tour as commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan. Under extremely challenging conditions, he distinguished himself as a master of counter-insurgency warfare. Demonstrating outstanding dedication and professionalism, Brigadier-General Vance provided leadership to coalition and Afghan soldiers, which significantly advanced NATO efforts in Afghanistan and enhanced Canada’s international reputation.”



Medals: CMM (OMM) – MSC and bar – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon and bar 3 tours – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR with MID – EIRR Golden Jubilee – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 bars

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 2009 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 2015 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 August 2011 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Mentioned-in-Despatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 10 February 1996

as a Major with UNPROFOR.

Promoted to **General** and appointed **Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS)** on 17 July 2015.



NOTE: He agreed to return his CMM after retiring.

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

VINET, Joseph Simon Armand

MMM MSC CD

CG: 11 February 2012

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 07 December 2011

Regimental Sergeant-Major Joint Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: November 2009 to Sept 2010

“As regimental Sergeant-Major of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from November 2009 to September 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Vinet was committed to each and every soldier in his group, which was critical to maintaining a cohesive fighting force during intense combat operations. He regularly lived and patrolled with his soldiers and established solid links with American troops under Canadian command, ensuring that fallen Americans received the same honours and memorialization as their Canadian comrades-in-arms. Chief Warrant Officer Vinet’s leadership and outstanding professionalism were pivotal to operational success and brought great credit to Canada.”



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 – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

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WALSH, Francis Jerome

MSC CD

CG: 11 February 2012

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 07 December 2011

Commanding Officer Battle Group Afghanistan

DOI: October 2009 to May 2010

“As commanding officer of the battle group in Afghanistan from October 2009 to May 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Walsh marshalled significant gains on the battlefield. An innovative commander who led from the front, he inspired his multinational battle group. His unit overcame many complex challenges as he led soldiers in operations, which enhanced security and stability in the volatile Panjwayi district, a former insurgent stronghold. Lieutenant-Colonel Walsh’s exemplary leadership was critical to the success of the mission in Afghanistan. He brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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

KING, Craig Randall

Brigadier-General – ex PPCLI (ex 402 Squadron Air Force Reserves)
Regional Command (South) Afghanistan

OMM MSC CD MBE

CG: 04 August 2012

GH: 20 June 2012

DOI: December 2009 to Sept 2010



“While deployed within Regional Command (South) in Afghanistan from December 2009 to September 2010, Brigadier-General King played a critical role during a defining moment in the campaign. As the driving force behind the expansion of Afghan National Security Forces, particularly the Afghan National Police, he worked with Afghan and coalition stakeholders to institute a complete review of personnel and equipment that provided an accurate assessment of the current situation and facilitated decision making. Brigadier-General King’s leadership and work ethic contributed to the improvement of the security situation in southern Afghanistan and brought great credit to Canada and the Canadian Forces.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) Military** as per **London Gazette** of 12 June 1999 in the rank of Major.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 2009 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with Southwest Asia ribbon and four bars – SSM with Bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and two bars – MBE (military)



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

MIALKOWSKI, Conrad Joseph John

OMM MSC CD

CG: 04 August 2012

Lieutenant-Colonel – 1st Battalion Royal Canadian Regiment (**later a Bar to MSC**)

GH: 14 February 2014

Commanding Officer - Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group

DOI: May to November 2010

“As commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group in Afghanistan from May to November 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Mialkowski solidified Canada’s reputation as a reliable ally and served as an example to his soldiers. An innovative commander who led from the front, he applied his understanding of Kandahar province’s dynamic counter-insurgency environment to great effect. Lieutenant-Colonel Mialkowski’s distinction as a leader and a soldier was critical to the Canadian Forces’ success in a complex area of operations.”



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

His father, Colonel Joseph John Conrad Mialkowski, also received the OMM in 1993.

Awarded a **Bar to his Meritorious Service Cross (MSC*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 July 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General for service as the Commander of Joint Task Force Jerusalem and Joint Task Force Middle East.

Medals: OMM - MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO for Bosnia – CD and Bar

Awarded **Life Saving Medal of the Order of St. John in Gold** for going to the assistance of Corporal Nathan Cirillo on 22 October 2015.

Colonel Conrad Mialkowski joined the Canadian Forces in 1988 and completed a Bachelor of Arts at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. His first Regimental duty was with 1st Battalion, The RCR in London and Petawawa from 1991 – 1996, where he served as a rifle platoon commander, mortar platoon commander and company second-in-command.



In 1996, he was posted extra-Regimentally to 2nd Battalion, The Irish Regiment of Canada in Sudbury, Ontario where he served for three years as the Regular Force Cadre officer. Thereafter, Colonel Mialkowski was posted to Meaford, Ontario as Adjutant of the Land Force Central Area Training Centre from 1999 to 2001.

Returning to 1 RCR as the Operations Officer, he concurrently commanded Echo Company, Combat Support, and subsequently commanded Bravo Company from 2002-2004. Afterwards, Col Mialkowski was posted for one year to the Land Staff at National Defence Headquarters where he worked on the strategic restructure of the Army and served with the CDS Action Team on Command and Control. Following one year at the Canadian Forces College in Toronto, Ontario, he was posted to Headquarters, Canadian Forces Expeditionary Command (CEFCOM) where he has served for two years within

the J3 Branch, first as Deputy J3 Plans and then as J3 Operations, responsible for the CEFCOM Command Centre. In May 2008 he once again returned to Petawawa, this time to accept command of 1 RCR and deploy the Battalion to Afghanistan as part of Task Force 1-10.

On operations, Col Mialkowski has commanded from Platoon to Battle Group. First as Mortar Platoon Commander with the 1 RCR Battle Group on OP HARMONY, Croatia 1994-1995. Second, as Officer Commanding Bravo Company with the RCD Battle Group on OP PALLADIUM, Bosnia 2003-2004, during which time the Canadian commitment in the Balkans was reduced and Bravo Company oversaw the closure of Camp Drvar. And most recently in command of the 1,300 strong, 1 RCR Battle Group in Kandahar Province, where he was awarded the **Meritorious Service Cross**.

Additionally, he is a graduate of the Jamaica Junior Command and Staff College, the Canadian Land Force Command and Staff College, Canadian Forces Command and Staff College and holds a Masters of Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada. Colonel Mialkowski completed his tenure of command of 1RCR on 25 Feb 2011. He has been subsequently posted to the Land Staff in Ottawa.

On 28 June 2015, he took command of 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group in CFB Petawawa and was subsequently made the Commander of Task Force Jerusalem and Task Force Middle East from July 2017 to July 2018. He was then promoted to Brigadier-General and made Chief of Staff to the Chief of Defence Staff at NDHQ in Ottawa.

Col Mialkowski is married to Nancy MacKinnon and they have a daughter Elizabeth, aged 4. While Nancy is a gifted writer and Elizabeth an active child and avid talker, Colonel Mialkowski is a slow runner, an incompetent golfer and an inept hockey player. Colonel Conrad Mialkowski was one of the six passersby who rushed to the aid of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo after a gunman opened fire at the National War Memorial on 22 October 2015 were honoured by St. John Ambulance for their bravery at a special ceremony on Parliament Hill this afternoon.

Each received the Gold Life-saving Medal of the Order of St. John from the first-aid training organization for their combined efforts to compress Cirillo's wounds, perform CPR and offer him comfort in his final moments as he lay bleeding on the cenotaph. They are:

- Barbara Winters, a lawyer and former naval reservist with HMCS Discovery.
- Margaret Lerhe, a nurse with Doctors Without Borders.
- Martin Magnan, Veterans Affairs press secretary.
- Master Cpl. Anthony Wiseman.
- Master Cpl. Kyle Button, the third, roving sentry on Oct. 22.
- Colonel Conrad Mialkowski, MSC, CD

Colonel Conrad Mialkowski was stopped at a red light just past the plaza, on the way back to his office at the Department of National Defence. The colonel heard the first bang and knew exactly what it was. He had served in Croatia and Bosnia in the mid-1990s and spent 10 months in 2011 as the commander of Canada's 1,300-strong battle group in Kandahar, Afghanistan. The 47-year-old caught some movement in his rearview mirror, turned in his seat and saw Zehaf-Bibeau shoot Cirillo the second time. "I was filled with surprise and rage," he says. He pulled a quick U-turn—narrowly missing an oncoming OC Transpo bus—and gunned the engine of his little Nissan Versa. "What we look to do first is neutralize the threat, so I had it in my mind that I was going to take my car and I was going to drive over that gunman." It soon became obvious that the compact would never make it past the cement bollards surrounding the plaza, so he abandoned the car on the edge of the sidewalk and ran to join the efforts to save Cirillo.



Front: Margaret Lerhe, Martin Magnum, Barbara Winters (former Member HMCS Discovery) BGen Conrad Mialkowski
 Back: Master Corporal Kyle Button, Colonel Conrad Mialkowski, M/Corporal Anthony Wiseman

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

NEASMITH, David Gordon

OMM MSC CD

CG: 04 August 2012

Brigadier-General – ex Signals Officer

GH: 13 November 2012

Commanding General – Afghan National Army Development Kabul, Afghanistan

DOI: March 2010 to March 2011

“Brigadier-General Neasmith was deployed as assistant commanding general for Afghan National Army development, within the NATO Training Mission in Kabul, Afghanistan, from March 2010 to March 2011. His work yielded a significant contribution to the ongoing expansion and professionalization of the Afghan National Army, which was critical to revamping the country’s governmental systems and set the conditions for the transfer of security responsibilities to the Afghan people. Brigadier-General Neasmith’s leadership and performance brought great honour to Canada.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 November 2008 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Honour (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 April 2012 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded the **Ghazi Mir Bachah Khan Medal (Afghanistan)** on 05 June 2012 in the rank of Major-General.

Retired on 15 July 2015 in the rank of Major-General as the Canadian Forces J6 and Deputy Chief Information Officer.

Medals:

OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar - Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and two bars – Officer of the Legion of Honour (USA) – Ghazi Mir Bachah Khan (Afghanistan)



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

WARD, Michael James

MSC CD

CG: 04 August 2012

Major-General – ex Royal Canadian Armoured Corps

GH: 20 June 2012

Development of the Afghan National Police

DOI: September 2009 to Sept 2010



“While deployed to Afghanistan from September 2009 to September 2010, Major-General Ward displayed strategic leadership and contributed to the development of the Afghan National Police. Working with the Minister of the Interior, he created a culture of collaboration that lessened bureaucracy, increased transparency and brought Afghan-led efforts to the fore. In particular, he was instrumental in raising the standard of new recruits and of the recruitment process as a whole. Major-General Ward’s leadership contributed significantly to improving security and stability in Afghanistan, and brought credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 November 2011 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar
NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO with Kosovo ribbon – CD and bar
– Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)

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CORBOULD, Kenneth André

OMM MSC CD

CG: 08 December 2012

Brigadier-General – ex Royal Canadian Engineers

GH: 14 February 2014

Deputy Commander – Regional Command (South) HQ

DOI: October 2010 to October 2011



“As deputy commander of Regional Command (South) Headquarters from October 2010 to October 2011, Brigadier-General Corbould showed leadership and used his combat-tested experience and a results-focused approach to contribute significantly to the success of the international military campaign in southern Afghanistan. Working within a diverse battle space and across multiple lines of operations, he created a clear and direct path for his organization to meet its objectives. Brigadier-General Corbould’s remarkable efforts were critical to multinational success in Afghanistan, highlighting Canada’s role in bringing stability to the country.”

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

Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 August 2007 in the rank of Colonel for service in Afghanistan.

Medals: OMM – MSC – GCS with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bars – SWA ribbon with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – UNICOM – UNPROFOR – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and bar – Alberta Centennial – Bronze Star (USA)

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

MILNER, Dean James

OMM MSC (*) CD

CG: 08 December 2012

Brigadier-General – ex Royal Canadian Dragoons

GH: 13 November 2012

Deputy Commander – Regional Command (South) HQ

DOI: September 2010 to July 2011

“While deployed as commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from September 2010 to July 2011, Colonel Milner demonstrated exceptional leadership that was critical to the success of Task Force Kandahar. Working in close partnership with Afghan National Security Forces and allies, he enabled the disruption of insurgent networks, the successful completion of infrastructure improvements and enhanced the overall level of security for the Afghan population. Colonel Milner’s performance and leadership secured Canada’s legacy in Afghanistan and positioned the Canadian Forces for a successful transition to its training mission.”



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

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 June 2012 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Cross** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 October 2014 in the rank of Colonel.

His father, **Major-General Clive Milner, OMM, MSC, CD** was also awarded the MSC as per the Canada Gazette of 07 November 1995 for services as the Commander of UNICYP.

Medals: OMM – MSM – Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with 3 extra tour bar - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UNMEE Ethiopia / Eritrea – NATO - CD and Bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)

