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

**ASH, Daniel James Maurice**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Major

GH: 20 March 2013

Primary CF Member of RANA Radio FM a local Radio Station Linking Kandahar to Canadians

DOI: June 2007 to May 2011

“From June 2007 to May 2011, Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ash was the primary military member of RANA FM, a local radio station which linked Kandahar civilians to Canadian and coalition forces operating in Afghanistan. His decisiveness and dedication while verifying radio broadcasts and developing procedures to deal with telephone calls regarding insurgent activities, directly contributed to the enhancement of in-theatre intelligence. Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ash’s professionalism and leadership allowed RANA FM to become a vital intelligence asset for operations in Kandahar.”

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**AUGER, Daniel**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Major

GH: 20 March 2013

Commander of Ops & COS Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team Afghanistan

DOI: April to October 2009

“As commander of operations and chief of staff of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team in Afghanistan, from April to October 2009, Major Auger distinguished himself through his leadership and professionalism. Faced with an increased number of units under Canadian mentorship, he ensured that the teams were properly equipped to meet the challenges of their mission and command expectations. Major Auger’s coordination and tactical acumen greatly improved the operational efficiency of the Afghan units.”

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**BLAIS, Gérald**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 20 March 2013

Joint Task Force Regimental Sergeant-Major

DOI: May to July 2011



“From May to July 2011, Chief Warrant Officer Blais distinguished himself as Joint Task Force Afghanistan regimental sergeant-major when appointed to this position with little notice. In theatre since August 2010, as regimental sergeant-major of Headquarters and Signals Squadron, he demonstrated loyalty and flexibility, which eased his acceptance by troops and ensured full continuity of Task Force command. Chief Warrant Officer Blais’ personal and professional attributes contributed greatly to the success of the Canadian Forces’ counter-insurgency operations.”



**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and two bars

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

**BLANCHETTE, Pascal**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 20 March 2013

Officer Commanding Engineer Support Squadron in Afghanistan

DOI: November 2010 to July 2011

“As officer commanding Engineer Support Squadron in Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Major Blanchette ensured the provision of first-rate engineering support to Task Force Kandahar. Operating during a period of unprecedented expansion and transition, he contributed to the construction of over 30 tactical infrastructure installations, including Route Hyena, a critical road in the Horn of Panjwayi. Major Blanchette’s acute resource management and outstanding performance contributed directly to operational success and ensured an efficient handover to our allies.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – Multinational Force Observer - CD



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**BLAND, Kirk Douglas**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 20 March 2013

Established Cdn National Intelligence Centre in Naples, Italy for NATO Libya Mission

DOI: April to June 2011

“Lieutenant-Colonel Bland was deployed to Naples, Italy, from April to June 2011, as part of Canada’s contribution to the NATO mission to protect the people of Libya. His leadership and unwavering dedication enabled the establishment of the Canadian National Intelligence Centre and its ongoing success. He forged a highly effective team of civilian and military experts that rapidly and consistently provided meaningful, accurate and actionable intelligence to the Commander. Lieutenant-Colonel Bland’s efforts contributed directly to operational success, and brought great credit to Canada.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – Canada 125 - CD



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

**BOUCHARD, Sébastien**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel - Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

GH: 20 March 2013

Commanding Officer of the National Support Element to JTF Afghanistan

DOI: November 2010 to July 2011



“As commanding officer of the National Support Element of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Bouchard distinguished himself by his leadership and dedication. Through his continued efforts, both at the forefront and behind the scenes, and through his determination, he shrewdly led his team, identified and implemented solutions, and provided ongoing support to the Canadian Forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Bouchard’s performance in a dynamic theatre of operations was key to the Element’s operational success.”

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

**CLAGGETT, Charles Douglas**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 20 March 2013

Chief of Staff of Joint Task Force Afghanistan Headquarters

DOI: September 2010 to Sept 2011



“As chief of staff of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from September 2010 to 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Claggett was instrumental to the capability of the Task Force Headquarters. Supporting operations in Afghanistan’s demanding counter-insurgency environment, he fully understood and implemented the commander’s intent while ensuring synchronization with our allies. Lieutenant-Colonel Claggett’s skills as a leader, planner and diplomat were critical to the operational success of the mission.”

Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** 27 March 2004 in the rank of Major.

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** 19 February 2005 in the rank of Major.

Awarded First Oak Leaf Cluster to **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** 26 May 2007 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

**Medals:** MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar – Bronze Star (USA) – MSM (USA) with 1<sup>st</sup> Oak Leaf Cluster

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

**COATES, Matthew David**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant-Commander

GH: 20 March 2013

Executive Officer of HMCS Charlottetown during Libya Mission

DOI: March to August 2011

“As executive officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Charlottetown from March to August 2011, Lieutenant-Commander Coates was vital to Canada’s notable contribution to NATO operations in Libya. His leadership and in-depth knowledge of their capabilities significantly expedited deployment preparations and kept the crew focused as the mission evolved. During several engagements involving shore weapons and attack boats, his composure instilled confidence throughout the ship’s company. Lieutenant-Commander Coates’ efforts were critical to operational success.”



**Medals:** MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO with bar Libya - CD

On 18 January 2013 he became the Commanding Officer of *HMCS Iroquois* with the rank of Commander.

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**COCHRANE, David Bruce**

MSM\* CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Colonel - RCAF

**Bar to MSM**

GH: 20 March 2013

8 Wing Commander (Trenton)

DOI: February 2010 to November 2011

“Colonel Cochrane demonstrated exceptional leadership and service as the 8 Wing commander between February 2010 and November 2011. He assumed command during a period of unprecedented intensity in the operations and his leadership ensured that 8 Wing was able to succeed in its critical role to support the Canadian Forces. Colonel Cochrane inspired those around him with his exemplary dedication and professionalism, and brought great credit to the Royal Canadian Air Force and to the Canadian Forces as a whole.”



Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

**Medals:** MSM – Gulf War with bar – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN SSM – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar

UN SSM for United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Operation Airbridge in Sarajevo.

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

**DEBRIE, Daniel Alexander**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 20 March 2013

CWO Engineer Support Squadron in the Horn of Panjwayi, Afghanistan

DOI: November 2010 to August 2011



“As operations chief warrant officer of the Engineer Support Squadron from November 2010 to August 2011, Chief Warrant Officer Debie facilitated the expansion of coalition forces in the Horn of Panjwayi. Responsible for designing and constructing new tactical infrastructure, he optimized the use of scarce resources and ensured the framework would be sustainable in austere locations. Chief Warrant Officer Debie’s leadership, expert knowledge and determination enhanced the sustainment and protection of Canadian, American and Afghan forces.”

**Medals:** MSM - General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon plus two extra tour bars - SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNDOF - UNIKOM – NATO bar Kosovo – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and 2 Bars

**Captain Daniel (Chuck) Debie, MSM CD**

Capt Debie was raised in Missanabie, ON and joined the CAF as an Armoured Crewman on 19 January 1976. Following Basic at Cornwallis he was posted to the 8<sup>th</sup> Canadian Hussars (8CH) at CFB Petawawa.

After a short time he re-mustered into the Engineers as a Plumber Gas Fitter (PG Ftr). Capt Debie criss-crossed the country several times during his career, his postings include, two postings to CFB Moose Jaw, Detachment Dundurn, two postings to CFB Gagetown, NB. CFB Shilo, MB, CFB Winnipeg, MB. CFSME Chilliwack, BC, 1 CER, Edmonton, AB. JSG HQ Kingston, ON and finally, 22 Wing CFB North Bay.

Over his career Capt Debie has deployed on a multitude of operations and missions including: OP GAMESCAN (Montreal), OP TRELAR (Alert), OP SNOWGOOSE (Cyprus), OP DANACA (Syria), OP RECORD (Kuwait), two tours on OP PALLADIUM (Bosnia-Herzegovinian), OP LION (Beirut) and two deployments on OP ATHENA (Afghanistan).

In Jan 2013 he transferred to the RCAF Primary Reserve, was Commissioned to the rank of Captain, and served as the 22 Wing General Safety Officer at CFB North Bay.

Following 40+ years of service to the CAF, Captain Debie will retire in North Bay. Chuck is looking forward to spending time at the family camp in Missanabie, “chasing cars” with Anna; and looking for another job.

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**DERRY, Brian Charles**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

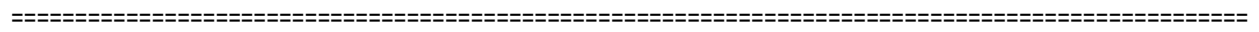
GH: 20 March 2013

Commanding Officer of the Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan)

DOI: March to August 2011

“As commanding officer of the Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) from March to August 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Derry ensured the provision of exceptional helicopter support to Canadian and coalition forces. He conducted a full spectrum of operations—from troop insertions in austere locations to armed escort and overwatch—which were critical to the unit’s operational success. Whether personally flying combat missions, coaching his team or championing the introduction of enhanced capabilities, Lieutenant-Colonel Derry enhanced the profile of Canadian aviation.”

**Medals:** MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and bar



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

**FRANK, Martin Andreas**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel – Royal Canadian Dragoons

GH: 20 March 2013

Deputy Commanding Officer of the Operational Mentor & Liaison Team Afghanistan

DOI: April to November 2010

“As deputy commanding officer of the Operational Mentor and Liaison Team from April to November 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Frank was critical to the growth of Afghan National Security Forces. He established important contacts and brought together many diverse organizations during planning sessions. His leadership and diplomacy shaped the development plan for all of Kandahar Province and the Canadian area of operations. Lieutenant-Colonel Frank's efforts strengthened the capabilities of the Afghan forces.”

Awarded **USA Officer of the Legion of Merit** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 26 January 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General after his 2<sup>nd</sup> tour in Afghanistan..

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with 2 extra tour bars – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNAMET (East Timor) – UN Cyprus - UNPROFOR – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA)

On 28 June 2008, he became the 52nd Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.



Brigadier-General Martin Andreas Frank, MSM, CD, receives the Legion of Merit – Degree of Officer from Mr. Rick Mills, Deputy Chief of Mission of the United States of America to Canada at a ceremony at the United States Embassy, Ottawa, 16 July 2019.

BGen Frank was commissioned in 1988 upon completion of Armour Phase Training and arrival for Regimental Duty with The Royal Canadian Dragoons. BGen Frank held several Regimental Command and Staff appointments ranging from tank Troop Leader to being the 52nd Commanding Officer of The Royal Canadian Dragoons from 2008-2010. His external-regimental employment has included tours with the South Alberta Light Horse from 1991-1994, at National Defence Headquarters with J3 Operations as the Bosnia Desk Officer from 1999-2000, as the Commander of the Land Forces Western Area Domestic Operations Detachment in Victoria, British Columbia from 2002-2004 and as the Deputy Commander for the Canadian Manoeuvre Training Centre in Wainwright Alberta from 2005-2008. BGen Frank has significant operational experience beginning with a tour in Cyprus in 1989 as a Troop Leader in Rural Squadron. His second and third operational tours were in Bosnia: first from October 1994 to May 1995 as Battle Captain for A Squadron in Visoko and second from August 1998 to February 1999 as the G3 for the National Command Element in Velika-Kladusa. Col Frank also has two operational tours in Afghanistan. During his first tour he was employed within ISAF Headquarters in Kabul from August 2003 to February 2004. During his second tour he was employed as the Deputy Commander for the Canadian Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team in Kandahar

from April to December 2010. BGen Frank attended the Canadian Forces Staff School in 1993, Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in 1996, Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in 2004-2005 and the National Security Program in 2011-2012. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Military Arts and Science, a Master's Degree in Defence Studies and a Master's Degree in War Studies all from The Royal Military College of Canada. Col Frank was promoted to his BGen upon completion of his last tour in Afghanistan in December 2010. He was subsequently posted to the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command.

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**FUDGE, Melissa Helen**

MSM

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant(N) - Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 20 March 2013

Lead Intelligence Analyst on HMCS Winnipeg tracking Illegal Migrant Vessel

DOI: May 2010 to November 2011

“As lead intelligence analyst from May 2010 to November 2011, Lieutenant(N) Fudge provided outstanding strategic analysis to global intelligence and security agencies on human smuggling in Southeast Asia. Her unconditional support aboard Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Winnipeg had a direct impact on the highly visible and internationally recognized Operation Poseidon 1-10, which led to the successful interdiction of an illegal migrant vessel en route to Canada. Lieutenant(N) Fudge’s actions contributed to national security and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

**Medal: MSM**

Lieutenant(N) Melissa Fudge is a Naval Reserve Intelligence Officer currently serving at *HMCS Charlotte* in Charlottetown, PEI.



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**GENDRON, Jean-Eudes**

MSM

CG: 27 April 2013

Lieutenant(N) - Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 20 March 2013

Combat Officer on HMCS Charlottetown during the Libya Mission

DOI: March to August 2011

“From March to August 2011, Lieutenant(N) Gendron served as combat officer aboard Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Charlottetown, deployed to the Mediterranean in response to the civil war in Libya. He earned the respect of his international partners when he coordinated the protection of Misrata’s port with NATO and its allies. Lieutenant(N) Gendron’s exceptional tactical planning and unwavering dedication in the face of ever-present threats to the ship helped to ensure the success of this mission and to provide security to the Libyan people.”

**Medals:**

MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – SSM with bar NATO – NATO with bar OUP-LIBYA/LIBYE – Canada 125 – CD & Bar



**GENDRON, Joseph Jean-Louis**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Major - RCAF

GH: 20 March 2013

Transfer of six Chinook aircraft from US Army to Canadian Forces in Afghanistan

DOI: December 2008 to February 2009



“From December 2008 to February 2009, Major Gendron, leading the team tasked with transferring six Chinook aircraft from the U.S. Army to the Canadian Forces, distinguished himself by representing Canada brilliantly. His leadership and diplomacy helped to ensure the co-operation of American forces. Major Gendron’s efforts and insight contributed significantly to the airworthiness certification of the aircraft and to operational success in Afghanistan.”

**Medals:** MSM – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – CD and bar

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| <b>GORMLEY, Philip Murray</b>  | MSM CD | CG: 27 April 2013         |
| Petty Officer Second Class - Royal Canadian Navy                     |        | GH: 20 March 2013         |
| Communications Link HMCS Charlottetown to Port Authority in Misratah |        | DOI: March to August 2011 |

“From March to August 2011, Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Gormley was deployed aboard Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Charlottetown as part of the NATO mission to protect the people of Libya. He established and maintained an effective communications link with the port authority in Misratah, which facilitated the passage of critical intelligence and enabled the delivery of humanitarian aid to the besieged city. Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Gormley’s ability directly contributed to the success of the mission and brought great credit to the Canadian Forces.”

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| <b>GOULDING, Paul Derrick</b>   | MSM CD | CG: 27 April 2013              |
| Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Air Force                            |        | GH: 20 March 2013              |
| Deputy Maintenance Flight Commander for Aurora Aircraft Libya Mission |        | DOI: May 2011 to November 2011 |

“While deployed to Italy as deputy maintenance flight commander for the Aurora aircraft from May 2011 to November 2011, Warrant Officer Goulding was a vital part of Canada’s contribution to NATO operations in Libya. Under his leadership, major infrastructure changes were initiated and the fleet’s inaugural deployed Manual of Aerospace Procedures was developed. Warrant Officer Goulding’s efforts and vast knowledge were critical to forging a robust maintenance organization that ensured an ideal serviceability rate and provided the task force with uninterrupted access to a critical capability.”

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| <b>HARRISON, Robert</b>                       | MSM CD | CG: 27 April 2013               |
| Lieutenant-Colonel - Royal Canadian Air Force |        | GH: 20 March 2013               |
| Commander 1 Wing Trenton                      |        | DOI: September 2008 to May 2009 |

“Lieutenant-Colonel Harrison’s dedication and leadership as acting 1 Wing commander, from September 2008 to May 2009, was critical to the rapid, effective and successful deployment of Tactical Aviation personnel and equipment to Afghanistan. He was the galvanizing force behind the Wing’s swift and effective introduction of Chinook and new Griffon helicopters in theatre. Lieutenant-Colonel Harrison’s initiative and planning directly enhanced the capability of Canada’s deployed aviation forces and contributed to their success, bringing credit to the Canadian Forces.”

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**INGRAM, Guy Charles**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Major – 3 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group

GH: 20 March 2013

Commanding Officer 3 Cdn Ranger Patrol Group – Junior Cdn Ranger Program

DOI: 2007 to 2013

“Major Ingram demonstrated foresight, dedication and leadership with the 3 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group. He successfully expanded Ranger operational capabilities beyond their traditional surveillance and sovereignty roles, thereby enabling the Canadian Forces to provide a more immediate and effective response in Northern Ontario. As commanding officer since 2007, he has played a key role in the development, introduction and expansion of the Junior Canadian Ranger Program. Major Ingram’s vision and innovation greatly enhanced the quality and reach of this program to thousands of Aboriginal youth.”

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**KENNY, Eric Jean**

MSC MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Colonel - Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 20 March 2013

Task Force Commander Libya Mission and CF-18 Detachment Commander

DOI: 2011

“While deployed on multiple NATO missions throughout 2011, Colonel Kenny was critical to the success of the Canadian Forces’ air operations. Initially deployed to Iceland, he excelled as task force commander and effectively led the mission to protect that country’s airspace. Subsequently deploying to Italy twice in support of operations in Libya, he provided leadership as CF-18 detachment commander and represented Canada as commander of the Multinational Air Coordination Element. Colonel Kenny’s efforts significantly raised the international profile of Canadian aviation.”

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

Awarded Meritorious Service Cross (MSC) as per Canada Gazette of 04 June 2016 in the rank of Colonel

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



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

**KHALIL, Ashraf**

MSM

CG: 27 April 2013

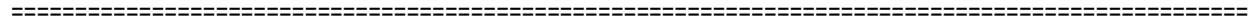
Corporal

GH: 20 March 2013

Arabic Linguist on HMCS Charlottetown NATO Libya Mission

DOI: March to August 2011

“From March to August 2011, Corporal Khalil was deployed aboard Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Charlottetown as part of Canada’s contribution to the NATO mission to protect the people of Libya. As the only Arabic linguist within the entire NATO contingent, his unique skills and unrelenting efforts were essential to operational success. Whether helping to broadcast information messages ashore or facilitating the delivery of humanitarian aid, Corporal Khalil was critical to the mission and brought great honour to Canada.”



**LAFOND, Stéphane Joseph Dominique**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

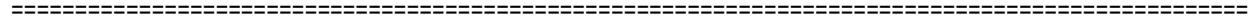
Commander - Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 20 March 2013

Director of Marine Training and Education Royal Canadian Navy

DOI: February to July 2011

“Commander Lafond demonstrated extraordinary strategic planning talents and distinguished leadership while serving as Director of Marine Training and Education from February to July 2011. With strong problem-solving skills, he oversaw the design, analysis and implementation of the marine training system during the transformation of the Royal Canadian Navy. Commander Lafond’s accomplishments were vital in redefining the Royal Canadian Navy and renewing its fleet.”



**Medals:** MSM – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal – CD and bar

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

**MEINZINGER, Alexander Donald**

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force  
Commanding Officer Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing

**CMM (OMM MSM CD**

CG: 27 April 2013  
GH: 20 March 2013  
DOI: March to August 2011



“As commanding officer of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing from March to August 2011, Colonel Meinzinger ensured the provision of aviation support to Canadian, coalition and Afghan forces. He forged a highly effective team focused on counter-insurgency operations, and his air crews flew maximum hours in support of the mission. Commanding a diverse array of personnel and assets, Colonel Meinzinger was critical to the ongoing development of air capabilities and contributed directly to operational success.”

Promoted to Brigadier-General in June 2012 and Major-General in June 2014.  
Promoted to Lieutenant-General in June 2018 and made Commander of the RCAF.

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

Awarded **Officer of the Legion of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 22 February 2014 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Awarded **Commander of the Order of Military Merit (CMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 02 June 2018 in the rank of Major-General.

**Medals:** CMM (OMM) - MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon - Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – Officer Legion of Merit (USA)



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

**MISENER, Mark**

Lieutenant-Colonel

Commanding Officer of the Task Force Kandahar Engineer Regiment

**OMM MSM CD**

CG: 27 April 2013

GH: 20 March 2013

DOI: August 2010 to July 2011

“As commanding officer of the Task Force Kandahar Engineer Regiment, and as task force chief engineer from August 2010 to July 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Misener was critical to the optimal employment of engineers. His acute understanding of Kandahar’s complex counter-insurgency environment allowed him to lead from the front, providing exceptional guidance to his widely dispersed sub-units and ensuring the allocation of assets was in line with command intent. Thanks to Lieutenant-Colonel Misener’s remarkable performance, Canadian and coalition forces received exceptional and unwavering engineer support during operations.”



Awarded **Legionnaire of the Order of Merit (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 January 2016 in the rank of Colonel.

Awarded **Bronze Star (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 July 2016 in the rank of Colonel.

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

**Medals:** OMM - MSM – Somalia – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN Special Service as Advisor to Cambodian Mine Actions – NATO ribbon and bar Kosvo – Canada 125 – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars – Bronze Star (USA) - Legion of Merit (USA)

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**MOSS, Derek**

Commander - Royal Canadian Navy (now Captain)

Commanding Officer **HMCS Regina** during arrest of *Motor Vessel Ocean Lady*

**MSM CD**

CG: 27 April 2013

GH: 20 March 2013

DOI: October 2009

“Commander Moss displayed decisive leadership of *Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship Regina* during the interdiction of a dangerous and illegal human smuggling operation. The arrest of the *motor vessel Ocean Lady* during Operation Poseidon, in October 2009, highlighted precision military planning and execution between the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Border Services Agency. In all aspects, Commander Moss was central to mission success, and his actions brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.”



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

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

**RAFTER, Michael Lawrence**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 20 March 2013

Chief of Staff and later Commander Task Force Libeccio

DOI: September to November 2011



“From September to November 2011, Colonel Rafter displayed leadership while deployed to Italy as part of Canada’s contribution to the NATO-led mission to protect the people of Libya. As chief of staff and subsequently commander of Task Force Libeccio, he arrived at a challenging time for the mission and was essential in rectifying long-standing issues and maintaining the uninterrupted conduct of flying operations. Colonel Rafter’s leadership, professionalism and diplomacy were critical to operational success, and brought great credit to Canada.”

**Medals:** MSM – SSM bar NATO and bar Peace – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – NATO non article 5 DITF – NATO non article 5 Libya - CD and Bar

**Colonel Michael Lawrence Rafter, MSM, CD**

Colonel Rafter joined the Canadian Forces in June 1988. Upon graduation from basic training, he entered the Royal Military College of Canada, graduating in May 1992 with a B.A. in History. He completed his training as a Logistics officer with a specialization in Movements and Transportation and was employed in a variety of operational and headquarters assignments throughout Canada, which included postings to Kingston, Ontario, Goose Bay, Labrador, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Cold Lake, Alberta, Ottawa, Ontario, and Toronto, Ontario. As an air mobility officer, he qualified as a loadmaster on the C-130 Hercules aircraft, and travelled extensively in support of Canadian Forces operations in the Canadian Arctic, the United States, Europe, Africa and Australia. Lieutenant-Colonel Rafter also served as a NATO staff officer for three years in the Allied Movement Coordination Center (AMCC) at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons, Belgium. He has served as a United Nations peacekeeper in Haiti and as an air mobility advisor to the African Union’s Darfur Integrated Task Force (DITF) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Colonel Rafter is a graduate of the Canadian Forces Joint Command and Staff Program and holds an M.A. in War Studies (2003) and an M.A. in Defence Studies (2008).



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

**RODGER, Jeffrey Alan**

MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force

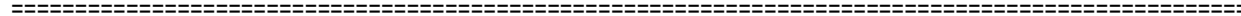
GH: 20 March 2013

Flight Commander Aurora Detachment NATO Libya Mission

DOI: May to November 2011

“From May to November 2011, Major Rodger was deployed as part of Canada’s contribution to the NATO mission to protect the people of Libya. As flight commander of the Aurora Detachment, he developed new aircraft capabilities that brought unique benefits to the operation. He took a Cold War-era submarine hunter and redefined it as a first-rate surveillance platform able to operate effectively over land. Major Rodger’s efforts contributed directly to operational success.”

**Medals:** MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – NATO non-article 5 ribbon with bar Libya – CD and Bar



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

**SAJJAN, Harjit**

OMM MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Major (now Lieutenant-Colonel) – British Columbia Regiment

GH: 20 March 2013

Special Advisor to Engage with Influential Afghan Tribal Leaders

DOI: February to November 2009

November 2010 to March 2011

“Major Sajjan deployed to Afghanistan as a special advisor from February to November 2009, and from November 2010 to March 2011. His approach, based on his knowledge of local culture and tribal dynamics, helped senior management to engage with influential Afghan tribal leaders, and led to the identification of insurgent command and control connection points. Taking every opportunity to deploy forward to refine his leads, Major Sajjan provided critical situational awareness and reduced the Taliban’s influence in Kandahar province through his sound analysis.”

Awarded **Mentioned in Despatches (MID)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 28 November 2008 in the rank of Major.

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

**Medals:** OMM – MSM – Southwest Asia Medal with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon plus extra tour bar and MID – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – Queen’s Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar.

Lieutenant-Colonel Harjit Sajjan became the Commanding Officer of the British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught’s Own) in Vancouver on 09 September 2011.

In November 2015, he was elected as a Member of Parliament and became the Minister of National Defence. Reappointed MND after 2019 election in November 2019. Continued as MND throughout 2020.



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

**SIMMS, James Baxter**

OMM MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013

Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment

GH: 20 March 2013

Chief of Staff Regional Command (South) Headquarters Afghanistan

DOI: September 2008 to June 2009

“As chief of staff within Regional Command (South) Headquarters from September 2008 to June 2009, Colonel Simms performed remarkably well in leading planning efforts for a massive expansion of coalition and Afghan soldiers in southern Afghanistan. He revamped command and control processes to effectively manage an additional 24 000 troops while simultaneously overseeing the planning and synchronization of ongoing combat operations. Colonel Simms’ visionary leadership was critical to effectively integrating the troop surge, and contributed directly to improved security in the region.”

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

**Medals:** OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFOR (2) – UNMEE (Eritrea and Ethiopia) – CD and bar



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

**WHELAN, Steven Joseph Russell**  
Colonel – Royal Canadian Regiment  
Commander Task Force Jerusalem

OMM MSC MSM CD

CG: 27 April 2013  
GH: 20 March 2013  
DOI: July 2010 to September 2011



“From July 2010 to September 2011, Colonel Whelan served as commander of Task Force Jerusalem, in support of Palestinian security reform. He set conditions for major changes within the Palestinian Security Forces’ institutional and operational components, and forged a superb military–civilian team that built needed infrastructure and provided advanced training. Colonel Whelan’s performance facilitated the ongoing professionalization of Palestinian Security Forces, highlighting Canada’s role as an important contributor to the Middle East peace process.”

Awarded **Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 July 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General as the CAOC Director of the United States Air Force Central Command in Qatar.

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

**Gazette** of 09 June 2012 in the rank of Colonel

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Merit (USA)** as per the **Canada**

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

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

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

In Canada, Brig.-Gen. Whelan commanded the Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, and most recently, served as the Deputy Commander and subsequently Commander of Military Personnel Generation in Kingston, Ontario.

Brigadier-General Whelan was deployed to Bagdad, Iraq, from July 2017 to July 2018. As director of the Ministerial Liaison Team of the Combined Joint Task Force Iraq, he assembled a 60-member team representing 14 different countries.

On 20 July 2022, the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service (CFNIS) laid the following charges against Lieutenant-General Steven Whelan: **Two (2) counts of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline contrary to Section 129 of the National Defence Act.** The matter relates to an inappropriate relationship with a subordinate. Charges are NOT found in the Criminal Code of Canada. He stepped aside from his position on 15 October 2021 and retired from the Canadian Forces in June 2022.

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

**ONE**

MSM

CG: 22 June 2013

No ranks given

GH: 07 June 2013

Canadian Special Operations Forces Command

DOI: 07 May 2011 – 08 May 2011

“His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announces the awarding of 2 Stars of Military Valour and 1 Medal of Military Valour, as well as 1 Meritorious Service Cross (to one of the recipients of the SMV), **1 Meritorious Service Medal** to a member of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM), 2 Meritorious Service Medals to members of the Chief of Defence Intelligence Team, and 1 Mentioned-in-Despatches to members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) and the Chief of Defence Intelligence (CDI). The decorations were presented on 7 June 2013 by the Governor General, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall. General Tom Lawson, Chief of the Defence Staff, was also in attendance. The recipients were recognized for devotion to duty and acts of valour in the presence of the enemy and for military deeds performed in a highly professional manner. During the ceremony, the Chief of the Defence Staff presented the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation to two CANSOFCOM members. For security and operational reasons, recipients’ names and citations will not be released.”

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**TWO**

MSM

CG: 22 June 2013

No ranks given

GH: 07 June 2013

Chief of Defence Intelligence Team

DOI: 07 May 2011 – 08 May 2011

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

**BAILEY, Suzanne Marie**

Lieutenant-Colonel – CFHS Social Worker – ex Military Police - RCAF  
Chair of the Mental Health Education Advisory Committee

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

GH: 10 September 2013

DOI: July 2011 – July 2013



“Lieutenant-Colonel Bailey’s leadership and creative initiative were instrumental in developing and implementing the Road to Mental Readiness program. As the chair of the Mental Health Education Advisory Committee, she also sits on the NATO Working Group on mental health education. She has built strong relationships with such organizations as the Mental Health Commission of Canada to share her knowledge and to help personnel improve their mental resiliency. Lieutenant-Colonel Bailey’s dedication and passion brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Lieutenant-Colonel Suzanne Bailey has been a member of the Canadian Forces for 27 years, beginning her career as a military police officer and then completing her post-graduate education in 1996 to become a social work officer. After doing clinical work on military bases in Canada for nine years, she was employed in Mental Health Promotion and Mental Health Education and Training from 2005 to 2011. In July 2011, Lt.-Col. Bailey was promoted to her current rank and appointed National Practice Leader for Social Work for the Canadian



Forces.

**Medals:** MSM – SSM and Bar – CD and Bar

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**BLONDE, Christopher James**

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class - RCN  
Chief Engineer HMCS Windsor

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

GH: 10 September 2013

DOI: April 2010 to August 2013



“As chief engineer since April 2010, Chief Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Blonde has been the driving force behind the technically demanding reactivation of HMCS Windsor. His organizational skills, technical expertise and proactive interaction with both local and national engineering agencies contributed to successfully achieving key milestones in the submarine’s program. His leadership and dedication during periods of change with an unpredictable and strategically important program has brought credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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

**BRIAND, Joseph Éric Stéphane**  
Major  
Commanded a Team of Mentors in Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: November 2010 to June 2013

“Major Briand commanded a team of mentors deployed to Afghanistan from November 2010 to June 2011, where he distinguished himself by his exceptional strategic acumen. With extraordinary initiative, he professionalized the efforts of the Afghan National Army on several occasions, both while stationed in garrison and in the field. Major Briand’s keen planning sense, resilience and composure contributed greatly to the operational success of the coalition forces.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 3 tour bars – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIR Diamond Jubilee - CD



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**CAVANAGH, Gordon Roy**  
Chief Warrant Officer  
Task Force Sergeant-Major

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: March 2011 – February 2012

“As task force sergeant-major from March 2011 to February 2012, Chief Warrant Officer Cavanagh had a profound impact on the Canadian contribution to the NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan. He developed strong relationships with other nations; maintained a detailed understanding of the morale, welfare and leadership climate; and created a common sense of purpose within the widely dispersed task force. Chief Warrant Officer Cavanagh’s performance and leadership were critical to the success of this renascent mission.”

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

**CHENETTE, Derek John**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Major

GH: 10 September 2013

Commanding Officer, Regional Military Training Centre - North in Afghanistan

DOI: August 2011 to February 2012

“While deployed to Afghanistan from August 2011 to February 2012, Major Chenette excelled as commanding officer of the Regional Military Training Centre–North. He overcame the challenges of being stationed 400 kilometres from NATO headquarters, at the end of complex lines of communications, and delivered an exceptional mentoring program focused on empowering non-commissioned officers and encouraging individual accountability. Drawing praise from NATO leadership, Major Chenette’s unit was considered one of the most effective in the country, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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**CYBANSKI, Richard**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013:

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 10 September 2013

Innovative Flight Safety Processes

DOI: 2009 to August 2013



“Since 2009, Major Cybanski has demonstrated exceptional dedication to developing innovative flight safety processes. His accomplishments in flight-path reconstruction and visualization have greatly enhanced Canada’s reputation as a leader in the field of flight safety, and will serve the interest of our flight safety program and the aviation communities for years to come. Major Cybanski’s unassailable logic and unmatched expertise have been recognized at the national and international levels, and have brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – CD and Bar

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

**CYR, Christopher Glen**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Captain

GH: 10 September 2013

Work with the Afghan Uniformed Police

DOI: April to December 2012

“While deployed to Afghanistan from April to December 2010, Captain Cyr was an exemplary representative of Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces. He established and maintained critical relationships between Afghan National Security Forces and their coalition partners, facilitating the conduct of joint counter-insurgency operations. In particular, his efforts contributed significantly to developing the capabilities of the Afghan Uniformed Police. Well-respected by the Afghans as well as other allies, Captain Cyr demonstrated frontline leadership, judgment and professionalism, which were critical to the fight against insurgents in Afghanistan.”

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**DOIRON, Guy**

MSM CD

CG:

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH: 10 September 2013

Commander Materiel Disposal Unit Afghanistan

DOI: May to December 2011

“As commander of the Materiel Disposal Unit from May to December 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Doiron greatly contributed to the success of the Mission Transition Task Force. Responsible for establishing disposal capacity, he transformed a group of soldiers and civilians into an effective unit that maintained complete control over all aspects of disposal. Lieutenant-Colonel Doiron’s leadership and knowledge facilitated the end of Canada’s combat mission in Afghanistan.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars.



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

**DUMARESQ-OUELLET, Michèle Claudette**                      MMM MSM CD  
Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – Royal Canadian Navy (now Commissioned)  
Senior Electronic Sensor Operator HMCS Toronto

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: 2008 to 2010



“Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Dumaresq-Ouellet contributed to the success of operations of HMCS Toronto from 2008 to 2010. She served as senior electronic sensor operator, a position that went beyond the requirements of her rank and qualifications, and demonstrated remarkable innovation in developing new ship-to-shore warfare tactics. Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Dumaresq-Ouellet’s leadership and professionalism were essential to the ship’s operational success and brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 2015 in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant.

**ERKER, Dennis**  
Honorary Colonel – Loyal Edmonton Regiment  
Honorary Colonel – Loyal Edmonton Regiment

AOE MSM

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: 2009 to August 2013



“Since 2009, Honorary Colonel Erker has demonstrated leadership and unwavering support in caring for the well-being of Canadian Armed Forces members as the honorary colonel of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment. His efforts to promote relationships between the military and civilian communities are commendable. Honorary Colonel Erker has also been the driving force behind the creation of Valour Place, Canada’s second military support home for injured serving Canadian Armed Forces members and veterans, as well as members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.”



Awarded **Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers** as per the **Government House** of 08 April 2016.

Awarded the **Alberta Order of Excellence (AOE)** in 2016.

**Medals:** AOE - MSM – Sovereign’s Medal for Volunteers - EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – Alberta Centennial

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

**GERMAIN, Daphne Viola**

MMM MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Chief Warrant Officer

GH: 10 September 2013

Chief Warrant Officer NATO Operations against Libya

DOI: September to November 2011

“Chief Warrant Officer Germain was deployed to Italy from September to November 2011, as part of Canada’s contribution to NATO operations in Libya. She was a key contributor to translating the commander’s strategy into operational reality. Her personal engagement with all personnel was instrumental in maintaining morale and focus, particularly during the rapid transition from high-tempo operations to the end of the mission. A positive role model and ambassador for Canada, Chief Warrant Officer Germain had a tangible impact on mission success and helped Canada leave a positive legacy.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 March 2011 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

**Medals:** MMM – MSM – SSM with bar – Peacekeeping – NATO ribbon Kosovo – CD and bar



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**INDEWEY, Jay Lyman**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013:

Major

GH: 10 September 2013

Operations Officer Joint Task Force Afghanistan National Support Element

DOI: October 2009 to May 2010

“Major Indewey demonstrated leadership and professionalism as operations officer of the Joint Task Force National Support Element from October 2009 to May 2010. He ensured the provision of exceptional combat service support to Canadian and coalition forces in Afghanistan. In addition, he enabled the mentoring of and partnering with the combat service support kandak of the Afghan National Army. Major Indewey’s remarkable efforts improved the capabilities of the Afghan National Army and contributed directly to operational success in Afghanistan.”

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

**JOYCE, Derek William**

OMM MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Colonel – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 10 September 2013

Commander of Task Force LIBECCIO NATO Operations against Libya

DOI: August to November 2011



“As commander of Task Force LIBECCIO from August to November 2011, Colonel Joyce was critical to the success of Canada’s contribution to NATO operations in Libya. He forged geographically dispersed and functionally distinct units into an effective fighting force that excelled during high-intensity operations. Moreover, he championed the introduction of new capabilities that positioned the Canadian Armed Forces for success during this and future missions. Operating in a high-profile international environment, Colonel Joyce brought great credit to Canada.”

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

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM\*)** as per the **CANFORGEN** of 01 February 2023 in the rank of Major-General.

**Medals:** OMM – MSM (and bar) – General Campaign Star SWA ribbon – NATO bar Libya - EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD and bar

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**KENDALL, Allan Mark**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Warrant Officer - 3 CRPG Public Affairs Officer

GH: 10 September 2013

Rescue of a Suicidal Woman from Thin Ice in Sandy Lake, Ontario

DOI: 10 January 2011



“On January 10, 2011, Warrant Officer Kendall rescued a suicidal woman who had wandered out onto thin ice on the Severn River, in Sandy Lake, Ontario. Without regard for his own safety, he went out onto the ice to secure the woman, which allowed his Ranger team to haul them both safely back to shore. Warrant Officer Kendall’s quick thinking brought great credit to the Canadian Rangers and to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – EIIR Golden Jubilee – EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD

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

**LEMIEUX, Yannick**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Major

GH: 10 September 2013

Senior Communications Advisor & Commander Group HQ Signals Afghanistan

DOI: July to December 2011

“Major Lemieux was deployed to Afghanistan as part of the Mission Transition Task Force from July to December 2011. As senior communications advisor and commander of Group Headquarters and Signal Squadron, he coordinated the delivery of impeccable communications support and developed an exemplary reduction plan. His leadership, determination and knowledge ensured that the closure of the Canadian communications infrastructure went smoothly while maintaining operational effectiveness during the process.”



**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Peacekeeping – MONUC (Congo) – UNMIS (Sudan) - NATO with bar Former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar



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**MacKEEN, Jay Adam**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Major – PPCLI (later CO 2 PPCLI)

GH: 10 September 2013

Chief of Staff Consolidated Fielding Centre Afghanistan

DOI: May 2011 to February 2012

“As the chief of staff of the Consolidated Fielding Centre from May 2011 to February 2012, Major MacKeen excelled while entrusted with increased responsibilities, and was central to the fielding of 41 new Afghan National Army units. Providing superb leadership to Canadian, coalition and Afghanistan personnel, he developed processes that touched on all aspects of operations while providing outstanding mentorship to an Afghan colonel. Major MacKeen’s efforts dramatically improved the centre’s operational effectiveness and enhanced Canada’s reputation within NATO.”

Medals: MSM – SWA bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – Operational Service Medal ribbon Expedition – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – CD – Bronze Star (USA)

Awarded the **Bronze Star (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 01 August 2009.



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

**NOEL, Stephen**  
Captain  
Commanding India Company

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: May to December 2010

“As officer commanding India Company from May to December 2010, Captain Noel distinguished himself as a flexible and effective combat leader. Initially deployed to Kandahar City, his company conducted ongoing patrols, which improved stability and enabled American forces to seamlessly assume security responsibilities. Following their reassignment to volatile Nakhonay, his soldiers excelled in their new role, and helped reduce incidents of violence and intimidation towards villagers. Captain Noel’s front line leadership was critical to the Canadian Armed Forces’ operational success in Afghanistan.”

**ORMSBY, Paul**

Colonel – RCAF (now Brigadier-General)

Commander of the Nascent Task Force NAPLES & Senior Cdn Representative NATO

OMM MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: April to August 2011

“From April to August 2011, Colonel Ormsby was deployed to Italy in support of NATO operations in Libya. As commander of the nascent Task Force NAPLES, and as senior Canadian representative within the NATO contingent, he was critical in augmenting the command and control link between NATO forces abroad and Canadian leadership at home. Demonstrating leadership and diplomacy, Colonel Ormsby established key deployed capabilities, built strong relationships with Canadian allies and ensured mission success.”



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

Awarded **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 30 April 2016 in the rank of Colonel.

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

**Medals:** OMM – MSM – NATO with bar Libya – CD and Bar – Officer, Legion of Merit (USA) – MSM (USA)



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

**PEATS, Bradley Alan**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 10 September 2013

Commanding Officer HMCS Vancouver – NATO Operations against Libya

DOI: August to December 2011

“As commanding officer of HMCS Vancouver from August to December 2011, Commander Peats ensured his ship’s maximum effectiveness during NATO operations in the Mediterranean. Initially supporting international efforts in Libya before moving east to conduct counter-terrorism operations, he established HMCS Vancouver as a leading ship within the NATO contingent. Commander Peats’ leadership and diplomatic command ensured the ship’s operational success, bringing credit to Canada and supporting our NATO allies.”

**Medals:** MSM – SSM – Peacekeeping – NATO with Article 5 ribbon and bar Article 5 (for OP Active Endeavour - NATO with Article 5 ribbon and bar Libya – CD and bar

Promoted Commodore 2018.



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

**PELLETIER, Joseph Paul Alain**

Colonel – RCAF (now Brigadier-General)

Air Component Commander Operation MOBILE – Operations against Libya

**OMM MSC MSM CD**

CG: 12 October 2013

GH: 10 September 2013

DOI: March to September 2011



“From March to September 2011, Colonel Pelletier served as air component commander of Operation MOBILE, Canada’s contribution to NATO’s military operation in Libya. An experienced officer, he took initiative from the outset of the mission and reviewed the rules of engagement, the Chief of the Defence Staff’s targeting directives and other instructions to optimize the use of force throughout the mission. Colonel Pelletier’s leadership and the specific guidelines that he introduced helped to ensure the operational and tactical success of the mission.”

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

Awarded **Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM\*)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 07 July 2019 as the CAOC Director of the United States Air Force Central Command, in Qatar, in the rank of Major-General

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

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



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

**PETTIPAS, Anthony Carl** MSM CD  
Master Warrant Officer - RCAF  
Sicily Air Wing Chief Warrant Officer – Operation MOBILE against Libya

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: May to November 2011

“From May to November 2011, Master Warrant Officer Pettipas was deployed to Italy as part of Canada’s contribution to the NATO mission to protect the people of Libya. As Sicily Air Wing chief warrant officer, he was a champion of morale and welfare, and worked tirelessly to establish a camp that was not only functional but adequate. Master Warrant Officer Pettipas was frequently sought out by personnel throughout the Air Wing for his experienced, knowledgeable and operationally focused counsel, which contributed directly to operational success.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 1 tour bar – SSM with Bar NATO – CD and Bar



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**ROBSON, Montgomery Patrick** MSM CD  
Master Corporal – Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry  
PPCLI Regimental Veterans Care Non-Commissioned Officer

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: 2006 to 2011

“Master Corporal Robson consistently demonstrated outstanding professionalism in his role as the Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry Regimental Veterans Care non-commissioned officer from 2006 to 2011. With great tact, he helped ease the suffering of injured soldiers and their families by providing them with constant and compassionate support. Through his mentorship and encouragement, numerous soldiers successfully returned to work. Despite the stress of this task, Master Corporal Robson remained unwavering in his dedication to those he served, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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

**ROSS, David Donald**  
Lieutenant-Colonel  
Assistant Chief of Staff – Mission Transition Task Force Afghanistan

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: July to December 2011

“From July to December 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Ross was deployed to Afghanistan with the Mission Transition Task Force. As assistant chief of staff operations, he orchestrated the Canadian Armed Forces’ largest mission closure in recent history. His leadership, knowledge and ability to synchronize multiple lines of effort were instrumental in keeping operations running smoothly despite the hectic environment. Lieutenant-Colonel Ross’ performance contributed to the successful closure of Canada’s combat mission in Afghanistan.”



**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA – SSM – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – EIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

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**RUSK, Christopher Paul**  
Chief Warrant Officer – 2nd Royal Canadian Horse Artillery  
Regimental Sergeant-Major NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan

MMM MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013  
GH: 10 September 2013  
DOI: January 2010 to February 2011

“From January 2010 to February 2011, Chief Warrant Officer Rusk excelled as regimental sergeant-major of three organizations. Initially deployed with the Provincial Reconstruction Team, he quickly transitioned to a mentoring role and prepared an infantry kandak for combat, before moving to the NATO Training Mission to help lay the foundation for Afghan National Police development. Whether in the classroom, at headquarters, or on the battlefield, Chief Warrant Officer Rusk distinguished himself as an exceptional soldier and dynamic leader.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 13 June 2009 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

**Medals:** MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star SWA ribbon with extra tour bar – SSM bar NATO – CD and bar.



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

**SAWATZKY, Carol Diane**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Major – Royal Canadian Air Force

GH: 10 September 2013

Engineer Regimental Infrastructure Officer Mission Transition Task Force Afghanistan

DOI: April to November 2011

“From April to November 2011, Major Sawatzky was deployed to Afghanistan as the engineer regiment infrastructure officer within the Mission Transition Task Force. She developed and executed a plan that ensured the smooth transfer of over 250 buildings and other infrastructure from Canada to its allies. Facing intense pressure from other nations, Major Sawatzky demonstrated commendable leadership and diplomatic abilities, which contributed to both the successful closure of Canada’s combat mission in Afghanistan and to Canada’s reputation for professionalism and international co-operation.”



**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – CD and bar

**Major Carol Diane Sawatzky, MSM, CD, RCAF**

Major Carol Sawatzky will retire on 7 August 2014 after more than 31 years of loyal and dedicated service with the Canadian Military Engineers Branch of the Canadian Armed Forces (1983-2014). Her last day at work will be the 20 March 2014. Carol’s service to her country began as an officer cadet in the regular officers training program while completing a Bachelor of Engineering at Carleton University in Ottawa. In December 1987, Carol began her military career as a Construction Engineer Officer in CFB Ottawa after her military engineer training at CFB Chilliwack in 1986 and 1987. As a Canadian Military Engineer, she served with the Royal Canadian Navy, the Royal Canadian Air Force, the Canadian Army and the National Defence Headquarters. She worked in joint, support and operational capacities across Canada or around the world. Carol will complete her career as J4 - Log in the new formation the Real Property Operations Group and participated in its establishment into the Canadian Armed Forces. Carol has been awarded in fall 2013 the Meritorious Service Medal for her deployment in Afghanistan. Carol and her husband Rob will remain in the Ottawa area. They have two sons Mathew (25) and Tony (24) who is also a construction engineer just like mom. On retirement, her initial focus will be marching or snowshoeing in the forest and spending hours canoeing in Danford Lake at their cottage.

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

**SKINNER, Alistair**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 10 September 2013

Coxswain HMCS Charlottetown – NATO Operations against Libya

DOI: March to August 2011



“As coxswain aboard HMCS Charlottetown from March to August 2011, Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Skinner was a critical component of the ship’s contribution to NATO operations in Libya. He served as the conduit between the command team and the ship’s company, maintaining the crew’s morale and focus, and ensuring that they performed effectively during dangerous and demanding operations. Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Skinner’s efforts contributed to the ship’s fighting spirit and the crew’s operational success.”

**Medals:** MSM – Southwest Asia bar Afghanistan – NATO bar Libya – CD and 2 bars



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

**SKJERPEN, Craig Troy**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Commander – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 10 September 2013

Commanding Officer HMCS Charlottetown – NATO Operations Against Libya

DOI: March to August 2011

“As commanding officer of HMCS Charlottetown from March to August 2011, Commander Skjerven led Canada’s maritime contribution to the NATO mission to protect the people of Libya. An outstanding and decisive leader, he quickly established his ship as an aggressive presence off the coast, providing direct support to the besieged city of Misratah. Commander Skjerven’s leadership, diplomacy and adaptability contributed directly to the mission’s success, helping the city resist all attempts at occupation.”

**Medals:** MSM – Peacekeeping – NATO with ARTICLE 5 BAR (for Operation Active Endeavour) – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar



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

**SLACK, Anthony James**

Chief Warrant Officer

Regimental Sergeant-Major Consolidated Fielding Centre Afghanistan

MMM MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

GH: 10 September 2013

DOI: July 2011 to July 2012

“As regimental sergeant-major of the Consolidated Fielding Centre from July 2011 to July 2012, Chief Warrant Officer Slack successfully trained and equipped over 21 000 Afghan soldiers. Most notably, he created a mentoring program that was vital to the empowerment and educational growth of senior non-commissioned officers. Chief Warrant Officer Slack’s efforts supported the fielding of 70 newly formed Afghan National Army units, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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

**Medals:** MMM – MSM – Somalia – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – UNUAC (Central America) – UNPROFOR – NATO bar Kosovo – CD and Bar



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

**SMIT, Gregory Allan**

SBStJ SC MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Warrant Officer – RCAF SAR TECH

GH: 10 September 2013

Crash Site Commander Rescue of Survivors from First Air Flight 6560 Op NANOOK

DOI: 20 August 2011

“On August 20, 2011, Warrant Officer Smit was instrumental in the rescue of the survivors from First Air Flight 6560, during Operation NANOOK 2011. He assumed control of the crash scene, provided medical assistance, directed the evacuation of survivors, and preserved and secured the crash site. Warrant Officer Smit’s actions prevented further loss of life among the survivors, while demonstrating the highest standards of skill and professionalism.”

Awarded **Star of Courage (SC)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 06 December 1997 in the rank of Master- Corporal for a rescue as a SAR Tech on Sable Island.

Awarded **Serving Brother of the Order of St. John (SBStJ)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 April 2002 in the rank of Corporal.

**Medals:** Serving Brother Order of St. John – Star of Courage – Meritorious Service Medal – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – CD and bar – Service Medal of the Order of St. John

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

**SPINELLI, Robert Stephen**

Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class – Royal Canadian Navy  
Coxswain HMCS Vancouver – NATO Operations Against Libya

MMM MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

GH: 10 September 2013

DOI: July 2011 to January 2012



“As coxswain aboard HMCS Vancouver from July 2011 to January 2012, Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Spinelli contributed to operational success during two consecutive missions in the Mediterranean. A highly visible leader whose influence was felt throughout the ship, he balanced his twin responsibilities of fostering morale, while upholding good order and discipline. Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Spinelli set an example for the ship’s company to emulate, and contributed to their maximum effectiveness during a challenging deployment.”

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 27 January 2007 in the rank of Chief Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class.

**Medals:** MMM – MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – Peacekeeping – INTERFET - NATO bar Libya – NATO - EIIR Diamond Jubilee - CD & Bar



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

**STEWART, Kenneth Robert**

MSM CD

CG: 12 October 2013

Captain(N) – Royal Canadian Navy

GH: 10 September 2013

Canadian Senior National Representative at HQ United States Central Command

DOI: May 2006 to July 2010

“As the Canadian senior national representative within Headquarters United States Central Command from May 2006 to July 2010, Captain(N) Stewart, as a leader of the Canadian Liaison Office, ensured unprecedented access and influence for Canada within this extremely dynamic headquarters. Notably, his work was critical to securing the United States’ support for the Manley Report requirements, and for Canadian operations in Afghanistan. Captain(N) Stewart’s diplomacy and unrelenting efforts strengthened Canadian–American relations, and brought tremendous benefit to Canadian Armed Forces operations.”



**11722 Captain (N) Ken Stewart K.R., CD (CMR RMC 1978)** is senior liaison officer, US Centcom HQ, Macdill AFB and Branch Adviser – CAPTAIN(N). In 2001 Captain(N) Stewart returned to National Defence Headquarters for duties with the Maritime Staff. In 2002 he was selected to attend the Naval Command College at the United States Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. In July 2003, Captain(N) Stewart was promoted to his current rank and appointed as Director Asia Pacific Policy within the Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) group at National Defence Headquarters. Captain(N) Kenneth R. Stewart joined the Canadian Forces in 1971 as a reservist, first as a Private with the Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment and then as an Ordinary Seaman with HMCS CARLETON. In 1973 Captain(N) Stewart enrolled in the Regular Force and attended Collège Militaire Royal de St. Jean until 1976 when he transferred to the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. Captain(N) Stewart graduated in 1978 with a commission as a Sub-Lieutenant and a Bachelor’s degree in Engineering Physics.



Awarded **American Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 26 March 2011 in the rank of Captain(N).

**Medals:** MSM – General Service Medal with SWA ribbon – SSM with bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – CD and 2 bars – USA MSM

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

**BERTRAND, Pierre Francois**

MSM CD

CG: 16 November 2013

Major – Royal 22<sup>nd</sup> Regiment

GH: 04 October 2013

National Military Representative Operations Staff Officer NATO Headquarters

DOI: April 2011 to March 2012



“As the National Military Representative’s key operations staff officer, Major Bertrand provided vital and timely strategic analyses and information, from April 2011 to March 2012, which had a direct impact on Canadian decisions regarding the deployment schedule and locations, as well as on force contribution levels. Major Bertrand’s interactions with his NATO colleagues and his rapid and effective communications with the Strategic Joint Staff were significant factors in the success of Operation UNIFIED PROTECTOR and Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR.”

**Medals:** MSC – Peacekeeping – UN Haiti – UN – Multi-National Force - CD

**TALBOT, Maxime**

MSM

CG: 16 November 2013

Lieutenant-Colonel – Canadian Forces Health Services

GH: 04 October 2013

Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Kandahar Role 3 Hospital

DOI: 2006 to 2011



“From 2006 to 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Talbot made an impressive contribution to the delivery of medical care in Afghanistan. Serving over 400 days as an orthopaedic surgeon at the Kandahar Role 3 hospital, he provided exceptional care and worked tirelessly to improve Afghan medical capacity through his mentorship and acquisition of equipment. He has held key leadership positions within the military medical community in Canada, and his experience and expertise have vastly influenced combat medical training. Lieutenant-Colonel Talbot’s leadership, skill and dedication helped save countless lives.”

**Medals:** MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 additional tour bars – Operational Service Medal – EIR Diamond Jubilee Medal

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

**BRISSETTE, Daniel ('Dan') Joseph Laurendan**                      MMM MSM\* CD  
Chief Warrant Officer – Royal Canadian Regiment  
RSM to the Canadian Contribution to the Training Mission in Afghanistan (A)

CG: Not Gazetted  
GH: Not Announced  
DOI: 2012



This MSM was not gazetted.

Chief Warrant Officer Brissette was the Operations Sergeant-Major for the Deputy Commander for the NATO Training Mission Afghanistan (NTM-A) from April 2012 — April 2013. During this time he partnered first with Major-General D. Michael Day and then Major-General Ferron. His responsibility and area of influence was the entire NTM-A training mission, which included the following organizations: Army; Police; Special Forces; Air force; and Support. There were 37 nations and civilian/contracting organizations which fell under the NTM-A umbrella, making it a truly partnered mission.

Chief Warrant Officer Brissette was in a position to view the full spectrum of the Afghanistan National Security Force (ANFS) progress and transition as it moved to assume full control of the stability and security of Afghanistan as the mission surged forward to the 2014 deadline. At the conclusion of this tour of duty he had completed more than 30 months total service in Afghanistan and been part of the final chapter of the Afghanistan campaign. As Sergeant-Major of the Deputy Commanding General — Operations within the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, Chief Warrant Officer Brissette was deservedly cited for his “outstanding leadership”. He has served in The Royal Canadian Regiment from 1987 onwards and been a member of the Special

Forces community since 1995. Chief Warrant Officer Brissette has served as the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR).

His **second MSM** was gazetted in the **Canada Gazette** of 24 October 2014 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

Awarded **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 06 June 2015 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.

**Medals:** MMM – MSM and bar – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tour bars – SSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – UN Haiti – NATO bar and ribbon Former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar

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

**HUNTER, Steven ('Steve')**

Major – 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery  
Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan

MSM CD

Not Gazetted Originally

GH: 2012

Awarded: 18 September 2011

DOI: Prior to 2011

“Major Hunter demonstrated laudable frontline leadership with the Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. His unit excelled during intense counter-insurgency operations and disrupted the enemy’s ability to command and sustain its forces. His efforts enabled the dismantling of an improvised explosive device network responsible for Canadian casualties and the seizure of weapons and bomb-making materials. Major Hunter reduced the insurgents’ ability to operate in three key districts, bringing great credit to Canada.”

**Medals:** OMM – MSC - MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon - General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon and one extra bar – Peacekeeping – NATO with bar Kosovo – CD and bar  
The citation was not initially gazetted but now is on the Governor General's site.

On 14 July 2014, Lieutenant Colonel Steven Hunter became the new commanding officer at the Canadian Special Operations Regiment (CSOR) at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa.



**Military Career**

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| June 2014 – present   | Commanding Officer Cdn Special Operations Regiment (CSOR)                                | CFB Petawawa |
| May 2013 – May 2014   | Canadian Army G35 Plans, Department of National Defence<br>Canadian Army G3 for 4 months | NDHQ Ottawa  |
| July 2012 – May 2013  | Student – French Language Training   | NDHQ Ottawa  |
| June 2011 – July 2012 | Officer Commanding, Second in Command, Training Officer DND                              |              |
| July 2002 – June 2011 | Artillery Officer – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery             | CFB Petawawa |

**Honors & Awards**

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| 2020 | Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)  |
| 2018 | Meritorious Service Cross (MSC)   |
| 2012 | Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)<br>General Campaign Star Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar |
| 2009 | General Campaign Star SWA ribbon  |
| 2008 | Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation   |
| 2008 | Canadian Forces Decoration and bar (CD)   |
| 2000 | NATO Medal for Kosovo   |
| 2000 | Peacekeeping Medal  |
| 2006 | Southwest Asia Service Medal  |

**Education**

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| 2011 - 2012 | Master’s Degree, Defence Studies, Royal Military College of Canada | Kingston, Ontario |
| 1989 – 1993 | Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology/Sociology, Carleton University     | Ottawa, Ontario   |

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