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

ARSENEAULT, Mathieu Liam Chêne

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Major

GH: 08 November 2021

Commanded the Intermediate Staging Terminal in Burkina Faso

DOI: May to July 2018

“With exemplary leadership and professionalism, Major Arseneault commanded the Intermediate Staging Terminal in Burkina Faso from May to July 2018. He confidently secured diplomatic clearance for entry into Burkina Faso to facilitate the deployment of helicopters to provide a medical evacuation capability in Mali. In doing so, he skilfully overcame the major challenges presented by the complex environment and unstable diplomatic and political climate in that country. His tireless efforts and great planning ability in establishing an operational center to support United Nations operations reflected positively on Canada.”



Major Mathieu Liam Chêne ARSENEAULT, MSM, CD

- 1999 Enrolled in the Fusiliers de Sherbrooke Regiment in the Primary Reserves
While completing his Bachelor's degree at Sherbrooke University.
- 2002 Completed a deployment to Bosnia
- 2009 Transferred to the Regular Force as a Logistics Officer
Posted to CFB Valcartier
Served with the 5 Service Battalion and the 3rd Battalion R22eR
- 2010 Deployed to Afghanistan
- Next Officer Commanding the Support Company at the Candian Army Advanced Warfare Centre
- May 2018 Commanded the Intermediate Staging Centre in Burkina Faso
- 16 July 2021 Retires to become a School Teacher

- Married: Anne
- Children: Aube, Lili and Charles

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BASTILLE, Marc-André Joseph Jacques

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Sergeant

GH:

EOD Training in Iraq

DOI: October 2018 to April 2019

“For Exemplary Leadership and Strong Tactical Ability as commander responsible for the FPT for the EOD training in Iraq from October 2018 to April 2019.”

“Sergeant Bastille deployed to Iraq from October 2018 to April 2019 as the Force Protection commander for the Explosive Threat Training Team's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Training Team. His leadership and strategic approach made him an indispensable resource for the security of the coalition task forces and the Iraqi Army Bomb Disposal School. Without a doubt, Sergeant Bastille's high level of professionalism enhanced Canada's credibility on the international stage.”

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

BOURSIER, Marcel Yan

MMM MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Warrant Officer – Aviation Battalion UN Mission Mali

GH: 09 November 2023

Developed force protection measures used by Emergency medical response teams

DOI: July 2018 to January 2019

“Warrant Officer Boursier was assigned to the aviation battalion for the mission in Mali from July 2018 to January 2019. He demonstrated great professionalism and a strong sense of initiative in developing force protection measures used by Canadian emergency medical response teams and international partners. In doing so, he provided outstanding leadership within the Quick Reaction Force. Warrant Officer Boursier helped reduce the risks to first responder operations in an unpredictable and complex environment, which brought great credit to Canada.”

Awarded the **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 in the rank of Warrant Officer.

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CHARLESWORTH, Rebecca Michal

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Master Seaman - RCN

GH:

Helped change the narrative about Women’s Roles in the Canadian Armed Forces

DOI: June 2017 to September 2018

“For exceptional leadership, support and advocacy while employed as MARFAC Formation from June 2017 to September 2018.”

“As Maritime Forces Atlantic’s master seaman from June 2017 to September 2018, Master Seaman Charlesworth made a considerable impact on the Canadian Armed Forces. Her exceptional leadership, support and advocacy for the health, welfare and working conditions of non-commissioned members surpassed all expectations of a junior leader and led to institutional change. As a positive national influencer, she has helped change the narrative about women’s roles in the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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COPELAND, John Castel

MMM MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Chief Warrant Officer

GH:

Sergeant Major in Latvia

DOI: July 2018 to January 2019



“For outstanding leadership and Initiative while deployed to Latvia as Sergeant-Major EFP.”

“Chief Warrant Officer Copeland served as sergeant major of NATO’s enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group in Latvia from July 2018 to January 2019. His determination and rallying skills kept troop morale high and played a significant role in creating and preparing for combat a team of non-commissioned officers from several countries with differing points of view. His initiative inspired other countries to continue developing their non-commissioned officer corps and contributed to the success of the Canadian presence in Latvia.”

Awarded the **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 05 June 2015 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer with 3 RCR.

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DECICCO, Nathan George

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Commander - RCN

GH:

Commanding Officer - *HMCS Charlottetown* - off the coast of Syria

DOI: September 2017 to January 2018

“For exemplary leadership and adaptability during NATO Operations in the North Atlantic and Baltic Seas as Commanding Officer of *HMCS Charlottetown* following the previous Commanding Officers sudden medical evacuation from September 2017 to January 2018.”

In September 2017, Commander Decicco took over as commanding officer of *HMCS Charlottetown* following the sudden repatriation of his predecessor. In the five months that followed, he adapted quickly to take part in NATO’s operations in the North Atlantic Ocean and the Baltic Sea, and expertly led his crew in monitoring the region in the eastern Mediterranean off the coast of Syria. Commander Decicco’s professionalism contributed to the Charlottetown crew’s excellent international reputation and brought honour to Canada.”



Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan - CD

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DOWNEY, Cullen Patrick

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Major

GH:

Officer Commanding Multinational Combat Support Company in Latvia

DOI: June 2017 to September 2018

“For exemplary leadership and interpersonal skills while deployed to Latvia as Officer Commanding MN CBT Service Police Company and Plans Officer with the EFP from July 2018 to January 2019.”

“During his deployment to Latvia from July 2018 to January 2019, Major Downey commanded the multinational combat support company and served as plans officer. His leadership and tireless dedication had a marked effect on the formation of an effective team that brought together elements from several NATO countries, and his coordination efforts enhanced the integration of the battle group with the Latvian Armed Forces. His distinguished involvement, from preparation to execution, significantly contributed to NATO’s deterrence mission, and brought honour to Canada.”

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DUMONT, Marc Joseph Claude Gérard

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Warrant Officer

GH:

Created the Tour Capitales 2 CFB Valcartier to Ottawa Bicycle Race to Raise Money

DOI: 2013, 2014 and 2016

“Warrant Officer Dumont distinguished himself by his initiative and determination in creating the Tour Capitales 2 event in 2013 and organizing the 2014 and 2016 editions (Tour des Capitales). During this activity to raise funds for Support Our Troops / Soldier On, teams of cyclists rode from Canadian Forces Base Valcartier in Québec to Ottawa. Thanks to his incredible efforts, Warrant Officer Dumont secured support from dozens of sponsors and raised a total of \$140,000. Driven by Warrant Officer Dumont’s desire to excel, altruism and unifying spirit, these events were a great success that brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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

DUNCAN, Alexander Stewart

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Major

GH:

Commander of a Special Operations Task Force (SOTF)

DOI: Unknown but 2017 to 2019 range

“As the commander of a Special Operations Task Force (SOTF), Major Duncan demonstrated exemplary leadership and professionalism. His contributions during a complex period placed the SOTF at the forefront of the coalition campaign and optimized the Canadian contribution in the fight against Daesh. Major Duncan’s efforts had an extraordinary impact on the host nation and coalition forces, which brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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FURMAN, Justic Robert Dale

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Petty Officer 2nd Class - RCN

GH:

Helped the Coalition to target Daesh senior leaders in the region (Iraq Mission)

DOI: 2018

“While deployed in Iraq, Petty Officer 2nd Class Furman performed his duties to an exceptionally high standard. His efforts resulted in an unprecedented increase in the coalition’s conduct of precise and expedient technical exploitation of captured material. As a result of his expertise, the coalition was able to target Daesh senior leaders in the region. Petty Officer 2nd Class Furman’s professionalism and dedication enhanced the Canadian profile within the Five Eyes community, thus bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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GAGNON, Vincent Ronald

MMM MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Chief Warrant Officer – R22eR

GH:

Sergeant-Major for Task Force-Ukraine during Op UNIFER, Roto 6,

DOI: September 2018 to April 2019

“For leadership and dedication as Sergeant-Major for Task Force-Ukraine during Op UNIFER, Roto 6, from September 2018 to April 2019.”

“During his deployment as sergeant major of Joint Task Force Ukraine from September 2018 to April 2019, Chief Warrant Officer Gagnon played a key role in the training and professional development of Ukrainian and Canadian non-commissioned officers. Through his leadership and mental agility, he distinguished himself as an advisor to the operations Commander and quickly established trust with Ukrainian senior officers and non-commissioned officers at various training institutions. Chief Warrant Officer Gagnon’s achievements brought about significant changes in Ukrainian military culture, bringing honour to Canada.”

Awarded the **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 03 June 2017 in the rank of Master Warrant Officer while serving at the Leadership School.

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GAUTHIER, Joseph Marie Marc Yan

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Major - RCAF

GH:

Team Leader of the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Project Management section

DOI: 2010 to 2019

“From 2010 to 2019, Major Gauthier demonstrated outstanding leadership as team leader of the unmanned aircraft system (UAS) project management section. Recognized for his dedication and expertise, he was responsible for the delivery, ongoing support and airworthiness of each UAS piloted by the Canadian Armed Forces, representing five fleets in total. Major Gauthier also collaborated with various external organizations, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and served as chair of the NATO Maritime UAS Multinational Working Group.”

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GILBRIDE, Patrick Clancy

MSM

CG: 04 January 2020

Major - CFHSG

GH:

Surgeon with Task Force Mali, Op Presence

DOI: July 2018 to January 2019

“Major Gilbride deployed from July 2018 to January 2019 as a surgeon with Task Force Mali and as team lead of the Canadian Medical Evacuation Response Team. He brilliantly accomplished Canada’s goal of aeromedical evacuation by leading an effective team despite the challenges presented by the austere and dangerous environment of this region. By promoting an inclusive approach and prioritizing the well-being of the soldiers, he established numerous partnerships with medical representatives from other countries involved in the UN mission in Mali and earned the trust and respect of his peers.”



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KENNEDY, Kieran Keith

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH:

First Commanding Officer Task Force Latvia

DOI: July 2018 to January 2019

“For outstanding Professionalism and tireless dedication at the first Commanding Officer of Task Force Latvia S NSE from July 2018 to January 2019.”

“Lieutenant-Colonel Kennedy served as the first commanding officer of the National Support Element of Task Force Latvia from July 2018 to January 2019. He played a vital role in establishing a new, coherent and effective unit, and his interpersonal skills helped to strengthen ties with Latvian and NATO partners. Patient and dedicated, he helped transform logistical support for NATO’s enhanced Forward Presence as he oversaw the adoption of a first multinational logistics coordination centre. His achievements greatly benefited NATO’s deterrence mission and the Canadian presence in Latvia.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon with 2 extra tour bars - SSM with bar
NATO – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

Commanded 2 Service Battalion at CFB Petawawa.



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KENNEY, James Timothy

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH:

Commanding Officer Qayyarah-West Training Teaming Iraq

DOI: June 2018 to March 2019

“For outstanding professionalism and exemplary leadership while deployed to Iraq as Commanding Officer QAYYARAH-West Training Team from June 2018 to March 2019.”

“From June 2018 to March 2019, Lieutenant-Colonel Kenney deployed to Iraq as commanding officer of the Qayyarah West Training Team. He demonstrated leadership and initiative in planning and implementing a comprehensive training program for the Iraqi defence forces, and provided senior members of his team with the opportunity to mentor their Iraqi counterparts. He also helped to establish a new headquarters to support several Canadian teams in the theatre. Lieutenant-Colonel Kenney’s unwavering determination had a positive impact on the Canadian presence in the region.”

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KLEMEN, Joshua Andrew

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAF

GH:

Deputy Director CBT Ops Division 609th CAOC US Qatar

DOI: July to December 2018

“For exemplary leadership and professional acumen while deployed to Qatar as Deputy Director CBT OPS Division, 609th CAOC US from July to December 2018.”

“While deployed to Qatar from July to December 2018, Lieutenant-Colonel Klemen oversaw the management and supervision of Combined Air and Space Operations, which completed countless missions over four areas of operation during a period of six months. In addition, he effectively led a multinational team supporting numerous actions in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan and Yemen and initiated several projects that significantly improved command, control, and information sharing measures. His expertise and tireless dedication proved invaluable to achieving mission success in a volatile environment and elevated Canada’s reputation abroad.”



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LEROUX, Pierre Alexandre
 Lieutenant-Colonel
 Commander of Task Force-Ukraine

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020
 GH:
 DOI: September 2018 to April 2019



“For remarkable leadership and professionalism as Commander of Task Force-Ukraine from September 2018 to April 2019.”

“As commander of Joint Task Force Ukraine, Lieutenant-Colonel Leroux developed a plan to modernize the individual and collective training system, which had a remarkable impact on the professionalization and development of the Ukraine Armed Forces. He also strengthened relations with key allies involved in the field and harmonized the Government of Canada’s contributions in the region. Through innovative thinking, he developed comprehensive, specific and effective options to support the analysis of the evolution of the Canadian Armed Forces mission in Ukraine.”



Colonel Leroux when he commanded the MFO and LCol Leroux when he commanded Task Force-Ukraine.

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McQUEEN, Mark Roderick
 HCaptain(N) - RCN
 Private Sector Technology for the Canadian Armed Forces

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020
 GH:
 DOI: 2014 to 2019

“For his expertise leveraging technology in the private sector to rapidly innovate and deliver solutions for the Canadian Armed Forces from 2014 to 2019.”

“A dedicated catalyst for change and progress, Honorary Captain(N) McQueen has been instrumental in modernizing the Royal Canadian Navy. From 2014 to 2019, he forged important partnerships between the Canadian Armed Forces and community and business leaders facilitating the acquisition of leading technology that delivered results for our sailors. His unique advice and insight have proved invaluable to the Navy, fostered the development of a digitally proficient force, and laid the foundation for advancing the military’s capabilities into the next decade.”

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MÉNARD, Joseph Laurier Serge
 Colonel
 Deputy Commander Joint Task Force Jerusalem

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020
 GH:
 DOI: July 2018 to July 2019

“For exemplary leadership and professionalism as Director of Operational support for the US Security coordination for Israel and Palestinian authority and as Deputy Commander of Task Force Jerusalem from July 2018 to July 2019.”

“Colonel Ménard filled two important roles in support of Operation PROTEUS from July 2018 to July 2019. As director of operational support for the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority and as deputy commander of Task Force Jerusalem, he demonstrated outstanding leadership in a complex multinational environment. Faced with significant financial challenges, he helped move forward several projects supporting the Palestinian Authority Security Forces. His expertise and strong social skills contributed to the realization of sustainable security programs based in the West Bank.”

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

MERRY, Steven Vincent
Chief Warrant Officer
Sergeant-Major Multinational Force and Observers Task Force El Gorah

MMM MSM CD
(later BAR to MSM)

CG: 04 January 2020
GH:
DOI: July 2015 to July 2016

“Deployed to Sinai as part of Task Force El Gorah from July 2015 to July 2016, Chief Warrant Officer Merry demonstrated inspirational leadership and professional acumen under extreme conditions. As the sergeant major of the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping mission, he ensured battle discipline among non-commissioned members while fostering strong ties with his Middle Eastern counterparts. Notably, he provided guidance and essential support to soldiers from 12 contributing national forces during large-scale relocations, and maintained the safety and security of visiting dignitaries.”



Awarded the **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of in the rank of Master Warrant Officer while serving at the Leadership School.

Awarded **Bar to Meritorious Service Medal (MSM*)** as per **CanForGen** 21 February 2021 and **Canada Gazette** 30 March 2024 in the rank of Chief Warrant Officer as the initial Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the NATO Mission Iraq.

Medals: MMM – MSM and Bar – SW Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – UN Cyprus – UNPROFO – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – NATO bar Kosovo – MFO – CD and bar.

On 09 December 2019, he was promoted to the rank of Major in the 1st Canadian Division.

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MORNEAU, Justin Francis
Chief Warrant Officer
Sergeant-Major Task Force Middle East

MMM MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020
GH:
DOI: July 2018 to February 2019

“For devotion to duty and thorough flawless work as Sergeant-Major for Task Force Middle East from July 2018 to February 2019.”

“From July 2018 to February 2019, Chief Warrant Officer Morneau served as sergeant major of Task Force Middle East in Jordan. An extremely experienced soldier, he helped the Jordanian Armed Forces train their non-commissioned officers, identify operational needs and find solutions adapted to local culture and customs. A remarkable mentor, he ensured that the members of the Task Force could evolve and operate under optimal conditions. His sense of accomplishment and hard work contributed to the success of the mission and allowed the Task Force to shine in Jordan and Lebanon, demonstrating the impact of Canada’s presence in the region.”



Awarded the **Member of the Order of Military Merit (MMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** in the rank of Master Warrant Officer while serving at the Leadership School.

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

NADEAU, Joseph André Robert
Master Warrant Officer
Sergeant-Major CAF Training Group Quebec City

MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020
GH:
DOI: since 2015



“For Exemplary dedication and professionalism as the Sergeant-Major CAF Training Group Quebec City since 2015.”

“From 2015 to 2019, Master Warrant Officer Nadeau demonstrated dedication and leadership as sergeant major of the Canadian Armed Forces Transition Unit in Quebec. His perseverance and compassion allowed him to build strong relationships of trust with sick and wounded military personnel and their families. Committed to the quality of services offered to sick and wounded soldiers, and with their interests at heart, he played a vital role in their recovery or transition. His actions contributed to the reputation of excellence of the Canadian Armed Forces Transition Unit in Quebec and reflected the core values of Military Personnel Command.”

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star ribbon SWA – OSM – SSM bar NATO – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar

CWO Robert Bob Nadeau joined the Canadian Armed Forces in April 1988 as an Air Defense Gunner (Bird Gunner) and completed his training in Shilo, Manitoba before being posted to 119 Air Defense Battery in Chatham in New Brunswick. At the beginning of his career in 1989, he was transferred to Lahr in Germany in order to occupy the position of platoon commander. After completing his Combat Leader Course (CLC) in 1990, he was promoted to master corporal. Subsequently, in 1992, he was posted to Chatham, New Brunswick where he completed the Section Commander course and was employed as a Section Commander until 1995. During that year, he accepted a change of trade to become a combat engineer.

After completing his combat engineer training in Chilliwack, British Columbia, he was posted to the 5th Combat Engineer Regiment (5th CER). Between 1995 and 2005, he held several ranks and numerous positions at the regiment. Among these, were, section commander of the reverse osmosis water purification system (2002-2003) and commander of the engineering equipment troop (2003-2005).

Between 1995 and 2005, he took part in several operations such as OP palladium, BosniaHerzegovina from 1996 to 1997. He also participated in OP RECOVERY in 1998, responding to the ice storm in Quebec. He was deployed to Turkey as part of OP TORRENT in 1999 with the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART). In 2001 he was deployed to BosniaHerzegovina as a platoon commander on OP PALLADIUM.

From 2005 until 2008, he was posted to the Canadian Armed Forces School of Military Engineering in Gagetown, New Brunswick. He started in the position of survival cell instructor and after his promotion to warrant officer in 2006, he held the positions of survival cell supervisor and demolition cell supervisor successively.

In 2008, he returned to the 5th CER. In 2009, he was deployed to Afghanistan with the Liaison and Operational Mentoring Team for OP ATHENA. In 2010, he took part in OP HESTIA in Haiti. Upon his return from deployment, he held the position of training sergeant major until his promotion to master warrant officer in 2012. He was then appointed to sergeant major of the 55th support squadron and Sergeant Major of the Command and Services Squadron from 2014 to 2015. From 2015 to 2019, he was posted to the Joint Personnel Support Unit (JPSU) in Quebec, acting as Quebec Regional Sergeant Major.

After spending the last year as Platoon Commander for the Intermediate Leadership Program (ILP) at the CWO Robert Osside Institute in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, he was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. Since 2020, he has held the position of regimental sergeant major at the 5th CER. He retired on 01 May 2023.

CWO Bob Nadeau has shared his life with Nathalie Roy for the past 34 years and they are proud parents of Cassandra and Frédérique and grandparents to Abigaëlle and Benjamin.

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OBERWARTH, Cayle Ian

OMM MSM CD

CG: 04 January 2020

Colonel

GH:

Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Plans MONUSCO (Congo)

DOI: July 2017 to July 2018

“For exemplary leadership and outstanding professionalism as Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Plans for MONUSCO, as well as Commander Task Force COD from July 2017 to July 2018.”

“From July 2017 to July 2018, Colonel Oberwarth demonstrated exceptional leadership in conducting combat operations involving five multinational brigades as part of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. As deputy chief of staff operations and plans and commander of Task Force Democratic Republic of the Congo, he used an inclusive approach by enhancing the engagement of women and civilians in the mission. During his deployment, he faced challenges and institutional changes with calm and professionalism, which earned him admiration and respect and contributed to the success of the United Nations mission.



Awarded **Silver Defence Medal with bar Armée de Terre & Missions d’assistance (France)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 June 2019 in the rank of Colonel.



Awarded the **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canforgen** 27 January 2022 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM - MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – MONUSCO with 2 (Congo) – UNMEE (Eretria and Ethiopia) – NATO with bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD and Bar – Silver Defence Medal with bar Armée de Terre & Missions d’assistance (France)

Promoted to Brigadier-General in June 2021 and became the Deputy Commanding General US I Corps, at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington. In July 2021, he was appointed Director General Operations, Strategic Joint Staff in Ottawa.



RENAUD, Sébastien Lionel

MSM

CG: 04 January 2020

Master Corporal

GH:

Creation Common Intelligence Picture Map Service National Centre for Geospatial Intel

DOI: July to December 2018

“From July to December 2018, Master Corporal Renaud was attached to the National Centre for Geospatial Intelligence at RAF Wyton in the United Kingdom. His technical expertise and initiative led to the creation of a Common Intelligence Picture Map Service. This innovative tool has facilitated real-world analysis by maximizing resources and compiling information in one location, thereby improving the way intelligence services conduct planning, analysis and intelligence operations. Thanks to his co-operation with the United Kingdom, Canada’s bilateral defence intelligence partnership has been strengthened.”

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TEASDALE, Collin François Damien J. MSM CG: 04 January 2020
Leading Seaman – *HMCS Calgary* - RCN GH:
TAC Receiver *HMCS Calgary* while deployed to the South and East China Seas DOI: August to December 2018

“For exceptional technical expertise and innovation while deployed in the South and East China Seas at TAC Receiver operator aboard *HMCS Calgary* from August to December 2018.”

“As tactical receiver operator aboard *HMCS Calgary*, Leading Seaman Teasdale took part in a mission to the South and East China Seas from August to December 2018. Thanks to his technical expertise and innovative thinking, tactics and procedures used by foreign intelligence collection vessels were updated. Leading Seaman Teasdale’s remarkable work led to the development of relevant intelligence reports, which resulted in a greater understanding of the marine threat environment in that region and strengthened Canada’s expertise in the field.”

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BIRD, Frank Michael MSM CD CG: 04 July 2020
Major GH:
Forward Deployed Liaison Officer in Iraq DOI: August 2018 to April 2019

“For unwavering resolve and immense resourcefulness while deployed to Iraq as the Forward Deployed Liaison Officer and then as the Base Support Group Chief from August 2018 to April 2019.”

“From August 2018 to April 2019, Major Bird was deployed to Iraq, initially as the forward-deployed liaison officer and then as the Base Support Group chief. He established key relations with partners that led to greater efficiency in setting up initial logistical arrangements and coordinating strategic activities. This paved the way to critical operational agreements. Major Bird demonstrated immense resourcefulness and unwavering resolve in making a vital contribution to the mission’s success and bringing great credit to himself and to Canada.”

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BLINDBACK, Timothy Jay MSM CD CG: 04 July 2020
Sergeant GH:
Technical Expertise at Alaskan NORAD Region at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska DOI: August 2015 to June 2019

“For outstanding dedication, exceptional technical expertise and inspirational work ethic to improving the Alaskan NORAD Region TDL at Elmendorf Airforce Base, USA from August 2015 to June 2019.”

“From August 2015 to June 2019, Sergeant Blindback demonstrated outstanding dedication to improving the Alaskan North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) Region Tactical Data Link capability. Leveraging his exceptional technical expertise and inspirational work ethic, he implemented new data link capabilities and integrated operations across multi-domain mission partners, as well as between Alaskan and Canadian NORAD regions. Sergeant Blindback’s unprecedented accomplishments had a significant impact on and dramatically improved NORAD command and control infrastructure.”

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

COATES, Shawn Paul

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020

Chief Petty Officer First Class - RCN

GH:

Unit Chief Petty Officer AMF Cape Scott

DOI: July 2017 to April 2019

“For extraordinary efforts, compassion and leadership as Unit Chief Petty Officer AMF Cape Scott from July 2017 to April 2019.”

“As unit chief petty officer at Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Scott from July 2017 to April 2019, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Coates built exceptional morale and esprit de corps within the mixed unit of 1 000 civilian and military personnel. His extraordinary efforts, compassion and leadership were rewarded with steady and continuing improvement in attitude and productivity. His support of this diverse unit, consistent with the Strong, Secure, Engaged, policy, directly resulted in increased operational output to ships deployed on Operation REASSURANCE.”

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GUAY, Raphaël Joseph Léon Jocelyn

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH:

Chief of the CMDT Initiatives as Part of the NATO Mission in Baghdad

DOI: September 2018 to June 2019

“For exceptional analytical skills, dedication and leadership when deployed as Chief of the CMDT S Initiatives Group as part of the NATO Mission in Baghdad, Iraq, from September 2018 to June 2019.”

“From September 2018 to June 2019, Lieutenant-Colonel Guay was deployed as head of the Commander’s Initiative Group of the NATO Mission Iraq in Baghdad. His exceptional analytical skills, dedication and extraordinary leadership brilliantly contributed to the success of the mission despite difficult conditions in a complex environment. Moreover, he led, developed or actively collaborated on all of the mission’s key activities. Lieutenant-Colonel Guay’s consistent efforts ensured increased credibility and a high degree of respect for Canada within allied forces in Iraq.”

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

HATTON, Sonny Thomas
 Lieutenant-Colonel - RCHA
 DCO Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020
 GH:
 DOI: February 2018 to July 2019

“For Incredible leadership, vision and dedication while deployed as the First Canadian Deputy Commander of the Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade from February 2018 to July 2019.”

From February 2018 to July 2019, as the first Canadian deputy commander of the Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade, Lieutenant-Colonel Hatton displayed incredible leadership, vision and dedication that led to significant improvements in interoperability and combat capability. His efforts increased cohesion with the Latvian Armed Forces, contributed to significant development in indirect fire capabilities, and facilitated the integration of numerous battle groups. Lieutenant-Colonel Hatton’s exceptional professionalism had a tangible effect on mission success and advanced Canada’s strategic interests in the region.

Medals: MSM – General Campaign Star with SW Asia ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM with bar NATO - Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - CD

Royal Military College (BEng.) Computer Software:	Officer Cadet	August 1998 to May 2002
RCHA Artillery Officer (Lieutenant / Captain) Shilo:	Lieutenant / Captain	May 2002 to July 2006
Army Experimentation Centre Manager Kingston	Captain	July 2006 to July 2007
Aide de Camp, Cdr Land Forces Doctrine & Training System:	Captain	July 2007 to November 2007
Fire Support Coordination Center Officer Petawawa:	Captain	November 2007 to June 2009
E Battery Commander, 2 RCHA, Petawawa:	Major	June 2009 to May 2011
US Army Command & General Staff School (Masters):	Major	June 2011 to June 2012
US Army School of Advanced Military Studies (Masters):	Major	June 2012 to May 2013
J5 Middle East and Africa, Cdn Joint Operations Command:	Major	May 2013 to September 2014
Commander 2 RCHA Petawawa):	LCol	September 2014 to 29 June 2016
G33/Current Operations, Canadian Army Headquarters	LCol	July 2016 to February 2018
Deputy Cdr Latvian Mechanized Infantry Brigade:	LCol	Feb. 2018 to July 2019
Director of Artillery, Royal Regiment of Cdn Artillery	Colonel	August 2019 to Present
and Chief of Staff, Cdn Army Doctrine & Training Centre:	Colonel	August 2019 to Present



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

LANGELIER, Jason Gabriel

OMM MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020

Lieutenant-Colonel

GH:

Chief of Staff Ops and Plans MONUSCO (Congo) and Canadian Commander

DOI: July 2018 to July 2019

“For outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Plans and as the Task Force Canadian Commander from July 2018 to July 2019.”

“From July 2018 to July 2019, Colonel Langelier was deployed as deputy chief of staff, Operations and Plans, MONUSCO, and as commander, Task Force Democratic Republic of the Congo. He led the planning and execution of multiple key operations, enabled the protection of the civilian population and facilitated support for the Congolese elections. Fostering an inclusive, equitable and respectful climate for all, he skillfully oversaw the implementation of several initiatives that greatly enhanced the mission’s capacities. Colonel Langelier’s leadership significantly contributed to increasing stability in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.”

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

Awarded **National Defence Medal - Armée de terre (France)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 December 2019 in the rank of Colonel.

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and 2 extra tours – Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – NATO bar Former Yugoslavia – UN Mission Congo MONUSCO - EIIR Diamond Jubilee – CD with one bar – National Defence Medal with bar Armée de terre (France)



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LAPOINTE, Frédéric

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020

Ordinary Seaman - RCN

GH:

Saved a man who had been Seriously Wounded in a Stabbing Incident in Langford, BC

DOI: 17 March 2018

“On 17 March 2018, Ordinary Seaman Lapointe and three comrades saved a man who had been seriously wounded in a stabbing incident in Langford, British Columbia. Quickly taking control of the situation and the crowd, Ordinary Seaman Lapointe first directed his colleagues to treat the victim. He then confronted the assailants — still present on the scene and armed with knives — by repeatedly asking for their names. When help arrived, he told the police officers where the attackers had fled to and helped identify them. He also reported the victim’s injuries and interim care to paramedics. His caring and determination during this incident brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.”

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

MAJOR, Joshua James
Colonel – Lord Strathcona’s Horse (RC)
Commander Task Force Latvia

MSM* CD
BAR

CG: 04 July 2020
GH:
DOI: July 2017 to June 2019



“For exemplary professionalism, dedication and strategic acumen when posted to Riga as Commander of Task Force Latvia from July 2017 to June 2019.”

“Posted to Riga from July 2017 to June 2019, as commander of Task Force Latvia, Colonel Major masterfully implemented Canada’s mandate relating to NATO Assurance Measures. Moreover, his leadership as Framework Nation Lead, and his guidance and mentoring of NATO representatives of the enhanced Forward Presence Battle Group was nothing short of exceptional and earned him universal praise from all sending nations. Colonel Major’s exemplary professionalism, dedication and strategic acumen ensured Canada’s credibility in the international arena.”

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 11 February 2012 in the rank of Major as the Chief of Operations Task Force Afghanistan.”

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 28 July 2018 in the rank of Colonel as Chief of Current Operations JTF Afghanistan.

Medals: MSM and Bar – General Campaign Star with SWA Ribbon – SSM bar Expedition– Peacekeeping – NATO Ribbon Former Yugoslavia – CD and Bar – MSM (USA)

Promoted to **Brigadier-General** in February 2020. later Commander 4th Canadian Division.

Brigadier-General Josh Major, MSM*, CD

Brigadier-General Josh Major was born in North Bay, Ontario.

He joined the 12e Régiment blindé du Canada as a Troop Leader in 1999. During his time with 12e RBC he commanded at the troop and squadron level, as well as occupying several staff positions including Regimental Operations Officer and Regimental Second-in-Command.

On January 23rd 2014, BGen Major became a proud member of Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) and was appointed Commanding Officer in June 2014.

BGen Major has deployed four times on operations including Op PALLADIUM in 2002, Op ATHENA in 2006 and 2009, and Op REASSURANCE in 2017.

His extra-regimental assignments include serving as an instructor and standards officer at the RCAC School, Army Training Authority Det Ottawa Section Head, and as Special Assistant to the Commanding General United States Army Europe. His most recent assignment was as the first Commander of Task Force Latvia.

BGen Major holds a B.A. from the Royal Military College of Canada, a Masters degree in International Relations from Webster University, and a Masters degree in Military Art and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is a graduate of the U.S. School of Advanced Military Studies, as well as the CAF’s National Security Program.

He is supported by an extremely patient and tolerant wife. The couple has three children.

BGen Major enjoys all things fitness related and still attempts to play competitive hockey although age has begun to dull his already average skills.

Brigadier-General Major was appointed Chief of Staff Army Operations in July 2020.

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

MASSON, Joseph Daniel Stéphane
Colonel
Commander Task Force El-Gorah in Egypt

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020
GH: 27 January 2022
DOI: July 2018 to June 2019

“For outstanding leadership and dedication as Task Force El-Gorah Commander and Multinational Observer Force Chief of Liaison from July 2018 to June 2019.”

“Colonel Masson was deployed to Egypt from July 2018 to June 2019 as commanding officer of Task Force El Gorah and as chief of liaison for the Multinational Force and Observers. During numerous bilateral and trilateral talks, he encouraged the development of strong ties between international representatives. His efforts solidified the trust and communication between treaty partners, as well as Canadian Armed Forces engagement. Colonel Masson’s exemplary leadership and dedication helped to strengthen Israeli-Palestinian relations and increase stability in the Middle East.”

Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per **Canada Gazette** of 04 July 2020 in the rank of Colonel. 27/01/22a

Medals: OMM - MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – MFO with 2 tours – CD and Bar – EIIR Platinum Jubilee from Nova Scotia.

Promoted to BGen in July 2022 and made the Commander of the 5th Canadian Division. In July 2024, he was appointed as the Director-General – Army Capabilities.



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PECKHAM, Gordon James
Lieutenant-Colonel - RCAMG
Medical Advisor Op Impact

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020
GH:
DOI: June 2018 to June 2019

“For tireless work, engagement and dedication when deployed to Baghdad, Iraq as the Medical Liaison Officer for the Canadian Ministerial LT and subsequently with the Director of Influence and Information from June 2018 to June 2019.”

“From June 2018 to June 2019, Colonel Peckham was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, as the medical liaison officer for the Canadian Ministerial Liaison Team and, subsequently, with the Directorate of Influence and Information. He worked tirelessly, planning and implementing strategic processes and leading the creation of the Iraqi Inter- Ministerial Medical Committee, which enabled the standardization of medical qualifications. Colonel Peckham’s engagement and dedication influenced collaboration between Kurdish and Iraqi medical authorities, setting the example for an inclusive Iraq, which reflected greatly on Canada’s contribution.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – General Campaign Star with Expedition ribbon and one extra tour bar – Operational Service Medal – Peacekeeping – NATO bar former Yugoslavia – EIIR Diamond Jubilee Medal – CD and bar – Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)

Awarded the **Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)**.



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

ROBINSON, Peter Scott
Commander - RCN
CO *HMCS Ville de Quebec* Op Resurrection

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020
GH:
DOI: July 2018 to January 2019



“For exceptional understanding and expert knowledge of tactical and strategic requirements while conducting high-profile operations in the North Norwegian and Mediterranean seas as the Commanding Officer of *HMCS Ville de Quebec* in Operation Resurrection from July 2018 to January 2019”.

“Commander Robinson was deployed from July 2018 to January 2019 as the commanding officer of Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Ville de Québec*, which was tasked with conducting high-profile operations in the North, Norwegian and Mediterranean seas. He was incorporated into the Standing NATO Maritime Group 2, where his exceptional understanding and expert knowledge of tactical and strategic requirements allowed him to effectively accomplish critical operations and ensure mission success. Commander Robinson’s remarkable efforts while deployed directly contributed to Canada’s impressive standing among its allies.”

Medals: MSM – Southwest Asia with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon – Operational Service Medal – CD

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SAVARD, Daniel Joseph
Chief Petty Officer First Class - RCN
Coxswain *HMCS Ville de Quebec* Op Resurrection

MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020
GH:
DOI: July 2017 to January 2019



“For outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Coxswain of *HMCS Ville de Quebec* in Operation Resurrection from July 2017 to January 2019”.

“From July 2017 to January 2019, while serving onboard Her Majesty’s Canadian Ship *Ville de Québec* as coxswain, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Savard demonstrated exemplary leadership. During the ship’s operational transition, he played a key role in creating a united, trained and com-bat-ready crew. He was a force multiplier in the mission’s success as part of Canada’s contribution to NATO’s deterrence measures in the Mediterranean. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Savard’s contribution greatly benefitted the ship’s crew and exemplified Canada’s defence policy: Strong, Secure, Engaged.”

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

SCHMIDT, Richard David Craig
Lieutenant-Colonel
Special Operations Command

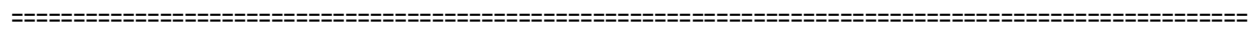
MSM CD

CG: Not Gazetted
GH:
DOI: around 2020

This medal has not been gazetted. Probably one of the Seven (7) not gazetted as per CanForGen November 2020 #144/20

He was promoted in late 2023 as BGen Acting While So Employed and appointed Deputy Commander Canadian Special Operations Forces. He was made a substantive BGen in June 2024.

Medals: MSM – SWA with bar Afghanistan – General Campaign Star with ribbon Expedition – Peacekeeping – NATO bar Kosovo - CD



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

STANTON, Nicolas Dan

Brigadier-General – King’s Own Calgary Regiment
Coalition JTF Op Inherent Resolve

OMM MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020

GH:

DOI: February to July 2019

“For outstanding leadership and successes achieved while deployed to Iraq as Director of the Ministerial Liaison Team and leader of the Director of Influence and Information from February to July 2019 as part of Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve”.

“Brigadier-General Stanton was deployed to Iraq from February to July 2019, as director of the Ministerial Liaison Team, and leader of the Directorate of Influence and Information. An integral and entrusted member of the commanding general’s core leadership team, he cultivated an unparalleled network throughout the Government of Iraq’s security ministries, initiating dynamic changes within a multifaceted operational environment. The successes achieved throughout Brigadier General Stanton’s tenure strengthened the partnership with key allies and advanced Government of Canada objectives in the Middle East.”



Awarded **Officer of the Order of Military Merit (OMM)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 01 June 2019 in the rank of Brigadier-General as the Deputy Commander of the 3rd Canadian Division.

Awarded the **Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 30 June 2012 in the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Awarded the **Defense Meritorious Service Medal (USA)** as per the **Canada Gazette** of 29 February 2020 in the rank of Brigadier-General.

Medals: OMM – MSM – General Service Medal with ribbon Expedition - Peacekeeping – UNPROFOR – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and bar – MSM (USA) – Defense Service Medal (USA)

Brigadier-General Nic Stanton was born in Campbeltown, Scotland and immigrated with his family to Canada. He was raised in Southern Alberta and proudly joined the Royal Canadian Army Cadets, serving with Corps in both Fort Macleod and Calgary. He is a graduate of the University of Calgary, and with honours from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. BGen Stanton pursued a civilian career in Program and Project Management, and currently resides with his family in Calgary, Alberta.

Commissioned in 1987, BGen Stanton joined The King’s Own Calgary Regiment (RCAC) in 1988 where he graduated from the Reserve Entry Scheme Officer (RESO) Programme in 1990. Within the Regiment he served at all levels of command and commanded the King’s Own from 2001 to 2004. Following Regimental command, BGen Stanton served for two years as Directing Staff at the Canadian Army Command and Staff College, then was appointed as Deputy Commander for 41 Canadian Brigade Group for a further two years, until posted as the Canadian Exchange Officer/Instructor to the 104th Division and later the 70th Division, United States Army. BGen Stanton had the privilege to command 38 Canadian Brigade Group, where he led the herd from May 2010 until June 2012. Following, he took on the senior staff appointment of Assistant Chief of Staff Training at 3rd Canadian Division HQ, until promotion to Brigadier General and appointment as Deputy Commander 3rd Canadian Division/Joint Task Force West in August 2015. In January 2019, BGen Stanton left the Division and deployed to Iraq and upon return in September 2019 was appointed as the Director General Army Reserve at Canadian Army Headquarters.

BGen Stanton is a graduate of the Armoured Squadron Commanders Course, the Militia Command and Staff Course, the Joint Reserve Command and Staff Course, the NATO Senior Reserve Officers Course, the Canadian Security Studies Programme, the Executive Leaders Program, and the United Nations Senior Mission Leaders Course. Additionally, he has completed senior courses at both the United States (US) Army War College and the US Army Command and General Staff College. BGen Stanton has supported several domestic operations and deployed overseas twice, first with UNPROFOR on a United Nations Peacekeeping tour in Bosnia-Herzegovina with the Lord Strathcona’s Horse (Royal Canadians) Battle Group Reconnaissance Squadron, and in 2019 he deployed to Iraq as part of the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation Inherent Resolve, with US XVIII Airborne Corps Headquarters, supporting Coalition operations and the capacity building of the Iraqi Security Forces. BGen Stanton is an Officer of the Order of Military Merit and the honoured recipient of both the US Meritorious Service Medal and the US Defense Meritorious Service Medal. Brigadier-General Stanton was appointed Director General Army Reserve in September 2019.

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

TOFTS, David Charles

MMM MSM CD

CG: 04 July 2020

Chief Warrant Officer

GH:

Force Sergeant-Major for Multinational Observer (MFO)

DOI: July 2018 to July 2019

“For leadership and dedication while deployed as Sergeant-Major of the Multinational Observer Force (MFO) from July 2018 to July 2019”.

“From July 2018 to July 2019, Chief Warrant Officer Tofts was deployed to the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt as the Multinational Force and Observers sergeant major in support of Canada’s commitment to peacekeeping. As a key advisor to the commander, he created several initiatives, which enabled the mission to maintain an exceptional operational capability. Moreover, his dedication inspired excellence among numerous foreign militaries and his ability enabled an unparalleled cohesion. Chief Warrant Officer Tofts’ leadership and dedication reflected greatly on himself and Canada.”



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

Medals: MMM – MSM – General Campaign Star with SWA ribbon and one extra tour bar – SSM – Peacekeeping – UNPROR with 2 tours – NATO bar former Yugoslavia - MFO – EIRR Diamond Jubilee – CD and 2 bars

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Seven (7) Not Named

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No Rank

GH:

Canadian Special Operations Forces Command

DOI:

“Seven members of the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command have received the Meritorious Service Medal. For Security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipients are not released”.

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