



Honours & Recognition
for the Men and Women of the Canadian Armed Forces

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, wearing her insignia of Sovereign of the Order of Canada and of the Order of Military Merit.

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Introduction

The purpose of this publication is to celebrate the outstanding achievements of members of Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). While the granting of the honour or award itself constitutes the appropriate recognition of their actions from Crown and Country, this is only the beginning. Their stories and achievements must be communicated to other CAF members and all Canadians for the true meaning of 'honouring' to be achieved. Their service epitomizes the highest standards of devotion to duty, courage and leadership in the military profession. Beyond the presentation of their insignia, these individuals become role models and their actions inspire others to emulate their behaviour, and instil pride in our country. This publication will allow everyone to understand the array and number of honours and awards granted to CAF members in 2014 and share the amazing stories of these outstanding Canadians.

The scope of this publication is limited to the honours and awards publicly announced during the year 2014 as opposed to the date of approval or presentation of the award. The announcement date is determined either by the Rideau Hall press release, the publication of the CANFORGEN or the publication of the award in *The Canada Gazette*, whichever comes first.

The honours and awards included are only those awarded to CAF members and members of allied forces or civilians working with the CAF, that are either administered by the Department of National Defence or in which award process the Department is somehow involved. CAF members regularly receive honours from other sources, which while being authorized for wear, are not recorded here. For example, a reservist who is also a police officer may be awarded the Police Exemplary Service Medal or made a member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, these honours are not recorded herein.

The postnominals recorded in the lists of the recipients reflect the honours held by the person before the award being announced; this allows the reader to see the cases where a person has been promoted within an order. The rank indicated is that held by the person at the time of the nomination.

This publication does not include the full history and criteria for the honours and awards concerned but only a brief outline with the focus being on the 2014 recipients and their achievements. Details of the honours and awards themselves can be found in the references provided at the end of this publication.

"It is not titles that honour men, but men that honour titles."

— Niccolo Machiavelli

Orders

Orders are societies of merit, which recognize long-term outstanding achievement and exceptional service.

Summary of the appointments to and promotions in orders announced in 2014:

Commanders of the Order of Military Merit:	5
Officers of the Order of Military Merit:	22
Members of the Order of Military Merit:	81
Total for the Order of Military Merit:	108
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Serving Member of the Order of St. John:	1
Total for the Order of St. John:	1
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Total appointments and promotions in orders:	109



The Order of Military Merit

Appointments and promotions in the Order of Military Merit recognize conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members of the CAF, both Regular and Reserve. The Order consists in three levels: Member (MMM), Officer (OMM) and Commander (CMM), the latter being the highest. The level of responsibility assumed by the individual determines the level of appointment.

The Governor General presented insignia to members at two investitures held at Rideau Hall on 20 June and the 7 November 2014. While these appointments were announced in 2013 and therefore included in last year's report, some photographs of the investitures are included in the following pages.

The 65th list was announced in CANFORGEN 211/14 on 16 December 2014 and contained the appointment or promotion of 108 distinguished CAF members into the Order including five Commanders, 22 Officers and 81 Members. These individuals will receive their insignia at investitures to be held at a later date.

On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General has been pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Order of Military Merit:

To be Commanders of the said Order:

Lieutenant-General Michael DAY, OMM, MSC, CD
Rear-Admiral Joseph Edward Thomas Peter ELLIS, CD
Rear-Admiral Patrick Terence FINN, OMM, CD
Major-General Dean James MILNER, OMM, MSC, CD
Major-General Pierre ST-AMAND, OMM, CD

To be Officers of the said Order:

Lieutenant-Colonel Eleonora Maria AGNEW, CD
Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Michel Steve BOIVIN, MSM, CD
Captain(N) Luc CASSIVI, CD
Colonel Grant Fernand DAME, MSM, CD
Colonel Joseph Serge Steve Dany FORTIN, CD
Colonel Blaise Francis FRAWLEY, CD
Major Michael Hans GROH, CD
Lieutenant-Colonel Steven Leslie HART, CD
Colonel Kerry William HORLOCK, MSM, CD
Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Bradley LARSEN, CD
Major Rickey Maxwell LEWIS, CD
Colonel Hugh Colin MacKAY, CD
Brigadier-General Rob Roy Everett MACKENZIE, CD
Colonel Russell Barry MANN, CD
Lieutenant-Colonel James Andrew PECK, CD
Commander Patricia Lee ROBERTS, CD
Colonel Joseph Albert Donald ROUSSEAU, CD
Colonel Marie Céline Danielle SAVARD, MSM, CD
Commander Sandra Maria SUKSTORF, CD
Captain(N) Stephen Alexander VIRGIN, MSM, CD
Colonel David Ross WEGER, CD
Colonel Terrence Leroy WOOD, CD

To be Members of the said Order:

Captain Timothy David ALDRIDGE, CD
Master Warrant Officer Donald Earl ASKELAND, CD
Sergeant Nicole Lynn BARRETT, CD
Warrant Officer Dana Beverly BEATTIE, CD
Master Warrant Officer Ian Ronald Jude BENNETT, CD
Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Brent Garrett BETHELL, CD
Warrant Officer David Carman BIBBY, CD
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Fernand Sylvain BOLDUC, CD
Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Lauredan Daniel BRISSETTE, MSM, CD
Master Warrant Officer Daniel Andrew CAMPBELL, CD
Warrant Officer Steve Martin CARON, CD



Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Marie-Josée CHAPLEAU, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Charles Philippe CHEVALIER, CD
 Master Warrant Officer John Castel COPELAND, CD
 Sergeant Steven Dunley DACEY, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Claude DALLAIRE, MSM, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Marnie DAVIS, CD
 Warrant Officer Stephen Michael DAWE, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Joseph Gilbert Alain Denis DELISLE, CD
 Warrant Officer Brenda Lee DI BARTOLO, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Paul André Christian DOUCET, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Joseph Georges André DUGAL, CD
 Sub-Lieutenant Michèle
 DUMARESQ-OUELLET, MSM, CD
 Warrant Officer Richard FANCY, CD
 Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Andrew FENTON, CD
 Sergeant Timothy FERGUSON, CD
 Major Erica Leigh FLECK, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Joseph Lucien Steve FRÉCHETTE, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Gérard Marc GABANNA, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Clermont GAGNÉ, CD
 Major Stephen Foster GALLAGHER, CD
 Major George Charles GARRARD, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Dominic Stéphane GAUDREAU, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Joseph Claude Dominique
 GEOFFROY, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Gerard René GILBERT, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Guy Bruno Claude GILBERT, CD
 Sergeant Rachel GIRARD, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Alexander Marcel Stephan
 GOUPIL, CD
 Major Douglas Shawn Patrick GROVES, CD
 Captain Marie Janick Nancy GUÉRIN, CD
 Master Warrant Officer William John HALL, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Colleen Ann HALPIN, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Crystal Lynn HARRIS, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Mitchell HEPBURN, CD
 Master Warrant Officer David Edward HEPDITCH, CD

Warrant Officer Daniel James HOLLEY, CD
 Warrant Officer Marie Doris Diane JALBERT, CD
 Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Cyrus Jawahar JOHN, CD
 Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Ian Mark KELLY, CD
 Captain Joseph Ghislain LÉVESQUE, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Robert Guy Stéphane
 MARCOUX, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer James Gordon Scott MARSHALL, CD
 Captain Malcolm Alastair McMURACHY, CD
 Master Warrant Officer John Robert McNABB, MSC, CD
 Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard John MEREDITH, CD
 Master Warrant Officer David Elwell MILLIGAN, MSM, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Richard Philias Roger NADEAU, CD
 Private Thomas NICKEL, CD
 Lieutenant(N) Heather Marlene OAKE, CD
 Master Warrant Officer Joseph Gilles Alain OLIGNY, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Ambrose PENTON, MSM, CD
 Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Danny PEPPAR, CD
 Captain Michael Grayer PERKINS, CD
 Warrant Officer Steven Hugh Edward PRICE, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph André Michel PROVENCHER, CD
 Warrant Officer Kimberly Christine PYKE, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Eric John ROLFE, MSM, CD
 Warrant Officer Scott Vernon RUSSELL, CD
 Warrant Officer Steven Wade RUTT, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Steeve Yancy SAVARD, CD
 Warrant Officer Lawrence Jeffrey SCHNURR, CD
 Master Warrant Officer David George SHULTZ, SMV, CD
 Petty Officer 2nd Class Philip Wade SMITH, CD
 Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Eric Wilfred STONE, CD
 Warrant Officer Michael David SWINIMER, CD
 Warrant Officer Jason TOMLINSON, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Robert Richard VIEL, CD
 Petty Officer 1st Class Tara Lee WHITE, CD
 Chief Warrant Officer Martin WOODS, CD
 Major Darcy James WRIGHT, CD
 Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Kelly Allan YERAMA, CD

OFFICIUM ANTE COMMODUM





Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Major-General Paul Francis Wynnyk, CMM, MSM, CD, receives his insignia of Commander of the Order of Military Merit from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Lloyd Johnston, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, Rideau Hall, 7 November 2014.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Colonel Vihar Govind Joshi, OMM, CD, receives his insignia of Officer of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 7 November 2014.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Commander Patrick Montgomery, OMM, CD, receives his insignia of Officer of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 7 November 2014.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Master Warrant Officer Ronda Luran Bowman, MMM, CD, receives her insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 7 November 2014.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph Gérard Doucet, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 7 November 2014.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

Chief Warrant Officer Carl Kletke, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 20 June 2014.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

Master Warrant Officer Joseph Antoine Daniel Parenteau, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 20 June 2014.



The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem

Appointments and promotions in the Order of St. John recognize outstanding or exceptional service with the Order, mainly through its two foundations, the St. John Eye Hospital in Jerusalem and St. John Ambulance. There are five main levels to the Order and usually one is admitted at the lowest grade and is later promoted through the grades when further distinguished service has been demonstrated. The grades are Serving Member (formerly known as Serving Brother or Sister), Officer, Commander, Knight or Dame of Justice or of Grace and Bailiff or Dame Grand Cross, the latter being the highest.

Only those appointments and promotions in the Order which have been made on the recommendation of the Department of National Defence are included hereunder. The same applies for the other awards of the Order. Several other Canadian Forces members have been honoured through the Order on the recommendation of other bodies such as St. John Ambulance. The DND appointments were announced through CANFORGEN 212/14 on 16 December 2014.

On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General has been pleased to give orders for the following appointments to the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem:

To be Serving Members of the said Most Venerable Order

Master Corporal Richard Hervé Joseph LECOZ, CD

Other St. John honours and awards have been granted to CF members as follows:

Priory Vote of Thanks

Captain Craig Archibald BALL, CD
Warrant Officer Aaron Lowry COXWORTH, CD

St. John's Provincial/Territorial Commendation

Mr. Charles Evert HURST, CD
Sergeant Pierre TREMBLAY, CD

Life Saving Award (without risk) in Silver

Sergeant Mark William DURDIN, CD

Service Medal of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem

Four Service Medals and four bars

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Decorations

Decorations recognize one act of gallantry in combat, of bravery in the face of danger or meritorious service in a single event or over a specific period of time.

Summary of decorations and Mentions in Dispatches announced in 2014:

Star of Courage:	5
Medal of Bravery:	9
Total for Decorations for Bravery:	14
Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division):	4
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division):	65
Total for Meritorious Service Decorations (Military Division):	69
Mentions in Dispatches:	1
Total for decorations and Mentions in Dispatches:	84

Decorations for Bravery

The **Decorations for Bravery** recognize people who have risked their lives to save or protect others. The **Cross of Valour** (CV) is awarded for acts of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme peril. The **Star of Courage** (SC) is awarded for acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril. The **Medal of Bravery** (MB) is awarded for acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances.

On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General has been pleased to approve the following awards:

Star of Courage:

Master Corporal Shawn BRETSCHEIDER



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau

On 27 October 2011, search and rescue technicians (SAR Techs) Master Corporal Bretschneider, Sergeant Gilbert, Master Corporal Journeyman, Master Corporal Lahaye-Lemay and Sergeant Villeneuve braved severe weather conditions to rescue two hunters stranded on the Arctic Ocean, near Igloolik,

Nunavut. A team of three SAR Techs parachuted down into seven metre high waves, but was soon separated in the huge swells. Five hours later, the second team of two SAR Techs was lowered from a helicopter and, struggling in the same harsh conditions, succeeded in locating everyone and hoisting them into a helicopter. Sadly, Sergeant Gilbert did not survive.

Sergeant Janick Joseph Benoit GILBERT, CD (Posthumous)



Photo: DND

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Master Corporal Marco JOURNEYMAN, CD



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Sergeant Joseph Gilles Daniel VILLENEUVE, MB, CD



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Master Corporal Maxime Bernard LAHAYE-LEMAY



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Medal of Bravery:

Sergeant Jason Cary BROMSTAD, CD



Photo: DND

On 29 June 2012, Sergeant Bromstad, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Salter and Mr. Charbonneau pulled an injured man from a burning vehicle on Highway 401 near Gananoque, Ontario. As a result of a collision, the fuel tank of the victim's vehicle ruptured and the leaking fuel ignited. In spite of the rapidly

spreading flames, the rescuers worked to pry open the door and drag the victim to safety, moments before the truck became fully engulfed.

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Raymond DEPROY



Photo: DND

On 19 May 2012, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class DeProy risked his life to rescue a fellow diver in Saanich Inlet, British Columbia. The victim had experienced a malfunction with his breathing regulator and started to resurface at an excessive speed. Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class DeProy recognized the signs of distress and,

despite the inherent danger of a rapid ascent, pulled the struggling diver to the surface as quickly as possible. Sadly, the victim did not survive.

Master Corporal Robert James FEATHERSTONE



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

On 27 March 2012, Sergeant Penny and Master Corporal Featherstone rescued three people stranded at sea during a storm, south of Cape Sable Island, Nova Scotia. In spite of the challenging weather conditions, they managed to execute three successful hoist recoveries from a helicopter and retrieve all the victims from their damaged sailboat.

Leading Seaman Neil HARPER



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

On 12 September 2011, Leading Seaman Harper put his life at risk to stop an alarming diesel fuel leak onboard HMCS *Iroquois*. Leading Seaman Harper entered a confined enclosure and, using only readily available materials, deflected the high-pressure leak away from a hot engine, thus averting a significant risk of fire.

Master Warrant Officer Volker KOCK, CD



Photo: DND

On 2 March 2012, Master Warrant Officer Kock risked his life to rescue five young women from a burning car following a collision in Columbus, Ohio, USA. Braving the heat and smoke, Master Warrant Officer Kock tried in vain to open the mangled doors but was forced back by the rapidly spreading flames. Once firefighters had put out the fire, he assisted them in getting the victims out of the wreck. Sadly, three of the victims succumbed to their injuries.



Sergeant Norman Ewen PENNY, SC, CD



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

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Corporal Michael POSTLETHWAITE



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

On 15 December 2011, Mr. Foster and Corporal Postlethwaite rescued an elderly woman from a burning apartment in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Alerted to the fire, Mr. Foster and Corporal Postlethwaite entered through a broken window and found the elderly woman in need of assistance.

After they carried her outside, Corporal Postlethwaite re-entered the building to search for other possible victims. He was forced to retreat as the smoke and flames engulfed the house.

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Michael SALTER



Photo: DND

On 29 June 2012, Sergeant Bromstad, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Salter and Mr. Charbonneau pulled an injured man from a burning vehicle on Highway 401 near Gananoque, Ontario. As a result of a collision, the fuel tank of the victim's vehicle ruptured and the leaking fuel ignited. In spite of the rapidly spreading flames, the rescuers worked to pry open the door and drag the victim to safety, moments before the truck became fully engulfed.

Master Corporal Jean-François VAILLANCOURT



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

On 23 September 2011, in Afghanistan, Master Corporal Vaillancourt risked his life when he conducted a radiological screening on an injured woman who was suspected of carrying a concealed improvised explosive device. He alone volunteered for this task and, despite the possibility that it could go off at any time, Master Corporal Vaillancourt was able to neutralize the device.



Meritorious Service Decorations (Military Division)

The **Meritorious Service Decorations** (Military Division) recognize individuals for outstanding professionalism and for bringing honour to the CAF. The **Meritorious Service Cross** (MSC) (Military Division) recognizes a military deed or activity that has been performed in an outstandingly professional manner, according to a rare high standard that brings considerable benefit or great honour to the CAF. The **Meritorious Service Medal** (MSM) (Military Division) recognizes a military deed or activity that has been performed in a highly professional manner or of a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to the CAF. The list below includes the four MSCs and 65 MSMs announced in 2014.

On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General has been pleased to approve the following awards:

Bar to the Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division):

Major-General Dean James MILNER, OMM, MSC, CD

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



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau

Major-General Milner receives a bar to the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.



Meritorious Service Cross

(Military Division):

Lieutenant General Daniel BOLGER of the United States of America

As commander of the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan from November 2011 to April 2013, Lieutenant General Bolger was a steadfast supporter of Canada's mission objectives. Leading over 4,000 coalition personnel and 13,000 contractors, he endorsed many Canadian initiatives that significantly enhanced training effectiveness at key Afghan institutions. Lieutenant General Bolger's leadership and encouragement were critical to the success of the Canadian mission, and strengthened the bond between Canada and the United States of America.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

Lieutenant General Bolger (Retired) receives the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.

Captain Aaron NOBLE

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

Warrant Officer Joseph Claude Camille PELLETIER, CD

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



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

Warrant Officer Pelletier receives the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.



Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal *(Military Division):*

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Lauredan Daniel
BRISSETTE, MSM, CD

From April 2012 to April 2013, Chief Warrant Officer Brissette deployed to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. As sergeant-major of the Deputy Commanding General–Operations organization, he mentored a key network of senior non-commissioned members that provided guidance to over 16,000 personnel dispersed throughout the country. Chief Warrant Officer Brissette established himself as an eminent ambassador for Canada, and set an impressive standard of leadership for all personnel.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

Chief Warrant Officer Brissette receives a bar to the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.

Colonel Gordon David CORBOULD, MSM, CD

Colonel Corbould was deployed to Bagram, Afghanistan, as the deputy commanding general of Coalition Effects and Transitions for the Combined Joint Task Force–101, in Regional Command–East, from February 2013 to February 2014. His leadership and strategic vision engineered the simultaneous reduction and removal of existing equipment and infrastructure at NATO bases across eastern Afghanistan. He adeptly led a large multinational force with energy and professionalism, which brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Chief Warrant Officer William John CRABB,
MMM, MSM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer Crabb was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the NATO Training Mission sergeant-major from April 2013 to March 2014. His remarkable enthusiasm, initiative and collaboration with his mission counterparts, including the sergeant-major of the Afghan National Army, were essential to forging a non-commissioned officer corps within the Afghan National Security Forces. He achieved this by setting and personally exceeding the professional standard he set for others. Chief Warrant Officer Crabb's leadership and command presence reflected well upon the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.



Lieutenant-Colonel Lee HAMMOND, MSM, CD

From June 2013 to March 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Hammond excelled as the deputy commander of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. His leadership helped to ensure that Canadian personnel in Afghanistan consistently delivered on their NATO commitments. He synchronized Canada's personnel drawdown plan from Afghanistan with the larger NATO plan, while preserving Canada's national imperatives in the region. Lieutenant-Colonel Hammond, through his accomplishments, enhanced Canada's reputation within the multinational environment.

Colonel Jean François RIFFOU, MSM, CD

As the commander of Task Force Jerusalem from August 2011 to May 2012, Colonel Riffou led the Canadian contingent sent to support security sector reform of the Palestinian Authority. His extensive experience and intellectual capacity helped lay the foundation for major transformations within the organization of the United States Security Coordinator. His work helped to strengthen the role of the Canadian Armed Forces within the mission and to cement Canada's reputation as an important collaborator in the Middle East.

Colonel Joseph Albert Paul Pierre ST-CYR, MSM, CD

From July 2012 to July 2013, Colonel St-Cyr was posted to the position of chief of staff of the military contingent of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti. His leadership allowed the team at the multinational headquarters to become cohesive; the team proved effective on countless occasions during national disasters and in support of election planning. Colonel St-Cyr's influence also exceeded his military role and contributed greatly to the progress of several important initiatives.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carboneau

Colonel St-Cyr receives a bar to the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.



Meritorious Service Medal

(Military Division):

Brigadier-General Todd Nelson BALFE, CD

Brigadier-General Balfe was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the deputy to the Chief of Staff of Communications for the International Security Assistance Force from May 2013 to March 2014. Utilizing detailed media analysis, and optimizing personnel and resources, he greatly improved the information flow to his commanders, which provided them with a more in-depth understanding of Afghan culture. He also initiated the Gender Cross-Functional Assessment Team, which promoted a gender advocacy strategy for the country. With his cultural sensitivity and professional acumen, Brigadier-General Balfe brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Major Joseph Henri Christian BERGERON, CD

During his assignment in the Sinai Peninsula from July 2012 to July 2013, Major Bergeron represented Canada as a member of the Multinational Force and Observers. After analyzing a previous infiltration of North Camp by belligerents, he modernized a protection plan for the Force. He also implemented a number of projects to improve the living conditions of Force members. Major Bergeron's efforts during a difficult assignment helped to improve the organization's operational effectiveness.

Warrant Officer Joseph Damien Roger BIBAUD, CD

Between August 2010 and May 2011, Warrant Officer Bibaud was assigned to Canada's Tactical Helicopter Squadron in Afghanistan, as a planner responsible for all sustainment operations. He greatly contributed to the success of the operations by developing meticulous aviation plans essential for moving troops and equipment during the relief in place of the Squadron. Warrant Officer Bibaud demonstrated leadership and excellence in a complex multinational environment, thus bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Major Scott Charles Alfred BLAND, CD

From February to November 2012, as the chief of staff of the Consolidated Fielding Centre, Major Bland demonstrated leadership critical to the training and deployment of Afghan National Army soldiers. He formed a cohesive organization between Canadian, Afghan and coalition personnel, and provided essential mentorship and sage advice that contributed to the Centre's operational effectiveness. Major Bland's performance ensured the successful fielding of over 15,000 soldiers and millions of dollars' worth of equipment, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Colonel Sean Thomas BOYLE, OMM, CD

As the director of Canada's Combined Aerospace Operations Centre from July 2012 to July 2013, Colonel Boyle was responsible for the execution of all domestic and international Royal Canadian Air Force operations. With impressive leadership, innovative skills and dedication, he streamlined the Canadian NORAD Region's flying responsibilities, which led to its best evaluation in history. The Air Force's successes worldwide were directly attributable to his functional excellence and professionalism, and brought credibility and significant honour to the Royal Canadian Air Force and Canada.

Brigadier General Jack BRIGGS II of the United States of America

Between July 2011 and October 2013, as deputy combined/joint forces air component commander at 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters, Brigadier General Briggs was instrumental in the successful delivery of the NORAD defence of North America mission, and of the Canadian Armed Forces' domestic operations and international combat and support missions. Brigadier General Briggs's performance has strengthened our relationship with our United States allies and has contributed to the ongoing pursuit of our North American security goals.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Brigadier General Briggs II receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 18 February 2014.

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Lee BROWN, MMM, CD

From July 2011 to July 2012, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Brown rose quickly through several senior appointments within the NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan. He established himself as a strong influence within the Canadian contingent and provided valuable support to Afghan police development. Furthermore, his leadership, composure and strength under fire were critical to mounting an effective response to a large insurgent attack on Kabul. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Brown's efforts significantly enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Lieutenant-Commander Douglas Ian CAMPBELL, CD

From January to June 2012, Lieutenant-Commander Campbell deployed to the Arabian Sea aboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Charlottetown*. As executive officer, he demonstrated leadership that was critical to maintaining crew readiness and contributed directly to the ship's effectiveness during two operations. Whether fighting a fire, engaging with foreign dignitaries, or personally participating in boarding operations, Lieutenant-Commander Campbell greatly contributed to mission success with professionalism and dedication.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau

Lieutenant-Commander Campbell receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 18 February 2014.



Commander Stephen Wade CARTER, CD

As commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Charlottetown*, Commander Carter led his assigned forces through two distinct and challenging operations in the Mediterranean and Arabian seas, between January and August 2012. He laid the groundwork for future visits while simultaneously enhancing maritime security in a region rarely frequented by Canadian warships. Maximizing the use of all assets at his disposal, and exhibiting leadership and tactical acumen, Commander Carter ensured the ship's operational success and enhanced Canada's international reputation.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Marcel Edmond CHEVARIE, CD

As the commander of the 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group since January 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Chevarie distinguished himself through his unwavering promotion of the development, training and contribution of the Canadian Rangers, particularly the Junior Canadian Rangers. His vision and forward thinking helped the Canadian Rangers play a leading-edge role and enhanced their operational status, enabling them to perform their duties more effectively.

Commander Jeffrey Campbell CLIMENHAGA, CD

While deployed to Afghanistan from March to November 2012, Commander Climenhaga delivered an exceptional performance as the J7 within the Deputy Commander-Special Operations Forces organization, and as the senior Canadian at Camp Eggers. He planned, coordinated and executed equipment acquisitions, as well as oversaw the building of infrastructure that greatly enhanced the capabilities of the Afghan National Army, all while concurrently ensuring Canadian personnel were fully supported.

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Bruno Martin COLBERT, MMM, CD

From October 2012 to June 2013, Chief Warrant Officer Colbert did an extraordinary job as sergeant-major of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. Through his leadership, he ensured that over 900 Canadian soldiers remained motivated, disciplined and focused, despite the difficult and complex conditions under which they were working. By providing advice to the command team and by training Canadian and foreign subordinates, Chief Warrant Officer Colbert made a significant contribution to the mission's success.

Captain Gregory Alan DIXON, CD

On 11 February 2011, then first officer Captain Dixon, aircraft commander Captain Noble, and flight engineer Warrant Officer Upshall were on board helicopter *Rescue 903*, tasked to carry out a medical evacuation of a sailor from a fishing vessel. The combination of darkness, poor weather and sea conditions, as well as numerous obstacles in the surrounding area, made this challenging rescue very hazardous. The crew's professionalism under such extreme circumstances resulted in the successful completion of the mission.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Marc André Lawrence DUFOUR, CD

From July 2012 to August 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Dufour did impressive work within the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. A visionary with a tremendous sense of diplomacy, he ensured that stakeholders from 11 countries agreed on the development of a new mandate and the introduction of the intervention brigade. His efforts were vital to implementing innovative changes within the Mission, bringing great honour to Canada.



Captain(N) Haydn Clyde EDMUNDSON, CD

While deployed to Afghanistan from July 2011 to July 2012, Captain(N) Edmundson delivered an inspired performance as the chief of staff to the police development general officer. He facilitated critical changes within this organization while concurrently playing a key leadership role in the Canadian contingent. Additionally, his actions during an attack on the Kabul inner security zone were crucial to safeguarding personnel in his vicinity. Captain(N) Edmundson's outstanding and multi-faceted contributions were essential to mission success.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Stanley FIFE, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel Fife was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as commander of the Coalition's Consolidated Fielding Centre Training Advisory Group from July 2013 to March 2014. His leadership and mentorship significantly contributed to the creation and future sustainment of the Afghan National Army. By applying his valuable training and experience, he facilitated the operational transition between the Forces and the Army while establishing the critical capabilities for its future development. Lieutenant-Colonel Fife's achievements brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Colonel Philip Frederick Charles GARBUTT, OMM, CD

Colonel Garbutt's knowledge and professionalism in his role as the senior Canadian advisor to the Afghan Border Police cannot be overstated. From August 2011 to July 2012, he helped to improve day-to-day operations, accelerating the force's development and moving it towards self-sufficiency. His most significant accomplishment was his work on the border agreement between Afghanistan, Pakistan and coalition forces. Colonel Garbutt's leadership and ability brought together disparate international parties to develop a stronger border force, enhancing Afghanistan's security.

Colonel Michael Richard GIBSON, CD

From February 2010 to June 2013, Colonel Gibson displayed consummate expertise in criminal law and military justice as the deputy judge advocate general (Military Justice). He led the sustained effort to advance Bill C-15, the Strengthening Military Justice in the Defence of Canada Act, a strategic policy that culminated with Royal Assent of the bill in June 2013. Colonel Gibson's dedication and leadership have enhanced Canada's military justice system and the operational effectiveness of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Colonel Paul Timothy GODDARD, CD

From July 2010 to April 2013, Colonel Goddard was the main architect of the NATO Flying Training Centre program delivery recovery. This program had been on the brink of collapse, with no hope of delivering the anticipated results. Colonel Goddard guided his staff with exemplary corporate and leadership skills, as well as a firm commitment to the renewal of the program. Their efforts resulted in a 35 per cent increase in productivity through more efficient training and through the synchronization of ground, simulation and flying elements.

Major General Mohammad HABIB HESARI of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

As commander of the Afghan National Army Training and Education Command from July 2012 to March 2014, Major General Habib Hesari provided indispensable support to the Canadian mission. He played a significant role in establishing a new training and education structure while consistently providing exceptional leadership and guidance to Canadian personnel under his command. An excellent spokesman for Canada's mission, Major General Habib Hesari has eloquently highlighted the impact of Canadian efforts to Afghanistan's most senior leaders.



Photo: MCpl Patrick Blanchard

Major General Habib Hesari receives the Meritorious Service Medal from General Thomas James Lawson, CMM, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of Major-General Dean James Milner, OMM, MSC, CD, during a ceremony at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, 11 March 2014.

*Chief Warrant Officer Stuart Gordon
HARTNELL, MMM, CD*

As battle group sergeant-major in Afghanistan from April to November 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Hartnell was a key player in high-intensity counter-insurgency operations. Tenacious in combat and a firm disciplinarian, he was respected throughout the unit as a model for others to emulate. Whether providing advice to the commander or leading soldiers in combat, Chief Warrant Officer Hartnell demonstrated impressive leadership and soldiering ability, which proved to be critical to the battle group's operational success.

Brigadier-General Craig HILTON, OMM, CD

Since 2009, Brigadier-General Hilton has displayed professionalism, dedication and institutional leadership in the advancement of professional military education. He has raised the bar for our security professionals to an internationally respected and recognized level. He is also known for his ability to impart insight and understanding of Canada's political imperatives to his students. Brigadier-General Hilton's efforts have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Sergeant Bradley Douglas HISCOCK, CD

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Colonel Ian Clarence HOPE, MSC, CD

While deployed to Afghanistan from June 2012 to June 2013, Colonel Hope distinguished himself as the commander of Collective Training, and as the senior coalition member at the Consolidated Fielding Centre. Working alongside his Afghan counterparts, he achieved considerable success in developing the capabilities of the Afghan National Army. Colonel Hope's leadership highlighted Canada's commitment to developing strong, capable and autonomous Afghan National Security Forces, and was essential to the Centre's success.



General Sher Mohammad KARIMI of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

As Chief of the General Staff from October 2010 to September 2013, General Karimi was essential to building and fielding the Army, as well as, leading the fight against the insurgency. Throughout these efforts, his insistence on a Canadian presence amongst his advisors put Canada's mission in the limelight and raised the profile of the Canadian Armed Forces among other coalition nations. General Karimi's outstanding performance contributed greatly to the operational success of the Afghan National Army and was critical to the effectiveness of Canada's mission.

Lieutenant(N) John Arthur KEENAN, CD

As the officer in charge of the Royal Navy Northern Diving Unit in Scotland, United Kingdom, Lieutenant(N) Keenan displayed professionalism and perseverance in dismantling three letter bombs while preserving vital forensic evidence for law enforcement officials. His fortitude and efforts under extremely challenging circumstances led to the apprehension and eventual conviction of domestic terrorists. Lieutenant(N) Keenan's initiative and steadfast determination brought great credit upon himself and the Canadian Armed Forces.

Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffery KENNEY, CD

As the Signals Intelligence team leader from February to November 2012, Petty Officer 1st Class Kenney greatly contributed to improving protection for coalition forces operating within Kabul. He worked relentlessly to refine the tactics, techniques and procedures related to intelligence collection and dissemination. He also enhanced threat knowledge, and enabled the identification and interdiction of insurgent networks. Through these accomplishments, Petty Officer 1st Class Kenney established himself as a leader in his field and significantly bolstered the Canadian Armed Forces' reputation in Afghanistan.

Major Mohamed-Ali LAAOUAN, CD

From July 2011 to April 2012, Major Laaouan did a remarkable job as the officer in charge of the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax during a period of significant changes when the operational rhythm was very fast-paced. He ensured the transfer of tasks from the Maritime Rescue Sub-Centre in Newfoundland and Labrador to his organization while maintaining exceptional search and rescue coverage. Major Laaouan's leadership and work ethic were essential to the success of this complex undertaking.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau

Major Laaouan receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.



*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Christian Guy
LEBLANC, CD*

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Corporal Clinton Jeffrey LEWIS, CD

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Corporal Lewis receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.

Sub-Lieutenant David Ronald LEWIS

Sub-Lieutenant Lewis demonstrated outstanding initiative, leadership and dedication in the creation of the Battle of the Atlantic Memorial and Naval Memorial Park, in London, Ontario. From May 2009 to May 2010, he was instrumental in the concept, design and creation of this nationally recognized memorial, which honours the brave young Canadians that were lost in battles at sea. His hard work brought national and international attention to our history. Sub-Lieutenant Lewis has gone above and beyond to create a legacy for all Canadians.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean Patrick LEWIS, CD

As a senior advisor to the Afghan Border Police from June 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis played an essential role in Canada's Contribution to the NATO Training Mission. He mentored the police force's senior commanders and helped them move the nascent organization toward assuming its full security responsibilities. Lieutenant-Colonel Lewis' leadership and knowledge contributed to enhancing the capabilities of the Afghan Border Police.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen MacDONALD, CD

While deployed to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan from October 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel MacDonald was the chief of Staff of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan, and the commanding officer of the National Command and Support Element. He was able to maintain situational awareness of over 900 widely dispersed Canadian personnel for whom he ensured the proper employment, protection, equipment and support in order for them to excel at their jobs. Lieutenant-Colonel MacDonald's leadership and operational vision were integral to Canada's success in Afghanistan.



Warrant Officer Michael David MAR, CD

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Honorary Colonel James MASSIE

In 2009 Honorary Colonel Massie initiated the establishment of the Operation Hero scholarship fund, which has since raised more than \$850,000, benefiting military dependants who attend Georgian College. His mentorship inspired creative collaborative projects where military and civilian personnel worked together for the betterment of their shared communities. Honorary Colonel Massie's energy, professionalism and dedication have benefited the Canadian Armed Forces as well as his local community of Barrie, Ontario.

General Denis MERCIER of the French Republic

Since September 2012, General Denis Mercier has shown leadership and professionalism in strengthening the ties between the French and Canadian air forces. His openness to constructive ideas and the concrete actions he has taken in developing a plan to consolidate the two forces are the basis for our enhanced relations. Through his efforts, General Mercier has brought great credit to his country and the benefits of his work deserve to be recognized by the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

Command Sergeant Major Sayed MERZAHÍ of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

From May 2011 to March 2014, Command Sergeant Major Merzahi delivered an exceptional performance as the senior non-commissioned officer at the Kabul Military Training Centre. In addition to the instrumental role he played in developing the non-commissioned officer corps, he directly facilitated Canadian readiness training, enhanced force protection for Canadian personnel and provided Canadian advisors with a better understanding of Afghan culture. Command Sergeant Major Merzahi's accomplishments had a positive impact on Canadian operations and were critical to the rebuilding of the Afghan National Army.



Photo: MCpl Patrick Blanchard

Command Sergeant Major Merzahi receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Chief of the Defence Staff, during a ceremony at the Canadian Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, 11 March 2014.

Chief Warrant Officer Gordon William Floyd MORRISON, MMM, CD

As the command sergeant-major of the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan from June 2012 to July 2013, Chief Warrant Officer Morrison used his military knowledge and personnel management abilities to optimize the deployment of 44 new Afghan National Army battalions. His leadership moulded multinational military contingents, and unequivocally contributed to improving the living and working conditions for both Afghan and coalition personnel. From personally mentoring soldiers to coordinating large-scale infrastructure projects, he made several lasting contributions to the Afghan National Army's development, which brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Lieutenant(N) Joseph Jocelyn NADEAU, CD

While posted to Haiti in 2009, Lieutenant(N) Nadeau worked tirelessly to improve the living conditions of the Haitian people and, in particular, to help in the renovation and expansion of a school. Moreover, he ensured the acquisition and delivery of several tons of school supplies. Lieutenant(N) Nadeau's generous actions, which went beyond his military responsibilities, brought great credit to Canada.

Major Robin Kent NICKERSON, CD

From April to October 2013, Major Nickerson shepherded an unprecedented period of military co-operation between Jordan and Canada. He organized programming from the Canadian Government Global Partnership Program and the Global Peace and Security Fund, and furthered military training co-operation opportunities by coordinating with the United States Central Command forward deployments. Major Nickerson's dedication and professionalism greatly enhanced Canada's reputation as a model of excellence in building international partnerships.

Captain Aaron NOBLE

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Lieutenant-Colonel James Robert OSTLER, CD

From September 2011 to August 2012, Lieutenant-Colonel Ostler deployed to the West Bank as deputy commander of Canada's contingent to Palestinian Authority security sector reform. Showing exceptional diplomacy, he worked to rekindle strategic relationships between Canada and the Palestinian Authority, and helped secure significant advances in the professionalization of Palestinian Authority security forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Ostler's leadership and efforts contributed to reinforcing Canada's position as a trusted and important collaborator in the Middle East peace process.

Captain(N) Rebecca Louise PATTERSON, CD

From July 2011 to July 2012, Captain(N) Patterson deployed to Afghanistan as the team leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences. Through her in-depth understanding of health systems, she significantly enhanced the level of medical training provided by this institution, and paved the way for its ongoing improvement. Captain(N) Patterson's proactive leadership, professionalism and vast medical knowledge fostered excellence at this critical institution, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.



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Captain(N) Patterson receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 18 February 2014.

Captain Trevor Mark PELLERIN, CD

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Lieutenant-Colonel Roch PELLETIER, CD

As deputy commander of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, from October 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Pelletier provided leadership to over 900 Canadian soldiers in 30 different locations throughout the country's three distinct regions. Moreover, he drew up a detailed plan for the withdrawal of personnel, while ensuring that Canadian resources were used to their full potential and that Canada remained at the forefront of the mission. Lieutenant-Colonel Pelletier's efficiency made an enormous contribution to Canada's operational success in Afghanistan.

Chief Warrant Officer Ambrose PENTON, CD

From March to November 2012, Chief Warrant Officer Penton deployed to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan as the Joint Task Force Afghanistan sergeant-major. His leadership of more than 900 Canadians in 30 locations across three regions of Afghanistan kept them motivated, disciplined and focused. He also provided excellent daily advice to his command team. Chief Warrant Officer Penton's performance was integral to mission success, and enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stephan Marcel PLOURDE, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel Plourde was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences Advisory Team from July to December 2013. He developed and implemented a comprehensive health services plan for the Afghan National Security Forces by assessing how best to provide care with limited medical resources and time. His knowledge and leadership established a sustainable and relevant plan that was sensitive to the Afghans' needs. Lieutenant-Colonel Plourde's indispensable work brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Captain(N) Ronald Gerald PUMPHREY, CD

Captain(N) Pumphrey deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the deputy commander of the Ministerial Advisory Group for the Afghan Ministry of the Interior from May 2013 to March 2014. He carefully directed a large multinational staff of military and civilian personnel by coordinating senior staff activities, by identifying impeding political sensitivities, and by ensuring that Afghan projects were adequately funded. Captain(N) Pumphrey's efforts were fundamental in securing a stable future for Afghanistan.

Warrant Officer Pasqualino RIZZO, CD

From 2001 to 2013, Warrant Officer Rizzo developed and implemented the Preventing Harassment and Abuse through Successful Education (PHASE) program, demonstrating his leadership and commitment to the Junior Canadian Rangers. He worked tirelessly with other government and non-government partners in his efforts to champion this program. Warrant Officer Rizzo's dedication and community sensitivity contributed to the delivery of a very successful healthy living program that will impact thousands of northern youth for years to come.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau

Warrant Officer Rizzo receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.



Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel William ROWE, CD

On 28 and 29 December 2012, as chief boatswain mate on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Athabaskan*, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Rowe displayed technical acumen and perseverance while executing crucial repairs to the ship's towline while at sea. Working in gale-force winds and three to five metre waves, he prevented the ship from running aground. Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Rowe's initiative and unrelenting efforts directly resulted in the *Athabaskan's* safe return.

Lieutenant-Colonel David William SHUSTER, CD

Lieutenant-Colonel Shuster deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the deputy commander of police training, NATO Training Mission, from November 2012 to November 2013. As the principal advisor to the Afghan National Police, he built strong relationships and established a dynamic esprit-de-corps that helped unite coalition forces and the Afghan police. The creation of a professional police force was a direct result of Lieutenant-Colonel Shuster's leadership and guidance. His contributions to Afghan security were a credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Rowe receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 18 February 2014.

Colonel Gregory Ronald SMITH, CD

As deputy commander of the NATO training mission in Afghanistan from March to November 2012, Colonel Smith demonstrated dedication, strategic vision and leadership essential to achieving the effectiveness of Canada's contingent. He led over 900 personnel while working tirelessly to raise the visibility of Canada's contribution to NATO leadership. Colonel Smith's strategic vision, diplomacy and professionalism were critical to the success of the mission, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Captain Shane Alexander SMITH, CD

While deployed to the Kabul Military Training Center from February to November 2012, Captain Smith improved the capability and confidence of Afghan National Army medical personnel through his remarkable mentorship. Additionally, his performance following a massive propane explosion on 4 July 2012, was critical to the effective management of this mass casualty situation, and set a remarkable example for Afghan personnel to follow. Displaying his leadership ability and superb medical knowledge throughout his tour, Captain Smith brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Lieutenant-Colonel Timothy William SHOPA, CD

From February 2013 to February 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Shopa showed exceptional leadership as project director of the CF-18 Replacement Program Evaluation of Options Team. In this role, he served as the authoritative voice of the fighter community. His expertise, professionalism and remarkable execution of duty contributed significantly to DND's renewed confidence in the program's evaluation process.



Major Kerry Leonard ST. GEORGE, CD

From July 2006 to October 2008, Land Force Central Area Casualty Administration Officer Major St. George was responsible for coordinating the repatriation of 81 soldiers killed in Afghanistan. As the liaison officer between the fatality repatriation organizations and the families of the fallen, he went to great lengths to ensure everything possible was done to respect their wishes during a most difficult period of time. Major St. George's dedication, professionalism and compassion under extremely arduous circumstances set the standard for exemplary performance of duty.

Chief Warrant Officer Robert Joseph THOMPSON, CD

Chief Warrant Officer Thompson deployed to the Kabul Military Training Centre from July 2012 to June 2013, both as the regimental sergeant-major of the Training Advisory Group and the Canadian regimental sergeant-major. He provided skillful advice on national issues while simultaneously mentoring his Afghan counterpart. His leadership and influence were felt throughout the organization as he worked tirelessly to engage Afghan personnel, civilian contractors and all members of the multinational military contingent. His performance brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

Captain(N) Angus Ian TOPSHEE, CD

Captain(N) Topshee's performance, as director of operations for the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012, was critical to the successful coordination of 40 warships, six submarines, over 200 aircraft and more than 25,000 multinational personnel. His intellect and professionalism proved essential to enhancing interoperability among 22 participating nations and, ultimately, to the exercise's resounding success. Captain(N) Topshee's performance in this high-profile position brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

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Colonel Peter Joseph WILLIAMS, CD

While deployed to the Kabul Military Training Centre from June 2012 to June 2013, Colonel Williams excelled as both the commanding officer of the Training Advisory Group and as a mentor to the Centre's Afghan commander. After extensive analysis of the issues surrounding the rapidly decreasing coalition force, he focused his team's efforts on areas that would effectively move the Kabul Military Training Centre towards autonomy. Colonel Williams' leadership and ingenuity were integral to the Centre's operational effectiveness, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau

Colonel Williams receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 3 October 2014.

Captain(N) Douglas Michael Charles YOUNG, CD

From April 2009 to September 2012, Captain(N) Young, Maritime Forces Atlantic/Joint Task Force Atlantic Assistant Chief of Staff for Operational Readiness, was the driving force behind the successful reshaping of the Maritime Operations structure. As a result of his leadership, the newly created National Maritime Component Command garnered a great deal of national and international acclaim. Maintaining his professional acumen while under enormous pressure, Captain(N) Young has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Three members of CANADIAN SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES COMMAND, one member of CANADIAN FORCES NATIONAL COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE UNIT OTTAWA, and one member of CHIEF OF DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE – for security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipients are not released.



Mention in Dispatches

While not a decoration, the **Mention in Dispatches** is a national honour awarded for valiant conduct, devotion to duty or other distinguished service. The list below includes one Mention in Dispatches announced in 2014.

On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada has been pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the following as having been Mentioned in Dispatches in recognition of gallant and distinguished service:

Master Corporal Tyler LATTA

On 13 September 2011, Master Corporal Latta had completed a routine convoy from Camp Phoenix to International Security Assistance Force Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, when insurgents unleashed a coordinated attack on several coalition positions. Under sustained rocket-propelled grenade and machine gun fire, he remained composed, took immediate control of the situation and organized the local response to the attack. During the ensuing 16-hour firefight, Master Corporal Latta's remarkable frontline leadership and outstanding combat ability were critical to repelling the attack.

Medals

Medals recognize participation in a campaign or operation, service under exceptional circumstances, commemorate royal or national anniversaries or recognize long and loyal service to Her Majesty. While it is not possible to provide a list of all the recipients of medals, the number of awards made in 2014 for each medal is included hereunder. These numbers include all medals awarded to serving, retired and deceased CAF members as well as to eligible police and civilian personnel where appropriate.



Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau

Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, LG, LT, GCVO, QSO, GCL, CD, ADC receives her third clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration from the Governor General during a special ceremony in the Tent Room at Rideau Hall, on 11 November 2014. The Princess Royal has held various honorary appointments in the Canadian Armed Forces since 1972 and is currently Colonel-in-Chief of seven Canadian regiments.

Sacrifice Medal	35
Bar to the Sacrifice Medal	3
South-West Asia Service Medal with AFGHANISTAN bar	15
First Rotation Bar to South-West Asia Service Medal with AFGHANISTAN bar	58
Second Rotation Bar to South-West Asia Service Medal with AFGHANISTAN bar	7
Third Rotation Bar to South-West Asia Service Medal with AFGHANISTAN bar	7
General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	96
First Rotation Bar to the General Campaign Star – SOUTH WEST-ASIA	396
Second Rotation Bar to the General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	136
Third Rotation Bar to the General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	28
Fourth Rotation Bar to the General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	8
General Campaign Star – EXPEDITION	70
General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	55



First Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	28	First Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – EXPEDITION	18
Second Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	16	Second Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – EXPEDITION	2
Third Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	6	Special Service Medal with ALERT bar	82
Fourth Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1	Special Service Medal with NATO+OTAN bar	84
Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	33	Special Service Medal with PEACE-PAIX bar	1
First Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	10	Special Service Medal with HUMANITAS bar	1
Second Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	6	Special Service Medal with RANGER bar	1
Third Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	2	Special Service Medal with EXPEDITION bar	76
First Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SIERRA LEONE	2	Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal	240
Operational Service Medal – HAITI	10	Canadian Forces' Decoration	3,579
Operational Service Medal – SUDAN	9	First clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration	1,977
First Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SUDAN	1	Second clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration	1,354
Operational Service Medal – HUMANITAS	260	Third clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration	83
Operational Service Medal – EXPEDITION	920	Memorial Cross	46
		Memorial Ribbon	375
		TOTAL	10,087



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Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Heather Ivany, CD, receives a second clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration from Mr. Craig King, OMM, MSC, CD, MBE, Director General Military Personnel, Ottawa, 17 October 2014.



Photo: Mr. Craig Gilmour, CD

Captain François Vigneault, CD, receives a second clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration from Lieutenant-Colonel Marcel Beaudry, CD, Chief of Staff, Directorate of History and Heritage, Ottawa, 17 March 2014.

Departmental Awards

Departmental awards are not honours from the Crown but awards created and awarded within the Department of National Defence to recognize individual and group achievements.

Summary of Departmental awards announced in 2014:

Chief of the Defence	
Staff Commendation:	195
Command Commendation:	407
Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service:	21
Total:	623



Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation

The **Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation** is awarded by the Chief of the Defence Staff to recognize deeds or activities beyond the demand of normal duty. The following 195 awards of the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation have been announced in 2014:

Master Corporal Elton ADAMS, CD – for outstanding dedication in supporting the CAF members who have experienced physical and mental battlefield injuries through his music, since 2011.

Major General Afzal AMAN of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan – for exemplary leadership and outstanding efforts as the Afghan National Army G3 in Afghanistan, September 2010 to July 2013.

Colonel David James ANDERSON, OMM, MSM, CD – for outstanding professionalism and inspiring leadership as the Land Component Commander during Operation LENTUS 13-01, the CAF's response to the floods in Southern Alberta, June 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel John Leonard ANDREWS, CD – for remarkable leadership and superb performance as Senior Military Advisor at Regional Military Training Centre – North in Afghanistan, February to October 2012.

Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Paul René ASSELIN, CD – for remarkable efforts and outstanding work as a mentor with the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences in Afghanistan, February to November 2012.

Corporal Nicolas AUCOIN – for quick response and outstanding work following the crash of a civilian aircraft at Resolute Bay Airport, Nunavut, 20 August 2011.

Major Fraser George AULD, CD – for outstanding performance and steadfast loyalty as the Executive Assistant to the Commander of the Canadian Contribution in Afghanistan, May 2012 to May 2013.

Colonel John Thomas Joseph BACKSTROM, CD – for inspiring leadership and professionalism as Element Commander of the NATO E-3A AWACS Force in Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan, January to February 2011.

Corporal Shawn Michael BANVILLE – for outstanding dedication as a member of the Immediate Response Unit deployed to Operation LENTUS 13-01, the CAF's response to the floods in Southern Alberta, June 2013.

Commander Julian Adrian BARNARD, CD – for outstanding leadership and diplomacy as leader of the CAF's staff planning efforts for the Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012.

Lieutenant(N) John Walter Milton BARRETT, CD – for exceptional leadership and steadfast dedication while providing pastoral services at Canadian Forces Station St. John's, July 2008 to March 2013.

Captain Lisa BASPALY, CD – for outstanding leadership and dedication as A2 within the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing and Deputy J5 Plans within Commander Kandahar Airfield Headquarters, March to December 2011.



Lieutenant Wayne BAXTER – for his quick actions and professionalism by providing first aid to a victim of a vehicle accident in Surrey, British Columbia, 8 June 2011.

Master Corporal Michael BEKKERS – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as the lead investigator in an international child luring investigation involving a member of the CAF while at Canadian Forces National Investigation Service in Edmonton, Alberta 2012 to 2013.

Captain Geneviève BERTRAND, CD – for outstanding leadership and tireless efforts as J1 with Canada's contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, November 2012 to July 2013.

Major Nathalie Yolande BIRGENTZLEN, CD – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as Senior Advisor to the Commander of the Afghanistan National Police Training General Command, February to November 2012.

Captain James BLACK, CD – for outstanding efforts as Coalition S2, Afghan National Army S2 Advisor and Intelligence Officer within the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, March to November 2012.

Lieutenant-Commander Travis Paul BLANCHETT, CD – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as the On-Site-Management Team lead in the Halifax-Class Modernization Frigate Life Extension Program, July 2011 to April 2013.

Warrant Officer Joseph Denis Eric BOUCHARD, CD – for playing a key role in the creation of a public health/preventive medicine capability at the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences in Afghanistan, February to November 2012.

Master Warrant Officer Joseph Jacques BOUCHER, CD – for leadership and critical knowledge to the implementation of CAF capabilities relating to Chinook helicopters, in Afghanistan, 2008 to 2010.

Master Warrant Officer Joseph Pierre Rock BOUCHER, CD – for exemplary leadership and outstanding efforts as Line Construction Superintendant with the Mission Transition Task Force in Afghanistan, May 2011 to January 2012.

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Yvon BOULET, CD – for outstanding leadership and dedication as Chief Warrant Officer in charge of non-commissioned members professional development in the CAF at Canadian Defence Academy Headquarters in Kingston, Ontario, July 2010 to July 2013.

Colonel Joseph Arthur André Michel BRISEBOIS, CD – for outstanding leadership and diplomacy as Chief Liaison Officer for Multinational Force and Observers while posted to the Sinai Peninsula, June 2011 to July 2012.

Corporal Matthew BURTON – for swift and decisive actions when he encountered a two-vehicle accident and administered emergency first aid to the female passenger and children until the arrival of Emergency Medical Services near Deep River, Ontario, 22 January 2013.

Major Kelly Ian CALLENS, CD – for outstanding leadership and dedication as the Mission Transition Task Force Information Knowledge Manager in Afghanistan, April to December 2011.



Lieutenant-Commander Ellister Barias CAMPANA, CD – for the development and conduct of surveillance and presence operations across the Joint Task Force (North)’s Area of Responsibility in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, 2011 to 2013.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Lieutenant-Commander Campana, receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Charles West, MMM, MSM, CD, Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

Captain Sylvain Joseph Frédérick Vilmont CARON, CD – for outstanding leadership in revitalizing and organizing CAF small arms competitions, 2010 and 2011.

Corporal Jaehyung CHO – for outstanding performance and exceptional technical support as a Signal Operator within Task Force Tripoli in Libya, February to July 2012.

Lieutenant(N) Peter CHU, CD – for exceptional leadership and exemplary dedication as Combat Officer while on board HMCS *Victoria*, January 2011 to December 2012.

Corporal Amanda CLAUS – for selfless and decisive actions when administering first aid to a cyclist who had been struck by a van in Ottawa, Ontario, 8 October 2013.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Corporal Claus receives her Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.



Corporal Paul James CLOWE – for outstanding response and quick actions in providing first aid to a passenger of a vehicle accident until the arrival of medical help in North Bay, Ontario, 1 November 2009.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Corporal Clowe receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

Major Jeffrey Gordon COLEMAN, CD – for outstanding professionalism as Staff Officer, Logistics Operations within the UN – African Union Hybrid Mission in Darfur, Sudan, September 2011 to April 2012.

Master Corporal Paul COLLIER – for quick and outstanding actions in extracting two elderly occupants from an overturned vehicle and providing them with first aid, near Dryden, Ontario, 27 December 2012.

Master Corporal Joshua COLLINS – for outstanding efforts and initiative when responding to a fire that had ignited his neighbour's balcony in Ottawa, Ontario, 24 June 2012.

Captain Joseph Jean-Pierre Peter COMMODORE, CD – for professionalism and dedicated efforts as Air Traffic Control Officer at Jacmel Airport following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, from January to March 2010.

Warrant Officer Charles Jonathan COTE, CD – for superb leadership and planning skills as the Visits Warrant Officer in Afghanistan, July 2011 to February 2012.

Major Joseph Guy Bernard COUILLARD, CD – for outstanding work as a surgeon with the task force within Canada's contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, October 2012 to June 2013.

Captain Alinah CRUZ, CD – for outstanding professionalism as Coalition S1, Afghan National Army, Army S1 Advisor and Adjutant for the Canadian contingent while deployed to the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, March to November 2012.

Major Andrew Brent CURRIE, CD – for outstanding professionalism as the Senior Graduate Medical Advisor while deployed to the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences in Afghanistan, February to November 2012.

Captain Christopher Glen CYR, MSM – for outstanding leadership and soldiering ability as a mentor to the Afghan National Army while employed at Regional Military Training Centre – West and subsequently the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, March to October 2012.



Sergeant Joseph Stéphane D'ARAGON, CD – for his efforts, experience and technical skills as Technical Assistant to the parachute rigger specialist of the Government of Canada, July 2010 to July 2012.

Sergeant Alexis DALLAIRE, CD – for exemplary initiative and technical acumen while employed at the Infantry School as the Technical Liaison Officer to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for Close Observation training, since 2007.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen DAVENPORT, CD – for outstanding leadership and exceptional performance as Chief of Combined Joint Personnel within the Commander Kandahar Airfield Headquarters in Afghanistan, January to July 2011.

Colonel James Patrick DAVIS, CD – for outstanding leadership and superb performance as Deputy Commander of the Mission Transition Task Force in Afghanistan, July 2011 to January 2012.

Colonel Ahmadullah DAWAR of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as Commander of the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, July 2011 to July 2013.

Master Corporal Enrico DESCHESNES, CD – for his exceptional skills as crew member on board a CH-149 Cormorant helicopter during the rescue of three Belgian sailors adrift 400 km offshore in a North Atlantic gale, 20 September 2011.

Major Janie DESJARDINS, CD – for remarkable dedication and outstanding work while posted to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, June to December 2012.

Major Marie Suzanne Julie DESTREMPES, CD – for remarkable leadership and outstanding work as J3 with Canada's contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, October 2012 to July 2013.

Major Derek DOBSON, OBE – for outstanding professionalism as the lead of the Analysis Working Group at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, 2012 to 2014.

Captain Thomas DOELMAN – for outstanding professionalism as the pilot-in-command of a CC-130T Hercules during an in-flight emergency in Key West, Florida, 21 February 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel James Ryan DOOLEY of the United States of America – for outstanding determination and leadership as Section Head for Joint Strategic Communications Systems Services in Ottawa, Ontario, since July 2011.

Sergeant Aaron DRIES of the Commonwealth of Australia – for exceptional commitment and dedication as an Exchange non-commissioned officer with 21 Electronic Warfare Regiment in Kingston, August 2010 to July 2013.

Lieutenant-Commander Kenneth Alfred DUFOUR, CD – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as Director of Force Integration within the Deputy Command – Special Operations Force organization in Afghanistan, October 2012 to June 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Alain DUGAS, CD – for remarkable leadership and outstanding work as advisor to the Afghan Deputy Minister in charge of Defence strategies and policies and also as Canadian senior officer at Camp Eggers, Afghanistan, November 2012 to June 2013.



Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Bernard DUNDON, CD – for outstanding leadership and vision as Commanding Officer of the National Command and Support Element in Afghanistan, July 2011 to February 2012.

Master Warrant Officer Andrew Jack DURNFORD, CD – for outstanding leadership and dedication in the conduct of Operation SICILY as the Canadian Contingent Sergeant Major and Guard Sergeant Major, Fall of 2012 to Summer of 2013.

Leading Seaman Challis Shaun EACOTT, CD – for courage and leadership while directing and enforcing safety procedures following a large liquid propane spill at Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt, British Columbia, 6 November 2012.

Major Paul EAGAN, CD – for outstanding leadership while deployed to the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences in Afghanistan, February to November 2012.

Sergeant Wayne EASTERBROOK, CD – for outstanding actions and selfless efforts while providing first aid to other passengers after a train derailment near Burlington, Ontario, 26 February 2012.

Master Corporal Donald William ELLERY – for remarkable innovation and unparalleled dedication to North American Aerospace Defence Command and the CAF while at 22 Wing, North Bay, Ontario, since 2012.

Private Chase ENCIL – for quick and decisive actions by plunging into waist-deep icy water to provide emergency care to a victim suspended by her seatbelt following a car accident in Pembroke, Ontario, 9 March 2012.

Master Corporal Robert Wellington FARQUHAR, MB, CD – for swift and decisive actions when he encountered a two-vehicle accident and administered emergency first aid to the female passenger and children until the arrival of Emergency Medical Services near Deep River, Ontario, 22 January 2013.

Lieutenant Ashley Robyn FITZPATRICK – for selfless and decisive actions in performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a civilian while deployed to Italy in support of NATO operations in Libya, 11 October 2011.

Sergeant Stephen Wayne FLANAGAN, CD – for outstanding leadership as the Detainee Transfer Facility non-commissioned officer within the Mission Transition Task Force in Afghanistan, June to December 2011.

Lieutenant(N) Sébastien FLEURY, CD – for leadership and outstanding efforts as Operations Officer with the Operational Support Detachment Kuwait, April to December 2013.

Lieutenant-Commander Robert Andrew FORBES, CD – for outstanding professionalism and leadership as Detachment Commander for the Joint Support Ship project in National Defence Headquarters Ottawa, Ontario, August 2011 to January 2012.

Major Charles Douglas FOURNIER, CD – for outstanding dedication as the Canadian National Secretary and Operations Working Group member for the Multinational Interoperability Council in Ottawa, Ontario, July 2005 to October 2013.

Sergeant Omere Jules GAGNE, CD – for outstanding leadership and mentorship as the Sergeant Major of Task Force Tripoli in Libya, February to July 2012.



Corporal Pierre Bernard GAGNON – for outstanding actions and remarkable efforts in providing first aid and coordinating the evacuation of a young child who had been struck by a vehicle in Haiti, 8 November 2013.

Master Corporal Kenneth Stephen GARDNER, CD – for his exceptional skills as crew member on board a CH-149 Cormorant helicopter during the rescue of three Belgian sailors adrift 400 km offshore in a North Atlantic gale, 20 September 2011.

Captain Steven GIACOMELLI – for exceptional leadership as a key member of the planning team for Operation NANOOK 2013, May to August 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Denis GIGUÈRE, CD – for dedication, loyalty and outstanding work as Executive Assistant to the Chair of the Inter-American Defence Board in Washington, D.C., July 2011 to June 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Paul René GIROUX, CD – for outstanding dedication and professionalism as a member of ISAF Joint Command Headquarters in Afghanistan, December 2010 to July 2011.

Colonel James Edward GOODMAN, CD – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Ministerial Advisory Group Chief of Advisors to the Afghan Ministry of Defence in Afghanistan, May 2012 to May 2013.

Lieutenant Eric Karl GRAEWERT of the United States of America – for outstanding initiative and dedication as a US Navy Exchange Officer with Canadian Forces Information Operations Group in Ottawa, May 2012 to February 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Nicholas James Elliott GRIMSHAW, MSM, CD – for energetic leadership as the Commanding Officer of 1 Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry during Operation LENTUS 13-01, the CAF's response to the floods in Southern Alberta, June 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Stacy Allan GRUBB, MSM, CD – for outstanding leadership and performance while employed with Canadian Joint Operational Command Headquarters, April 2012 to April 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Richard Luc GUILLETTE, CD – for outstanding effort as advisor to the Chief of Staff of Afghan Air Force University and as Canadian senior officer at Kabul International Airport – North, Afghanistan, November 2012 to June 2013.

Warrant Officer Patrick David HARPELLE, CD – for his quick actions and professionalism by administering first aid to a victim of a vehicle accident near Wainwright, Alberta, 15 September 2012.

Major Darren HART, CD – for outstanding leadership and vision as Senior Military Advisor for the Regional Military Training Centre – Capital in Afghanistan, May 2011 to February 2012.

Colonel Joseph Guy André HARVEY, CD – for exceptional professionalism and dedication as Director Military Careers and as a member of a complex and delicate CAF Board of Inquiry in Ottawa, Ontario, in 2009.

Colonel Charles Mark HAZLETON, OMM, MSM, CD – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as Chief of Staff for the 1st Canadian Division Headquarters in Kingston, since 2010.



Major David Joseph Glenn HOLMES, CD – for outstanding efforts as Air Detachment Commander on board HMCS *Charlottetown* while deployed to the Mediterranean and Arabian Sea, January to August 2012.

Sergeant Darryl HORTON – for outstanding leadership, dedication and expertise as a Detachment Commander within the Special Operations Advisory Group at Camp Morehead in Afghanistan, February to July 2013.

Master Warrant Officer Joseph Benoit Michel IMBEAULT, CD – for remarkable leadership and unwavering dedication as a Company Control Officer with the Mission Closure Unit in Afghanistan, April 2011 to January 2012.

Major Joseph Denis Frédéric JEAN, CD – for remarkable leadership and outstanding mentorship as Chief of Staff of the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, November 2012 to July 2013.

Sergeant Michael JENKINS, CD – for outstanding leadership as Team Leader of the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Detachment on board HMCS *Charlottetown*, while deployed to the Mediterranean and Arabian Sea, January to August 2012.

Sergeant Pascal JOHANNY – for tireless effort and leadership as Section Commander of the field engineer as part of the Canadian humanitarian response to Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, November to December 2013.

Master Warrant Officer Jay Lawrence JOHNSON, CD – for exceptional performance as a member of Combined Joint Interagency Task Force Shafafiyat within ISAF Headquarters in Afghanistan, October 2012 to July 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Mark JOHNSTON, CD – for superb leadership and outstanding performance as the Executive Officer of the NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit in Afghanistan, January to August 2011.

Major David JONES, CD – for exceptional initiative and outstanding leadership as the Officer Commanding of the Air-Land Integration Cell in Kingston, Ontario, July 2010 to July 2012.

Sergeant Mark Gary JONES, CD – for professionalism and outstanding leadership as one of the CAF foremost experts on Improvised Explosive Device Disposal which enabled him to enhance the Explosive Ordnance Disposal competency program while at 19 Wing Comox, since 2009.

Colonel Acton Leigh KILBY, CD – for outstanding leadership and professionalism in spearheading the design, development and introduction of the CAF Posture and Readiness Framework, December 2011 to April 2013.

Lieutenant-Commander Ryan KLASSEN – for outstanding performance as the Chief Logistics Mentor to the Kosovo Security Force, December 2012 to May 2013.

Captain Hans LA PIERRE – for leadership, enormous technical knowledge and outstanding support to Kabul Military Training Centre, June 2011 to February 2012.

Captain Alexandre LACASSE – for unwavering support towards the welfare of others and outstanding efforts as Deputy Commander 51 Aerospace Control and Warning Operational Training Squadron, North Bay, Ontario, in 2011.



Commander Michelaine LAHAIE, CD – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Commandant of Canadian Forces Leadership and Recruit School in Saint-Jean, Quebec, since 2012.

Master Warrant Officer George Charles LAKE, CD – for outstanding professionalism as the Loadmaster onboard a CC-130T Hercules during an in-flight emergency in Key West, Florida, 21 February 2012.

Colonel Joseph Rene Michel LALUMIERE, CD – for remarkable leadership and hard work as Chief of Staff of the Shafafiyat Task Force in Afghanistan, from November 2011 to November 2012.

Warrant Officer Daniel Christien LAMOUREUX, CD – for outstanding professionalism as an Air Advisor to the Afghan Air Force in Afghanistan, December 2012 to July 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel Jason Gabriel LANGELIER, CD – for remarkable leadership and outstanding work as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commanding Officer of the Training Advisory Group at Kabul Military Training Centre in Afghanistan, October 2012 to July 2013.

Lieutenant(N) Michael John LANGLAIS – for exceptional performance as the Operations Officer of Task Force Tripoli in Libya, November 2012 to March 2013.

Captain Philip LAWSON – for his exceptional skills as crew member on board a CH-149 Cormorant helicopter during the rescue of three Belgian sailors adrift 400 km offshore in a North Atlantic gale, 20 September 2011.

Lieutenant(N) Douglas LAYTON – for superb leadership as Combat Officer on board HMCS *Charlottetown* while deployed to the Mediterranean and Arabian Sea, January to July 2012.

Major John LEAHY, CD – for outstanding leadership, vision and initiative while deployed within the personnel section of the Deputy Commander – Army organization in Afghanistan, March to November 2012.

Major Joseph Armand René LEBRUN, CD – for outstanding work as lead planner with the U5 Service of the military component of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, January to July 2013.

Master Corporal Richard Hervé Joseph LECOZ – for selfless actions in assisting two victims of a car accident on Highway 417, in Ottawa, Ontario, 24 January 2013.

Captain Sandra LÉVESQUE – for superior skill, outstanding work ethic and effective leadership as Senior Public Affairs Officer during Operation NANOOK 2013 and Operation NUNALIVUT 2013, April to August 2013.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Captain Lévesque receives her Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.



Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Andre LIPCSEY, MSM, CD – for outstanding leadership as Commandant of the Tactics School at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in the institutionalization of mental health resilience training in the CAF, June 2010 to July 2012.

Colonel Derek Alan MACAULAY, CD – for impressive foresight, initiative and command presence as the Commander 3rd Canadian Division Support Group during Operation LENTUS 13-01, the CAF's response to the floods in Southern Alberta, June 2013.

Corporal Lindsey-Ann MacDONALD, CD – for outstanding administrative and financial acumen as the Resource Management Support Clerk at the CAF Conduct After Capture National Training Centre in Kingston, Ontario, since 2009.

Private Christopher James MacEACHERN – for outstanding life-saving actions by administering first aid to an unconscious victim of a car accident, near Canadian Forces Base Shilo, Manitoba, 18 September 2009.

Corporal Mary MacEACHERN – for outstanding initiative, dedication and perseverance in raising awareness and funds for the Soldier On Program by completing 570 km walk from Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, to Antigonish, Nova Scotia, June 2012.

Lieutenant-Colonel William Lloyd MacKENZIE, CD – for exemplary leadership and vision as Deputy Chief, Air Operations Coordination Center, ISAF Joint Command Center in Afghanistan, July 2011 to January 2012.

Warrant Officer John Colin MACLEOD, CD – for outstanding leadership and work ethic as a Senior Intelligence Analyst for the Canadian contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, March to November 2012.

Lieutenant-Colonel Scott MALCOLM, CD – for exceptional leadership and determination as the Senior Graduate Medical Advisor at the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences in Afghanistan, November 2012 to June 2013.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Stevan Arthur Harold MANDY, CD – for professionalism and selfless actions by attempting to save the life of an individual who was unconscious and severely bleeding in Esquimalt, British Columbia, 21 January 2013.

Warrant Officer William Thomas MARTIN, CD – for outstanding efforts as Diplomatic Armed Escort Team Leader during Task Force Tripoli, March to July 2013.

Staff Sergeant Major Alan McCAMBRIDGE – for outstanding leadership as the on-scene Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commander during Operation NANOOK at Tsiigehtchic, Northwest Territories, 7 to 28 August 2012.

Master Sergeant Scott Allen McCON of the United States of America – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as the Canadian Air Defence Sector Senior Intelligence Non-Commissioned Officer at 22 Wing North Bay, Ontario, January 2011 to December 2012.



Master Corporal Daniel McEACHERN, CD – for outstanding diligence and dedication in support of CAF Operations POSEIDON and POSEIDON II, Denver, Colorado, June 2009 to July 2011.

Lieutenant-Commander Preston Ivan McINTOSH, CD – for outstanding leadership and planning ability as the Royal Canadian Navy's lead tactical planner for Rim of the Pacific Exercise 2012.

Colonel William James McLEAN, CD – for exceptional leadership in successfully overseeing the Parade and Ceremonial aspects of the National Day of Honour held in Ottawa, Ontario, 9 May 2014.

Lieutenant-Commander Elizabeth McMAHON, CD – for exceptional leadership, tenacity and versatility as a member of the Mission Transition Task Force in Afghanistan, June to November 2011.

Lieutenant-Commander Nord MENSAH, CD – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as Officer Commanding of the Contract Management Cell while deployed with the Mission Transition Task Force in Afghanistan, May to December 2011.

Warrant Officer David Davidson MILLIGAN, CD – for outstanding professionalism and courage while attempting to rescue a young girl trapped in a burning car in Petawawa, Ontario, 10 September 2009.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Warrant Officer Milligan receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

Captain(N) John Derek MOSS, MSM, CD – for outstanding leadership as the Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force (North) during Operation NANOOK 2013, May to August 2013.

Master Corporal Kevin Welsford MOULES – for prudent leadership and unwavering dedication as a Clerk with the Canadian contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, February to October 2012.



Captain Richard MOZELESKI of the United States of America – for outstanding leadership as a Convoy Operations Platoon Commander and an Intelligence Officer at the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, June to September 2011.

Chief Warrant Officer Derek John MUNROE, MMM, CD – for dynamic leadership and outstanding efforts as Regimental Sergeant Major for the Training Team and the Canadian Task Force while deployed to Sierra Leone with the International Military Advisory Training Team, August 2011 to February 2012.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Joseph O'KEEFFE, MMM, CD – for extraordinary leadership capabilities and remarkable athletic spirit throughout his whole career, since 1981.

Lieutenant-Colonel Keith Edward OSMOND, CD – for leadership, initiative and dedication as Commanding Officer of Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (Washington), July 2010 to July 2013.

Master Corporal Kyle PARKER – for remarkable leadership and soldiering ability as a mentor to the Afghan National Army within the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, February to October 2012.

Master Corporal Richard PAUL – for remarkable leadership and technical expertise as a critical member of the Camp Eggers medical staff in Afghanistan, February to November 2012.

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Danny PEPPAR, CD – for inspirational leadership and remarkable initiative as Regional Military Co-Chair for the Maritime Force Atlantic Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group, June 2010 to June 2013.

Captain(N) Gordon Robert PESKETT, CD – for outstanding professionalism and uncommon devotion as the senior member of a CAF Board of Inquiry at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, 2009 to 2013.

Master Corporal Jacob PETTEN, MSM – for remarkable leadership and composure following an improvised explosive device attack on an armoured bus in Afghanistan, 29 October 2011.

Major Lorne Benidict PLEMEL, MMM, CD – for outstanding leadership as Deputy of Joint Fires Execution while deployed to ISAF Joint Command in Afghanistan, January 2011 to January 2012.

Major Dany Joseph Jean POITRAS, CD – for his exceptional skills as crew member on board a CH-149 Cormorant helicopter during the rescue of three Belgian sailors adrift 400 km offshore in a North Atlantic gale, 20 September 2011.

Warrant Officer Jonathan David PROULX, CD – for outstanding leadership and expertise while deployed with the Combined Joint Engineering Branch within ISAF Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, July 2012 to July 2013.



Major Kristopher Robert PURDY, CD – for leadership and professionalism as Assistant Canadian Defence Attaché in Jordan, October 2012 to March 2013.

Major Cindy Suurd RALPH, CD – for outstanding professionalism as the Deputy Commanding Officer and Resilience Subject Matter Expert for the nascent CAF Conduct After Capture capability at Canadian Defence Academy Headquarters Kingston, Ontario, since June 2010.

Lieutenant-Colonel Clifford William REEVES, CD – for outstanding leadership and performance while employed at Canadian Expeditionary Force Command and subsequently Canadian Joint Operations Command Headquarters Ottawa, 2009 to 2013.

Master Warrant Officer Troy Allan RICARD, CD – for his quick actions in administering first aid to a trapped woman involved in a car accident and directing bystanders to help other casualties near Rockland, Ontario, 20 July 2011.

Captain Harold RISTAU – for unwavering commitment as Unit Chaplain and for publishing a book entitled "At Peace with War: A Chaplain's Meditations from Afghanistan", in 2012.

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Gerald Bradford ROSS, CD – for superb leadership and dedication as the Maritime Deck Force Advisor while deployed to Sierra Leone with the International Military Advisory Training Team, October 2011 to May 2012.

Sergeant James Michael RYAN, MSM – for outstanding leadership as the Engineering Advisor to the Afghan National Police Training General Command, October 2011 to May 2012.

Major General Mashoq Ahmad SAILAB of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan – for outstanding leadership and dedication as Commander of the Afghan National Police Training General Command, August 2012 to March 2014.

Lieutenant-Colonel Peter SCOTT, CD – for outstanding leadership as Chief of Advisors and later as Chief of Staff to the Afghan Ministry of Defence, Ministerial Advisory Group in Afghanistan, May 2013 to March 2014.

Major Ralph SEARS, CD – for outstanding leadership and exceptional mentorship as Training Advisory Group Chief of Staff and Canadian Deputy Commander with the Kabul Military Training Centre in Afghanistan, June 2011 to February 2012.

Major Gerald Lavern SHELLINGTON, CD – for outstanding dedication and support as the Canadian Contingent Deputy Commanding Officer and Guard Commander during Operation SICILY, Fall of 2012 to Summer of 2013.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Robert SHIELDS, CD – for exceptional leadership and dedication as the Commanding Officer of Blackdown Army Cadet Summer Training Centre in Borden, Ontario, 2006 to 2010.

Lieutenant David Gary SIMMS, CD – for outstanding professionalism and leadership as the on-scene Commander of a Ground Search and Rescue Team during the search for a missing community member near Goose Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador, 2 to 9 April 2011.

Colonel Christopher Guy SIMONDS, CD – for outstanding leadership and strategic vision as Commander Task Force Jerusalem, September 2008 to August 2009.



Major James Arthur SMITH, CD – for outstanding leadership and unwavering dedication as Staff Officer Movement Visibility within ISAF Joint Command in Afghanistan, July 2011 to January 2012.

Corporal Craig Norman SPERRY, CD – for outstanding professionalism as the Camp Fire Chief within the Mission Transition Task Force in Kandahar, Afghanistan, July to November 2011.

Captain Christian STENNER – for dedication and professionalism in delivering an effective expedition training program at 2554 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps, the Calgary Expedition Centre and the Regional Cadet Instructor School (Northwest), 2009 to 2013.

Major Desmond STEWART – for outstanding initiative and energetic leadership as the Operations Officer for the CF Grievance Authority in Ottawa, Ontario, 2012 to 2014.

Sergeant Michael James STUBER, CD – for outstanding leadership and mentorship as the Force Protection Team Leader within Task Force Tripoli, in Libya, February to July 2012.

Lieutenant-Commander Kirk Allen SUNDBY – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Senior Surgical Advisor within Regional Military Hospital – North in Afghanistan, February to May 2012.

Corporal Brendan SVAB – for outstanding dedication and performance as the only Signal Operator within the Canadian contingent at the Regional Military Training Center – North in Afghanistan, August 2011 to February 2012.

Captain Robert James SWAINSBURY, CD – for exceptional frontline leadership as Acting Officer Commanding and Operations Officer for the Battle Group's Delta Company following multiple improvised explosive device incidents in Afghanistan, 24 December 2009.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tomasz Jaroslaw SZCZERSKI, CD – for superb leadership, outstanding professionalism and dedication as Deputy Commanding Officer of Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northwest) and leading the unit through an organizational restructure in 2009 and its amalgamation with Regional Cadet Support Unit (Northern) in 2011.

Leading Seaman Thomas Alexander TAYLOR, CD – for outstanding professionalism and composure by providing first aid to a critically injured casualty of a serious motor vehicle accident near Timberlea, Nova Scotia, 11 February 2013.

Corporal Adam Rae THOMPSON, CD – for outstanding professionalism and medical skills while providing assistance to a seriously ill passenger on a commercial flight to Vancouver, 16 December 2012.

Captain Blaine William THURSTON, CD – for outstanding performance as Logistics Program Manager for the Combined Joint Engineers while deployed with the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, July 2011 to February 2012.

Able Seaman Dave TRACY – for professionalism and courage in stopping a woman who was trying to commit suicide on an overpass near Vancouver, British Columbia, 17 February 2012.



Lieutenant-Commander Brian Anthony TRAGER, CD – for outstanding professionalism as the CAF Intelligence Liaison Officer at the United States Army National Ground Intelligence Center in Clarksburg, Virginia, August 2009 to July 2013.

Sergeant Dany Joseph Eric TREMBLAY, CD – for outstanding leadership and professionalism with the NATO Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit in Afghanistan, June to November 2011.

Major Joseph Robert Paul TREMBLAY, CD – for outstanding efforts as Senior Liaison Officer with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, May to November 2013.

Private Steven TSSESSAZE – for outstanding professionalism while rescuing a boy who had fallen into the ice covered water at Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan, 16 May 2010.

Major Ralf Heinz URZINGER, CD – for exceptional performance and dedication as an advisor to the Afghan General Staff while deployed to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, July 2010 to August 2011.

Corporal Daniel VACHON – for selfless and decisive actions in providing first aid to casualties of a serious car accident near Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, 20 July 2013.

Commander Scott Michael VAN WILL, CD – for exceptional performance as Commanding Officer of HMCS *Ottawa* in support of Joint Interagency Task Force South, October to December 2012.

Colonel Alvin VANN, Jr. of the United States of America – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as Executive Officer for the Deputy Commander NORAD, since May 2010.

Private David Alan WATTS – for outstanding life-saving actions by administering first aid to an unconscious victim of a car accident near Canadian Forces Base Shilo, Manitoba, 18 September 2009.

Master Warrant Officer Mark WEST, CD – for outstanding dedication and being a catalyst for change regarding Strategic Lessons Learned Process within the Strategic Joint Staff at National Defence Headquarters Ottawa, Ontario, August 2010 to January 2013.

Sergeant Jason WHALEN, CD – for outstanding performance as Fielding Non-Commissioned Officer at the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, March to November 2012.

Sergeant Darren Michael Joseph WHITE, CD – for taking control of the scene and providing emergency first aid to the victims of an automobile accident near Amherst, Nova Scotia, 31 March 2013.

Major Torrance Daniel WHITE, CD – for superb leadership and work ethic as Chief of Staff of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan, April 2011 to February 2012.

Major General Warren James WHITING of New Zealand – for outstanding leadership and dedication as Force Commander of the Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai), Egypt, 2010.



Captain Robert WUSKYNKYK – for outstanding professionalism and leadership as the Officer in Charge of the Canadian Forces National Investigation Service National Drug Enforcement Team in Ottawa, Ontario, since 2012.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Captain Wuskynyk receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm YOUNG, CD – for outstanding leadership as Senior Military Advisor to the Vice-Chief of the Afghan National Army's General Staff in Afghanistan, July 2011 to July 2012.

Captain Alan Michael YOUNGHUSBAND, CD – for exceptional performance as a Senior Afghan Training Team Mentor while deployed to the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, May 2011 to February 2012.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrence James ZAPORZAN, OMM, CD – for selfless actions by rendering first aid to a victim in a car that was crushed by a crane during a thunderstorm in Larnaca, Cyprus, 10 October 2012.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrence James ZAPORZAN, OMM, CD – for quick and decisive actions by calling for emergency assistance and rendering first aid to a man who collapsed and struck his head in a restaurant following a heart attack in Larnaca Cyprus, 10 October 2012.

Lieutenant-Colonel Josip Petar ZUNIC, CD – for outstanding professionalism and leadership as the CAF lead for the planning and execution of Operation SICILY, Fall of 2012 to Summer of 2013.

One member of CANADIAN FORCES JOINT NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL DEFENCE COMPANY TRENTON, one member of CHIEF OF DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE, one civilian member of CANADIAN JOINT OPERATIONS COMMAND, three members of CANADIAN SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES COMMAND, one member of CANADIAN FORCES STATION LEITRIM and one member of JOINT TASK FORCE X KINGSTON – for security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipients are not released.



Command Commendation

The **Command Commendation** is awarded by a command to recognize a contribution affecting or reflecting well on the command. While names and citations for these awards are not included, the following numbers of awards have been made by the authorized commands in 2014:

Vice Chief of the Defence Staff:	56
Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy:	23
Commander of the Canadian Army:	50
Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force:	39
Chief of Military Personnel:	39
Commander of Canadian Joint Operational Command:	148
Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command:	36
Commander of Canadian Forces Intelligence Command	2
Deputy Commander NORAD	14
Total:	407



Master Warrant Officer David Ellery Blaine Porter, CD, receives his Command Commendation from Lieutenant-General Marquis Hainse, CMM, MSC, CD, Commander of the Canadian Army, in the presence of Chief Warrant Officer Michael Hornbrook, MMM, CD, Army Sergeant Major, during a ceremony at Cartier Square Drill Hall, Ottawa, 25 April 2014.



Photo: Sgt Dan Shouinard



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Major François Frédéric Lavoie, CD, receives his Command Commendation from the Commander of the Canadian Army, in the presence of the Army Sergeant Major, during a ceremony in Ottawa, 13 June 2014.



Photo: Cpl Phil Archambault



Photo: CMP

Ms. Tracey Wait and Major Elisa Cass, CD, receive their Command Commendations from Major-General David Millar, OMM, CD, Chief of Military Personnel, in the presence of Mr. Craig King, Director General Military Personnel and Lieutenant-Colonel Philippe Plamondon, CD, Ottawa, 9 January 2014.

Mrs. Christine Fournier receives her Command Commendation from Brigadier General Sylvain Sirois, OMM, CD, Military Personnel Management Capability Transformation Project Leader, Ottawa, 29 May 2014.



Photo: CMP



Captain Warren Cardy, CD, receives his Command Commendation from Lieutenant-General Joseph Aimé Jean Yvan Blondin, CMM, CD, Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Ottawa, 12 June 2014.



Photo: Cpl Vicky Lefrançois



Photo: Cpl Vicky Lefrançois

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Wayne Joy, CD, receives his Command Commendation from the Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Ottawa, 2 July 2014.



Photo: Cpl Remi Sewell

Captain Peter Sokol receives his Command Commendation from Rear Admiral William Truelove, OMM, CD, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, 23 September 2014.

Lieutenant(N) Robert Davenport receives his Command Commendation from the Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, 23 September 2014.



Photo: Cpl Remi Sewell



Accompanied by his family, Sergeant Julien Robichaud receives his Command Commendation from Brigadier-General Michael Norman Rouleau, OMM, MSC, CD, Commander Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, in the presence of Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Lauredan Daniel Brissette, MSM, CD, Command Chief Warrant Officer, Petawawa, 2 October 2014.



Photo: MCpl Tom McMurray



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Sergeant Joseph Raymond Gauthier receives his Command Commendation from Lieutenant-General Guy Robert Thibault, CMM, MSC, CD, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, during a ceremony at the Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess, Ottawa, 5 June 2014.

Captain Timothy Morgan Utton, CD receives his Command Commendation from the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, during a ceremony at the Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess, Ottawa, 5 June 2014.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib



Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service

The **Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service** is awarded by the Chief of the Defence Staff on behalf of the CAF to recognize outstanding service performed by persons other than active military personnel. The following 21 awards have been announced in 2014:

Mrs. Nahie BASSETT – for selfless dedication and professionalism as the Veterans Affairs Liaison Officer to the Department of National Defence, January 2011 to April 2013.

Dr. Philip BATES – for inspirational leadership and exemplary professionalism as the Dean of the Engineering Department at Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, Ontario, 2011 to 2013.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Mrs. Nahie Bassett receives her Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

Dr. Peter Blanchard BLACKIE – for outstanding compassion, dignity and exemplary professionalism as Flight Surgeon to the aircrew at 103 Search and Rescue Squadron Gander, since 2005.

Mr. Gilles DASSYLVA – for his very high level of professionalism, initiative and dedication as Bird Strike Hazard Officer 3 Wing Bagotville, since May 2000.

Dr. Michael DAWSON – for outstanding professionalism as Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development's Senior Representative to North American Aerospace Defence Command, February 2010 to May 2014.

Dr. Paul DICKSON – for exceptional performance as the Deputy Director and Senior Analyst for Red Team – Combined/Joint Intelligence within ISAF Headquarters in Afghanistan, June 2012 to February 2013.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Dr. Paul Dickson receives his Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

Mr. Murray GALLANT – for outstanding dedication and compassion, as the Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment) Chief Architect, in providing technical and planning advice to the Joint Personnel Service Unit Client Services Staff, since 2010.

Vice-Admiral Gregory Evan JARVIS, CMM, CD (Retired) – for exceptional dedication as Chief Review Services in Ottawa, Ontario, September 2006 to May 2013.

Mr. David McCOMB, CD – for outstanding efforts and dedication in the development and execution of the JOINTEX series of events while employed at Canadian Forces Warfare Center, Shirley's Bay, Ottawa, Ontario, 2010 to 2013.

Mr. Adrian NORFOLK – for outstanding leadership as Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development's Senior Representative of the Inter-Departmental Task Force during Operation RENAISSANCE in the Philippines, November to December 2013.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Mr. Adrian Norfolk receives his Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

Mr. James Chesley PRICE – for outstanding vision and leadership while serving as Acting Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Committee member of the Military Grievances External Review Committee in Ottawa, 2004 to 2013.

Mr. David STERRITT – for outstanding professionalism and dedication to the welfare of CAF personnel as the Head of Housing Services and Conferences at Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario, since 1995.



Dr. David SWEET – for outstanding mentorship and personal devotion as a leader in Forensic Odontology by developing superb and customized training packages for the Dental Corps personnel, since 1998.

Mr. Ray TUMMEL of the United States of America – for exceptional technical expertise and unwavering dedication as an information technology specialist at the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, October 2012 to July 2013.

Mr. David WILLIAMS – for outstanding and unconditional support to the men and women of the CAF, since 2007, as a former National Hockey League star and national personality.

Embassy of Canada in Manila – for providing outstanding support to the CAF during the Government of Canada's assistance to the Philippines in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan, in 2013.

Town of PAPHOS, CYPRUS – for the citizens' outstanding efforts and unwavering support towards several thousand Canadian troops who attended the Third Location Decompression Centre, since 2006.

Two members of CHIEF OF DEFENCE INTELLIGENCE, one member of 1 CANADIAN AIR DIVISION HEADQUARTERS WINNIPEG, and one member of CANADIAN FORCES INTELLIGENCE COMMAND – for security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipients are not released.

Unit Awards



Canadian Forces Unit Commendation

The **Canadian Forces Unit Commendation** is a group award created to recognize distinguished service by a military unit. Awarded to any formation, unit or sub-unit of the Canadian Armed Forces, or to any similar organization of a foreign armed force working with or in conjunction with the CAF, that has performed a deed or activity considered beyond the demand of normal duty.

The following four awards have been announced in 2014:

19 Explosive Disposal Flight – Comox – for outstanding dedication and professionalism in their unwavering commitment in safeguarding the Canadian public from the hazards of unexploded ordnances, since 2008.

425 Tactical Fighter Squadron – Bagotville – for outstanding performance and unwavering professionalism while deployed as part of NATO operations in Libya, March to November 2011.

Air Command Academy – Borden – for displaying a great flexibility and unparalleled focus towards the professional development of Air Force non-commissioned members, since 2010.

Canadian Forces Network Operation Centre – Ottawa – the citation is not released for security and operational reasons.



Photo: MCpl Miranda Langguth

The Chief of the Defence Staff presents the Canadian Forces Unit Commendation to the Air Command Academy during a ceremony at 16 Wing Borden, 31 July 2014. From left to right: Master Warrant Officer Cheyne Todd, CD, School Warrant Officer RCAF Academy, General Thomas James Lawson, CMM, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, Chief Warrant Officer Martin Rousseau, CD, Commandant RCAF Academy, Captain Gabriel Chartier, MMM, CD, former Chief Warrant Officer Commandant RCAF Academy, and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Charles West, MMM, MSM, CD, Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer.

Battle Honours

Battle Honours are awarded to provide public recognition to combatant units for active participation in battle against a formed and armed enemy. In 2014, the "Arabian Sea" and "Afghanistan" theatre battle honours were created by the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada and subsequently allocated to units of Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces.

The new Theatre Honour "Arabian Sea" has been approved for the following CAF units:

Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Algonquin*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Calgary*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Charlottetown*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Fredericton*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Halifax*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Iroquois*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Montreal*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Ottawa*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *St. John's*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Toronto*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Vancouver*
Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Winnipeg*

The new Theatre Honour "Afghanistan" has been approved for the following CAF units:

Fleet Diving Unit (Atlantic)
Fleet Diving Unit (Pacific)
The Royal Canadian Dragoons
Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)
12^e Régiment Blindé du Canada
The Governor General's Horse Guards
The Ontario Regiment (Royal Canadian Armoured Corps)
The Queen's York Rangers (1st American Regiment) (RCAC)
8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's)
1st Hussars
The Prince Edward Island Regiment (RCAC)
The Royal Canadian Hussars (Montréal)
The British Columbia Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Own)
The South Alberta Light Horse

The Saskatchewan Dragoons
 The King's Own Calgary Regiment (RCAC)
 The British Columbia Dragoons
 The Fort Garry Horse
Le Régiment de Hull (RCAC)
 The Windsor Regiment (RCAC)
 The Royal Canadian Regiment
 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
 Royal 22^e Régiment
 Governor General's Foot Guards
 The Canadian Grenadier Guards
 The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada
 The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada
Les Voltigeurs de Québec
 The Royal Regiment of Canada
 The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry (Wentworth Regiment)
 The Princess of Wales's Own Regiment
 The Lincoln and Welland Regiment
 The Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada
 The Grey and Simcoe Foresters
 The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment)
 The Brockville Rifles
 Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders
Les Fusiliers du St-Laurent
Le Régiment de la Chaudière
Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal
 The Princess Louise Fusiliers
 The Royal New Brunswick Regiment
 The West Nova Scotia Regiment
 The Nova Scotia Highlanders

The Cape Breton Highlanders
Le Régiment de Maisonneuve
 The Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa (Duke of Edinburgh's Own)
 The Royal Winnipeg Rifles
 The Essex and Kent Scottish
 48th Highlanders of Canada
Le Régiment du Saguenay
 The Algonquin Regiment
 The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada
 (Princess Louise's)
 The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment
 The North Saskatchewan Regiment
 The Royal Regina Rifles
 The Rocky Mountain Rangers
 The Loyal Edmonton Regiment (4th Battalion,
 Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry)
 The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of Canada
 The Royal Westminster Regiment
 The Calgary Highlanders
Les Fusiliers de Sherbrooke
 The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada
 The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's)
 The Royal Montreal Regiment
 The Irish Regiment of Canada
 The Toronto Scottish Regiment
 (Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother's Own)
 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
 427 Special Operations Aviation Squadron
 430 Tactical Helicopter Squadron
 436 Transport Squadron
 Canadian Special Operations Regiment

Commonwealth & Foreign Awards

When the acceptance and wear of a Commonwealth or foreign award is approved by Her Majesty's Canadian Government following the usual diplomatic process, the award is published in *The Canada Gazette* or in a CANFORGEN. The list hereunder includes all such publications regarding CAF members for 2014 with the related publication date indicated.



On behalf of THE QUEEN, unrestricted permission has been granted for the wearing of the following decorations:

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HER MAJESTY
IN RIGHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

*Operational Service Medal –
Afghanistan*

Captain Alison LUCAS, CD. 25 October 2014
Major Andrew WEBB, CD 28 June 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HER MAJESTY
IN RIGHT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF AUSTRALIA

*Australian Active Service Medal
with International Coalition Against
Terrorism Clasp*

Captain Carson CHOY 25 January 2014
Captain Bradley Douglas HARDIMAN, CD. . . 25 January 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HER MAJESTY
IN RIGHT OF THE COMMONWEALTH
OF JAMAICA

Badge of Honour for Meritorious Service

Captain Samuel Wenzel BILLICH, CD. 21 May 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON

Knight of the National Order of Merit

Colonel Pierre LAMONTAGNE, CD. 21 May 2014
Major Frédéric LAUZIER. 21 May 2014
Captain Paul Andrew STEWART, CD 13 August 2014



DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF COLUMBIA

*Grand Cross of the Air Force Cross for
Aeronautical Merit*

Lieutenant-General Joseph Aimé
Jean Yvan BLONDIN, CMM, CD. 21 May 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HER MAJESTY THE
QUEEN OF DENMARK

Home Guard Meritorious Service Medal

Major John Karl VINTAR, CD 21 May 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

*National Defence Medal –
Bronze Echelon*

Major Marie Claudie THÉRIAULT, CD. 26 April 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

*Knight of the National Order of Honour
and Merit (5th Class)*

Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel Richard
STEPANIUK, CD. 21 May 2014



DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE NETHERLANDS

Inauguration Medal (2013)

Master Warrant Officer Daryl Wayne
CORBETT, CD. 27 September 2014
Major Timothy David McCLURE, CD 27 September 2014
Warrant Officer John Alexander
TOTH, CD. 27 September 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Legion of Merit – Degree of Officer (Second Award)

Commodore William TRUELOVE,
OMM, CD 27 December 2014

Legion of Merit – Degree of Officer

Major-General Brett Douglas CAIRNS, CD. . . . 28 June 2014
Brigadier-General Christopher John
COATES, OMM, MSM, CD. 26 June 2014

Colonel Gordon David CORBOULD,
MSM, CD. 28 June 2014
Colonel Scott Anthony HOWDEN, CD 27 December 2014
Brigadier-General Alexander Donald
MEINZINGER, OMM, MSM, CD. 22 February 2014

Legion of Merit – Degree of Legionnaire

Captain(N) Haydn Clyde
EDMUNDSON, CD 25 January 2014

Bronze Star Medal

Colonel Louis Hector Pierre Stéphane
BOUCHER, CD 27 September 2014
Colonel Bryan Henry GAGNÉ, CD 6 December 2014
Colonel Ian LIGHTBODY, CD 30 August 2014
Colonel Ivars Arnis MIEZITIS, CD. 30 August 2014
Captain Robert Patrick RYAN, CD 28 June 2014
Lieutenant-Colonel Peter SCOTT, CD. . . . 27 September 2014
Lieutenant-Colonel Pierre Camille
ST-LAURENT, MMM, CD 27 September 2014
Lieutenant-Colonel John Michael Christian
VALTONEN, CD 6 December 2014



Defence Meritorious Service Medal

Major Joseph Leandre Guy
 LANGEVIN, CD 6 December 2014

Meritorious Service Medal – First Oak Leaf Cluster

Colonel Joseph Bertrand Patrick
 CARPENTIER, CD 28 June 2014

Meritorious Service Medal

Major Linda Roberta BALLENTIN, CD 6 December 2014
 Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Ghyslain
 Robert BOUCHER, CD 27 September 2014
 Major Douglas CLARK, CD 6 December 2014
 Captain William Ryan John COOPER, CD 30 August 2014
 Major Marc Germain DIAMOND, MSM, CD 28 June 2014
 Major Ricardo DIAS, CD 26 April 2014
 Captain(N) Pierre Christophe
 DICKINSON, MSC, CD 28 June 2014
 Major Mark Bradley FATHERS, CD 31, May 2014
 Colonel Blaise Francis FRAWLEY,
 OMM, CD 27 December 2014
 Major Joseph Jean Gaston Denis
 GAGNON, CD 25 January 2014
 Major Bryce GRAHAM, CD 6 December 2014
 Major David Neil JANE, CD 6 December 2014
 Major Richard Alphonse Joseph JOLETTE 26 April 2014
 Major Michael Urban MCCARTHY, CD 22 February 2014
 Major Vahe OHANESSIAN, CD 26 April 2014
 Lieutenant-Colonel James Robert
 OSTLER, MSM, CD 26 April 2014

Major Michel POIRIER, CD 28 June 2014
 Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Ernest
 Ghislain RANCOURT, CD 6 December 2014
 Colonel Jean François RIFFOU, MSM, CD 26 April 2014
 Major Jeffrey James SCHAMEHORN, CD 26 April 2014
 Major Derek Robert SPENCER, CD 6 December 2014
 Lieutenant-Colonel Lynn Susan
 STODDART, CD 25 January 2014
 Captain Jeffrey TEBO 30 August 2014
 Major Michael Edward WELLS, CD 27 September 2014
 Major Christopher John YOUNG, CD 26 April 2014

Air Medal

Captain Gareth David CARTER, CD 28 June 2014
 Warrant Officer Lisa Fawn POWERS, CD 25 January 2014

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Meritorious Service Medal

Colonel Paul Joseph FLEURY, CD 26 April 2014
 Lieutenant-General Joseph Marcel
 Marquis HAINSE, CMM, MSC, CD 26 April 2014
 Master Warrant Officer Shaun Patrick
 PRENDERGAST, CD 27 December 2014
 Lieutenant-Colonel Peter SCOTT, CD 26 April 2014
 Lieutenant-Commander Dale
 TURETSKI, CD 27 December 2014



Photo: Sgt Dan Shouinard

Lieutenant-General Joseph Marcel Marquis Hainse, CMM, MSC, CD, Commander Canadian Army, receives the Meritorious Service Medal of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization from the Chief of the Defence Staff, in the presence of his wife Mrs. Traci Hainse, during a ceremony at the Cartier Square Drill Hall, Ottawa, 25 April 2014.

In Memoriam



The following **seven** members of Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces died in the service of Canada in 2014.

Private Steven David Robert ALLEN	Canada	5 November 2014
Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel Robert BOBBITT	Canada	21 May 2014
Corporal Nathan Frank CIRILO	Canada	22 October 2014
Private Kyle Robert SINCLAIR	Canada	21 November 2014
Leading Seaman Brandon Bruce SOUTH	United Republic of Tanzania	21 April 2014
Warrant Officer Patrice Joseph Jean Bernard VINCENT	Canada	20 October 2014
Lieutenant(N) Andrew Franklyn WEBSTER	Republic of Seychelles	2 January 2014



The 2014 Silver Cross Mother is Mrs. Gisèle Michaud, mother of the late Master Corporal Charles-Philippe Michaud who was mortally wounded after stepping on an improvised explosive device while on patrol in the Panjwayi District, southwest of Kandahar City, Afghanistan on 23 June 2009. He was transported to a Quebec City hospital on 28 June 2009 and passed away a few days later on 4 July 2009.

Photo: The Royal Canadian Legion



Photo: André M. Levesque, OMM, CD

The Books of Remembrance lie in the Memorial Chamber in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill, Ottawa. They contain the names and commemorate the lives of more than 118,000 Canadians who, since Confederation, have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country.



National Day of Honour

As part of the celebrations to mark the end of Canada's commitment in Afghanistan, Canadians observed a National Day of Honour on 9 May 2014.



Colonel Robert John Allison Spencer CD, receives his General Campaign Star with SOUTH-WEST ASIA ribbon from the Chief of the Defence Staff, during the last Canadian medal ceremony to be held in Afghanistan, 11 March 2014.

Photo: MCpl Patrick Blanchard



Photo: Cpl Mathieu St-Amour

Parade Commander, Major-General Dean Milner presents the baton carried by the 19 members of the Soldier On Afghanistan Relay team to Chief of the Defence Staff, General Tom Lawson during National Day of Honour official ceremonies on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, 9 May 2014. The baton contains the last Canadian flag flown at International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan.



Photo: Sgt Jean-Francois Lauzé

A CC-177 Globemaster performs a fly-by above Parliament Hill, during the parade for the National Day of Honour, Ottawa, 9 May 2014.



Photo: Cpl Heather Tiffney

The Afghanistan Memorial is displayed on Parliament Hill during the National Day of Honour, Ottawa, 9 May 2014.

2014 Honours and Recognition Highlights

February

- 18 The Governor General presents Meritorious Service Decorations to members of the CAF and allied forces, including two Meritorious Service Crosses (Military Division) and 33 Meritorious Service Medals (Military Division), during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

March

- 7 CANFORGEN 033/14 announces that the calculation of time toward the CD will include the Annuitant Breaks.
- 11 On behalf of the Governor General, the Chief of the Defence Staff presents the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) to two members of the Afghan National Army, during a ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan.
- 26 On behalf of the Governor General, the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. Gilles Rivard, presents the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) to Sergeant Patrick Joseph Yvon Ménard, MSM, CD (Retired), during a ceremony at the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

April

- 24 The Governor General presents Bravery Decorations including two Bravery Medals to members of the CAF, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.
- 29 CANFORGEN 077/14 announces that the Chief of the Defence Staff approved the award of two new Theatre Honours for "Arabian Sea" and "Afghanistan" to Canadian Armed Forces units.

May

- 2 CANFORGEN 071/14 is released announcing that the Armed Forces Council has approved the addition of qualifying service to the eligibility list of certain campaign and service medals.
- 8 On behalf of the Governor General, Canadian Ambassador Deborah Lyons, presents the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) to General Sher Mohammad Karimi of the Afghan National Army during a ceremony in Kabul, Afghanistan.
- 22 The Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada announces the creation of the EXPEDITION bar to the Special Service Medal (SSM).

CANFORGEN 086/14 is released announcing that, on behalf of The Queen, the Governor General has approved the creation of the EXPEDITION bar to the Special Service Medal (SSM-EXP). It also lists elements of eligibility for the new bar which were approved by the Chief of the Defence Staff in consultation with the Armed Forces Council.

- 29 The Governor General presents the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) to General Denis Mercier of the French Air Force, during a private ceremony at Rideau Hall.

June

- 20 The Governor General presents the insignia of membership in the Order of Military Merit to 50 CAF members (three Commanders, 13 Officers and 34 Members) during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

October

- 3 The Governor General presents honours to members of the CAF, including three Stars of Courage, three Medals of Bravery and 26 Meritorious Service Medals (Military Division), during two ceremonies at the Citadelle in Québec.
- 20 The Chief of the Defence Staff presents 13 Special Service Medals with EXPEDITION bar to members of the CAF during the inaugural ceremony at Cartier Square Drill Hall, Ottawa.
- 21 The Governor General presents Decorations of Bravery including two Medals of Bravery to members of the CAF, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.
- 31 CANFORGEN 192/14 is released announcing that the Armed Forces Council has approved the addition of qualifying service to the eligibility list of certain campaign and service medals.

November

- 7 The Governor General presents insignia of membership in the Order of Military Merit to 50 members of the CAF (three Commanders, ten Officers and 37 Members), during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.
- 11 The Governor General presents the Third Clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration to Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal during a special ceremony in the Tent Room at Rideau Hall.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Lieutenant-Commander Marie Julie Yolande Bedard, CD, receives the Special Service Medal with EXPEDITION bar from the Chief of Defence Staff, Cartier Square Drill Hall, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.



Photo: Cpl Pierre Habib

Major Brian M. DeMille receives the Special Service Medal with EXPEDITION bar from the Chief of Defence Staff, Cartier Square Drill Hall, Ottawa, 20 October 2014.

2014 Honours and Recognition Changes

Special Service Medal

with EXPEDITION bar (SSM-EXP):

- An announcement was made on 22 May 2014 that the creation of the EXPEDITION bar to the Special Service Medal had been approved by the Governor General on behalf of The Queen.
- The new EXPEDITION bar fills a gap in the overseas recognition framework. It will cover service in Operations and Operational Support which does not meet the risk, threat, hardship or OP intensity requirements for other medals such as the General Service Medal or Operational Service Medal, but still warrants formal recognition given the service is performed under exceptional circumstances as per the SSM regulations and plays a critical role in fulfilling the CAF mission abroad.
- The EXPEDITION bar is awarded to CAF members for 180 cumulative days of honourable service beginning on or after 1 July 2007, performed outside Canada while deployed to participate in or provide direct support on a full-time basis to approved operations, provided the said service is not counted towards any other Canadian or foreign service medal.
- For the purpose of this bar, deployed means sent outside of Canada temporarily, without family and effects, for the specific purpose of serving in or supporting approved operations. Postings to permanent positions outside of Canada are excluded from eligibility.



- There is no multiplying factor associated with this bar.
- The CDS approves the elements of eligibility for the bar in consultation with Armed Forces Council on the recommendation of the Canadian Forces Honours Policy Committee.
- Thus far the following elements have been approved as eligible for the new SSM-EXPEDITION (SSM-EXP):
 - service of CAF personnel in Comalapa, El Salvador, Curacao, and the Liaison Officer in Key West, Florida, in direct support (ground support to RCAF Auroras) to the US-LED Joint Task Force – South Mission since 1 July 2007 (OP CARIBBE). Aircrew flying into the defined theatre of operations for OP CARIBBE credit those days for the OSM-EXP and shall not count those days for the SSM-EXP
 - service of CAF personnel as a staff member at the Third Location Decompression Site, Cyprus, since 1 August 2007
 - service of CAF personnel with the Integrated Undersea – Surveillance Towed Array Sensor System (IUSS-SURTASS) while deployed on USN Ships performing surveillance in the South China, East China and Yellow Seas as well as part of the Sea of Japan (from the Paracel Islands to Vladivostok) since 1 December 2007
 - service of CAF personnel with the Casualty Support Team, Landstuhl Regional Medical Centre, Germany, from 11 February 2008 to 29 March 2014

- service of CAF personnel with the US Navy Central (NAVCENT), Naval Support Activity (NSA), Manamah, Bahrain, including but not limited to:
 - (1) Combined Maritime Force (CMF) HQ, since 21 April 2010
 - (2) 5th Fleet HQ, since 31 July 2012
 - (3) Coalition Intelligence Fusion Centre, since 21 May 2014. Personnel who were in position on 20 May 2014 remain eligible for award of the GSM-SWA for the remainder of that deployment only. Personnel arriving in position after this date shall count their time towards the SSM-EXP
 - (4) NAVCENT Liaison Officer (previously listed as Naval Liaison Officer), since 21 May 2014. Personnel who were in position on 20 May 2014 remain eligible for award of the GSM-SWA for the remainder of that deployment only. Personnel arriving in position after this date shall count their time towards the SSM-EXP
- service of CAF personnel at the Strategic Lines of Communications (SLOC) Detachments in Germany since 1 October 2010, in Cyprus since 21 October 2010, and in Kuwait since 2 June 2011
- service of CAF personnel with the US Forces in Kuwait in direct support of the Iraq transition (US OP NEW DAWN) to provide advice, to assist with transition from Department of Defence to State Department and to assist with the retrograde of US Forces out of Iraq, from 1 February to 31 December 2011
- service of CAF personnel with Task Force Jamaica within the political boundaries, territorial waters and airspace of Jamaica, in support to the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) to provide SAR and MEDEVAC capabilities and to stand by for possible hurricanes, from 12 August to 15 November 2011 (OP JAGUAR)
- service of CAF personnel with Air Task Force (ATF) Mali in support of the French-led OP SERVAL from the Istres-Le Tube Air Base in France from 15 January to 3 April 2013. ATF aircrew counts each day flown into Bamako, Mali, for the OSM-EXP and shall not count those days towards the SSM-EXP
- service of CAF personnel with USCENTCOM forward – Jordan (CF-J), King Abdullah Special Operations Training Centre (KASOTC), Amman, Jordan, since 23 May 2013

South-West Asia – Theatre Honours

An announcement was made on 29 April 2014 that, in keeping with Canadian military tradition, Battle Honours are to be awarded for unit participation in the operations in Afghanistan and the Arabian Sea. At this time, Theatre Honours have been defined and allocated as described in the Unit Award Section (refer to pages 65–66). In addition, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, acting in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of Canada, has authorized the Conflict Nomenclature (not an honour itself) as “South-West Asia”. He has also authorized the creation of two Theatre Honours: “Arabian Sea” and “Afghanistan”.

Addition of eligible service for campaign and service medals

Announcements were made on 2 May 2014 and 31 October 2014 regarding the addition of service to the eligibility list for certain campaign and service medals as follows:

• **General Service Medal with SOUTH-WEST ASIA ribbon (GSM-SWA):**

- service at the Al Udeid Air Base, Doha, Qatar, including but not limited to:
 - (1) Combined Aerospace Operations Centre (CAOC), since 1 August 2009 (service with the CAOC from 1 June 2008 to 31 July 2009 is eligible for the SWASM with AFGHANISTAN bar)
 - (2) 71st Expeditionary Air Control Squadron (EACS), since 12 February 2012
 - (3) ISAF Liaison Officer, Qatar, from 31 July 2006 to 15 November 2011



• **Operational Service Medal with HUMANITAS ribbon (OSM-HUM):**

- service of Defence Team members who deployed to Iloilo, Panay Island and to Manila, Philippines following the super typhoon Haiyan (OP RENAISSANCE), from 8 November 2013 to 23 January 2014, as part of the humanitarian mission including members of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)



• **Operational Service Medal with EXPEDITION ribbon (OSM-EXP):**

- service with Joint Task Force Horn of Africa (JTF-HOA), Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, since 31 July 2012
- service in Mali under OP ENCLAVE from 16 January 2013 to 15 December 2013. Aircrew with Air Task Force Mali (OP SERVAL) count all time spent in Bamako, from 15 January to 3 April 2013. Aircrew flying into the theatre accumulate one day of service for the first sortie flown on any day, additional sorties flown on the same day receive no further credit



• **Special Service Medal – EXPEDITION (SSM-EXP):**

- service of CAF personnel in Sigonella and Trapani, Italy, providing direct support to the Canadian efforts in Libya with aircrew flying into Libya, from 1 November 2011 (OP LOBE)
- service of CAF personnel deployed to Task Force Solomon Islands led by the Australian Defence Force Combined Joint Task Force 663 (CJTF 663) to clear unexploded explosive ordnance (UXO) contaminating jungles and shorelines of countries in the South Pacific plagued by explosive remnants of war from the Second World War, in the Central Province of the Solomon Islands, the Islands of Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands (Op RENDER SAFE 13) from 5 November 2013 to 5 December 2013



Canadian Forces' Decoration (CD) – Eligibility of Annuitant Breaks

An announcement was made on 7 March 2014 that the calculation of time toward the CD will include the annuitant breaks if the reserve member was not part of the Supplementary Reserve during these breaks. Annuitant breaks taken while employed on the Supplementary Reserve remain ineligible for the CD. This decision is effective immediately and is deemed to apply from 15 December 1949, the institution date of the CD. Affected serving members may have their CD eligibility adjusted by their Orderly Room to conform with this decision. Affected retired members may make application directly to DH&R using the form DND-2396-E which is available at <http://www.cmp-cpm.forces.gc.ca/dhr-ddhr/chc-tdh/af-fd/index-eng.asp>.



Command Commendations

On 7 July 2014, the Chief of the Defence Staff has granted the Commander of the newly created Canadian Forces Intelligence Command (CFINTCOM) the authority to award Command Commendations and directed that in future, only commanders of an official command reporting to the CDS shall be granted this authority.



Addendum

Despite efforts to provide an accurate and error-free manuscript, some mistakes still happen which are sincerely regretted.

Page 105 of the 2013 edition – Unfortunately, the notice published on page 3004 of the December 28, 2013, issue of the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, contained an error. An amendment was published on January 25, 2014 in Volume 148, No.4 so that the related entry for Captain Marc-André La Haye should have read that the President of the French Republic conferred the “National Defence Medal, Bronze Echelon” rather than the “National Defence Medal, Silver Echelon”.

Page 123 of the 2013 edition – In the Index, the name “AUCHTERLOINE” was misspelled and should have read “AUCHTERLONIE” instead.



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