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MYERS, Jonathan	MSM	CG: 26 April 2003
Lieutenant(N) - HMCS Winnipeg		GH: 12 March 2003
Boarding Officer during Operation Augmentation 2001 - 2002		DOI: July 2002

“Lt(N) Myers has distinguished himself through his performance as Boarding Officer of HMCS *Winnipeg* during Operation AUGMENTATION 2001 - 2002. Setting new Canadian records and standards for boarding operations, Lieutenant(N) Myers and his crew executed 64 boardings and inspections of vessels, 162 health and comfort boardings and dispatched 77 security teams to locate illegal oil in seven vessels. In July 2001, with utmost vigilance and professionalism and under the most severe environmental conditions, he led the daring takedown of a heavily fortified ship carrying 7000 tonnes of smuggled oil. As a result of HMCS *Winnipeg*'s achievements under Lieutenant(N) Myers' leadership and dedication to duty, the United States Navy decided to rewrite its doctrine for naval boarding parties.

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PENNIE, Mark Wayne	MSM CD	CG: 26 April 2003
Sergeant – Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry		GH: 12 March 2003
3rd Battalion PPCLI Battle Group – JTF Afghanistan		DOI: 08 January to 30
July 2003		

“From 8 January to 30 July 2002, Sgt Pennie was responsible for setting up, operating and maintaining the Reverse Osmosis Water Purification Unit for the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, in Afghanistan. This facility, originally intended to provide a clean and reliable source of fresh water to the Canadian Battle Group, ended up supplying water to all Task Force personnel at the Kandahar airfield. Sgt Pennie also displayed great initiative in restoring the existing airfield sewage lagoon to an operable condition after many years of disuse, thus improving the lives of the Coalition soldiers and local civilians while lessening the impact on the environment.”

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SWANN, Richard Wayne	MSM	CG: 26 April 2003
Petty Officer 2 nd Class – HMCS Winnipeg		GH: 12 March 2003
Operation Augmentation 2001 to 2002		DOI: 23 July 2001



“On 23 July 2001, as Second-in-Command of HMCS *Winnipeg*'s boarding party during Operation AUGMENTATION 2001-2002, PO2 Swann displayed exemplary performance and initiative while his ship's boarding party conducted the non-compliant boarding of an oil tanker. Under the searing heat of the Arabian Gulf, PO2 Swann personally led the four-man team that breached passive countermeasures and entered the unfamiliar and heavily fortified vessel. Once inside, the team was confronted at close quarters by angry, aggressive and determined smugglers. PO2 Swann displayed sound judgment and impressive composure under considerable

stress, quickly taking charge and defusing the volatile situation. As a result, the vessel carrying 7000 tonnes of smuggled oil was successfully apprehended.

AWARDED BAR to the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MSM*)

PAULSON, Gary Alfred

Captain(N) – Commanding Officer HMCS Algonquin
Operation APOLLO in support of Task Group 307.1

MSM* CD
BAR

CG: 18 October 2003
GH: 29 August 2003
DOI: April to September 2002

“Captain(N) Paulson is recognized for his outstanding performance in command of HMCS *Algonquin* and his unfailing support to the Commander of Task Group 307.1 during Operation APOLLO from April to September 2002. His guidance and focus during the operational mission resulted in the greatest number of compliant boardings as well as the capture of four al-Qaeda suspects. His professionalism as flag ship captain permitted the effective command and control of both Canadian and coalition ships in support of the war against terrorism. His exemplary leadership has brought great credit to himself, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



This is the first award of a **BAR to the MSM**. Commander Gary Alfred Paulson, Commanding Officer of HMCS Calgary was awarded the MSM as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 April 1997 when his ship came to the assistance of the MV ‘*Mount Olympus*’ on 01 December 1995.

Medals: MSM and Bar – Gulf Medal – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO Medal bar ‘former Yugoslavia – CD & Bar



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

JELLINEK, Michael Henry

MSM CD

CG: 08 November 2003

Captain(N) – NORAD Command Centre

GH: 15 October 2003

Command Director – 9/11 Shut Down of Air Traffic in North America

DOI: 09 September 2001



“Command Director in the NORAD Command Center, Captain(N) Jellinek initiated the required action plans for the successful NORAD response to the terrorist attacks in New York City on September 11, 2001, by coordinating national aerospace defence plans for bi-national tactical warning and attack assessment. As personal representative of the Commander-in-Chief NORAD for daily operations, Captain(N) Jellinek was also responsible for the direction of several hundred military aircraft newly included under NORAD's control, and for the coordination of the grounding of all commercial air traffic in North America. Captain(N) Jellinek carried out his responsibilities with calm, leadership and professionalism and brought great credit to himself, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Awarded **Saskatchewan Centennial Medal**

Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 January 2004 in the rank of Captain(N).

Awarded **CDS Commendation** for the Gulf War

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**NORAD Operations Center Director Agrees to Scrambling of Fighters in Response to Hijacking
8:46 a.m. 11 September 2001 – Captain(N) Michael Jellinek, MSM, CD**



The NORAD operations center in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, receives a call notifying it that the FAA has requested military assistance with a hijacking, and senior officers there agree with the decision that has been made to launch fighter jets in response to the hijacking, and say they will call the Pentagon to get the necessary clearance for this. Major General Larry Arnold, the commander of the Continental United States NORAD Region, has just talked over the phone with Colonel Robert Marr at NORAD's Northeast Air Defense Sector (NEADS), and Marr suggested to him that fighters be scrambled in response to the hijacked Flight 11. Arnold told Marr to go ahead with the scramble and said he would sort out getting authorization for it (see (8:42 a.m.) September 11, 2001). Arnold therefore now calls the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center (CMOC). The call is answered by Captain Michael Jellinek, the command director on duty there. Arnold says the FAA has requested assistance for an ongoing hijacking.

NORAD Director Approves Decision to Launch Fighters - Jellinek passes on the details of the request to Major General Rick Findley, NORAD's director of operations, who has just finished the night shift and is returning to the CMOC battle cab from breakfast. Jellinek will later recall: "I pick up the other phone because I know [Findley is] there. One button and I'm talking to him. It's faster to do that than walk around the window, say the same thing." Findley "concur[s] with Arnold's assessment and decision to scramble the fighters," according to author Lynn Spencer, and quickly approves the fighters' launch. He "immediately gives the thumbs up" through the window, according to Jellinek. Arnold will say he is told (presumably by Jellinek): "Yeah, we'll work this with the National Military Command Center [at the Pentagon]. Go ahead and scramble the aircraft." According to Findley: "At that point, all we thought was we've got an airplane hijacked and we were going to provide an escort as requested [by the FAA]. We certainly didn't know it was going to play out as it did."

NORAD Personnel Request Permission for Scramble - Findley will say that after the CMOC receives the call from Arnold, he "knew what to do, and so did everybody else on the battle staff." He tells the members of the battle staff to "open up our checklist" and "follow our NORAD instruction," which includes having "to ask in either Ottawa or Washington, 'Is it okay if we use NORAD fighters to escort a potential hijacked aircraft?'" Findley and the others in the CMOC will subsequently see the coverage on CNN, reporting that a plane has hit the World Trade Center, but do not initially realize the plane involved was the hijacked aircraft they have been called about (see (8:48 a.m.) September 11, 2001

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM*)

MITCHELL, John David

MSM CD

CG: 20 March 2004

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 25 February 2004

Commander Long Range Patrol Detachment Operation Apollo

DOI: January to July 2002

“Lieutenant-Colonel Mitchell was the Commanding Officer of the first Canadian Long Range Patrol Detachment deployed to the Arabian Gulf region during Operation APOLLO, from January to July 2002. Under his leadership, the unit contributed significantly to operations at sea in the global campaign against terrorism. He achieved this in spite of considerable adversity, a host nation with vastly different working norms and the complexity of integrating into a United States-led coalition operation. With diplomatic adroitness and outstanding professionalism, LCol Mitchell has led his aircrews to achieve an unprecedented mission completion rate by successfully detecting and locating elusive high-interest vessels. His achievements have brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – SSM with bar
NATO – Peacekeeping – CD and Bar

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SMITH, Gordon Lindsay

OMM MSM CD

CG: 20 March 2004

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 25 February 2004

Commander - Tactical Airlift Detachment Operation Apollo

DOI: January to July 2002

“LCol Smith was the Commanding Officer of the first Canadian Tactical Airlift Detachment deployed during Operation APOLLO from January to July 2002. He led the first ever six-month deployment of a CC130 Hercules Air Detachment into an austere desert airfield over 17,000 kilometres away and from which his crews flew almost daily into Afghanistan. LCol Smith’s exceptional management skills and personal example were directly responsible for the unit’s outstanding mission completion rate and unblemished safety record. Under his brilliant leadership, the unit served as an essential link in the air bridge, which sustained coalition and Canadian troops engaged in combat in Afghanistan, bringing great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 June 2005 as a Lieutenant-Colonel.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM*)

WILLIAMS, Kelly Edward
Captain(N)
Commanding Officer HMCS Winnipeg Operation Augmentation

OMM MSM CD

CG: 20 March 2004
GH: 25 February 2004
DOI: March to September 2001



"With outstanding leadership as Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship WINNIPEG during Operation AUGMENTATION from March to September 2001, Captain(N) Williams, then Cdr enabled the ship and her crew to excel in all facets of her involvement as part of the USS CONSTELLATION Battle Group operations in the Arabian Gulf. He led his ship's company as the Maritime Interception Commander during 32 non-compliant boardings, which resulted in the seizure of 66,000 metric tons of contraband Iraqi oil, a first for a Canadian ship. Captain(N) Williams' professionalism and dedication to duty contributed significantly to the excellent relationship that continues between the Canadian and United States navies. His focus on the mission reflected highly on our military traditions, bringing great credit to himself, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada." Promoted **Commodore** in 2007. Military Attaché to the United Kingdom

Awarded **Officer, Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 2007 in the rank of Captain(N).

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 09 August 1997 in the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

Medals: OMM – MSM – SSM with two Bars (NATO and PEACE) – Peacekeeping - NATO – CD and 2 Bars – USA MSM ¹



¹ Commodore Kelly Williams, OMM, MSM, CD with the Duke of Gloucester and other British officers

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM*)

POULIOT, Joseph Armand Marc

MSM CD

CG: 17 July 2004

Colonel

GH: 23 June 2004

Commander Theatre Activation Team Operation ATHENA

DOI: April to August 2003

“Colonel Pouliot was Commander of the Theatre Activation Team for Operation ATHENA – the Canadian contribution to the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan, from April to August 2003. He was responsible for commanding the advance headquarters, negotiating and setting up all logistical arrangements, planning and overseeing the contribution of a 1900-person camp in a remote area of Kabul, and organizing the reception of all equipment and personnel. Colonel Pouliot's strong leadership, resourcefulness and dedication were exemplary and greatly influenced the successful outcome of the Operation.”



Colonel Pouliot **died** on 01 April 2005 just after being promoted to BGen and appointed as Director General Logistics (J4) at NDHQ. He had been with the Canadian Armed Forces since 1973. A graduate of College Militaire St-Jean he held a Masters in Project Management and was a certified member of the Society of Management Accountants (CMA). He served overseas with distinction in the former Yugoslavia, the Middle East and latterly in Afghanistan. In 2003, he was chosen to command the Theatre Activation Team for the deployment of the 2000 troops to OPERATION ATHENA in Kabul, Afghanistan.



Medals: MSM – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – UNDOF (5) – UNPROFOR – NATO Medal with bar former Yugoslavia – EIRR Silver Jubilee – CD and Bar

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SHARPE, Stuart James

MSM CD

CG: 17 July 2004

Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI

GH: 23 June 2004

Commanding Officer Liaison & Reconnaissance Team and Theatre COS ATHENA

DOI: April to July 2003

“LCol Sharpe was Commanding Officer of the Liaison and Reconnaissance Team and then Chief of Staff of the Theatre Activation Team for Operation ATHENA – the Canadian contribution to the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan, from April to July 2003. He played a critical role in deciphering a multitude of chaotic and complex issues that impacted on the initial set-up and deployment of the Canadian Task Force. An outstanding leader, LCol Sharpe ensured the protection and security of personnel, equipment and operations during the early stages of Operation ATHENA. His professionalism and commitment to the mission far exceeded the normal demands of duty.”



Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO with bar Kosovo – NATO Bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart James Sharpe was born in Iserlohn, Germany in October 1962 and joined the Canadian Forces in 1980. He attended Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean from 1980 to 1985, graduating with a baccalaureate in business administration. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, he joined 1 PPCLI in Calgary, Alberta as a mechanized rifle platoon commander.

He subsequently served as a rifle platoon commander in 2 PPCLI, Germany, and on promotion to Captain in 1988 was posted to the Infantry School in Gaagetown, New Brunswick. Lieutenant-Colonel Sharpe returned to regimental duty with 1 PPCLI in 1992. During this period of regimental service, he was employed in various command and staff positions, he participated in UN operations in Croatia in 1994 and commanded a rifle company in NATO operations in Kosovo in 1999.

After attending Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in 2001, he was posted to the Canadian Forces Joint Operations Group and assumed the responsibilities of the J3 Plans in the Canadian Forces Joint Headquarters in Kingston. Promoted to his current rank in January 2003 he completed his tour with the Canadian Forces Joint Headquarters, leading the operations planning branch as the J5. During his tour with the Joint Operations Group, Lieutenant-Colonel Sharpe was deployed on NATO operations in Macedonia, to HQ JTFSWA in Tampa, Florida in 2002, and most recently to Kabul, Afghanistan as the Chief of Staff for the Canadian Forces Theatre Activation Team during the summer of 2003.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sharpe assumed command of 2 PPCLI on 20 June 2004.

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TILLEY, Richard Brian MSM CD CG: 17 July 2004
Lieutenant Commander GH: 23 June 2004
Prague NATO Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence (NBCD) DOI: 2002 to 2004

“Widely recognized within the NATO Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence (NBCD) community for his expertise and negotiating skills, LCdr Tilley has distinguished himself, since 2002, through his dedication to the Prague NBCD Initiatives. He assisted the NATO Core Planning Team in defining, developing and validating these initiatives with a demanding completion date, and successfully conducted a NATO live agent training exercise as part of the activities. LCdr Tilley's professionalism, outstanding dedication and knowledge contributed greatly to the success of this undertaking.”

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BRADLEY, Daniel Rodney MMM MSM CD CG: 13 November 2004
Chief Warrant Officer – Canadian Forces GH: 25 October 2004
RSM of the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment in Kabul DOI: 2003



“In 2003, CWO Bradley was deployed as the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment Battalion Group, Kabul Multi-National Brigade, on Operation ATHENA, in Afghanistan. Under his direction, basic procedures and techniques, including proper levels of supervision, were drilled into the Battalion Group. The result of his efforts was a highly disciplined unit ready to meet the challenges on the streets of Kabul. CWO Bradley's steadfast leadership and dedication became evident in the aftermath of the two hostile attacks that resulted in the death of three of the Battalion Group's soldiers. His remarkable performance during this highly stressful period exemplified the reputation of the Canadian Forces within a widely diverse international environment.”

Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 2006.

Medals: OMM – MSM – Somalia – General Service Star – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping Medal – UNPROFOR – Cyprus – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

COYLE, William J.

Honorary Colonel

Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering

OStJ OOnt MSM CD

CG: 13 November 2004

GH: 25 October 2004

DOI: Since 1997

“Since 1997, Honorary Colonel Coyle has distinguished himself as Honorary Colonel of the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering. In that capacity, he has continuously provided excellent support and guidance, devoting countless hours of time and effort in support of a myriad of activities. Throughout his tenure, he has been a dynamic volunteer in a number of eminent military affiliations, such as Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council (Ontario), and as a member of the Prime Minister’s Advisory Group on Science and Technology. Renowned internationally as an authority dedicated to global aerospace affairs, Honorary Colonel Coyle has greatly contributed to the military community and heritage.”



Medals: Officer of the Order of St. John – Order of Ontario – Meritorious Service Medal – EIRR Golden Jubilee – EIRR Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD – Service Medal of the Order of St. John

Honours: **Officer, Order of St. John (OStJ)** awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 24 May 2003.
Order of Ontario (OOnt) awarded in 1997.
Awarded Canadian Forces Decoration



Mr. William “Bill” Coyle was appointed as Honorary Colonel of 16 Wing Borden, Ontario in October 2013.

Honorary Colonel Coyle was born in Toronto, Ontario and attended de LaSalle College and the AVRO Aeronautical Engineering Co-op Program. During a very successful career spanning 50 years, he was an active member of the commercial and military aerospace community. He began at Avro Aircraft Limited, Malton, Ontario in the Experimental Flight Test Engineering Group, where he acquired his early manufacturing/ engineering training. He participated in design, installation and flight testing of experimental aircraft systems for the CF-105 "Arrow", CF-100 "Canuck", C-102 Jetliner and the Avrocar research flying vehicle (Flying Saucer Project). While Corporate Vice President Government Affairs for AlliedSignal Canada Inc., Honorary Colonel Coyle served the diverse interest of the three AlliedSignal business sectors, Aerospace, Automotive and Engineered Materials. Recognized and respected as an authority on global aerospace affairs and international reputation for leadership, he successfully pioneered and negotiated international cooperative agreements between Canada, the United States and the European community in aerospace. He retired from AlliedSignal in May of 1997, sits on several aerospace boards of directors and now frequently consults, and advises, on issues dealing with global aerospace as well as military and government affairs programs.

His community works involve the establishment and implementation of job shadowing programs in an effort to promote the awareness of opportunities for students in the local school system that may wish to pursue a career in aerospace, commercial or military. Honorary Colonel Coyle has been a guest lecturer, domestically and internationally, with establishments such as the NATO Defence College in Rome, the Royal College of Defence Studies in London and a variety of University MBA programs. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Engineering from the Royal Military College of Canada in 2013 to recognize his dedication and support to “The College.” Honorary Colonel Coyle served as Honorary Colonel for the Canadian Forces School of Aerospace Technology and Engineering (CFSATE) at 16 Wing Borden from January 1997 to October 2010. He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (M.S.M.) and the Canadian Forces Decoration (C.D.) for that period of service and invested as a member of the 16 Wing Fellowship.

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

DENNE, Donald James

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCR

Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment in Kabul

OMM MSM CD

CG: 13 November 2004

GH: 25 October 2004

DOI: 2003



“In 2003, LCol Denne was the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment and the Canadian Battalion Group part of the International Security Assistance Force with the Kabul Multi-National Brigade, Task Force Kabul, Afghanistan. His leadership and exemplary dedication to the mission were key aspects in the establishment of a high level of security and safety for thousands of Afghan citizens attempting to rebuild their lives. Displaying great compassion in the face of the loss of life and injury to his Battalion Group, he set an example of loyalty, integrity and responsibility through his devotion to the care and well-being of the injured soldiers and grieving families affected by the mine strike south of Kabul, earning the respect and admiration of countless local and foreign military commanders.”

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

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 March 1998 in the rank of Major.

Medals: OMM - MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM bar NATO - Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 Bars – US Meritorious Service Medal



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

JOHNSTON, Murray Caister

MSM CD

CG: 13 November 2004

Honorary Colonel – Canadian Forces

GH: 25 October 2004

Colonel Commandant of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch

DOI: 1991 to 2004

“Colonel Johnston (retired) has served with tireless dedication and selflessness as Colonel Commandant of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch of the Canadian Forces since 1991. He has researched and written two authoritative books on the history of the Branch, and developed the Branch's Honour Roll. His visits across Canada and to soldiers deployed throughout the world, along with his participation in countless charitable and volunteer military support organizations, have been instrumental in bridging the gap between the sacrifices made by Canadian Forces veterans and today's serving soldiers.”



Medals:

MSM - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping - NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – ICCS - Canada 125 – EIIR Golden Jubilee - EIIR – Golden Jubilee - CD and 3 bars

He was born in 1934 and served as a Regular Force Officer from 1952 to 1983. From 1983 to 1991 he was the Director of the National Emergency Agency for Energy in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, as well as the Canadian Representative to the NATO Petroleum Planning Committee. He was appointed as the EME Colonel Commandant in 1991 and held that appointment for 13 years until 15 May 2004. A graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada and the Canadian Army Staff College, he is a Registered Professional Engineer and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from UBC and a Master's Degree in Automotive Engineering from the University of Michigan. His postings have included: NDHQ as Director Support Vehicles Engineering and Maintenance, Director of Program Plans and Team Leader in the DEVIL Maintenance System Working Group; 202 Workshop Depot as Commanding Officer; the International Commission for Control and Supervision (Vietnam 1973) as a Region Commander in the Mekong Delta; Headquarters Mobile Command as Senior Staff Officer Maintenance; Ottawa Militia District as GSO1; 4 Field Workshop(RCEME) in Germany as Recovery Platoon Officer and 2IC; the Land Engineering Test Establishment as a test engineer on the Bobcat and M113A1 Armoured Personnel Carriers; 2RCHA Light Aid Detachment as Commanding Officer and 213 Workshop (RCEME) in Winnipeg as Control Officer. He is a Past-President of the Royal Military Colleges Club of Canada, the Friends of the Canadian War Museum, and the EME Association, and is a former Vice-Chairman of the Conference of Defence Associations. From 1997 to 2008 he was a Director of the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre in Ottawa. Currently he is a member of Branch 616 of the Royal Canadian Legion, a volunteer guide at the Canadian War Museum, President of the RCEME Association, and the EME Branch Historian. In 2002, on the recommendation of the Royal Canadian Legion for his work on behalf of veterans and remembrance, he was awarded a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal. In 2003, at the request of the EME soldiers in Bosnia, he was awarded a NATO SFOR medal in recognition of his 10 trips to the Balkans, including Croatia, Kosovo and Bosnia to visit them.

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

METAXAS-MARIATOS, Pericles ("Perry")

MSM CD

CG: 13 November 2004

Major – Canadian Forces

GH: 25 October 2004

Senior Liaison Officer NATO Headquarters Skopje Operation Allied Harmony

DOI: January to July 2003

"Major Metaxas-Mariatos was the Senior Liaison Officer of the NATO Headquarters Skopje during Operation ALLIED HARMONY in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, from January to July 2003. With remarkable diplomatic skills, he dealt with all issues of border management and security. Major Metaxas-Mariatos' selfless, untiring pursuit of greater stability with Macedonia and the Western Balkans in the sector of inter-border security has left an indelible mark of dedication to duty on both the national and international stage. "

Awarded **Mentioned in Despatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 August 2005 in the rank of Major while serving in Kabul, Afghanistan.

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SHARP, James Robert

MSM CD

CG: 13 November 2004

Master-Corporal – Canadian Forces

GH: 25 October 2004

Establishment of new Intelligence Group within the Canadian Forces

DOI: 2003

"In 2003, MCpl Sharp was instrumental in the establishment of a new intelligence group within the Canadian Forces, and worked with senior officers in developing the concept of operations for the deployment of a team to Operation ATHENA in Kabul, Afghanistan. Once in theatre, he took on the duties of Operations Warrant Officer for the team and managed the Intelligence Collection plan. He routinely liaised with leaders of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), the Kabul Multi-National Brigade, and the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in Washington and Ottawa to foster a more efficient intelligence collection and coalition effort among the numerous nations in theatre. The operability of our Canadian Intelligence capability was an invaluable contribution to the success of this mission, thanks to MCpl Sharp's dedication and professionalism."

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

THURROTT, Christopher Calvin

OMM MSM CD

CG: 13 November 2004

Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Forces

GH: 25 October 2004

Commanding Officer of 2 Service Battalion and Task Force Kabul Op ATHENA

DOI: 2003

“Lieutenant-Colonel Thurrott was the Commanding Officer of 2 Service Battalion and of Task Force Kabul National Support Element on Operation ATHENA, in Afghanistan, in 2003. He used his experiences to coordinate sustainment within the Kabul Multi-National Brigade and on operations within the Task Force as a whole. He provided key insights and direction to the Army Support Review, and fostered relations between support organizations, both on preparatory exercises and in the operational theatre. Lieutenant-Colonel Thurrott displayed vision and professionalism in his management of difficult yet vital issues. His offer of support from the Canadian National Support Element to the Heavy Weapons Cantonment, when no other nation offered assistance, clearly had an impact on the overall success of this mission.”

Medals: OMM - MSM – General Campaign Service Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with Bar NATO – Peacekeeping – United Nations Cyprus – United Nations Transitional Authority Cambodia (UNTAC) – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal - CD and two bars

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

Brigadier-General Jaeger and Brigadier-General Thurrott are the only wife and husband team to be Members of the Order of Military Merit, to hold the Meritorious Service Medal and to be Brigadier-Generals at the same time.



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

FOX, Donald Gerald
Master Warrant Officer – Canadian Military Engineers
Mine Awareness Training

MSM

CG: 13 August 2005

GH: 28 April 2005

DOI: 2002



“MWO Fox provides exceptional service in the field of mine awareness training. His detailed reference materials and training packages are directly credited for saving life and limb of Canadian soldiers and air personnel deployed throughout the world, as well as the lives of countless international military and United Nations communities. In particular, the United States 82nd Airborne Division specifically requested that MWO Fox conduct its mine awareness training prior to deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq, in 2002. The outstanding service provided by MWO Fox brings credit to himself, to the Canadian Forces, and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR (Yugoslavia) – UNMEE (Ethiopia and Eritrea) – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars

Captain Donald ('Don') Gerald FOX, MSM

Canadian Military Engineers - Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED)

Captain Don Fox retired from the Canadian Armed Forces on 21 June 2016, with 41 (plus) years of loyal and dedicated service to Canada and to the Canadian Military Engineer Branch. Captain Fox's interest in the military started as an Army Cadet in London Ontario where, in 1974, he completed the Basic Parachutist Course and on high school graduation 2 June 1975, he enrolled in the Canadian Armed Forces.

After completing basic training in Cornwallis NS, he was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering in Chilliwack BC, for his Qualification Level 3 training. Following graduation he was posted to 2 Combat Engineer Regiment in Canadian Forces Base Petawawa. While there, he participated in a regimental deployment to the 1976 Olympics and also attended the Shallow Water Diver Course that same year. In 1977, he was posted to the Canadian Airborne Regiment where he received his US Parachute wings and participated in the underwater construction of bridge footings and a pier on Exercise WATER LEAP with 9 Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers.

In the summer of 1979, Corporal Fox was posted to 4 Combat Engineer Regiment in Canadian Forces Base Lahr in West Germany. During this posting Corporal Fox completed several NATO courses including the British and German dive courses. After completing the Combat Leader Course in the fall of 1980, he was appointed Master Corporal and posted to 22 Field Engineer Squadron at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown. In Gagetown, he was employed as a Combat Diver Supervisor and Reconnaissance Sergeant. He attended his Qualification Level 6A in 1982, and was subsequently promoted to the rank of Sergeant. After this, Sergeant Fox completed training with SEAL Teams 2 and 4, the US Army Frogman School, the US Navy SEABEES. He also attended many field exercises including EXERCISE RENDEZVOUS, and instructed the Combat Dive Course at Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific). He attended his Qualification Level 6B in 1986, following which he was posted to Construction Engineering at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown. In 1987, Sergeant Fox was posted to Construction Engineering at Canadian Forces Base Baden, West Germany where he was employed in many different positions within the Production Cell.

Captain Donald ('Don') Gerald FOX, MSM

Canadian Military Engineers - Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED)

While there he attended the US Army Soils Analysis Course, and the Runway Design Course. In 1988, he was promoted to Warrant Officer and filled the position of Operations Warrant Officer in the newly formed Airfield Damage Repair Unit Baden and participated in many NATO STAR FIGHTER exercises. During the Gulf War, Warrant Officer Fox saw duty in #2 Explosives Ordnance Disposal Center, Canadian Forces Base Baden, West Germany.

In the summer of 1991, Warrant Officer Fox was posted to 4 Combat Engineer Regiment, where he was employed as the Regimental Operations Warrant Officer. He deployed with the Regiment to Vukovar, Croatia and after the completion of the tour he was posted to 45 Field Engineer Squadron in Sydney NS as the Squadron Sergeant Major. During this time, he deployed to Bosnia twice; once in 1994 and again in 1996.

In 1997 Warrant Officer Fox was posted to 4 Engineer Support Regiment as the Operations Warrant Officer and employed as the Liaison Officer to the US Marine Corp for Exercise MARCOT. The year 1998 saw Warrant Officer Fox deployed to the Quebec Ice Storm, Operation RECUPERATION and a promotion to Master Warrant Officer. In 1999 he deployed to Bosnia with 42 General Support Squadron and upon his return, he was appointed as Squadron Sergeant Major of 42 General Support Squadron. In 2000 Squadron Sergeant Major Fox deployed with his squadron to Eritrea. In 2001, he assumed the duties of Squadron Sergeant Major of 48 Administration Squadron and, while in this position, he was involved in two Small Unit Exchanges with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was tasked to instruct Mine Awareness for their deployment to Task Force Afghanistan for which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in 2005. In 2003, Squadron Sergeant Major Fox deployed to Task Force Afghanistan on Roto 0 to set up the Improved Landmine Detection System Section. In October 2004, Master Warrant Officer Fox was posted to the Canadian Forces School of Military Engineering and appointed to the position of Standards Squadron Sergeant Major.

He was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer in June 2004, and was subsequently posted to the Land Forces Doctrine and Training Systems at Canadian Forces Base Kingston. In 2005 he was posted to Combat Training Centre Headquarters Army Individual Training Authority (CTC HQ AITA) Engineer 2. In 2006 he was awarded the Chief of Land Staff Commendation for his work on Counter Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED).

In 2008, Chief Warrant Officer Fox was commissioned under the Special Requirements Commissioning Plan to the rank of Captain and was employed as the C-IED Cell Second-in-Command and the Chief Instructor for the development and instruction of the Tactical Exploiter Course at the Tactics School. Captain Fox completed the NATO Train-the-Trainer Course at Joint Multinational Readiness Centre Germany in March 2008, and in April 2009, instructed on the NATO Train-the-Trainer Course in the Ukraine. In May 2009, he was awarded the CTC Commander Commendation for his work on the creation of the Centre of Excellence (Attack the Network) C-IED.

Captain Don Fox was posted to his current position as CTC HQ AITA G7 Engr Cell Leader in July 2011. He will be completing his final six months in the Canadian Armed Forces posted to Joint Personnel Support Unit Gagetown, retiring 21 June 2016.

Captain Don Fox is married to Wendy and has one daughter Vanessa and two sons, Robert and Andrew.

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ERLAND, Richard Alexander
Captain
Operation PEREGRINE – Kelowna Firestorm

MSM CD

CG: 13 August 2005
GH: 21 July 2005
DOI: August 2003

“In August 2003, Captain Erland served with tireless dedication during the City of Kelowna firestorm and follow-up periods of threat to the city. As the Operation PEREGRINE Task Force 2 operations officer, he displayed outstanding leadership and provided inspiration throughout the demanding operation. Captain Erland’s organizational abilities and professional conduct during a highly stressful period were instrumental in maintaining a sense of balance in the face of chaos, and reflected highly on the Canadian Forces and on Canada.”



Major when serving in Afghanistan in photo at right.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

WILLIAMS, Robert Schuman
Lieutenant-Colonel
Deputy Chief Operations Officer ISAF Kabul

OMM MSM CD

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



“Lieutenant-Colonel Williams has distinguished himself through his outstanding performance as the deputy chief operations officer of the Intelligence Division, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan. Between February and August 2004, his development of actionable operational intelligence resulted in 50 source-driven operations that had a direct impact on saving lives and providing the secure environment necessary for the rehabilitation of Afghanistan. Displaying leadership by managing a team of over 200 intelligence operators, he was instrumental in establishing ties with US intelligence agencies and with Afghan security institutions that have led to unprecedented levels of security within the ISAF areas of operation.”

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

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon Southwest Asia – Special Service Medal with bar NATO and Humanitas – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR (bar 2) – NATO with former Yugoslavia Bar and numeral 3 – CD and 2 Bars

Promoted to Brigadier-General in June 2011.

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BENTLEY, Lorne William ('Bill')
Lieutenant-Colonel Canadian Forces – Royal Canadian Regiment
Canadian Defence Academy

MSM CD

CG: 24 September 2005
GH: 06 September 2005
DOI: 2001 to 2004

“LCol Bentley, of the Canadian Defence Academy, is an impressive military political theorist whose experience in operations and strategic policy was central in laying the foundation of today's professional development reform. His vision and leadership were instrumental in the development of seminal works, between 2001 and 2004, that will guide the transformation of the Canadian Forces officer and non-commissioned member corps in the coming decades. LCol Bentley's inspiring work on the reform of the Canadian Forces' professional development system reflects outstanding credit to himself, the Canadian Forces and to Canada.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

KNIGHT, Darren William
Captain(N) – Maritime Command
Director of Joint Force Capabilities

MSM CD

CG: 24 September 2005
GH: 06 September 2005
DOI: July 2002 to April 2005

“Captain(N) Knight is commended for his remarkable accomplishments as the director of Joint Force Capabilities. From July 2002 to April 2005, he has been the leader and inspirational force behind the Joint Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR) accomplishments undertaken by the Canadian Forces. His formidable efforts have charted the course upon which novel C4ISR undertakings are being pursued. The highly professional manner in which he has discharged his responsibilities, his determination and uncommon dedication, as well as his unswerving commitment to the advancement of a complex series of projects and initiatives have brought considerable benefit to the Canadian Forces, both nationally and internationally.”



Medals: MSM – Gulf Medal with bar – EIR Golden Jubilee – CD and Bar

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MÉNARD, Joseph Yvon
Sergeant – Canadian Forces
Safety of Canadians in Haiti

MSM CD

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

“Sergeant Ménard is recognized for his continuous efforts to keep Canadians in Haiti safe during the civil crisis of February 2004. His leadership and the support he provided to the Canadian Forces to help evacuate personnel and establish favourable conditions for the deployment of troops were integral to the success of these missions. Sergeant Ménard's professionalism and fortitude in the face of danger inspired all the members of the embassy and enhanced the positive image of Canadian soldiers in the eyes of the local population. Through his actions, Sergeant Ménard has brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

STOUT, Cameron MacRae
Sergeant – Canadian Forces
Research on Global Campaign Against Terrorism

MSM CD

CG: 24 September 2005
GH: 06 September 2005
DOI: March 2002 and June 2003

“Sgt Stout is commended for his exceptional contributions to the global campaign against terrorism. He demonstrated keen professionalism, initiative and dedication through his use of emerging intelligence technologies in order to produce, between March 2002 and June 2003, groundbreaking analytical techniques and valuable intelligence. Sgt Stout's exhaustive research of open source material has led to a substantially increased depth of knowledge into past and present activities of terrorist groups. This knowledge of critical importance has placed Canada and the Canadian Forces among the foremost countries in counter terrorism initiatives.

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RICE, Aubrey
Petty Officer 1st Class
HMCS Chicoutimi (Submarine)

MSM CD

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

“During the afternoon of October 5, 2004, a major fire broke out on board HMCS *Chicoutimi*. The submarine quickly filled with black, acrid smoke and was left without power. PO1 Rice's ingenuity and outstanding technical knowledge started and kept one diesel engine running manually, providing the required ventilation for the ship. The engine was kept running for 145 consecutive hours, without the benefit of any established procedures or control systems, a feat later deemed to have been technically unachievable. PO1 Rice's professional experience and sheer determination gave those in command options and ensured that the crew would not have to abandon their submarine.”



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GOODFELLOW, Walter Robert E.
Captain(N) – The Honourable Justice
Chair of the Military Judges Selection Committee

MSM CD QC

CG: 04 February 2006
GH: 24 January 2006
DOI: 2000

“Captain(N) Goodfellow's outstanding leadership as Chair of the Military Judges Selection Committee has made a significant contribution to the enhancement of the military judiciary's independence. A founding member of the Committee, Captain(N) Goodfellow organized and led, in 2000, the development of an unprecedented system of assessment for military judge candidates, one that balances the best practices of federal judicial appointments with the unique demands of the Canadian Forces. His exemplary professionalism and untiring dedication have strengthened the Canadian Forces and the military justice system as a national institution.”

Medals: MSM (Military) - Canada 125 – EIIR Golden Jubilee EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD



The Honourable Walter Roberts. E. Goodfellow, M.S.M., C.D., Q.C.

Our beloved Walter passed away on May 5, 2022 at the age of 87 while on one last trip to Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandra; children, Alan, Steven (Kimberlea), Heather (Jeffrey), Geoffrey (Danielle); grandchildren Zoey, Ivy, Lily and Brennan; sister, Jackie McCaig; sister-in-law, Ann; brother-in-law, John Burt; and many nieces and nephews.

Walter led a life of remarkable devotion to family, justice and service to his country. He first joined the Royal Canadian Navy at 17 serving on HMCS CARLETON, HMCS CRESCENT and HMCS SCOTIAN. Later promoted to Commander, Walter transferred to the Jag branch and went on to serve as a military justice presiding over court martials across the country and overseas at former C.F.B Lahr in West Germany. Promoted to Captain (N), Walter was named the Senior Reserve Legal Advisor in Canada, Colonel Commandant of the Jag branch and served in various roles that took him everywhere from Bosnia to Kula Lumpur to Melbourne before finally retiring after a half century in uniform.



It was while serving in the reserves that Walter also chased his passion for the law. First admitted to the bar in 1960, he became a senior partner with Cox, Downie & Goodfellow where he significantly impacted the application of family law in Nova Scotia - the legacy of which endures today. Walter also served as President of the Nova Scotia Barrister Society and played a key role in reforming the Queen's Council appointment process to a merit based one. He also taught law at Dalhousie University, contributed to legal publications and presided at the National Law School Gale Cup Moot Competition at Osgoode Hall for 25 years. His legal career culminated with being appointed to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, where he continued to leave an indelible mark on our justice system. Even after retirement from the bench he was asked to return to service to oversee the Settlement and Resolution of abuse claims against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Antigonish, a task for which he refused to accept pay.



Walter's extraordinary life also saw him lead the Young Progressive Conservatives of Canada in his younger years and become a close confidant of the honourable John Diefenbaker before leaving politics to focus on his family, service and legal career. At various times in his life Walter served as the Director of the John Howard Society, Chair of The Canadian Paraplegic Association and too many other roles to mention. He held Honorary Life Memberships to the Canadian Bar, the Royal United Services Institute, Wardroom HMCS SCOTIAN, Canadian Paraplegic Association of Nova Scotia and the Canadian Naval Memorial Trust (HMCS SACKVILLE). He was also the recipient of several distinguished honours, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Canada 125 Medal, Queens Jubilee Medal and the Canadian Forces Medal III Clasps to name but a few. What he accomplished was made all the more remarkable by his humblest of beginnings in life.

Despite all his achievements, Walter's true joy was found working in the woods at the family cottage at Piggott Lake, next to his faithful four-legged best friend "Vegas" and with his family nearby enjoying the paradise he had created with his own hands. But even that serenity couldn't bring respite from his all-consuming devotion and concern for his family's wellbeing. He was a man who went to extraordinary lengths to give his family the most incredible opportunities at life. Outside of the very special and intimate relationship Dad shared with Mom, he was the kind of man who preferred to express his affections through actions. But anyone that knew Dad, knew the enormity of his heart. Whether it was sacrificing time he didn't have or getting out of bed at 4 a.m. on the coldest nights in January to spray the backyard ice rink for his kids – he did these things, and countless others, without ever looking for a thank you. They weren't simple gestures, favours or acts of kindness. They were just some of the ways he said "I love you" a million times over. On behalf of all who knew him, and especially on behalf of our family, "we love you too" Dad. Rest in Peace.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BEARE, Stuart Alexander

CMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 04 November 2006

Major-General

GH: 14 September 2006

Commander Multinational Brigade Northwest, NATO Stabilization Force Bosnia

DOI: September 2003 to September 2004

“MGen Beare, then Brigadier-General, is commended for his outstanding performance as the Commander of the Multinational Brigade Northwest of the NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, from September 2003 to September 2004. Throughout his posting, he led the transformation of the multinational team from a stabilization force to a deterrence presence. Under his leadership, the Multinational Brigade Northwest partners were ready to adopt the deterrence presence posture well ahead of the flanking multinational brigades. MGen Beare provided exceptional service in this key command position in support of Canada’s continuing participation in the stabilization force. His contributions reflected highly on the Canadian Forces and on Canada.”



Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 November 2008 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.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per **Government House** of 10 September 2013 in the rank of Major-General (but was then a Lieutenant-General).

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

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

BATA, Sonja Ingrid
Honorary Captain(N)
Canadian Navy

OC MSM CD

CG: 04 November 2006
GH: 14 September 2006
DOI: 1989 to 2006

“Sonja Bata was appointed Honorary Captain(N) in 1989. The scope of her dedication and commitment to the Navy has been extraordinary. She has provided opportunities to senior leaders of the Canadian Forces to forge strategic links with their counterparts in the business and philanthropic worlds. Honorary Captain(N) Bata has fostered strong connections with the military units and organizations with which she is most closely associated, such as the Royal Military College and the Canadian Forces Liaison Council. Her devoted, selfless and professional advocacy has greatly benefited the Navy and the Canadian Forces as a whole.”

Medals: OC – MSM – Canada 125 - EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

Awarded **Officer, Order of Canada** awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 June 1983.



Retired in October 2013 after 17 years as an Honorary Captain(N).



AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

McARTHUR, James Ronald

MSM CD

CG: 04 November 2006

Warrant Officer

GH: 14 September 2006

Senior Signals Analyst Communications Security Monitoring NATO Supreme HQ

DOI: August 2001 to July 2004

“From August 2001 to July 2004, WO McArthur distinguished himself as team leader and senior signals analyst, Communications Security Monitoring, NATO Information Systems Support Agency for Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe. During his tenure, he personally led 15 operational and exercise deployments, including missions in Kosovo, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Afghanistan. He coordinated the annual training program at 18 NATO commands, which resulted in a significant increase in communications security operations and enhanced protection of deployed NATO personnel. WO McArthur’s distinctive and highly professional efforts had a dramatic and positive impact on NATO operations and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

ST-CYR, Pierre Joseph Albert Paul

MSM (**) CD

CG: 04 November 2006

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 14 September 2006

Commander of the Task Force Haiti Tactical Helicopter Detachments

DOI: March to August 2004



“LCol St-Cyr is recognized for his outstanding leadership as the Commander of the Task Force Haiti Tactical Helicopter Detachment, from March to August 2004. With great efficiency, he quickly brought together the members of 430 and 438 Tactical Helicopter Squadrons, ensuring that his detachment reached its full operational capability barely two weeks after deployment. He supported Canadian troops and the Commander of the United Nations Multinational Interim Force despite the many challenges and frantic pace of the helicopter operations. Without question, his drive and extraordinary efforts ensured the success of this aviation mission, bringing credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada during stabilization efforts in Haiti.”



Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 October 2014 in the rank of Colonel as the Chief of Staff for the UN Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

Awarded **2nd Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM**)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Colonel as the Defence Attaché to Kyiv.

Only 3 time recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal civil or military.

Medals: MSM (**) – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Operational Service Medal ribbon Haiti - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNMIH – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

PAYNE, David Claude
Sergeant
Para Rescue Specialist Hoist Operations

MSM CD

CG: 04 November 2006
GH: 24 October 2006
DOI: 28 July 2003

“On July 28, 2003, search and rescue technicians Sergeant MacKinnon, then Master-Corporal, and Sergeant Payne displayed unwavering fortitude while assisting five crewmembers from a disabled sailing vessel in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, near Grande-Rivière, Quebec. Despite winds in excess of 35 knots and violent waves that threatened to capsize the vessel, the two men conducted individual hoist operations in the high seas to rescue three adults and two children from the unstable sailboat. Sergeants MacKinnon and Payne displayed perseverance and outstanding professionalism in the performance of their first tour of duty as search and rescue technicians.

Short citation reads:

“For outstanding professionalism demonstrated in the life saving rescue of five members of the sailing vessel *Jonas*, 22 miles southeast of Grande Rivière, County Gaspé, Quebec, on 28 July 2003.”

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MacKINNON, Jason
Sergeant
Para Rescue Specialist Hoist Operations

MSM CD

CG: 04 November 2006
GH: 24 October 2006
DOI: 28 July 2003

“On July 28, 2003, search and rescue technicians Sergeant MacKinnon, then Master-Corporal, and Sergeant Payne displayed unwavering fortitude while assisting five crewmembers from a disabled sailing vessel in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, near Grande-Rivière, Quebec. Despite winds in excess of 35 knots and violent waves that threatened to capsize the vessel, the two men conducted individual hoist operations in the high seas to rescue three adults and two children from the unstable sailboat. Sergeants MacKinnon and Payne displayed perseverance and outstanding professionalism in the performance of their first tour of duty as search and rescue technicians.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

ATHERLEY-BLIGHT, Julia May

OMM MSM CD

CG: 04 November 2006

Major

GH: 24 October 2006

Deputy Commander Task Force Pakistan Operation PLATEAU

DOI: 2006

“Major Atherley-Blight is being recognized for her exemplary leadership and for the results that she achieved as the deputy commanding officer of Task Force Pakistan during Operation PLATEAU from October to December 2005. An expert in the operations of the Disaster Assistance Relief Team (DART), she continually maximized the unit’s capabilities and ensured its perpetual state of high readiness and motivation to deploy. Her ability to coordinate multiple lines of operation had a direct impact on the provision of desperately needed foreign aid. Much of the success of this initiative is directly attributed to Major Atherley-Blight’s dedication and tireless efforts.”

Medals: OMM – MSM - SW Asia Medal with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star bar ISAF + FIAS – SSM bar PEACE - CD

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per Canada Gazette of 27 January 2007. (shown in photo at left)



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
Support to Commemorative Activities**

McKILLIP, James Duncan

MSM CD

CG: 04 November 2006

Major

GH: 27 October 2006

Coordinating DND/CF 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII Activities

DOI: 2003 to 2005

“For outstanding leadership and professionalism coordinating support of Department of National Defence / Canadian Forces to government sponsored commemorative activities to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the Year of the Veteran.”

“Between 2003 and 2005, Major McKillip displayed exceptional planning skills while coordinating the Canadian Forces participation in support of commemorative events held in Canada and abroad. He was instrumental in the planning of the 60th anniversary celebrations marking the end of the Second World War, events commemorating the Italian and Normandy campaigns, the Liberation of the Netherlands and, most recently, the Aboriginal Spiritual Journey held concurrently in France and in Canada. Through his remarkable accomplishments, Major McKillip has brought considerable credit and noteworthy praise to the Canadian Forces and to Canada”.

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LEBLANC, Joseph Oswald Maurice Paul

MMM MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Chief Warrant Officer – Royal 22e Regiment

GH: 27 October 2006

Coordinating DND/CF 60th Anniversary of the end of WWII Activities

DOI: 2006



“For outstanding leadership and professionalism coordinating support of Department of National Defence / Canadian Forces to government sponsored commemorative activities to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the Year of the Veteran.”

“From 2003 to 2005, Chief Warrant Officer LeBlanc, Regimental Sergeant-Major for all overseas Canadian Forces contingents, worked tirelessly to ensure the success of a series of commemorative events that spanned the globe and involved the highest levels of international government participation. Most particularly, Chief Warrant Officer LeBlanc’s dedication led to the success of both the 60th anniversary celebrations marking the end of the Second World War and the events held during the Year of the Veteran. Chief Warrant Officer LeBlanc’s commitment and determination have brought considerable benefit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada, both nationally and internationally.”



Member, Order of Military Merit (MMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 June 2005 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Awarded Mentioned in Despatches (MID) as per Canada Gazette of 29 August 1998 in the rank of MWO for UNPROFOR.

Medals: MMM – MSM – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR with MID – UN Haiti with bar – EIIR Silver Jubilee – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GARTSIDE, Steven Gregory
Sergeant
Allied Command Europe Communications and Information Systems

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: October 2000 to July 2005

"Master-Corporal Gartside is commended for his outstanding and conspicuous performance while serving with the Allied Command Europe Communications and Information Systems Contingency Asset Pool and 1st NATO Signal Battalion, in Maastricht, Netherlands, from October 2000 to July 2005. His professionalism, commitment to duty, drive and enthusiasm contributed significantly to the operational readiness of his unit to undergo an intense operational tempo. He selflessly committed himself to 'mission first' and in so doing led by example. His dynamic, inspirational and untiring efforts in the NATO multinational environment have brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada."

Short Citation:

"For outstanding professionalism with Allied Command Europe, Communication and Information Systems Contingency Asset Pool and 1st NATO Signal Battalion, Maastricht, The Netherlands, from October 2000 to July 2005."

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KOPP, Christopher Eugene
Master Corporal
Combat Casualty Course for Army Lessons Learned Centre

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 2002 to 2004

"Displaying initiative and concern for the well-being of his fellow soldiers, Corporal Kopp recognized the need to train the average soldier in fundamental and life-saving tactical medicine. Consequently, he developed a comprehensive training package for a pilot course that became known as the Tactical Combat Casualty Course. IN 2004, he also authored a volume of *Dispatches* for the Army Lessons Learned Centre on the subject to ensure its widest possible distribution to the Land Force. Corporal Kopp's efforts have greatly contributed to the training of Canadian Forces personnel."

Short Citation

"For exceptional dedication when producing the tactical combat casualty course and the dispatches for the Army Lessons Learned Centre from 2000 to 2004."

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**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Joint Task Force Command Brunssum**

PETROLEKAS, George James

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 27 October 2006

Chief of Defence Staff Liaison Officer to Commander Joint Task Force Command

DOI: November 2003 to November 2006



“For outstanding professionalism as Chief of Defence Staff liaison to Commander Joint Force Command, Brunssum, The Netherlands, for Canadian Forces operations in Afghanistan from November 2003 to November 2006.”

“Lieutenant-Colonel Petrolekas served from November 2003 to November 2006 as the Chief of the Defence Staff’s Liaison to the Commander of the Joint Force Command in Brunssum, Netherlands, for Canadian Forces’ operations in Afghanistan. In this challenging position, he guaranteed the highest levels of situational awareness for senior Canadian officials, NATO, and coalition leadership. During successive major Canadian contributions to NATO and U.S.-led operations, his influence was pivotal to the seamless integration of the Canadian Forces’ contributions to these missions. Lieutenant-Colonel Petrolekas’ contributions have brought great honour, respect and credibility to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD

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SHAW, Chadwick (‘Chad’) Jack

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Sergeant

GH: 27 October 2006

Area Services Administrator & Trainer, Operations Division, Allied Joint Force Cmd

DOI: July 2001 to July 2005

“For outstanding performance as functional Area Services Administrator and Trainer with Operations Division of Allied Joint Force Command Headquarters, Brunssum, The Netherlands, from July 2001 to July 2005.”

“From July 2001 to July 2005, Sergeant Shaw demonstrated outstanding performance as the Functional Area Services Administrator and Trainer with the Operations Division of Allied Joint Force Command Headquarters in Brunssum, Netherlands. His leadership, professionalism, dedication and drive to succeed have provided NATO with the mission-critical capability to meet intense, ongoing operational commitments. His dynamic and untiring efforts in the NATO multinational environment have brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

CAPSTICK, Michael Derek
Colonel – 1 RCHA
Commander Strategic Advisory Team to Afghanistan

OMM MSM CD

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

“For outstanding professionalism as Commander of Strategic Advisory Team to Afghanistan during deployment Task Force Afghanistan from August 2005 to August 2006.”

“From August 2005 to August 2006, Colonel Capstick commanded the Strategic Advisory Team in Afghanistan. Epitomizing the Team Canada approach to international security challenges, his team achieved results in support of Afghanistan’s government. Through leadership and resourcefulness, he earned the trust and confidence of Afghan authorities. His efforts and influence have been felt throughout Kabul and the international community. His team has been influential in the implementation of the Afghan National Development Strategy and the Afghan Compact, which, together, provided a blueprint for the future of Afghanistan”



Colonel Michael Capstick, OMM, MSM, CD, RCHA

Colonel Mike Capstick retired from the Canadian Armed Forces (Regular) in late 2006 after 32 years of service. In 1992-93 he commanded the 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Shilo and in the Nicosia Sector of the United Nations force in Cyprus. In 1997-98 he commanded the Canadian Task Force in the NATO Stabilization Force in Bosnia – Herzegovina.

Colonel Capstick’s final appointment was as Commander of the first deployment of the CF Strategic Advisory Team – Afghanistan from August 2005 until August 2006. This unique unit, a mixed military – civilian team, provided strategic planning advice and capacity building to development related ministries and agencies of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. He was appointed to the Order of Military Merit in the grade of Officer in 2006 and in 2007 was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal for his leadership of the Strategic Advisory Team – Afghanistan.



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

Medals: OMM - MSM – Gulf War - SSM with bar NATO – UNPROFOR – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – UN Cyprus - Canada 125 - CD and 2 bars

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**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

ANDERSON, David James
Lieutenant-Colonel
Chief of Staff Task Force Afghanistan

MSM CD

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

“For outstanding professionalism and leadership as Chief of staff Task Force Afghanistan from March 2005 to February 2006.”

“From March 2005 to February 2006, Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, Chief of Staff for Task Force Afghanistan, was the driving force for the coordinated staff efforts of three countries across and extremely complex theatre of operations spanning seven tactical commands. His tireless efforts and personable approach were directly responsible for the successful coordination of, and support to, the National Assembly Parliamentary Elections, thus helping to forge the future of Afghanistan. With the movement of the Canadian Task Force from Kabul to Kandahar in preparation for a significantly larger multinational force, he successfully mobilized and executed the largest tactical move since World War II.”

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

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Honor (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 27 May 2017 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded a **BAR to his Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General as the Director of the Ministerial Liaison Team in Baghdad, Iraq with the Multinational Coalition to defeat DAESH.

Medals: OMM – MSM(*) – Southwest Asia Medal bar Afghanistan – General Service Star ribbon Southwest Asia with additional tour bar – General Service Medal with ribbon Expedition with 2nd tour bar - SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia (2 tours) – EIRR Diamond Jubilee - CD and Bar – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)
CDS Commendation plus four Command Commendations



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

SCHREIBER, Shane Bruce
Lieutenant-Colonel – PPCLI Officer
Assistant Chief of Staff Multinational Brigade HQ

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: February to August 2006

“For outstanding dedication as Assistant Chief of Staff at the Multinational Brigade Headquarters, while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from February to August 2006.”

“As the Assistant Chief of Staff at the multinational brigade headquarters in Afghanistan from February to August 2006, Lieutenant-Colonel Schreiber faced the daunting task of providing oversight to all brigade operations. He successfully brought together a multilingual, multinational staff during a period of unprecedented activity, while expertly synchronizing numerous high-tempo operations across Sector South. Lieutenant-Colonel Schreiber’s high level of energy and activity directly contributed to the successful implementation of digital command and control tools. These proved fundamental to the maintenance of tactical control and awareness within the brigade’s vast area of operations. His actions contributed directly to the success of the mission.”



Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign bar ISAF – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD and bar – USA Bronze Star – NATO MSM

Awarded **USA Bronze Star** as per **Canada Gazette** of 08 November 2003 in the rank Major.
Awarded **NATO Meritorious Service Medal** as per **Canada Gazette** of 25 August 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

BISHOP, Timothy James

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Major (Now Lieutenant-Colonel) – 1 Royal Canadian Horse Artillery
J33 Current Operations Operation ARCHER, Afghanistan

GH: 27 October 2006

DOI: February to August 2006



“For outstanding professionalism as J33, current operations, Operation ARCHER, while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from February to August 2006”.

“Acting Lieutenant-Colonel Bishop is recognized for the superb professionalism he displayed during Operation ARCHER Rotation 1, which took place in Afghanistan from February to August 2006. Responsible for the Canadian-led multinational brigade, he monitored and directed the combat operations of over 6,000 coalition combat soldiers, as well as fighter-jet and helicopter crews, directly contributing to the success of the brigade. His selfless dedication and astute management ensured effective military operations in an area of some 200,000 square kilometres. Acting Lieutenant-Colonel Bishop’s outstanding performance in this complex multinational environment brings great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with bar ISAF – Peacekeeping – UN Lebanon – UN Cyprus – NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia – CD & Bar.

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GALLINGER, Kirk Allister

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Major

GH: 27 October 2006

Officer Commanding ‘A’ Company, Operation ARCHER, Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2006

“For outstanding performance as Officer Commanding ‘A’ Company, Operation ARCHER, while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from January to July 2006.”

“Major Gallinger served as the Officer Commanding ‘A’ Company, Operation ARCHER, in Afghanistan from January to August 2006. In July 2006 alone, he led ‘A’ Company into no less than 20 firefights, captured significant enemy material and destroyed an enemy improvised explosive device group. Following a grueling block-by-block capture of Garmser district, he pushed the Company to clear some 200 Taliban insurgents from the outlying area. Throughout this intense combat, ‘A’ Company did not suffer a single fatality. This success is directly related to the outstanding leadership of Major Gallinger. His actions have brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

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**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

GRIMSHAW, Nicholas James Elliott

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Major – Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry

GH: 27 October 2006

Officer Commanding 'B' Company, Operation ARCHER, Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2006

"For outstanding performance as Officer Commanding 'B' Company, Operation ARCHER, while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from January to August 2006."

"As the Officer Commanding 'B' Company, Operation ARCHER Rotation 1, in Afghanistan from January to August 2006, Major Grimshaw demonstrated exceptional leadership under arduous combat conditions. Engaged in a long series of running battles with insurgents, he led his company with superb skill, dedication and calmness. Major Grimshaw directed platoons in intense fire-fights, coordinated actions with battle group artillery and reconnaissance, as well as surveillance and intelligence assets. He was courageous in the face of enemy ambushes and improvised explosive device attacks. Consistently displaying exemplary leadership under fire, Major Grimshaw brought great honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada."

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with Afghanistan bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar non-Article 5 (for the Balkans) – CD and Bar

He retired in 2016 after 23 years of service in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

PUTT, Thomas Ernest
Lieutenant-Colonel
Deputy Commander, Operation ARCHER, Task Force Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: February to August 2006

“For outstanding professionalism as Deputy Commander, Operation ARCHER, while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from February to August 2006.”

“Lieutenant-Colonel Putt is recognized for his outstanding service as the Deputy Commander of Operation ARCHER Rotation 1, in Afghanistan, from February to August 2006. An exceptionally skilled planner and consummate diplomat, Lieutenant-Colonel Putt single-handedly represented, administered and coordinated national matters on behalf of the Commander of Task Force Afghanistan. Routinely acting as the Canadian representative to the Governor of Kandahar Province, as well as being instrumental in improving our relations with the United Arab Emirates, he enhanced Canada’s positive impact and strategic goals in Southwest Asia. Lieutenant-Colonel Putt’s service has brought international recognition and credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNEF (2) – CD and bar – Alberta Centennial



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**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

GODDARD, Nichola Kathleen Sarah

Captain

Forward Observation Officer and Forward Air Observer, PPCLI, Afghanistan

MSM CD

Posthumous

CG: 07 April 2007

GH: 27 October 2006

DOI: January to 17 May 2006

“For exemplary service as the Forward Observation Officer and Forward Air Controller for ‘C’ Company, with the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry (member of 1st Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery), Operation ARCHER, during deployment with Task Force Afghanistan from January to May 2006.”

“Captain Goddard is recognized for her exemplary service in Afghanistan as the Forward Observation Officer and Forward Air Controller for ‘C’ Company, Operation ARCHER, from January 2006 until her death in combat in May 2006. Her spirit and unfaltering dedication were without equal. She accepted all risks as she coordinated a complex mix of artillery, aircraft and electronic warfare equipment with technical perfection and unwavering calmness. This courageous soldier volunteered on at least five occasions to conduct reconnaissance operating in villages where, only weeks before, the enemy had inflicted devastating attacks on coalition forces. Captain Goddard’s passionate and professional approach to her duties and to those in her charge directly inspired all mission members and greatly contributed to the missions’ success.”



Captain Nichola Kathleen Sarah Goddard (02 May 1980 to 17 May 2006) was the first female Canadian soldier killed, and the 16th Canadian soldier killed, in Canadian operations in Afghanistan. Her husband, Captain Jason Beam, was the first widower to receive the Memorial Cross.

Medals: MSM – Sacrifice – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon

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ZILKALNS, Glen Talis

Major

Operations Officer Provincial Reconstruction Team, Task Force Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

GH: 27 October 2006

DOI: May 2005 to February 2006

“For outstanding professionalism demonstrated as Operations Officer of the (PRT) Provincial Reconstruction Team while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from May 2005 to February 2006.”

“From May 2005 to February 2006, Major Zilkalns was the Operations Officer of the provincial Reconstruction Team deployed to Kandahar in support of Operation ARCHER. In Canada’s first deployment of a provincial reconstruction team, he was an exceptional planner and coordinator as well as a tireless leader. His outstanding professionalism, demonstrated in a dangerous and hostile environment, brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada”

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**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

STALKER, Mason James

MSM (*) CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Captain – 1 PPCLI

GH: 27 October 2006

S3 Operations Officer, Canadian Battle Group, Op ARCHER Afghanistan

DOI: January to August 2006

“For outstanding leadership as the S3 Operations Officer for the Canadian Battle Group, Operations Archer, from January to August 2006.”

“Recognized for his determined leadership, Major Stalker was the Operation Officer for the Canadian Battle Group, Operation ARCHER, in Afghanistan, from January to August 2006. Operating in a coalition environment, under the scrutiny of an American brigade headquarters, he motivated his large, diverse staff to give their very best, ensuring that the Task Force was fully supported in its operations against the insurgents. Often with little direction, he anticipated requirements, obtained additional combat power and coordinated its delivery to the battlefield. Major Stalker’s unparalleled dedication brought great credit to Task Force Afghanistan and to the Canadian Forces.”

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 08 December 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

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

Awarded **Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the Honours and Recognition book CAF 2024 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded the **Polish Armed Forces Medal in Gold** as per the Honours and Recognition book CAF 2024 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: MSM and Bar – South West Asia with bar Afghanistan – Campaign General Service Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Croatia – CD – Bronze Star USA – Polish Armed Forces Medal in Gold (Poland) – Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

BROWN, Ward Desmond

MMM MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 27 October 2006

RSM with Provincial Reconstruction Team, Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: July 2005 to February 2006

“For outstanding leadership as Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from July 2005 to February 2006.”

“Chief Warrant Officer Brown was the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the provincial reconstruction team (PRT) deployed to Kandahar from July 2006 to February 2006 as art of the Canadian government’s approach to fostering Afghanistan’s renewed nationhood. This marked Canada’s first deployment of the PRT into an area of operations threatened by an active insurgency. Chief Warrant Officer Brown’s outstanding leadership, professionalism, dedication and poise under dangerous conditions were instrumental to the success of the mission. His efforts brought great credit to the provincial reconstruction team, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Member, Order of Military Merit (MMM) awarded as per **Canada Gazette** of 01 September 2001 in the rank of MWO.



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**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

STEVENS, Shawn Douglas

Master Warrant Officer - PPCLI

CSM with 'C' Company, Operation ARCHER, Task Force Afghanistan

MMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007

GH: 27 October 2006

DOI: February to August 2006



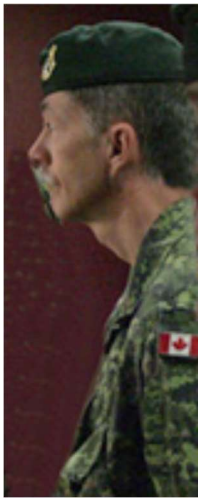
"For outstanding leadership while serving with 'C' Company, Operation ARCHER, during deployed with Task Force Afghanistan from February to August 2006."

"Master Warrant Officer Stevens is recognized for his outstanding leadership while serving with 'C' Company, Operation ARCHER Rotation 1, in Afghanistan, from February to August 2006. His in-depth planning of combat operations, coupled with his thorough knowledge of counter-insurgency operations, made him a trusted and sought-after advisor. He oversaw the fighting echelon and synchronized support elements. Selflessly concentrating on his mission and the welfare of soldiers in the midst of intense combat conditions, he successfully coordinated numerous casualty evacuations while threatened by enemy fire. Master Warrant Officer Stevens, excelled under pressure and demonstrated courage and calm under fire."

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

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

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



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

PENNEY, Carla May
Petty Officer Second Class
Responding to a Double Suicide Bombing Task Force Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 14 November 2005

“For exemplary professionalism when responding to a double suicide bombing while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 14 November 2005.”

“While embedded with the British medical unit at Camp Souter during Operation ATHENA Rotation 4, Petty Officer 2nd Class Penney displayed extraordinary professionalism while responding to the double suicide bombing on 14 November 2005. Her remarkable leadership, clarity of thought and ability to work within a foreign quick-reaction forces as well as a sheer calmness in the aftermath of the bombing were instrumental to the recovery efforts. Petty Officer 2nd Class Penney’s dedication and professionalism have brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



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LINDSEY, Shaun
Corporal – Royal Canadian Air Force
Foiled an IED Attack with Task Force Afghanistan

MSM

CG: 07 April 2007
GH: 27 October 2006
DOI: 25 May 2006

“For outstanding professionalism displayed while foiling an IED attack while deployed with Task Force Afghanistan on 25 May 2006.”

“A medic, Corporal Lindsey is recognized for the outstanding professionalism he displayed on 25 May 2006, in South Gumbad, Afghanistan, when a light armoured vehicle was struck and destroyed by an improvised explosive device. Six occupants, including Corporal Lindsey, were injured. Demonstrating calmness, he helped extricate the wounded, treated and stabilized the casualties while coordinating medical evacuations, and completed a transfer of the patients to American flight medics. Corporal Lindsey’s actions performed under combat conditions bring great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

ELDER, Darcy Shawn

Master Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Air Force
Military Security Guard Unit Detachment in Kabul

MMM MSM CD

CG: 23 June 2007
GH: 24 April 2007
DOI: July 2004 to July 2005



“The Meritorious Service Medal is awarded to Master Warrant Officer Elder for his courage, professionalism, and impressive leadership abilities while serving with the Military Security Guard Unit Detachment in Kabul from July 2004 to July 2005. He demonstrated leadership of the highest level as he took on a stressful situation and inspired his personnel to conduct their duties in the most proficient manner under extremely hazardous conditions and in a hostile environment. His leadership skills were paramount in guiding his team in the protection of Canadian Embassy staff, bringing credit and honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Appointed **Member of the Order of Military Member (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 08 February 2013 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 12 March 2011 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer.

Medals: MMM - MSM – Sacrifice Medal - Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan with 4 bars – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – MSM (USA)



BAKER, Cary Arthur

Major – Royal Canadian Regiment
NATO Exercise Steadfast Jaguar

MSM CD

CG: 23 June 2007
GH: 24 April 2007
DOI: July 2005 to July 2006

“Major Baker's performance in planning and executing NATO Exercise Steadfast Jaguar from July 2005 to July 2006 was exemplary. His commitment to duty was pivotal to the development and implementation of the demanding operational capability of the NATO Response Force (NRF) Special Operations Component Command for NRF 7 and 8 and the Cape Verde Coast Guard Marines. A high achiever, he committed himself to 'mission first' and focused on the delivery of a training exercise of the highest standard. His inspirational and untiring efforts in the NATO multinational environment brought great credit to the Canadian Special Operations Forces, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and multiple tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar



**AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)
For Afghanistan**

VAN RUITEN, Bernardus Antonius ('Ben')
Honorary Colonel - RCAF
17 Wing Winnipeg

MSM CD

CG: 23 June 2007
GH: 24 April 2007
DOI: 1994 to 2007

“During his 13-year term, Honorary Colonel Van Ruiten has provided outstanding service to the Canadian Forces and to the 17 Wing community. A gentleman of impeccable integrity and boundless energy, he has dedicated himself to countless events and initiatives supporting members of the Canadian Forces serving at home and abroad, as well as veterans, cadets, the province of Manitoba, the city of Winnipeg and the thousands of men and women in the 17 Wing area of responsibility. Known and respected by every member of this community, Honorary Colonel Van Ruiten is an outstanding example of professionalism, civic responsibility and leadership. He has brought great credit to himself, to 17 Wing and to the Canadian Forces. “



Medals: MSM - Canada 125 - EIRR Golden Jubilee - CD - Officer, Order of Orange Nassau (Netherlands)

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SMITH, Michael Bradley

MSM CD

CG: 11 August 2007
GH: 30 July 2007
DOI: 04 May to November 2006

Warrant Officer
Senior Tactics & Weapon Maintenance Instructor Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

“From May 4 to November 2006, Warrant Officer Smith served as the senior tactics and weapons maintenance instructor for the Armoured Vehicle General Purpose and Machine Gun course, two critical components of operations in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. His outstanding leadership and technical expertise contributed to a significant improvement in the operational effectiveness of UN patrols conducted in some of the world’s most unforgiving environmental conditions. In a diverse and complex mission, Warrant Officer Smith’s dogged determination, technical expertise and strength of character enhanced the operational effectiveness of over 200 African Union soldiers”



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MSM

CG: Not Gazetted
GH: 28 June 2007

No ranks given

GOVERNMENT HOUSE - MERITORIOUS SERVICE DECORATIONS

On June 28, 2007, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, announced the presentation of two Medals of Military Valour, **two Meritorious Service Crosses**, and seven Meritorious Service Medals to members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command for gallantry and devotion to duty in combat. For security and operational reasons, recipients' names and citations have not been released.

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AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

GRAHAM, John G.
Chief Warrant Officer
JTF-2 Regimental Sergeant Major

MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted
GH: 28 June 2007
DOI: October 2006 to June 2009



As the RSM of JTF-2 of the Canadian Special Operations Forces, he was commended for gallantry and devotion to duty in combat. For security and operational reasons, his name and citation have not been released.

CWO Graham has deployed numerous times to Africa, Haiti and Afghanistan as a special operations team member, advisor, liaison officer, and most notably as a Task Force Sergeant-Major in Afghanistan where he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Afghanistan ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN Congo – UN Haiti – CD and bar

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BEAUDETTE, Michael ('Mike') J.
Lieutenant-Colonel - PPCLI
Commanding Officer of JTF-2 in Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted
GH: 28 June 2007
DOI: October 2006 to June 2009



“Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick served as chief of operations of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from February to November 2009. He demonstrated outstanding leadership and tactical acumen, which were critical to the successful development and implementation of the summer campaign plan, aimed at denying insurgents the ability to gain momentum over the traditional fighting season. Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick’s excellence in the art of operational planning helped to disrupt Taliban objectives and to strengthen the Afghan government’s authority within Kandahar province.”

As the Commander of JTF-2 of the Canadian Special Operations Forces, he was commended for gallantry and devotion to duty in combat. For security and operational reasons, his name and citation have not been released.

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with Afghanistan ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN Congo – UN Haiti – CD and bar

AWARDED the MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL MILITARY (MSM)

CONLEY, Devin Paul

MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted

Major

AWARDED: 21 August 2007

Commander of a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan

DOI: Probably 2001

“Major Conley Served as the Commander of a Special Operations Task Force, in Afghanistan. His extensive experience and knowledge guided the Task Force and greatly contributed to the successful completion of the mission. He is described as a tireless and inspiring leader whose distinguished and meritorious service has brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”

Citation released in the Honours and Recognition for men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces 2017 book.

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