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

SOUTHERN, Barry Marshall

MSC MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 20 March 2013

Canadian Defence Attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Libya

DOI: 2011

“As Canadian defence attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Libya during 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Southern played a pivotal role in the successful and safe evacuation of Canadian citizens from that country. In difficult and dangerous situations, he showed an innate cultural awareness and intrinsic leadership ability. Lieutenant-Colonel Southern also provided vital support to the Ambassador in the re-establishment of the embassy, while taking on the responsibility of chargé d'affaires—an opportunity rarely accorded to a defence attaché.”

Awarded **USA Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 December 2010 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 2013 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: MSC – MSM – SSM with 2 Bars (NATO & PEACE) – Peacekeeping – UN Lebanon (2) – UN Cyprus (2) – NATO bar Kosovo – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – MSM (USA)



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

ONE

SMV MSC

CG: 22 June 2013

No ranks given

GH: 07 June 2013

Officer Commanding of the Embedded Partner Team Kandahar Response Team

DOI: 07 May – 08 May 2011

"In a series of bold and coordinated attacks across the rugged Afghan terrain Taliban insurgents attempted to shift their fighting from the countryside to the crowded urban streets of the nation's major cities, in the spring of 2011. The enemy selected key targets including areas of high tactical value throughout Kandahar City, the provincial capital and focal point of the insurgency.

On May 7, 2011, shots rang out close to an Afghan Police checkpoint just outside the walls of the Kandahar Provincial Response Company (K-PRC) compound. As the attacks in the city grew in intensity, the Afghan government decided to call K-PRC to help quell the surge.

The Kandahar Provincial Response Company (K-PRC) was a well-trained and well-led, limited-notice response force comprised primarily of Afghan police who were trained and mentored by crack soldiers of Canadian Special Forces Operation Command (CANSOFCOM). After brief orders were issued to the force, including their Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR) mentors, they moved to the centre of the city to conduct a reconnaissance on the massive building they were requested to clear by the American Force Commander. What they saw in front of them was a maze of venter stalls and shops littered with rugs and tapestries capable of hiding even the largest enemy opposition force from sight. Over the next 24 hours, the K-PRC would face one of its greatest challenges and stretched its personnel, leadership, and mentors to the brink.

"The conspicuous combat actions of these Special Forces Operators in the battle of Building 4 was borne of hard training and personified an admirable dedication to mission success," said Lieutenant-Colonel Hank Szelec, commanding officer of CSOR. "Their actions were merely a reflection of the dedication, professionalism and commitment that all men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces demonstrate on a daily basis in defending Canadians, and our country."

As a result of this event, seven members of the Regiment were awarded the following: two Stars of Military Valour (SMV), one Meritorious Service Cross (MSC), one Medal of Military Valour (MMV), one Mention In Dispatches (MID), and three Chief of the Defence Staff Commendations. Governor General David Johnston and General Tom Lawson, CDS presented the majority of these awards at Rideau Hall on June 7. A CANFORGEN will be released in extension of CANFORGEN 052/13 – Honours Announcement with additional information.

The distinguished leadership, courageous service and self-sacrifice of the above mentioned CSOR members reflect extremely well on CANSOFCOM and the greater CAF community. On behalf of Commander CANSOFCOM, sincere congratulations are extended to all recipients.

SUFFOLETTA, David Umberto Mario

SMV MSC CD

CG: Not Gazetted

Captain

GH: 22 June 2013

Provincial Response Company – Kandahar

DOI: 2011

"On 22 June 2013, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announces the awarding a **Star of Military Valour and one Meritorious Service Cross** to a member of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM)."



The Officer Commanding of the Embedded Partner Team responsible for mentoring the Kandahar Provincial Response Company was awarded the **Star of Military Valour**. On May 7/8, 2011, this member bravely led and mentored his team through a close quarter clearance operation of a multi-storied building. Under intense fire and at great personal risk, he valiantly coordinated multiple assaults and successfully neutralized the insurgent threat. This member was also awarded the **Meritorious Service Cross** for dramatically improving the operational effectiveness of the Kandahar Provincial Response Company, thereby enhancing both the Afghan Rule of Law and the overall legitimacy of the Afghan government."

Awarded the **Star of Military Valour (SMV)** as per the Canada Gazette of 06 June 2015 in the rank of Captain.

Medals: Star of Military Valour (SMV) – Meritorious Service Cross (MSC) – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and two extra tour bars – CD

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

BEARE, Stuart A.

CMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Major-General (now Lieutenant-General)

GH: 10 September 2013

Commander of the Military Police in NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

DOI: June 2010 to July 2011

“As the deputy commander of the military police within the NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan from June 2010 to July 2011, Major-General Beare led the largest build-up of police forces in the mission’s history. Working tirelessly with his Afghan counterparts and commanding a diverse, multinational organization, he built a solid foundation for the Afghan National Police and positioned the organization for ongoing success. Major-General Beare’s leadership and strategic vision had a profound and lasting impact on the success of the mission.”



Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 November 2008 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 November 2006 in the rank of Major-General.

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

Medals: CMM – MSC - MSM – General Campaign Star with SW Asia ribbon and two extra tour bars - SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR – NATO non Article 5 (Balkans) – EIR Golden Jubilee – Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 Bars – Alberta Centennial – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)



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

DAY, Donald Michael

Brigadier-General – ex PPCLI

Commander Canadian Contribution to NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

CMM (OMM) MSC CD

CG: 12 October 2013

GH: 10 September 2013

DOI: April 2011 to May 2012



“From April 2011 to May 2012, Brigadier-General Day excelled as commander of the Canadian contribution to the NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan, while simultaneously occupying key leadership positions within the NATO command structure. In addition to overseeing the successful stand-up of the Canadian contingent, he was critical in shaping the mission’s overall approach during a time of major strategic transformation. Brigadier-General Day’s leadership and vision had a profound impact on the Afghan National Security Forces’ transition to self-sufficiency.

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 06 January 2013 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded **Baryaal Darajaah Uak (Successful Grade 1st Grade) Medal (Afghanistan)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 June 2012 in the rank of Major-General.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2015 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Medals: CMM – MSC – Southwest Asia with Afghanistan bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one additional tour bar – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR - NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – CD and bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA) - Baryaal Darajash Uak Medal (Afghanistan)

Lieutenant-General Donald Michael, DAY, CMM (OMM), MSC, CD Deputy Commander, NATO Allied Joint Force Command Naples

Lieutenant-General D. Michael Day joined the Canadian Forces in 1983 and was subsequently commissioned as an infantry officer into the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI).

Early regimental duty was followed by a posting to the Toronto Scottish Regiment and Militia District Headquarters before returning to 3 PPCLI. In 1992, he successfully completed Joint Task Force Two (JTF 2) selection and his Special Operations Assaulter Course, and was employed as the first unit Adjutant and as a Troop Commander.

In 1995, Lieutenant-General Day was promoted to Major and subsequently posted to his Regiment’s 2nd Battalion in Winnipeg where he served as the Operations Officer and as a Rifle Company Commander. In 1998, then Major Day attended the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto, followed by a posting to National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa as the Staff Officer to the Director General Strategic Plans. Promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in 2000, he went on to serve in the Chief of Defence Staff’s Professional Development Section as the Chief of Staff. In 2001, he assumed the responsibilities of Acting Director - Counter Terrorism Special Operations and following the events of 9/11, he deployed to Afghanistan as part of Canada’s initial response.

Following his deployment, Lieutenant-General Day returned to Winnipeg to command the PPCLI’s 2nd Battalion. This period of his career would see him deploy to the Balkans as the Commander of the Canadian Battle Group to complete what would be his third operational tour in the area. In July 2005, Lieutenant-General Day returned to Ottawa as Commanding Officer JTF 2 and in June 2007, he assumed command of Canada’s Special Operations Forces.

**Lieutenant-General Donald Michael, DAY, CMM (OMM), MSC, CD
Deputy Commander, NATO Allied Joint Force Command Naples**

Promoted to Major-General in April 2011, he deployed once again to Afghanistan, this time serving as the Deputy Commanding General of the NATO Training Mission where he was directly responsible for the development of all Afghan Security Forces including the Army, Police, Air Force and Special Forces.



In July 2012 upon his return to Ottawa, he was appointed the Director General International Security Policy and in 2013 assumed the responsibilities of Chief of Force Development. In July 2014, he was promoted to his current rank and was appointed as Deputy Commander, Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

Lieutenant-General Day has deployed operationally to the Middle East, Africa, the Balkans and Afghanistan. He was awarded the **Meritorious Service Cross** and the **US Legion of Merit** amongst other awards for these deployments.

Lieutenant-General Day has a BA (with distinction) in Political Studies and History from the University of Manitoba and a Masters in War Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada. He is an avid reader, slow runner and passionate golfer. He is tremendously fortunate to have the tolerant support of his wife, Laura, and two sons both of whom are Officer Cadets in the Canadian Military College System and will be commissioned into the Army.

FERRON, James Robert

OMM MSC CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Major-General

GH: 10 September 2013

Deputy Commanding General NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

DOI: May 2012 to May 2013

“From May 2012 to May 2013, Major-General Ferron has provided his leadership to nearly 4,000 coalition personnel and 13,000 contractors in Afghanistan. With vision and insight as deputy commanding general of the NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan, he ensured the successful introduction of significant new capabilities, and the effective training and equipping of over 350,000 Afghan National Security Forces. Major-General Ferron’s performance set the standard for Canadian, coalition and Afghan personnel, and was critical to the success of the mission.”



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 Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 April 2012 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – Officer, Order of Merit (USA)

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THIBAUT, Guy Robert

Lieutenant-General

Chair of the Inter-American Defence Board (IADB)

CMM MSC CD

CG: 12 October 2013

GH: 10 September 2013

DOI: June 2010 to present



“As chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board (IADB) since June 2010, Lieutenant-General Thibault has demonstrated energy, enthusiasm and diplomatic skill in leading this complex and diverse multilateral group. He is lauded for his interpersonal skills, his sensitivity to national differences of opinion, and his intellectual ability to astutely frame and convincingly articulate a vision for the reform and evolution of the IADB. His efforts have significantly added to Canada’s esteem within the board and to the advancement of Canada’s engagement toward the Americas.”

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

Medals: CMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with Bar NATO – CD and two bars.

Lieutenant-General Guy R. Thibault, CMM, MSC, CD
Vice Chief of the Defence Staff

Lieutenant-General Guy Thibault joined the Canadian Forces in 1978 and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics at the Royal Military College. Upon completion of Army Signal Officer training in Kingston, he served in various operational capacities within the Special Service Force in Petawawa as well as 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, and Canadian Forces Europe in Lahr, West Germany.

He has held a wide range of command and staff appointments within the Army, and at National levels including assignments in the National Defence Operations Centre, Communications Security, Signals, Training and Doctrine and various positions within the Defence Information Services Organization and the Information Management Group including command of 79 Communications Regiment providing strategic communications for CF deployments world-wide. He also served as the Executive Assistant to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff and in 2001 upon promotion to Colonel he led the DND/CF Information Management Strategic Review under the authority of the Associate Deputy Minister.



In 2002, he was appointed Commander, Canadian Forces Base Kingston prior to deploying in early 2004 with the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. Upon return from ISAF, he attended full time postgraduate studies and completed a Master's degree of Public Administration (Management) from Dalhousie University. He is a graduate of the Land Forces Command and Staff College, the Canadian Forces Staff College and the National Security Studies Program.

As a General Officer, he has served as Commander Land Force Central Area - Joint Task Force Central Region; Deputy Commander Canadian Army - Assistant Chief of the Land Staff; as well as the Canadian Forces J6 and Chief of Staff for ADM (Information Management). In this latter capacity, he also assumed the role as Branch Leader for the Canadian Forces Communications and Electronics Branch.

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**Lieutenant-General Guy R. Thibault, CMM, MSC, CD
Vice Chief of the Defence Staff**

.Upon promotion to Lieutenant-General in 2011, he served as the first Chairman of the Inter-American Defense Board (IADB) in Washington, DC. This international organization is an entity of the Organization of American States and is the oldest regional defense cooperation organization in the world. Lieutenant-General Thibault assumed the duties of Vice Chief of the Defence Staff (VCDS) in September 2013, and as such serves as the second in command of the Canadian Armed Forces, Commander of the VCDS Group and is responsible and accountable to the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Deputy Minister to coordinate and direct activities to ensure departmental defence policy and strategic objectives are achieved. He retired in July 2016.



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

NOBLE, Aaron
Captain - RCAF
Aircraft Commander of a Rescue aircraft

MSC MSM

CG: 22 February 2014
GH: 14 February 2014
DOI: 27 October 2011



“On October 27, 2011, aircraft commander Captain Noble, onboard *Rescue 915*, was tasked with rescuing two hunters stranded in Foxe Basin, near Igloolik, Nunavut. The mission would require over 2 000 kilometres of travel, far exceeding the maximum aircrew day. Despite aircraft limitations, adverse weather conditions and compounding operational complexities, Captain Noble expertly planned and executed his mission, saving the lives of the two hunters, and recovering the three search and rescue technicians who had parachuted in to assist them.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the same **Canada Gazette** as his MSC in the rank of Captain, RCAF.

Medals: MSC – MSM



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

MILNER, Dean James

Major-General

Commander Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission
Commanding General of the NATO Training Mission

OMM MSC* CD

BAR

CG: 08 November 2014

GH: 02 October 2014

DOI: May 2013 to March 2014

“Major-General Milner was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as both the commander of the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission and the commanding general of the NATO Training Mission from May 2013 to March 2014. His character, leadership and strategic vision contributed to the development of an autonomous and sustainable Afghan security force in the aftermath of the coalition force departure, and ensured a successful end to Canada’s mission in Afghanistan. Major-General Milner was a consummate professional and an exceptional ambassador for Canada.”

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.

Medals: OMM – MSC and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with 3 extra tour bar - SSM with 2 bars – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UNMEE Ethiopia / Eritrea – NATO bar Kosovo - CD and 2 Bars – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)



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

PELLETIER, Joseph Claude Camille

MSC CD

CG: 08 November 2014

Warrant Officer – Military Police

GH: 02 October 2014

Leadership after devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on 12 January 2010

DOI: After 12 January 2010



“Warrant Officer Pelletier demonstrated leadership, professionalism, initiative and dedication during the aftermath of the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. He provided life-saving first aid to several local nationals immediately following the earthquake, and subsequently organized the evacuation of over 4,000 Canadian citizens. He also delivered crucial assistance to Canadian embassy staff and to governmental and non-governmental aid specialists coordinating the Canadian relief effort. Warrant Officer Pelletier’s decisive actions helped restore calm in Haiti.”

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

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GRANDY, Terrence Gregory

MSC CD

CG: 11 November 2015

Sergeant - RCAF

GH: 01 October 2015

SAR Tech – Helicopter Rescue 908 in the Atlantic

DOI: 20 September 2011



“On September 20, 2011, search and rescue technician Sergeant Grandy successfully evacuated three Belgian sailors from a damaged vessel during a severe storm in the Atlantic Ocean. Lowered from the Rescue 908 helicopter onto the vessel, Sergeant Grady was able to keep the rescue basket under control during the hoisting operation despite the gusting winds and high sea swells. Sergeant Grandy’s tenacity as well as his professionalism under difficult environmental conditions brought great credit to himself, to the Royal Canadian Air Force and to Canada.”

Medals: MSC – Peacekeeping – UNDOF – UNAMIR – CD and bar

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

BOIVIN, Joseph Michael Stéphane (“Steve”) **OMM MSC MSM* CD** CG: 11 November 2015
Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Special Operations Force GH: 27 April 2016
Operational Methods for the Canadian Army in Kurdistan DOI: September 2014 to February 2015

“Lieutenant-Colonel Boivin led the first deployment and integration of the special operations task forces from September 2014 to February 2015. His experience proved crucial to forging specific partnerships and establishing operational methods on the ground in Kurdistan. Lieutenant-Colonel Boivin’s exceptional skills and leadership helped support the Kurdish forces in their efforts to halt the advancement of the Islamic State, further strengthening security in Iraq.”



Awarded **Mentioned in Despatches (MID)** in 2008 but the award was not gazette. For Afghanistan.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** in 2014 but this is one of the awards not Gazetted.

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per the Honours & Recognition to the Canadian Forces document of 2017.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canadian Forces List** of 06 June 2016 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM and Bar – Southeast Asia with extra tour bar and **MID** - General Campaign Star ribbon SWA – Peacekeeping – UN Yugoslavia – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Somalia – CD and bar

Major-General Joseph Michael Stéphane (“Steve”) Boivin, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Colonel Boivin was assigned to the 12th Canadian Armoured Regiment after his basic training. He held various positions of staff and leadership at all levels, and it culminated in the command of the Regiment from 2011 to 2013. In January 2016, he was nominated as an intern at the Strategic Studies courses at the Australian Defence College in Canberra.



His extra-regimental assignments led him to the School of Armour instructor at Quebec Area Headquarters Land Force (2nd Division) in the position of G3 Resources, J5 and J7, Headquarters of Canadian Army as a coordinator for the chief of land strategy and Staff Headquarters of national Defence to current operations of the strategic Joint Staff. From August 2015 to January 2016, he commanded Joint Task Force to counter the threat of explosions of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF FOICME).

He participated in four international missions. He deployed twice with different units in the former Yugoslavia under the NATO Stabilization Force's mandate. He commanded a reconnaissance squadron in 2008 in Kandahar province, with the battle group of 2nd Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry during Task Force 1-08. In 2014/15, he commanded Task Force El Gorah, Egypt on Op CALUMET acting simultaneously as head of the liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers.

He holds a BA in Mathematics from the University of Quebec in Montreal and earned a Master of Applied Military Science and Defence Management of Military College in Kingston and a Masters in Defence College Canadian Forces Toronto. He completed the Technical Staff Land Force program in Kingston, the commander course and Staff Land Force in Kingston and command program and the Joint Staff Forces College Toronto. Colonel Boivin of Lachenaie, Quebec, is married and is the proud father of three young adults.

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LAMARRE, Charles Adrien
Brigadier-General
Commander – Mission Transition Task Force Afghanistan (Close Out Team)

OMM MSC CD

CG: 11 November 2015
GH: 27 April 2016
DOI: July to December 2011



“Brigadier-General Lamarre deployed to Afghanistan from July to December 2011, as commander of the Mission Transition Task Force. With inspired leadership and strategic acumen, he successfully accomplished the daunting task of closing out the Canadian combat mission and repatriating massive stockpiles of materiel and equipment, all while ensuring there was no disruption of support to personnel at Regional Command South and Kandahar Airfield. Brigadier-General Lamarre’s efforts, diplomacy and outstanding professional knowledge ensured the flawless execution of this important mission.”

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

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – CD and Bar – Alberta Centennial

Promoted Major-General in 2014.

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TAYLOR, Walter Andrew

MSC CD

CG: 11 November 2015
GH: 27 April 2016
DOI: 13 November to 19 December 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel – Joint Engineer, 1st Canadian Division, Kingston
Commanding Officer of the Disaster Response Team (DART)
\ to the super Typhoon in the Philippines - Op RENAISSANCE



“From November 13 to December 19, 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor deployed to the Philippines as the commanding officer of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) that provided humanitarian assistance in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Notwithstanding the enormity of the situation and immense time pressures for deployment, his team’s response time was remarkable. Moreover, Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor was integral in the establishment of the civil-military co-operation model, which resulted in organized exchanges of expertise between Canada and the Philippines. Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor’s leadership contributed greatly to a successful mission.”

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition – SSM and 2 bars – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

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

O'NEIL, Gary

MSC CD MBE

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Forces Health Services - CO 2 Field Ambulance

GH: 27 April 2016

Cdn Commander Military Led Fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone

DOI: December 2014 to April 2015

“From December 2014 to April 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel O’Neil displayed exemplary leadership as the Canadian contingent commander in the combined Canadian and British military-led fight against Ebola in Sierra Leone. He ensured his team was trained to the highest levels of clinical governance and that they maintained strict care protocols, resulting in a 100 per cent grading by the World Health Organization Inspection Team. Lieutenant-Colonel O’Neil’s extraordinary level of professionalism during a challenging deployment inspired his personnel and brought great honour to Canada.”



Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN – Diamond Jubilee - CD – MBE - Ebola Medal (British)

Awarded **Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 September 2016 and the **London Gazette** of 23 September 2016 (to be dated 16 March 2016) in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel

LCol O’Neil was born in Bathurst, N.B. and commands 2 Field Ambulance.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gary O’Neil, MSC, CD, MBE

Task Force Sirona was comprised of 37 Canadian Armed Forces doctors, nurses, medics and support staff from CFB Petawawa's 2 Field Ambulance and 1 Canadian Field Hospital units. After flying out of CFB Trenton Dec. 6, the group arrived in Sierra Leone Dec. 20 and are based at the U.K.’s 20-bed Kerry Town Treatment Unit. It sits next to an 80-bed treatment centre operated by the Save the Children charity. They face a daunting task. Officials estimate about half of people infected with Ebola virus die, and those living with the disease are often in grave condition. The World Health Organization has logged about 19,500 reports of Ebola virus disease and nearly 7,600 deaths, though authorities say actual numbers may be much higher than reported.

Caring for the ill and containing the virus is dangerous work. A Scottish nurse volunteering with Save the Children contracted the virus and on Wednesday was undergoing treatment in Glasgow. Yet O’Neil explained the Canadians are ready to work after receiving rigorous training. That’s included instruction in the critical steps of putting on and removing protective equipment and sessions on ethics, respectful patient care and mental-health preparedness.

“Honestly, they’re really motivated to get into the facility at Kerry Town,” O’Neil said. “The motivation stems from the level of training they’ve had. That puts people’s minds at ease.” The team is on a 56-day rotation, though the command group led by O’Neil will stay in place for at least three to six months, he said.

The stress of treating the dying and critically ill means there’s also a mental-health nursing officer on the task force. “She sees the bulk of our clinicians on a daily basis,” O’Neil said. “They’re not reporting to her but she makes herself available.” Though O’Neil and others on the team have had other overseas missions, it’s a new experience for some.

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

LEMON, Dwayne Michael

MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Lieutenant-Colonel – CF Health Services – Dental

GH: 27 April 2016

Founded & led the CF Forensic Odontology Response Team (FORT)

DOI: January 2010 to February 2015



“From January 2010 to February 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Lemon founded and led the Canadian Armed Forces Forensic Odontology Response Team (FORT), the first North American forensic capability to integrate mental resilience training. With innovative professionalism, he generated personnel for three response undertakings: the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the First Air crash near Resolute Bay in 2011, and following an oilfield attack in Algeria in 2013. By improving the performance and well-being of FORT members while promoting and advancing enhanced disaster victim identification, Lieutenant-Colonel Lemon brought world-class benefits, recognition and honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

CONSTABLE, Daniel Stewart

MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016

Colonel - RCAF

GH: 26 February 2018

First Commander Joint Task Force Iraq

DOI: October 2014 to May 2015



“From October 2014 to May 2015, Colonel Constable excelled as commander of the inaugural Joint Task Force-Iraq in Kuwait. He skilfully managed a high volume of critical issues while maintaining unwavering personal dedication to the mission. His exceptional leadership and professionalism, while overseeing the strategic integration of Canada into the United States-led coalition, enabled the task force to commence direct combat air operations in record time. Colonel Constable’s distinctive accomplishments have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Joint Task Force Iraq is Canada’s role in Operation IMPACT, the coalition against ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. The task force includes around 600 Canadian Armed Forces personnel, the Air Task Force Iraq, planning teams and liaison officers.

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – NATO Medal – CD and two bars – British General (Campaign) Service Medal



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

ELBOURNE, Julian Andrew
 Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
 Commanding Officer *HMCS Protecteur*

MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016
 GH: 03 October 2016
 DOI: 27 February 2014

“On February 27, 2014, a catastrophic and potentially fatal engine room fire broke out on board Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. As commanding officer, Commander Elbourne demonstrated critical, inspirational leadership and decision making that kept his crew focused and determined to save the ship under the most arduous sea conditions. Commander Elbourne’s outstanding actions were instrumental in minimizing injuries and protecting the lives of the 300 crew, and in saving the ship from sinking.”



Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – CD



KELLY, Ian Mark
 Chief Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy
 Coxswain – *HMCS Protecteur*

MMM MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016
 GH: 03 October 2016
 DOI: 27 February 2016

“On February 27, 2014, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Kelly demonstrated selfless dedication and outstanding leadership during and after a catastrophic engine room fire while at sea on board Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. In the chaotic early stages of the fire, he personally led the effort to identify and locate missing crew. His boundless drive was essential in enabling the crew to fight the fire, and to overcome significant challenges during the long towing operation to port.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2016 in the rank of Chief Petty Officer First Class.

Medals: MMM – MSC – CD and Bar



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

KENNY, Eric Jean

Colonel - Royal Canadian Air Force
Air Commander OP Impact

CMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016

GH: 27 April 2016

DOI: October 2014 to April 2015



“From October 2014 to April 2016, he was the Air Commander of Op Impact.” Operation IMPACT was the Canadian Armed Forces’ (CAF) contribution to the Middle East Stabilization Force (MESF) – the multinational coalition to halt and degrade the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Under Operation IMPACT, the CAF conduct air operations, provide training and assistance to the Iraqi security forces, provide capacity building capabilities to regional forces, and support the coalition with highly skilled personnel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 April 2013 in the rank of Colonel as the Commander of Task Force Libya.

Awarded **American Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 March 2011 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **Defense American Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 11 April 2014 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **CANFORGEN** of 27 January 2022 in the rank of Lieutenant-General.

Medals: CMM - MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with ribbon Allied Force– General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition - Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Libya – Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bar – Defense MSM (USA) - MSM (USA).

Lieutenant-General E.J. Kenny, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD Commander RCAF

Lieutenant-General Eric Kenny joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1989 and graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston with a degree in Computer Engineering. He completed pilot training at 15 Wing Moose Jaw in 1995 and was selected to fly the CF-188 Hornet.

Following CF-188 pilot training, he served as a CF-188 line and instructor pilot, and flight supervisor at 433 and 410 Tactical Fighter Squadrons (TFS) in 3 Wing Bagotville and 4 Wing Cold Lake.

Lieutenant-General Kenny has held a number of command positions, including Commanding Officer of 409 TFS in Cold Lake, Commander of 4 Wing Cold Lake, and Commander of 1 Canadian Air Division (CAD)/Canadian NORAD Region in Winnipeg. His staff tours consist of Deputy Wing Operations Officer at 4 Wing, A3 Fighter at 1 CAD Headquarters in Winnipeg, Director Air Force Readiness at RCAF HQ in Ottawa, and Deputy Director J7 at NORAD-United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) Headquarters in Colorado.

As a Brigadier-General, he held the positions of Deputy Commander Force Generation at 1 CAD in Winnipeg, and subsequently as Director General Air Readiness at RCAF Headquarters in Ottawa.

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

KENNY, Eric Jean

Lieutenant-General Kenny has deployed numerous times and participated in multiple operations. He deployed twice to Aviano, Italy, to participate in Operation ECHO (Bosnia) and Operation ALLIED FORCE (Kosovo) where he took part in combat missions, and he was the Deputy Director of the Air Operations Control Centre at the International Security Assistance Force HQ in Afghanistan. His deployed command tours include: Task Force Commander for Operation IGNITION in Iceland; Detachment Commander of the CF-188s, CC-130H Hercules and CC-150 Polaris in Trapani, Italy, where he took part in combat missions for Operation MOBILE (Libya); Commander Air Component Coordination Element in Poggio Renatico, Italy, also for Operation MOBILE; and Commander of ROTO 0 Air Task Force – Iraq for Operation IMPACT.

Throughout his career, Lieutenant-General Kenny has accumulated 2,900 flying hours, 2,200 of them in the CF-188. He is a graduate of the NATO Tactical Leadership Program, Fighter Weapons Instructor Course, Canadian Forces College Joint Command and Staff Program, United States Air Force (USAF) Air War College, USAF Combined Force Air Component Commander course, US CAPSTONE course, and has a Master of Defence Studies from RMC.

He was promoted to Lieutenant-General in August 2022 and appointed Commander of the RCAF on August 12, 2022.



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

MURRAY, Jeffrey
 Lieutenant-Commander – Royal Canadian Navy
 Executive Officer – *HMCS Protecteur*

MSC MSM CD

CG: 04 June 2016
 GH: 03 October 2016
 DOI: 27 February 2014



“As executive officer of *Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Protecteur*, Lieutenant-Commander Murray led his crew in successfully extinguishing the second-largest fire in the history of the Royal Canadian Navy on February 27, 2014. His decisions, actions and forceful determination were instrumental in saving the ship and protecting the crew. His professionalism in the aftermath of the fire kept the crew focused on preparing the ship for towing, allowing the ship to arrive safely in Pearl Harbor with no casualties.”

Commanding Officer HMCS Fredericton in May 2014 to July 2015.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 16 June 2018 in the rank of Commander in Command of *HMCS Fredericton*.

Medals: MSC - MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM with bar NATO - NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia – CD

Commander Jeffrey Murray, MSC, CD

Commander Jeffrey Murray joined the Canadian Armed Forces as a Direct Entry Officer in 1999. After completing Basic Officer Training as well as his Maritime Surface Officer classification training, he was posted to his first ship, *HMCS Iroquois*. During this posting he served as an Officer of the Watch and Ship’s Team Diving Officer and was deployed to the Arabian Gulf during the first rotation of Operation APOLLO.



He then served as the Shipborne Air Controller and Diving Officer in *HMCS Athabaskan*. Upon completion of the Operations Room Officer Course Commander Murray served as the Operations and then Combat Officer in *NCSM Ville de Quebec*. While serving as Combat Officer, *Ville de Quebec* was deployed to the Mediterranean Sea as a part of a NATO Task Group and was then re-tasked to support World Food Program shipments of humanitarian aid destined for Mogadishu, Somalia.

His postings ashore have included time as a Staff Officer in the Headquarters of both Maritime Forces Atlantic and the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, and as the Tactics Officer at the Canadian Forces Naval Operations School in Halifax, N.S.

Commander Murray holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree with a major/minor in Law and English, from Carleton University. In 2011 he graduated from the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Programme after which he proceeded on a year of second language training at the Asticou Centre in Gatineau, PQ before being appointed Executive Officer in HMCS PROTECTEUR.

During his tour as Executive Officer, *HMCS Protecteur* underwent a challenging program transitioning from an extended refit to achieving high-readiness status, and then served as the Duty Oiler off of the coast of Southern California and Hawaii for the United States Navy’s Commander Task Force 33. Commander Murray assumed Command of *HMCS Fredericton* on 23 May 2014.

In June 2023, he was promoted to **Commodore** and made the Director General of Naval Strategic Readiness.

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

PENNER, Michael Andrew
Petty Officer 1st Class – Royal Canadian Navy

MSC CD

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 03 October 2016
DOI: 27 February 2016

“On February 27, 2014, during a major engine room fire at sea on board Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Protecteur*, Petty Officer 1st Class Penner displayed exceptional leadership and unmatched technical acumen under extremely dangerous conditions. His rapid decisions and tireless actions in a smoke-filled compartment prevented catastrophic explosions and serious injury or death. Petty Officer 1st Class Penner demonstrated outstanding situational awareness during the incident.”

Medals: MSC – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition – Peacekeeping – CD and Bar

Now Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class



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No Rank
Not Named for Security Reasons

MSC

CG: 04 June 2016
GH: 27 April 2016
DOI: Unknown

His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, has awarded a Meritorious Service to a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for military activities of high standard that have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada. For security and operational reasons, the recipient names and citations have not been released.

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

GUINEY, Jason Christopher Guiney MSC CD CG: 12 November 2017
Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment GH: 27 February 2017
Commander of Canadian Forces Deployed to the Ukraine – Operation Unifier DOI: August 2015 to January 2016

“From August 2015 to January 2016, Lieutenant-Colonel Jason Christopher Guiney deployed to Ukraine as the inaugural task force commander. His exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication shaped the structure of the task force, while the outstanding relationships he developed with the Canadian Embassy and the Armed Forces of Ukraine proved pivotal to creating a sustainable mission. Lieutenant-Colonel Guiney greatly contributed to strengthening Ukraine’s capacity for maintaining its sovereignty, security and stability.”

Medals: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with Haiti ribbon – SSM with 2 bars – Peacekeeping – UN Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) – CD and bar

Colonel Jason Christopher Guiney, MSC, CD, RCR



Colonel Jason Guiney was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia and enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1995 as an infantry officer. Upon completion of his studies at the Royal Military College of Canada, he was commissioned into 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment (2 RCR) in Gagetown, New Brunswick. Col Guiney spent six years with 2 RCR and deployed twice with the Battalion on United Nations missions in East Africa and Haiti. In 2005, Col Guiney was posted to Ottawa to the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Group as a staff officer for missions in the Africa region, including a deployment with the Disaster Assistance Relief Team to Pakistan. Promoted to Major in 2007, he deployed with 3 RCR to Afghanistan as the Operations Officer and then attended the Joint Command and Staff Program at the Canadian Forces College. Following staff college, he was posted to the Strategic Joint Staff as a plans officer for the Middle-East and North Africa regions.

Colonel Guiney assumed command of 1 RCR in 2014 and, with his battalion, established the CAF training mission in Ukraine for which he was awarded the **Meritorious Service Cross**. Following battalion command, he was posted to 4th Cdn Division Headquarters as the G3 and then later as the Chief of Staff. In 2019, Colonel

Guiney deployed to the Middle East as the Deputy Commander (Operations) for Canada’s mission in the Middle East. Upon his return, he was posted to Canadian Army HQ as the Director of Land Force Development and then attended the National Security Program at the Canadian Forces College. After a brief assignment as the Special Advisor to the Commander Canadian Army, he assumed command of 4th Canadian Division Support Group in Jan 2023.

He holds an undergraduate degree in history, and masters’ degrees in Defence Studies and War Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada.

He is married with two children and in his spare time, he and his family enjoy the active outdoor life.

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

TREMBLAY, Robert Paul Joseph

Major – Royal Hamilton Light Infantry

United Nations and Haitian National Police (HNP) Team Leader in Haiti

MSC CD

Hamilton, Ontario

CG: 12 November 2016

GH: 27 February 2017

DOI: March to September 2015

“While serving in Haiti from March to September 2015 as United Nations and Haitian National Police (HNP) team leader, Major Robert Paul Joseph Tremblay played a key role in developing electoral security measures. Through his leadership, he helped to establish a command and control structure for operations by the HNP under complex and difficult circumstances. During this deployment, Major Tremblay forged an effective civilian-military team that advanced governance in the region, bringing great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSC – Peacekeeping – MONOC (Congo) – UNMISS (Haiti) – Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar



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

BOURGON, Marie Hélène
Colonel - RCAF
Commander Joint Task Force-Iraq – Op IMPACT Iraq

CMM MSC CD

CG: 12 November 2017
GH: 27 February 2017
DOI: May to August 2015



“As commander of Joint Task Force-Iraq from May to November 2015, and through her outstanding leadership, Colonel Bourgon ensured the success of a combat mission against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. She successfully managed numerous issues, with particular attention given to the morale and well-being of over 500 soldiers under her command. She provided an exceptional level of service, which contributed to strengthening Canada’s reputation within the international coalition.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 01 June 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Government House** of 27 January 2022 in the rank of Major-General.

Medals: MSC – Operational Service with Expedition Ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond – CD and Bar

In 2023, she was promoted to **Lieutenant-General** and made the Acting Commander of Military Personnel Command.



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No Rank
Not Named for Security Reasons

MSC

CG: 12 November 2016
GH: 27 February 2017
DOI: Unknown

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This is likely an award to a member of Rotation 0 of Operation UNIFIER which consisted mainly of members of 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group from CFB Petawawa.

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

BOYLE, Sean Thomas

Colonel - RCAF

Air Task Commander – Op IMPACT Iraq

OMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 12 November 2016

GH: 26 February 2018

DOI: 24 April 2015 – October 2015

“Colonel Boyle was deployed to Joint Task Force–Iraq from April to October 2015 as Air Task Force commander. He quickly established relationships with coalition counterparts that enabled the sharing of operation tactics, techniques and procedures and, in turn, led to the successful conduct of more than 500 combat sorties against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. A combat-experienced, charismatic and visionary leader, Colonel Boyle selflessly dedicated himself to the flawless execution of air operations, which significantly raised Canada’s international reputation.”

The 22 Wing commanding officer considers himself lucky just to have been able to compete for the opportunity to help lead the fight against ISIS. Less than a year after nearly dying in a paragliding crash while vacationing in France, Col. Sean Boyle of CFB North Bay is ready take over as Canadian air task commander of Operation IMPACT in Iraq.

On 24 April 2015, Boyle became responsible for 350 Canadian military personnel deployed to the Middle East to battle the terrorist group, which has taken over parts of Iraq and Syria. The deployment is for six months.

Awarded **National Defence Medal (Bronze Echelon – France)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 24 March 2007 in the rank of Major.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (NATO)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 22 April 2006 in the rank of Major.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **not Canada Gazette** of 24 June 2015 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Southwest Asia ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – NATO non-Article 5 ribbon – CD and bar – National Defence Medal, Bronze Echelon (France) – NATO MSM



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

ELDER, Shayne

Colonel

Commander Air Task Force-Iraq

MSC AM CD

CG: 17 June 2017

GH: 27 February 2017

DOI: October 2015 to April 2016



“Colonel Elder was deployed to Kuwait from October 2015 to April 2016 as commander of Air Task Force-Iraq. An exceptional leader and innovator, he expertly drove combat flying operations against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, and maximized the capabilities of the Canadian Armed Forces aviation fleet, while also increasing the effectiveness of operational and maintenance personnel. Colonel Elder’s professionalism and selfless dedication brought great credit to Canada.”

Medals: MSC – Operational Service Medal with Expeditionary Ribbon – CD - Order of Australia (AM) – Australia Active Service medal 1971 – 1991 – Australia Iraq medal (2004) – Australia Service medal – Australia National medal (2011) – Australia Defence medal – UNTSO (2 for 2nd tour) – USA Meritorious Service medal.



Colonel David Shayne ELDER, MSC, AM, RCAF
Brigadier David Shayne ELDER, AM, Australian Army 16 Aviation Brigade Commander (retired)
Member of the Order of Australia (AM)



Member of the Order of Australia (AM)

A native of Australia, Colonel Elder joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2011 after 26 years of service in the Australian Army, where he retired in the rank of brigadier after commanding the 16th Aviation Brigade (Australian Army Aviation). It was announced on 26 January 2011 that Brigadier David Shayne Elder had been made a **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** in the military division “For exceptional service as the Commander 16th Aviation Brigade and to Australian Army Aviation”. Brigadier Shayne Elder served four years as the Deputy Commander and then Commander of 16 Aviation Brigade. During this time Brigadier Elder reinforced the warfighting ethos of the modern combat Army aviator.

Colonel Shayne Elder became Commander of **Canada’s Air Task Force-Iraq (ATF-I)** on 19 October 2015. In this role, Colonel Elder led the task force through the successful execution of bringing the CF-18 Hornet operations to a halt against the so-called Islamic State of Iraq and Levant (ISIL). He also led his team in CP-140 Aurora intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance missions, and in CC-150 Polaris refueling operations. On 08 April 2016, Colonel Jason Major assumed command of Air Task Force-Iraq (ATF-I) from Colonel Elder in a change of command ceremony held in the sandy and windy Camp Canada in Kuwait, home of Joint Task Force-Iraq, the higher headquarters of ATF-I. Colonel Elder received the Canadian Meritorious Service Cross (MSC) and Operational Service Medal with Expeditionary ribbon.

Colonel Shayne Elder succeeded Colonel Kelvin Truss as the Commander of the **Canadian Forces Aerospace Warfare Centre (CFAWC)** during a change of command ceremony on 21 June 2017 at 8 Wing (Canadian Forces Base Trenton), Ontario, where CFAWC is located.



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

BOIVIN, Joseph Raoul Stéphane OMM MSC CD CG: 17 June 2017
 Colonel GH: 02 July 2015
 Commander Task Force El Gorah and Chief Liaison Multinational Force & Observers DOI: June 2014 to July 2015



“From June 2014 to July 2015, Colonel Boivin served as commander of Task Force El Gorah and as chief of liaison of the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt. He demonstrated unwavering leadership and strong diplomatic skills in responding to a deteriorating security situation, and in managing a Canadian workforce that was doubling in size. His political sense and extraordinary dedication ensured operational success in one of Egypt’s most violent regions. He holds a Master’s degree in Applied Military Science from the Royal Military College, Kingston. He is a student at the Australian Defence College.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 01 June 2019 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM - MSC - General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO non-article 5 – MFO with 2 – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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DEMERS, Pierre Frédéric André OMM MSC CD CG: Not Gazetted
 Colonel GH: 02 July 2015
 United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo DOI: June 2013 to July 2014
 INVESTED: 26 June 2015



“From June 2013 to July 2014, Colonel Demers did an exemplary job as part of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Of particular note, he developed and implemented a successful campaign against illegal armed groups that had been terrorizing the population of North Kivu. Colonel Demers excelled in this complex multinational environment and his outstanding leadership helped to restore peace to the region.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the Canada Gazette of 01 June 2019 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon – Peacekeeping – MONUSCO – UNPROFOR – NATIO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

September 2016 to August 2018	Colonel	Commander Canadian Forces Recruiting Group	CFB Borden
September 2014 to August 2016	Colonel	Director Peace Keeping Policy	NDHQ Ottawa
	Colonel	Director General International Security	NDHQ Ottawa
June 2013 to July 2014	Colonel	DCOS Ops & Plans UN MONUSCO	Dem Rep of Congo
May 2012 to May 2013	Colonel	Director Land Forces Development	NDHQ Ottawa
June 2010 to May 2012	Colonel	Strategic Joint Staff, A/DCO & Afghanistan Desk	NDHQ Ottawa
September 2008 to June 2010	LCol	Commanding Officer, 3e R22eR	Valcartier
2007 to 2008	Major	US Military College	Quantico, Virginia
2006 to 2007	Major	US Military College	Quantico, Virginia
May 1994 to May 1995	Major	Military Observer – UNAMIR	Rwanda
1990	Captain	Infantry Officer, R22eR	Valcartier
December 1986	Officer Cadet	McGill University / Infantry Officer, R22eR	Montreal

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

CHARPENTIER, Steve Joseph Yves

MSC CD

CFAO: 14 June 2015

Colonel

GH: 02 July 2015

Chief of Staff of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

DOI: July 2011 to July 2012

“From June 2013 to July 2014, Colonel Demers did an exemplary job as part of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Of particular note, he developed and implemented a successful campaign against illegal armed groups that had been terrorizing the population of North Kivu. Colonel Demers excelled in this complex multinational environment and his outstanding leadership helped to restore peace to the region.”



The award of the **National Defence Medal – Bronze Echelon from France** was not gazetted.

Medals: MSC – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Stabilization Mission Haiti – NATO non-Article 5 ribbon – MFO – CD and Bar – National Defence (Bronze Echelon) (France)

FONTAINE, Marie Hélène Gisèle

MStJ MSC CD

CFAO: 14 June 2015

Colonel

GH: 02 July 2015

Deployed with the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Science in Afghanistan

DOI: July 2012 to July 2013



“While deployed with the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Science in Afghanistan, from July 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant- Colonel Fontaine distinguished herself by her expertise and excellent work. Her efforts to develop and advance training programs for health care providers have greatly improved the quality of care offered to the Afghan National Security Forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Fontaine’s dedication has brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Awarded **Serving Sister of the Order of St. John (MStJ)** in 2003.

Medals: MStJ – MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Canada 125 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee –and 2 bars



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

MOORS, Stuart Ross

MSC CD

CFAO: 14 June 2015

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 02 July 2015

Canadian Defence attaché for North Africa at the Canadian Embassy in Egypt

DOI: August 2011 to August 2014



“While deployed to the Canadian Embassy in Egypt as the Canadian defence attaché for North Africa from August 2011 to August 2014, Captain Moors enabled key regional and Canadian decision makers to effectively manage a myriad of crises during frequent periods of instability, uncertainty and civil unrest. Captain Moors’ advice and leadership in support of Canada’s diplomatic corps and deployed task forces during difficult times were invaluable, and brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded the **NATO Meritorious Service Medal** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 May 2009 in the rank of Commander.

Medals: MSC – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping - UN Mission in Central African Republic (MINURCA) – NATO article 5 ribbon (Active Endeavour) – EIRR Diamond

Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – NATO MSM

Captain(N) Stuart Ross MOORS, MSC, CD, RCN

After over 37 years of service, Captain(N) Moors retired in September 2014. Raised an air force brat, Stu enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1977 in North Bar and was commissioned as a Sub-Lieutenant upon graduation from Royal Roads Military College in 1982. After completing initial MARS training in Esquimalt, he joined the west coast fleet in 1983 serving in HMCS Kootenay, HMCS Annapolis, HMCS Terra Nova, HMCS Skeena, and HMCS Ville de Quebec. He ultimately commanded HMCS Toronto.

His navy and joint staff appointments included Squadron Commander at Collège Militaire Royal de St. Jean, Staff Officer Director General Maritime Development, ADC to the Chief of Defence Staff, Maritime Plans Officer in the 1st Canadian Division Headquarters, Military Assistant to the Chief of Staff at SACLANT, Transformation and Assistant Chief of Staff Personnel and Training at MARLANT HQ. He is an Officer of the 4th graduating class of the Collège Interarmée de Défense, Paris, where he mastered Geopolitics and scraped by in wine tasting.

His career highlights include command of HMCS Toronto for a memorable 2005 Op Connection Great Lakes tour immediately followed by Katrina response deployment, deployment as Air Plans Officer for the UN Mission in Central African Republic and then as Planner for the Ice Storm in 1998. It also includes a superb year at sea as Chief of Staff for NATO’s Standing Maritime Group One, sailing the sands of North Africa as Canadian Defence Attaché for Egypt, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Sudan and playing on the winning CMR Remparts football team in the Quebec Collegiate Championship “Bol d’Or” in 1977.

His immediate plans with his wife Ann Marie as to wander the aisles of Home Depot and Canadian Tire in Ottawa while fixing up their Ottawa home until moving to Halifax.

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

PAWSEY, Jason Adam

MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted

Warrant Officer

CF: Honours to CF 2017

Senior medical professional present when the enemy launched a significant attack

DOI: Unknown

“While deployed, Warrant Officer Pawsey was the senior medical professional on staff when the enemy launched a significant, coordinated offensive against the coalition defensive line. Warrant Officer Pawsey worked tirelessly to treat multiple casualties with a small team of Canadian and allied soldiers. The leadership he demonstrated and the skilled medical interventions he performed despite limited resources directly accounted for numerous lives being saved during a mass casualty event of an unprecedented scale in that theatre of operations.”

HUNTER, Steven James

OMM MSC MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted

Colonel

GH: 26 February 2018

Two Separate Tours as the Commander of a Special Operations Task Force

DOI: Unknown



“During two separate tours as the commander of a special operations task force, Lieutenant-Colonel Hunter displayed unparalleled leadership and competence. His strength and deft command were critical in the aftermath of an incident that injured three operators and killed another in theatre. His tactical innovation modified intelligence collection methodology, resulting in substantially improved kinetic effects against the enemy. With thoroughness, he assured the seamless integration of a specialized team employment, receiving regular praise by the host nation and the coalition leadership.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** which was not gazetted while commanding JTF-2 in Afghanistan – awarded January 2012.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per Canada Gazette of 06 June 2020 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM - MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia with Afghanistan bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon and one extra bar - Peacekeeping – NATO bar Kosovo - CD and bar



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

BONNAR, Todd MSC CD CG: 16 June 2018
 Commander – Royal Canadian Navy (now Captain) Norfolk, Virginia, USA GH: 08 November 2019
 Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of Standing NATO Maritime Task Group One DOI: July 2017 to December 2017

“From July to December 2017, Commander Bonnar exemplified outstanding leadership, coupled with tremendous planning and communications skills, as chief of staff and deputy commander of Standing NATO Maritime Task Group One. His efforts significantly enhanced Canada’s contributions to reinforce NATO’s military and strategic objectives. He was also instrumental in shaping the largest NATO task group in over two decades. His contribution has brought tremendous honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”



Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – Operational Service Medal – SSM with bar NATO - Peacekeeping – NATO – NATO - INTERFET (East Timor) - CD and Bar

Todd Bonnar, MSC, CD

July 2018 to present	Director Strategic Policy and Plans at NATO Allied Command Transformation (ACT) Norfolk, Virginia Area
July 2017 to June 2018	Chief of Staff / Deputy Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group One Northwood, U.K.
July 2016 to July 2017	Commandant Canadian Fleet School Pacific, CFB Esquimalt, Victoria, B.C.
July 2014 to July 2016	Commanding Officer Naval Officers Training Centre VENTURE is the Naval Officers Training Centre (NOTC) Located at Work Point in Esquimalt, B.C.
January 2011 to December 2013	Commanding Officer, <i>HMCS Protecteur</i> , Supply Ship
July 2010 to December 2011	Executive Officer, <i>HMCS Protecteur</i> , Supply Ship
September 2009 to July 2010	Joint Command & Staff Programme, Toronto, Ontario
March 2009 to 2010	Master’s Degree at Royal Military College of Canada
March 2007 to August 2009	J3 Operations Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command, Ottawa, Ontario
1991 to March 2007	Basic Officers and Naval Officers Training and fleet assignments
1987 to 1991	Attended the University of Ottawa – received BSocSci in Economics



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

ARCHER, John	MSC	CG: 16 June 2018
Master Corporal – Now Sergeant	Ottawa, Ontario	GH: 11 June 2019
Revolutionary data extraction and management capabilities at CANSOFCOM HQ		DOI: 2015 to 2018

“Master Corporal Archer developed innovative data extraction and management proficiencies that enhanced Canadian Special Operations Forces Command’s effectiveness in countering violent extremists. His resourcefulness resulted in the enhancement of data management standards which increased actionable intelligence. Master Corporal Archer’s unparalleled subject matter expertise has resulted in the Canadian Armed Forces being recognized as a global technical leader.”

“For outstanding professionalism and dedication in developing revolutionary data extraction and management capabilities at CANSOFCOM HQ in Ottawa.”

Medal: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon – SSM with bar NATO - CD



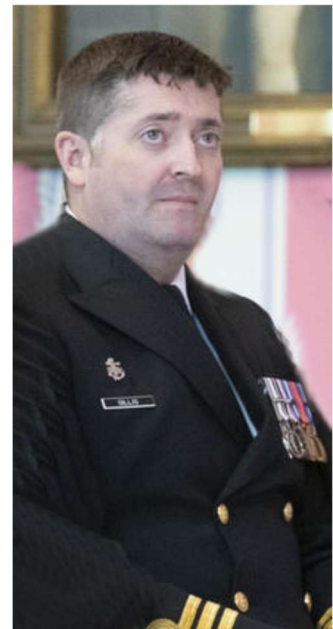
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GILLIS, Sheldon Roderick Kyle	MSC CD	CG: 05 January 2019
Commander - RCN	Halifax, Nova Scotia	GH: 11 June 2019
Commanding Officer – <i>HMCS St. John’s</i> on NATO Assurance Measures		DOI: January to July 2017

“Commander Gillis was deployed from January to July 2017 as the commanding officer of *Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship St. John’s*, which contributed to NATO assurance measures in the Mediterranean, Black and Norwegian seas. He expertly led the ship and her crew through the critical patrols, conducting surveillance and large-scale exercises with other NATO-member states. With every new and unique challenge brought by this demanding role, Commander Gillis provided outstanding leadership and direction to his unit in order to accomplish all the missions assigned to *St. John’s*.”



Medals: MSC – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM with Bar NATO – NATO with non-Article 5 Ribbon - CD



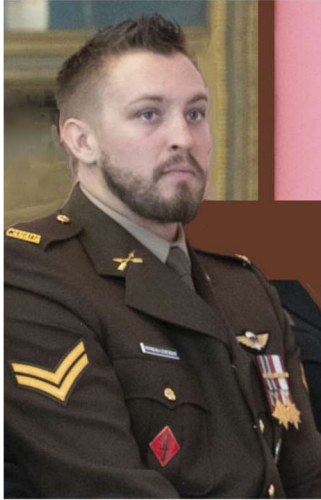
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CITATIONS to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE CROSS (Military) (MSC)

PAPINEAU-LEVESQUE, Alexandre Nicolas
Corporal – JTF2
Revolutionary data extraction and management capabilities at CANSOFCOM HQ

MSC
Pembroke, Ontario

CG: 05 January 2019
GH: 11 June 2019
DOI: 14 August 2016



“On August 14, 2016, during Operation IMPACT, Corporal Papineau-Levesque was instrumental in saving the lives of dozens of host nation soldiers injured on the battlefield. As the trauma combat casualty care provider on-site, he provided front-line medical treatment to multiple waves of casualties during the first 14 hours of a counterterrorism operation. Leading a small team of Canadian and allied soldiers, he oversaw the successful medical treatment of more than 90 casualties, demonstrating exceptional professionalism, dedication and skill.”

Medal: MSC – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon with one extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal with ribbon Humanitas

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

CADIEU, Trevor John

OMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 06 July 2019

BGen – formerly Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) Ottawa, Ontario

GH: 08 November 2019

Commander TF Jerusalem and Command TF Middle East

DOI: July 2016 to July 2017

“Brigadier-General Cadieu served as commander of Task Force Jerusalem and as inaugural commander of Task Force Middle East from July 2016 to July 2017. His eloquence and in-depth knowledge of the challenges facing the region led him to play an active role in advancing the priority objectives of the US Security Coordinator and to establish the regional command post in Amman, Jordan. His initiatives had a positive impact on efforts to strengthen the armed forces of Jordan and Lebanon and helped to maintain strong relations with partners in the region.”



“For exceptional leadership and unmatched dedication as TF Commander Jerusalem and inaugural Command of TF Middle East from July 2016 to July 2017”.

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 23 June 2017 in the rank of Brigadier -General.

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 13 August 2011 in the rank of Major as Commander ‘B’ Squadron Lord Strathcona’s Horse (RC) in Afghanistan leading the first Canadian Army Tank into combat in 60 years.

Awarded Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA) as per the Canada Gazette of 29 June 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General.



Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM - Southwest Asia with Afghanistan bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – OSM with Humanitas ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Golden Jubilee – CD and Bar – Alberta Centennial – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)

Promoted to **Major-General** and appointed Director of Staff, Strategic Joint Staff and NHQ in Ottawa. Promoted to Lieutenant-General to Command the Canadian Army but retired in April 2022 before becoming the Commander of the Canadian Army.

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

RUTLAND, Wade
Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI
Commanding Officer of Canadian Troops in NATO 2 EFP Brigade in Latvia

OMM MSC MSM CD
Ottawa, Ontario

CANFORGEN: 27 May 2019
GH: Nil
DOI: June 2017 to 15 January 2018



“Lieutenant-Colonel Rutland deployed to Latvia from June 2017 to January 2018. As the first Commander of NATO’s enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group, he ensured the full cohesion and training of 1,000 soldiers from six countries to create a skilled unit. Through his innovative thinking and diplomacy, he brilliantly overcame the language barrier, as well as the cultural and political challenges of the region. Lieutenant-Colonel Rutland’s unwavering dedication certainly contributed to the success of Canada’s mission in Latvia.”

“For exceptional leadership and stalwart professionalism while deployed as CO of NATO 2 Enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in Latvia from June 2017 to January 2018.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2016 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Major while serving with the PPCLI in Afghanistan.

Awarded the **Order of Viesturs (Fourth Class) (Latvia)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 03 March 2018 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel for services in Latvia.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon & extra tour bar – General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – Special Service Medal with Expedition bar - Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – 4th Class Order of Viesturs (Latvia)



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

OSHANYK, Jeffrey Theodore

MSC CD

CG: 06 July 2019

Sergeant

GH: 08 November 2019

Revolutionary data extraction and management capabilities at CANSOFCOM HQ

DOI: July 2017 to January 2017

“Sergeant Oshanyk was deployed to Kuwait from July 2017 to January 2018. Tasked with identifying targets within Joint Task Force Iraq, he contributed directly to the fight against Daesh in the region through his innovative initiatives and outstanding dedication. Sergeant Oshanyk also used his knowledge and skills to mentor his colleagues and develop a checklist that will be essential to future operations, thereby helping to enhance the long-term impact of Canada’s presence in the region.”

“For exceptional dedication, leadership and professionalism while deployed to Kuwait as a TGT Developer within Joint Task Force – Iraq ASIC from July 2017 to January 2018.

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MIALKOWSKI, Conrad Joseph John

OMM MSC* CD

CG: 06 July 2019

Brigadier-General – ex CO Royal Canadian Regiment

BAR

GH:

Commander Task Force Jerusalem and Task Force Middle East

DOI: July 2017 to July 2018



“Deployed to Jerusalem from July 2017 to July 2018, Brigadier-General Mialkowski demonstrated exemplary leadership as commander of Task Force Jerusalem and Task Force Middle East. In these roles, he unified the efforts of 75 multinational members dispersed among three host nations and enhanced key strategic partnerships throughout the Levant. Brigadier-General Mialkowski’s efforts greatly contributed to fostering strong and secure relations with allied nations while advancing Canada’s mission in the Middle East.”

“For exceptional leadership while deployed as Commander of Task Force Jerusalem and Task Force Middle East from July 2017 to July 2018.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 August 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel while commanding 1 RCR Battle Group in Afghanistan.

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

Medals: OMM – MSC and bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal with Expedition ribbon (Middle East Op Proteus) - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO with Bosnia bar and ribbon – 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.

Details of his career are in 01c MSC (Cross) Military Citations 2013 on page 31.

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

PELLETIER, Joseph Paul Alain

Major-General – RCAF

CAOC Director of the United States Air Force Central Command, Al Udeid Air Base Qatar

OMM MSC MSM CD

Headingley, Manitoba

CG: 06 July 2019

GH: 08 November 2019

DOI: June 2016 to January 2017

“Brigadier-General Pelletier was deployed to Qatar from June 2016 to January 2017 as director of the Combined Aerospace Operations Centre. Thanks to his expertise and ability to put together highly skilled teams, he expertly coordinated combat air operations in a complex multinational environment. An outstanding ambassador for Canada, Brigadier-General Pelletier played a key role in the international coalition’s efforts to defeat Daesh in Iraq and Syria.

“For remarkable Professionalism and leadership of the Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC) Director of the United States Air Force Central Command, at the Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, from June 2016 to January 2017.”

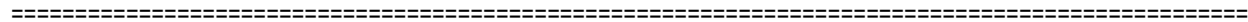
Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 12 October 2013 as the Air Component Commander Operation MOBILE – Operations against Libya in the rank of Colonel.

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

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 June 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General.



Medals: OMM – MSC - MSM – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon - General Service Medal with Expedition ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Libya – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)



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

WHELAN, Steven Joseph Russel
Major-General
Director of the Ministerial Liaison team, Canadian Joint Task Force-Iraq

OMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 06 July 2019
GH: 08 November 2019
DOI: July 2017 to July 2018



“Brigadier-General Whelan was deployed to Bagdad, Iraq, from July 2017 to July 2018. As director of the Ministerial Liaison Team for the Combined Joint Task Force, he assembled a 60-member team representing 14 different countries. He also distinguished himself by his analytical and visionary thinking in developing a transition plan to deal with Daesh’s impending decline. Brigadier-General Whelan greatly earned the respect of the Iraqi government, the United States and the international coalition, having been at the heart of several initiatives to support Iraq’s armed forces.”

“For exceptional leadership while deployed to Baghdad as Director of the Ministerial Liaison team, Canadian Joint Task Force-Iraq from June 2017 to July 2018.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 April 2013 in the rank of Colonel as the Commander of Task Force Jerusalem.

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

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 09 June 2012 in the rank of Colonel

Awarded **National Defence Medal in Gold (France)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2019 (corrected from the entry on 26 May 2018) in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSC – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – OSM with ribbon Expedition - SSM with bar NATO - Peacekeeping UN Cyprus – NATO ribbon and bar Bosnia – CD and bar - National Defence Medal in Gold (France) – Officer of the Order of Merit (USA)

Brig.-Gen. Whelan holds the title of CJ-7, Director of Training. This position is responsible for the MLT, as well as for the Coalition’s train and equip enterprise through the Partner Force Development Cell, which are both part of the US-led Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve. He has extensive operational experience. During his career, he deployed to Cyprus, Bosnia, Afghanistan, and to the West Bank as Canadian Task Force Commander, working for the United States Security Coordinator who is responsible for Palestinian Security Sector Reform on behalf of the U.S. Secretary of State.



In Canada, Brig.-Gen. Whelan commanded the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, and most recently, served as the Deputy Commander and subsequently Commander of Military Personnel Generation in Kingston, Ontario. He is (May 2019) the Head of the Ministerial Liaison Team for Joint Task Force-Iraq.

In January 2022, he stepped aside as Commander of Military Personnel Services in the rank of Lieutenant-General pending an investigation.

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

ONE NOT NAMED

MSC

CG: 06 July 2019

No Rank

GH:

Not Named for Security Reasons

DOI: Unknown

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, has awarded a Meritorious Service Cross to a member of the Canadian Armed Forces for military activities of a high standard that have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada. For security and operational reasons, the recipient names and citations have not been released.

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