

The Order of Military Merit



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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
Photo: Canadian Heritage

Dedication



**To the members of the Order of Military Merit
who have made it their life's work to defend
Crown and country.**

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Introduction



This Register of the Order of Military Merit is published on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the Order. It follows the publication of the book *The Order of Military Merit* by Dr. Christopher McCreery, which was produced to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Order in 2012, and the Register released in 2017 for the 45th anniversary. The present publication is intended to highlight some changes which occurred in relation to the Order in the last five years but, more importantly, to update the list of officials and the register of members of the Order to include all those appointed and promoted from its foundation to its 50th anniversary on 1 July 2022.

The Order of Military Merit was established by Queen Elizabeth II on 1 July 1972 to provide a means of recognizing conspicuous merit and exceptional service by members of Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces (CAF), both Regular and Reserve.



The Governor General and Chief of the Defence Staff with the first five Commanders of the Order of Military Merit at the first investiture of the Order held at Rideau Hall on 21 February 1973

From left to right: Lieutenant-General Gilles Antoine Turcot, CMM, CD, Lieutenant-General Michael Reginald Dare, CMM, DSO, CD, Rear-Admiral John Alexander Charles, CMM, CD, His Excellency The Right Honourable Daniel Roland Michener, PC, CC, CMM, CD, QC, Governor General and Chancellor of the Order, General Jacques Alfred Dextraze, CC, CMM, CBE, DSO, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff and Principal Commander of the Order, Major-General Norman Lawrence Magnusson, CMM, DFC, CD and Major-General William Arnold Howard, CMM, CD. General Dextraze had been invested as an ex-officio Commander and as Principal Commander of the Order by the Governor General at Rideau Hall on 21 January 1973

Photo: McCreery collection

Her Majesty The Queen is the Sovereign of the Order, the Governor General is the Chancellor and the Chief of the Defence Staff is the Principal Commander.

There are three levels of membership in the Order of Military Merit: Member, Officer and Commander, the latter being the highest. The number of appointments made annually is the equivalent of 0.1% of the total strength of the CAF in the preceding year. Of that number, 5% will be Commanders, 20% will be Officers and 75% will be Members. In recent years, this has amounted to approximately 110 annual appointments and promotions. A total of 5,285 appointments and promotion have been made since the foundation of the Order.



On 26 July 2021, Her Excellency the Right Honorable Mary May Simon, CC, CMM, COM, OQ, was installed as the 30th Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada and therefore became Chancellor of the Order of Military Merit in accordance with the Order's Constitution. The picture shows Her Excellency touching the chain of office of Chancellor of the Order of Military Merit to symbolically accept it
Photo: Adam Scotti (PMO)



Cover of the official register for the Order of Military Merit
Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu



The first page of the official register for the Order of Military Merit recording the first Commander of the Order, The Right Honourable Daniel Roland Michener, PC, CC, CMM, OOnt, CD, QC
Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu



A page of the official register of the Order of Military Merit showing the calligraphy, signature and the insignia of each member and the insignia of the three levels of the Order
Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu



Lieutenant-Colonel Jean Marc Delisle, OMM, CD, adds his signature to the official register of the Order of Military Merit after receiving his insignia of Officer of the Order of Military Merit at a ceremony held at Rideau Hall, 6 March 2016
Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu

Commanders of the Order are appointed for outstanding meritorious service while fulfilling duties of great responsibility. This has been interpreted to mean that only flag and general officers are eligible to be appointed as Commanders.



Lieutenant-General Christine Theresa Whitecross, CMM, MSM, CD, receives her 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, 14 June 2016
Photo: MCpl Vincent Carbonneau



Officers of the Order are appointed for outstanding meritorious service while fulfilling duties of responsibility. This has been interpreted to mean that, generally, only officers in the ranks of lieutenant-commander/major to captain(N)/colonel are eligible to be appointed as Officers.



Captain(N) Raymond Kao, OMM, CD, receives his insignia of Officer of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 November 2013
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



Members of the Order are appointed for exceptional service or performance of duty. This has been interpreted to mean that non-commissioned members (NCMs) and commissioned officers up to the rank of lieutenant(N)/captain are eligible to be appointed as Members.



Sergeant Rachel Girard, MMM, CD, receives her insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 June 2015
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



In 2020, the Advisory Council of the Order directed that the interpretation of the rank at time of appointment that existed from 1972 to 2007 be restored as detailed in the preceding pages. Consequently, officers in the ranks of commodore/brigadier-general can no longer be nominated for the Officer level but will be considered for the Commander level by the Council among all general and flag officers, and officers in the ranks of lieutenant-commander/major can no longer be nominated for the Member level but only for the Officer level. This decision reverses the flexibility introduced in 2007 which did not have the intended effect and had a number of adverse unintended consequences. However, as it has been possible since the creation of the Order, it remains possible, usually through promotion in the Order, for junior officers and non-commissioned members to be appointed Officers of the Order provided outstanding achievements at a higher level of responsibility can be demonstrated.

A member of the Order may be promoted to a higher level when further distinguished service at a higher level of responsibility justifies it. In these cases, the promoted member will return the insignia of the lower level and only wear the full-size and miniature insignia as well as the lapel badge related to the highest appointment. Moreover, they will only use the post-nominal letters related to the promoted level. However, the promoted member may wear the devices related to the current and past appointments on the undress ribbon of the Order. 120 promotions have been made since the foundation of the Order but only one person has held successively all three levels of the Order, namely General Joseph Gérard Maurice Baril, OC, CMM, MSM, CD, who was also the Principal Commander of the Order while Chief of the Defence Staff.



Two ribbon devices indicating a promotion from Officer to Commander
Photo: DH&R



General Joseph Gérard Maurice Baril, OC, CMM, MSM, CD
Photo: DND

Nominations coming from the chain of command are considered once a year by the Advisory Council of the Order of Military Merit, which is chaired by the Chief of the Defence Staff and includes as members the Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, the Commanders of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force as well as a representative of the Governor General. The Chair submits the Council's recommendations to the Governor General for final approval on behalf of The Queen.

Only those who are serving members of the CAF (those eligible are members of the Regular Force, Primary Reserve, Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) and Canadian Rangers) on the date of the meeting of the Advisory Council may be considered for admission or promotion in the Order as Members, Officers or Commanders.

Members of the Canadian Royal Family may be appointed as extraordinary Members, Officers or Commanders of the Order. The first such appointment was that of His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, who was appointed an extraordinary



His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh, PC, KG, KT, OM, GBE, AK, ONZ, QSO, GCL, CC, CMM, CD, ADC, 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, Toronto, 26 April 2013

Photo: PA

Commander of the Order in 2013. As consort to the Founding Sovereign of the Order, he had served in various honorary capacities in the CAF since 1953 and held the highest honorary rank in each of the three services. On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Order, and to recognize the long and distinguished service of this senior member of the Royal Family with the CAF, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales was appointed an extraordinary Commander of the Order on 12 April 2022. The Prince of Wales had 45 years of CAF service, held nine CAF honorary appointments and three honorary ranks at the time. Moreover, the Governor General, as Chancellor of the Order, is also appointed an extraordinary Commander of the Order.



His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, PC, KG, KT, GCB, OM, AK, QSO, GCL, CC, CMM, SOM, CD, ADC, touches his insignia of Commander of the Order of Military Merit to symbolically accept it while being congratulated by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary May Simon, CC, CMM, COM, OQ, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, Large Drawing Room, Rideau Hall, Ottawa, 18 May 2022
Photo: MCpl Anis Assari



His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales wears his insignia of Commander of the Order of Military Merit shortly after his investiture as he lays a wreath at the National War Memorial, Ottawa, 18 May 2022
Photo: MCpl Anis Assari

Members of foreign armed forces may be appointed honorary members of the Order. Only one such appointment has been made to date when General Richard Myers, CMM, MSC, of the United States Air Force was appointed an honorary Commander in 2004.



General Raymond Roland Joseph Henault, CMM, MSC, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, invests General Richard B. Myers of the United States Air Force with his insignia of CMM, Washington D.C., 1 February 2005. General Myers was the first and remains the only honorary member of the Order; he had already been awarded the Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division) in 2000
Photo: DND

The investitures generally take place at Rideau Hall, and occasionally at the Citadelle in Quebec City, two to three times yearly where the Governor General presents the recently appointed or promoted members with the insignia of their membership in the Order.

From March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions on gatherings made it impossible to hold in person honours ceremonies. Given the importance of timely recognition for morale and esprit de corps in the military context, and in order to address the growing list of deserving recipients awaiting the presentation of their insignia as the situation persisted, the Governor General exceptionally

delegated to the Chief of the Defence Staff the authority to present certain honours, including the insignia to members of the Order. Under these unique circumstances, the presentations were made virtually with groups of recipients with the first one taking place on 12 August 2021.



Master Warrant Officer Derek Wayne Holmstead, MMM, CD receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from Her Excellency the Right Honorable Mary May Simon, CC, CMM, COM, OQ, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, during a virtual ceremony, 1 November 2021
Photo: Sgt Mathieu St-Amour



Views of the typical layout of the ballroom for an investiture of the Order at Rideau Hall
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne and MCpl Vincent Carbonneau



In addition to being authorized to wear the appropriate insignia and use the post-nominals related to their membership, the members of the Order enjoy heraldic privileges. Any distinguished Canadian may petition the Chief Herald of Canada for a grant of personal armorial bearings under the Royal Prerogative. All members of the Order may surround their shield of arms with the motto circling of the Order and suspend their insignia therefrom. Moreover, Commanders of the Order are entitled to supporters in their arms.



The arms granted in 2017 to General Alfred John Gardyne Drummond de Chastelain, CC, CMM, CD, CH (Retired). The arms include supporters, to which he is entitled as a Companion of the Order of Canada and Commander of the Order of Military Merit. The motto circling of the Order of Canada, his senior honour, surrounds his shield and the insignia of Companion of the Order of Canada along with those of Commander of the Order of Military Merit and Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour are displayed beneath the shield

Photo: Canadian Heraldic Authority



The arms granted in 2017 to Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Alfred Curley, MMM, CD. The motto cirlet of the Order surrounds his shield and the insignia of Member of the Order along with the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals are displayed beneath the shield
Photo: Canadian Heraldic Authority



The arms granted in 2022 to Major George Charles Garrard, MMM, CD (Retired). The motto cirlet of the Order surrounds his shield and the insignia of Member of the Order along with the General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA with one rotation bar and the Canadian Forces' Decoration with two clasps are displayed beneath the shield
Photo: Canadian Heraldic Authority

In 2011, members of the Order of the rank of captain(N)/colonel and above were authorized to act as volunteer presiding officials for the swearing in of new Canadian citizens. The rank limit was later reduced to commander/lieutenant-colonel. In 2019, this was further expanded to include members of the Order who hold, or held at retirement, the substantive rank of chief petty officer 1st class/chief warrant officer or are/were commissioned officers. Finally, in 2020, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) removed all rank limitations so that members of the Order at any rank may identify themselves to act as a volunteer presiding official. When Members of the Order are newly appointed, they receive a letter from the Registrar of Canadian citizenship with details on the program. When invited by IRCC to preside over citizenship ceremonies, members of the Order who are serving members of the CAF shall seek and obtain chain of command approval, at minimum, at base/wing/formation level prior to accepting the invitation.



Colonel Richard Francis Pucci, OMM, CD, Chief of Staff at the Canadian Forces Health Services Group, presides over a citizenship ceremony
Photo: Public Domain

All the aforementioned privileges may be exercised from the moment the person is officially informed of the appointment with the exception of the wearing of the full-size insignia, which will not be received and worn until the formal investiture ceremony.

The members of the Order have been admitted into a select society of merit in recognition of their long and distinguished military service to Crown and Country. As members of such a society, members may resign from it or be expelled if they fail to uphold the principle of honour.

A resignation is made through a written request from a member to the Secretary General of the Order and becomes effective when the Governor General signs an ordinance accepting the resignation. There have been five resignations from the Order thus far, the first was in the very early days of the Order where a newly appointed member refused the honour out of humility and had to resign given the appointment had already been approved. The other four are more recent and it is highly likely, in light of the reasons, that the appointments would have been terminated if the members had not voluntarily resigned.

Resignations from the Order				
Name	Level	Effective date of appointment	Effective date of resignation	Reason
Master Warrant Officer Isabel Joan Burridge	MMM	13 December 1973	August 1974	Humility
Lieutenant-Colonel J.R. Roger Guilbault	OMM	6 September 1995	11 March 2002	Confessed and convicted of inappropriate behaviour involving cadets
Master Warrant Officer William Edward Lang <i>(Retired)</i>	MMM	23 October 2015	22 November 2018	Confessed wearing insignia without lawful authority
Master Warrant Officer Rock Lanteigne <i>(Retired)</i>	MMM	7 December 1994	11 February 2022	Confessed wearing honours without lawful authority
General Jonathan Holbert Vance <i>(Retired)</i>	CMM	26 September 2013, previously OMM from 28 November 2008	20 April 2022	Pleaded guilty to one count of obstruction of justice

Terminations are the only form of sanction in the Order. They are imposed when a member brings discredit to the Order. Like admissions, terminations are considered by the Advisory Council and its Chair, the Chief of the Defence Staff, transmits the Council’s recommendation to the Governor General. In its deliberations, the Council will consider any representation provided by the member along with all relevant facts related to the case. The termination takes effect when the Governor General signs the ordinance. The decision is final as honours are not a right but a privilege granted by the Crown to those who are honourable. There have been three terminations in the history of the Order, all of them related, at least in part, to the unlawful wear of honours and insignia, something which is not only an insult to our Sovereign and the Order but goes against the basic ethos of the CAF.

Otherwise, membership in the Order is for life. The insignia is not returnable upon death and may be retained in the family as an heirloom or donated to a recognized museum.

Terminations from the Order				
Name	Level	Effective date of appointment	Effective date of termination	Reason
Lieutenant-Colonel Deborah Lynn Miller	OMM	2 October 2007	22 December 2014	Plead guilty to six charges in two courts martial related to falsification of documents and the unlawful wear of medals and insignia.
Master Warrant Officer (reduced in rank to Warrant Officer) Richard Fancy	MMM	10 October 2014	3 March 2017	Plead guilty to three charges related to the unlawful wear of medals and insignia.
Captain Jean-Charles Perreault (<i>Retired</i>)	MMM	7 December 1994	3 February 2021	Unlawful wear of medals and insignia.

In 2017, the *Société nationale d'entraide de la Médaille Militaire* (in French only) (SNEMM) of France, in order to show its gratitude for Canada's military contribution in France during the two world wars and to establish a link between two of our nation's respective highest military honours, generously offered to extend the benefits open to its members to the members of the Order of Military Merit. The *Médaille Militaire* was created by Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte, Prince-President and future Napoléon III, in 1852 and is France's second highest honour. The SNEMM is an association of its recipients.



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Photo: DH&R



Logo of the *Société nationale d'entraide de la Médaille Militaire*
Photo: DH&R

The arrangement between the SNEMM and the Order was formalized through the signature of a Convention signed by Lieutenant-General Charles Adrien Lamarre, CMM, MSC, CD, then Commander of Military Personnel Command, and Mr. Jean-Pierre Martin, then President-General of the SNEMM, at National Defence Headquarters (Carling) on 10 May 2018. On the same occasion, the SNEMM presented the Order with one of its antique flags accompanied by an engraved glass plaque. The historical significance of the flag was further enhanced by the fact that the President of the SNEMM, shortly prior to coming to Canada, had travelled to Vimy and laid the flag on the altar of sacrifice of the Canadian National Memorial. In order to reciprocate this generous symbolic gesture, the Order, which has no affiliated society and had no similar flag, commissioned a distinctive flag bearing the seal of the Order rendered in the colours of its ribbon, blue and gold. The flag was mounted on a maple staff with a sculpted padouk maple leaf finial, the creation of Warrant Officer Francis Bérubé. A duplicate of the Order's flag was later created and is now on permanent display, along with the French SNEMM flag and plaque, in purpose-built cabinets eventually relocated to the Hall of Honour in Building 5 of National Defence Headquarters (Carling). The Order also presented to the SNEMM one of the limited edition Spode plates commissioned to mark the 40th anniversary of the Order in 2012. Plate number 166 of 250 was presented to represent the number of years of existence of the *Médaille Militaire* since its creation in 1852.



Signature of the Convention between the Order of Military Merit and the *Société nationale d'entraide de la Médaille Militaire*, Ottawa, Ontario, 10 May 2018
Photo: DND



Lieutenant-General Charles Adrien Lamarre, CMM, MSC, CD, Commander of Military Personnel Command, presenting the Order of Military Merit plate to Mr. Jean-Pierre Martin, President-General of the SNEMM, Ottawa, Ontario, 10 May 2018
Photo: DND



Presentation of the Order of Military Merit flag, especially commissioned for the occasion, Ottawa, Ontario, 10 May 2018
Photo: DND



Flag of the Order of Military Merit
Photo: DH&R



The flags on permanent display in purpose-built cabinets located in the Hall of Honour in Building 5 of National Defence Headquarters (Carling)
Photo: DH&R

After a hiatus caused by the world-wide pandemic, and on the occasion of the 170th anniversary of the *Médaille Militaire* and the 50th anniversary of the Order of Military Merit, the arrangement was refreshed and given new life through the signature of a new *Déclaration d'intention de collaboration* (Declaration of intent to cooperate). This new Declaration was signed in the Hall of Honour of National Defence Headquarters (Carling) on 28 April 2022 by Lieutenant-General Frances Jennifer Allen, CMM, CD, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, and Mr. Christophe Raisonnier, National Administrator assigned by the President-General of the SNEMM, Mr. José Miguel Réal.

The new Declaration, like the original Convention, includes some clauses related to cooperation between the two countries as well as specific clauses related to advantages for individual members of the Order of Military Merit such as the possibility to become member of the 1846th Section of the *Médaille Militaire* in Canada as associate members and thereby adhere to the SNEMM and gain access to all advantages open to SNEMM members.

The details of the Declaration and of the advantages extended to members of the Order can be found on the DH&R web site listed in the Contact Us section on the inside cover of this publication.

As a token of the Canadian Armed Forces' gratitude for this generous offer, one of the partners of the Canadian Forces Appreciation Program, Choice Hotels®, has offered to extend the same special rate to the members of the SNEMM as it offers to serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces.

In addition to the launch of the aforementioned books, a number of other initiatives were taken to mark the 40th and 45th anniversaries of the foundation of the Order, most were described in detail in the 2017 Register. Two of the most important projects were the creation of a monument to the creation of the Order, in the form of a bust of Her Majesty The Queen as Founding Sovereign of the Order, now relocated to the Hall of Honour in Building 5 of National Defence Headquarters (Carling), and the launch of a new line of promotional items which has served to enhance the visibility of the Order and increase the feeling of fellowship among its members, especially after retirement. The items, which include an Order's tie, scarf, cufflinks and glassware, among others, can be purchased from the official supplier, Guthrie Woods Products Ltd. (<https://guthriewoods.com/product-category/order-of-military-merit/>) and a portion of the proceeds is donated to military charity. 2017 also saw



The new Declaration signed in the Hall of Honour of National Defence Headquarters (Carling), 28 April 2022
Photo: DND

the launch of a \$20 pure silver coin by the Royal Canadian Mint to mark the 45th anniversary of the Order. Since then, the agreement with the SNEMM with the resulting new Order's flag, the creation of stationary for the officials of the Order as well as the present publication marking the 50th anniversary of the Order continue to help build the traditions and symbolic lexicon of this already venerable institution.



Pure silver coin of the Order of Military Merit struck by the Royal Canadian Mint to mark the 45th anniversary of the Order in 2017
Photo: DH&R



The Order's necktie, one of the promotional items created in 2012
Photo: Guthrie Woods Products Limited



The sculpture in its permanent location at National Defence Headquarters Ottawa (Carling)
Photo: DH&R

*The motto of the Order is **OFFICIUM ANTE COMMODUM** which means "Service before self".*

*Statistical
Analysis*



A statistical analysis of all appointments to and promotions in the Order of Military Merit from its establishment on 1 July 1972 to its 50th anniversary on 1 July 2022 has been conducted and the findings are discussed below by topic. Many of these topics were also studied in some depth in Chapter Three of the original publication on the Order of Military Merit in 2012. These findings will not be repeated in detail herein but an update on recent trends is provided. It should be noted that differences will be seen in some of the statistics when compared with previous publications. This is the results of changes and adjustments made to reflect the removal of members who resigned or had their appointment terminated as well as additional research conducted since then.

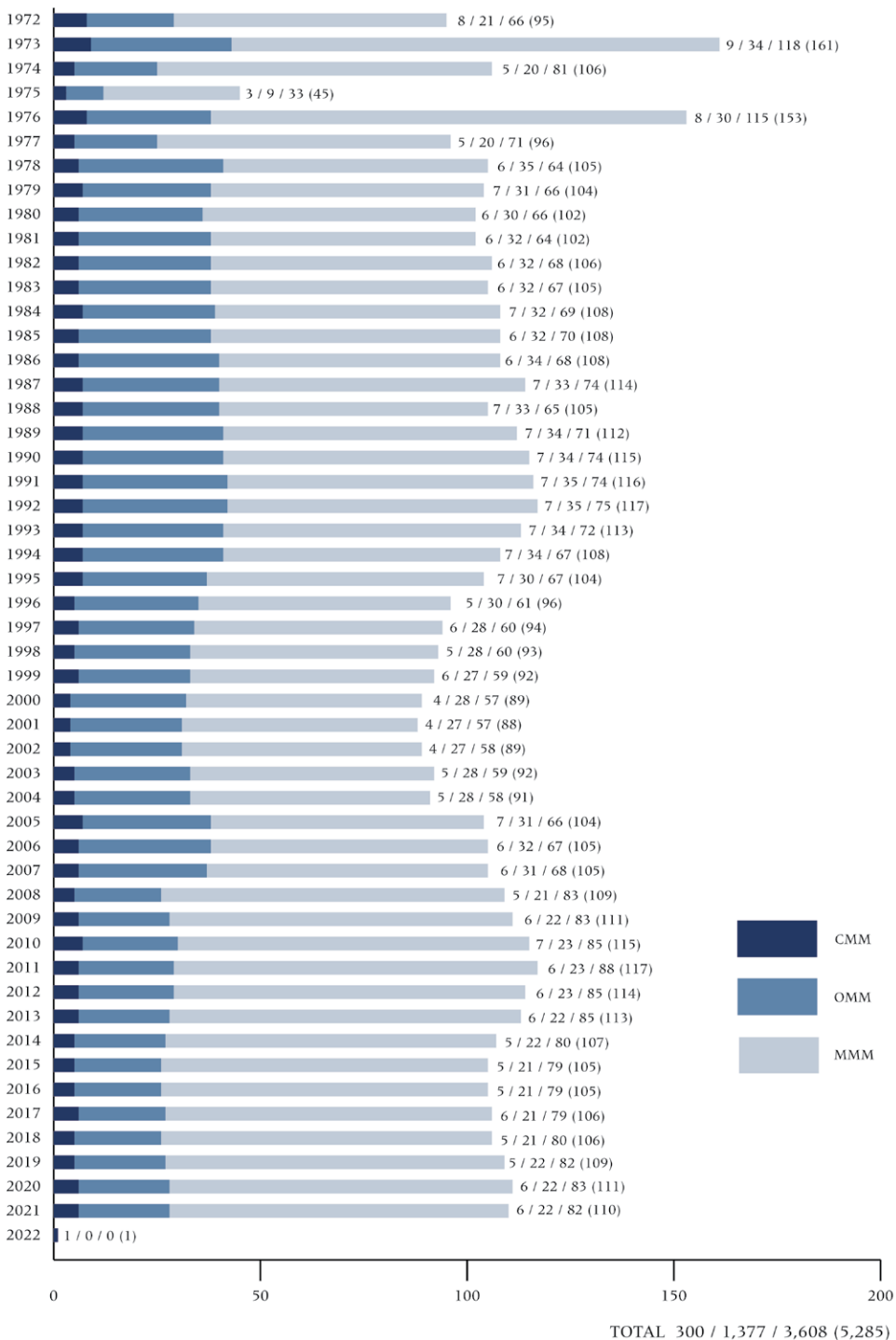


Brigadier-General John James Grant, CMM, CD receives his insignia of Commander of the Order of Military Merit from Her Excellency the Right Honorable Jeanne Mathilde Sauvé, PC, CC, CMM, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, Rideau Hall, 21 September 1988
Photo: McCreery collection

Number of Appointments and Promotions

The annual number of appointments (including promotions) is dictated by the Constitution of the Order and is limited to 0.1% of the total strength of the CAF in the preceding year. This means that the number of appointments in each year has varied with the size of the CAF over the last 50 years as illustrated in the graph below. Initially, only the strength of the Regular and Primary Reserve Forces were taken into account but since 2005, the CIC and Canadian Rangers have also been included, which has resulted in an increase of the number of annual appointments by 13. Within the annual limit, 5% are appointed Commanders, 20% Officers and 75% Members although between 1977 and 2007, the proportions were 6% CMM, 30% OMM and 64% MMM.

Annual Number of Appointments



The total number of appointments made since the creation of the Order is 5,285; 300 Commanders, 1,377 Officers, and 3,608 Members. Not included in these numbers and the following statistics are five of those appointed who subsequently resigned from the Order and three other appointments that were terminated as detailed in the introduction.

Besides the current and past Governors General who became members in the Extraordinary Division of the Order when it was created in 2013, only two extraordinary appointments have been made, those of extraordinary CMM to His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh in 2013 and His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales in 2022 . Only one honorary appointment has ever been made, that of honorary CMM to United States Air Force General R. Myers in 2004. These last three appointments are discussed in greater detail in the Introduction.

There have been 120 promotions within the Order since 1972, 19 from MMM to OMM, and 101 from OMM to CMM. As mentioned in the Introduction, only one person has held successively all the grades in the Order, General J.G.M. Baril.

With 50 years of history, it is also interesting to see that many service couples, siblings and parent/children appointments have occurred. While there is no specific statistical data on such cases, there are numerous examples of which a few follow. Sergeant S.R. Bajema, MMM, CD was appointed in 1999 while his wife, Warrant Officer B.J. Bajema, MMM, CD, was appointed in 2011. Lieutenant-Colonel D.S.C. Mackay, OMM, CD joined the Order in 2001 while his wife, Lieutenant-Colonel (then Major) F.L. Chilton-Mackay, OMM, MSM, CD was appointed in 2006. Brigadier-General H. Jaeger OMM, MSM, CD was appointed in 2005 as a Colonel and was joined in the ranks of the Order in 2009 by her husband, Brigadier-General C.C. Thurrott, OMM, MSM, CD, also then a Colonel. Master Warrant Officer M. Davis, MMM, CD was made a Member in 2014 while Chief Warrant Officer M.A. Davis, MMM, CD joined his wife in the Order in 2016. Rear-Admiral G.R. Maddison, CMM, MSC, CD, who was promoted from OMM to CMM in 1997, was joined in the Order by his younger brother Rear-Admiral P.A. Maddison, CMM, MSM, CD, who was also promoted from OMM to CMM in 2010. Another pair of naval officer brothers are Rear-Admiral N.S. Greenwood, CMM, CD, who was promoted from OMM to CMM in 2010, and Captain(N) R. Greenwood, OMM, CD who was appointed in 2005. Major-General J.M.S Boivin, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD was initially made an OMM as a Lieutenant-Colonel in 2014, later to be promoted to CMM in 2021, while his brother, Brigadier-General J.R.S Boivin, OMM, MSC, CD, was appointed in 2018. Both also hold the Meritorious Service Cross while the former was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with a bar, a unique award combination. Former Chief of

the Defence Staff and Principal Commander of the Order, General J.H. Vance, MSC, CD, was made a CMM as a Lieutenant-General, he had been preceded in that honour by his father, Lieutenant-General J.E. Vance, CMM, CD, in 1983, but subsequently resigned from the Order in 2022 after having pleaded guilty to a charge of obstruction of justice. Col J.A.R. Gardam, OC, OMM, MSM, CD was appointed in 1980 while his son, Rear-Admiral D.C. Gardam, CMM, CD, followed in his footsteps, being first made an OMM in 2006 and promoted to CMM in 2013. Other father and son combinations include Chief Warrant Officer M.A. Macaulay, MMM, CD, who was appointed a Member in 1973 with his son, Colonel D.A. Macaulay, OMM, CD, being appointed an Officer in 2015, and Master Warrant Officer T.A.A. Daigle, MMM, CD, who was made a Member in 1992 while his son, Warrant Officer S.A. Daigle, MMM, CD, was similarly honoured in 2015. In 1999 came the first known occasion when spouses were appointed and invested simultaneously, Captain(N) D.W. Robertson and Captain(N) C.W. Preece, the former would later be promoted CMM as a Vice-Admiral in 2006. In 2015, two couples were admitted to the Order: Captain(N) M.B. Mulkins, OMM, CD and Captain(N) J.B. Zwick, OMM, CD, both were subsequently promoted to the rank of Commodore, and Warrant Officer T.L.S. Graham, MMM, CD and Master Warrant Officer D.J.-P.L. Pignatel, MMM, CD, later promoted to Master Warrant Officer and Chief Warrant Officer respectively. In 2019, they were followed by Captain G.A. Smit, MMM, SC, MSM, CD and Chief



Vice-Admiral Gregory Ralph Maddison, CMM, MSC, CD
Photo: LS Gerry McGovern



Rear Admiral Paul Andrew Maddison, CMM, MSM, CD
Photo: Sgt Serge Gouin

Warrant Officer D.L. Smit, MMM, CD but sadly, Chief Warrant Officer Smit died as a result of a tragic accident before she could be invested and Captain Smit received both his insignia and that of his late wife in a private ceremony presided by the Acting Chief of the Defence Staff, Lieutenant-General W.D. Eyre, CMM, MSC, CD on 5 July 2021. The first couple of Canadian Rangers were Ranger K.A. Andersen, MMM, CD, who was admitted 2019, followed by her husband, Ranger W. Barry, MMM, CD, the following year. These few examples illustrate how military service and excellence run in many Canadian families.



Commodore Marta Beattie Mulkins, OMM, CD, and Commodore Jeffery Blair Zwick, OMM, CD, receive their insignia of Officer of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 10 November 2016
Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu



Uniform and Branch Representation

Each year, the annual allocation is divided proportionally between the five nominating commands based on their demographic weight: Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff (which serves as the umbrella nominating command for all smaller commands and groups), Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force and Military Personnel Command. Although the uniform representation is not exact as two of those commands include personnel from all three environments, this ensures the appointments are in approximate proportion to the environments but more importantly, that they are equitably distributed within the CAF population.

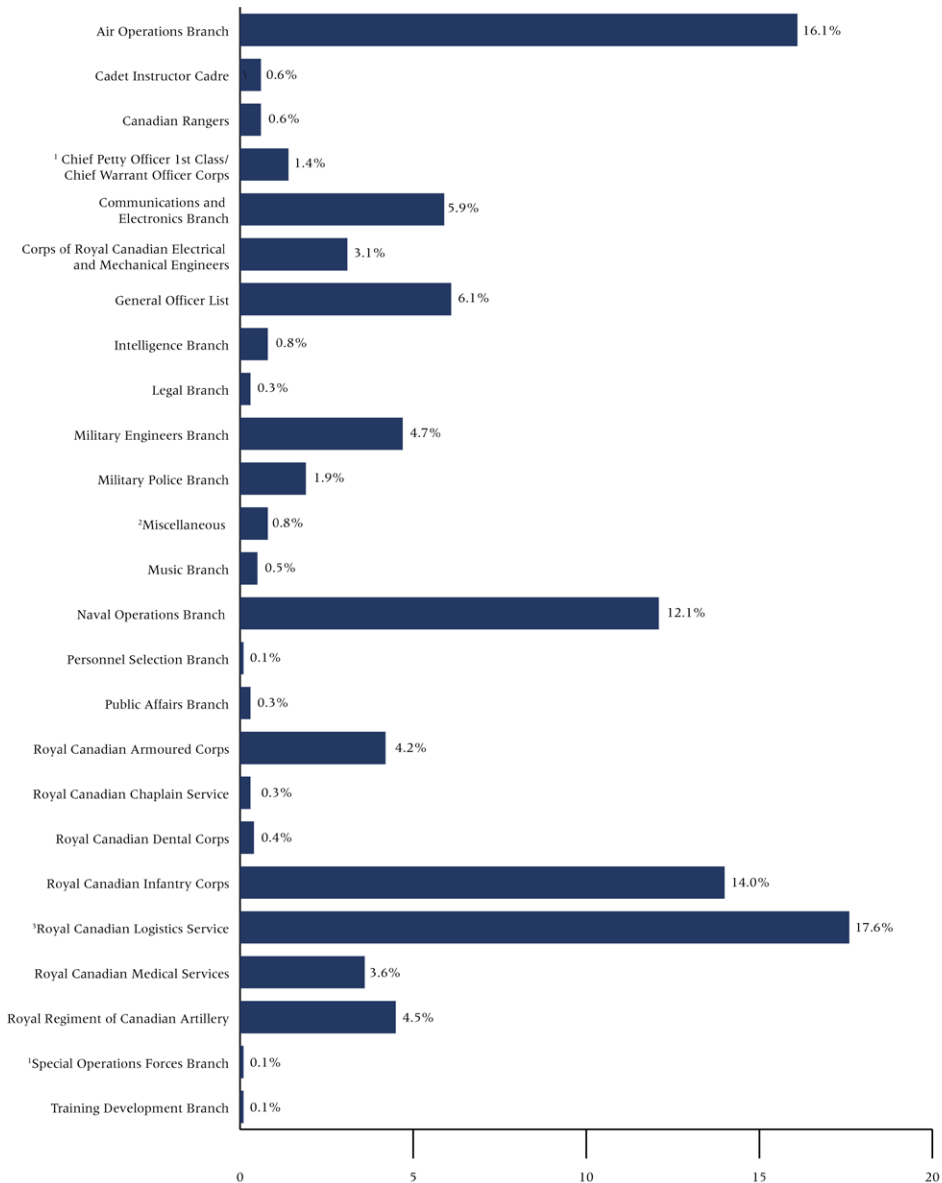
For example, for the 2021 nomination cycle, there was a total limit of 109 appointments with 5 CMMs (aside from the new governor general, which does not count against the allocations), 22 OMMs and 82 MMMs. The CMMs are managed by a different process by the Council but the OMMs and MMMs were allocated to the five nominating commands based on their respective strength as follows:

Command	OMM	MMM	TOTAL
VCDS	8	14	22
RCN	2	9	11
CA	5	39	44
RCAF	3	12	15
MILPERSCOM	4	8	12
TOTAL	22	82	104

It is each command's responsibility to ensure their own submissions represent the various branches, formations, units and geographical regions that make up their organization.

Appointments by Branches and Corps

Note that some of the branches have changed names or been amalgamated over the years.



¹ As of 2018, Chief Petty Officer 1st Class/Chief Warrant Officer Corps and Special Operations Forces Branch are showing under their own Branch/Corps

² Miscellaneous includes former Physical Education and Recreation Branch as well as some recipient's branches who could not be identified

³ Administration and Postal Branches have been transferred under the Royal Canadian Logistics Services

Component Representation

The vast majority of appointments to the Order have been to members of the Regular Force and it has been a constant challenge to have an appropriate representation of the Primary Reserve and other Reserve components in the membership of the Order.

In the early years of the Order, while the Primary Reserve made up approximately 20% of the CAF, it received only 10.5% of the appointments in 1972, 7.5% in 1973 and a mere 3.8% in 1974. By 1980, the Primary Reserve constituted 21.4% of the CAF and received 8.8% of the appointments. The 2007 review of the Order found that the Primary Reserve then constituted 31.2% of the total CAF strength but that it was still seriously underrepresented in the ranks of the Order with 13.3% of the appointments that year. In 2007, the Council established a 20% target for Primary Reserve appointments, which had a positive effect almost immediately with representation going up slightly to 13.5% in 2009 and reaching an all-time high of 24.3% in 2010. From 2011 to 2020, the proportion has been 15.7% on average but reached 21.8% for the 2021 list.



Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Roy Junor, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from Her Excellency the Right Honorable Michaëlle Jean, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, Rideau Hall, 24 February 2009
Photo: Sgt Serge Gouin

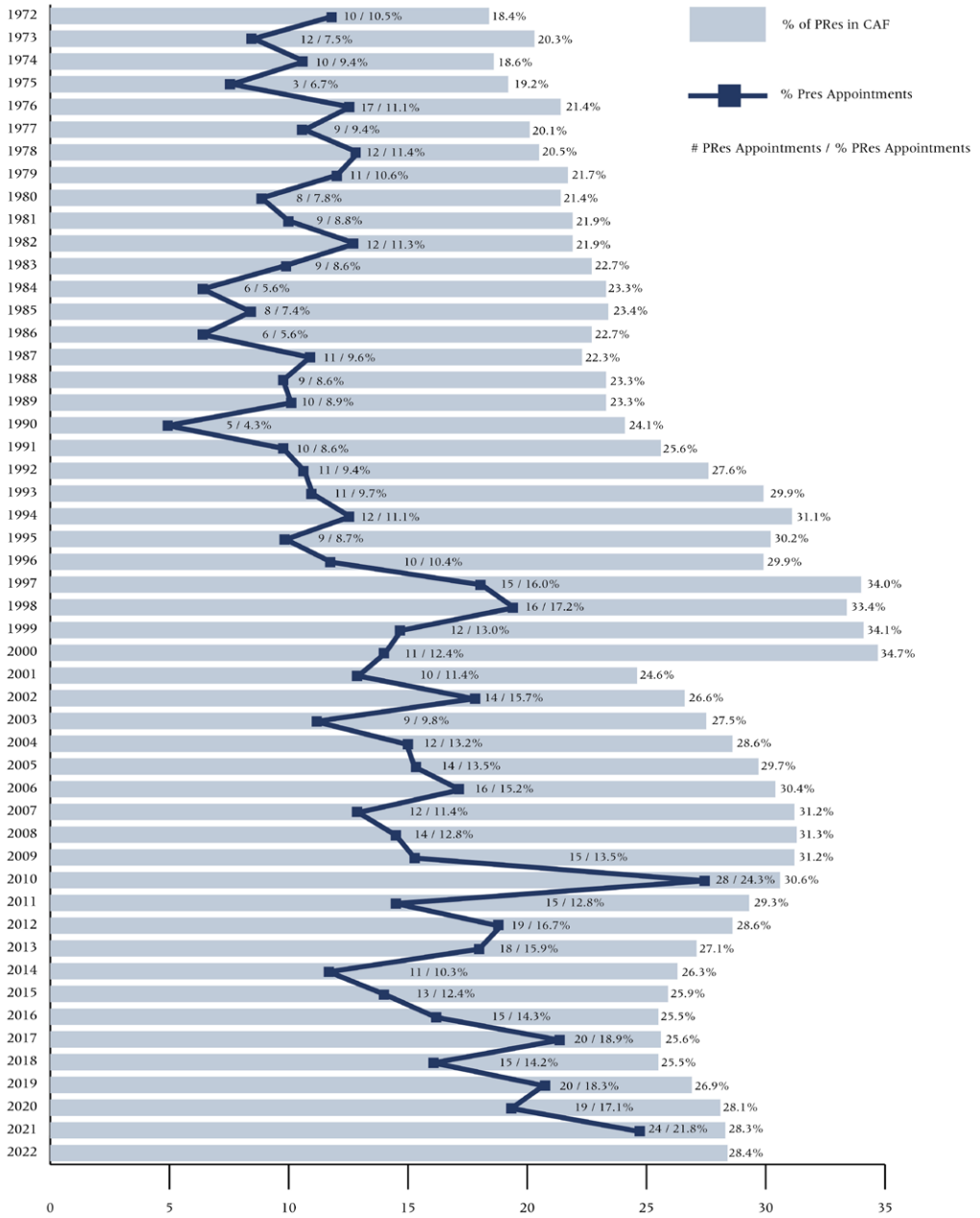


Major Marie Gisèle Carmen Hamel, MMM, CD, receives her insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 9 December 2010
Photo: MCpl Dany Veillette



Sergeant Markussie Qinuajuak, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 18 February 2011
Photo: Sgt Serge Gouin

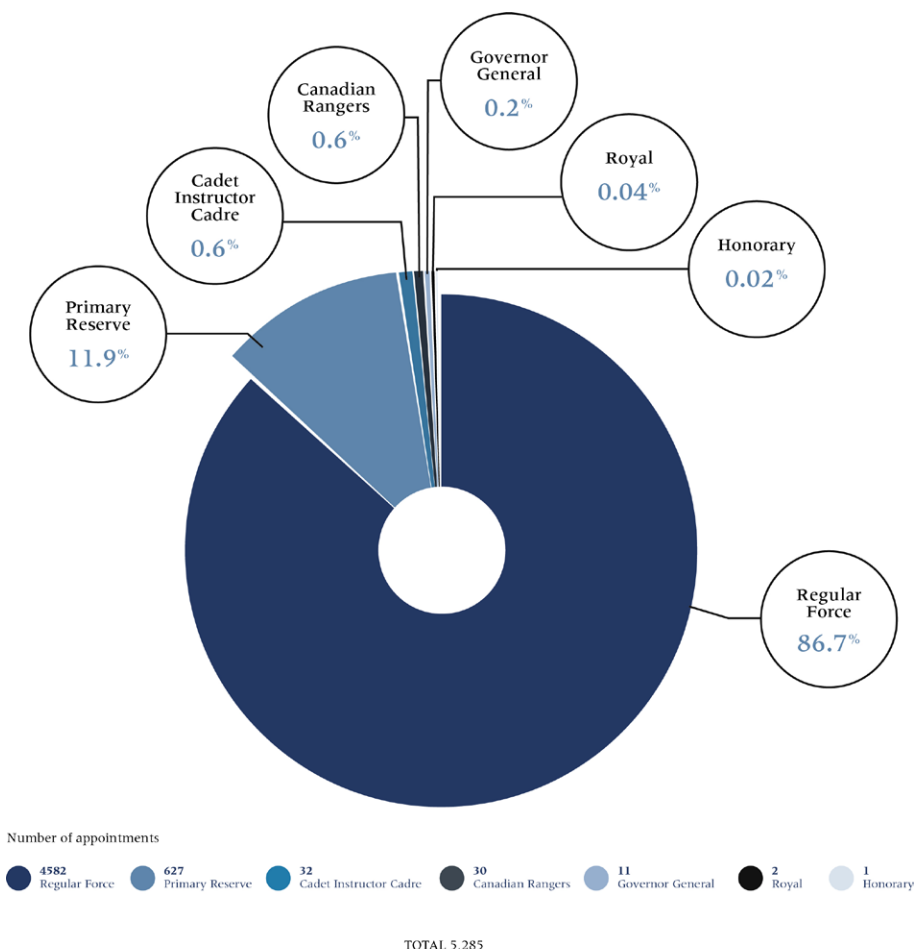
Primary Reserve Representation over Time



Similarly, while the CIC and Canadian Rangers have been taken into account in establishing the CAF total strength for the purpose of the Order's allocation since 2005, these groups did not routinely receive appointments until the Council decided in 2006 to reserve one MMM appointment per year for each group. Until then, only 16 CIC and three Rangers had been appointed to the Order. While it took a couple of years for candidates to be submitted, these positions are now filled every year and some commands have even recommended additional CIC and Rangers out of their own allocations in some years.

Thus far, 627 members of the Primary Reserve have been appointed to the Order, 11.9% of all appointments, while 32 CICs (0.6%) and 30 Canadian Rangers (0.6%) have been similarly honoured.

Appointments by Component



Rank Representation

As it was explained in the original 2012 publication on the Order, rank representation has been and continues to be a challenge for the Order. When the Order was created, a conscious and significant effort was made to ensure it would be representative of the entire CAF, including its various ranks. Indeed in the first few lists, every rank was represented in significant numbers. The 1972 list had two ordinary seamen/privates, five leading seamen/corporals, seven master seamen/master corporals, 16 petty officers 2nd class/sergeants, one sub-lieutenant/lieutenant and 12 lieutenants(N)/captains. Moreover, ten lieutenants(N)/captains were appointed OMMs directly in 1972 based on their level of responsibility. More would be so admitted and especially promoted over the next few years.

Within a few years however, the appointments started to concentrate with more senior ranks, both for the officers and NCMs, a trend which continued thereafter. The proportions between the levels of the Order changed in 1977 from 5% CMM, 20% OMM and 75% MMM to 6% CMM, 30% OMM and 64% MMM. Although it was done in the hope that more captains and senior NCMs could be admitted as OMM or promoted to OMM from MMM, it had the effect to concentrate more appointments in more senior officers' ranks. Even this does not explain the change in the make-up of the MMM level over the years and the increasing concentration of appointments of chief petty officers 1st class/chief warrant officers, which was noticed with concern as early as the 1980s. By the time of the 2007 review, approximately 15% of serving captains(N)/colonels were members of the Order while 59.3% of all flag and general officers had been similarly honoured. Chief petty officers 1st class/chief warrant officers, who represented 0.8% of the CAF in 2005, received 34.6% of the appointments that year and 54.5% of the MMMs in that list. Conversely, officers below the ranks of lieutenant-commander/major and NCMs below the rank of petty officer 1st class/warrant officer, representing 80.3% of the CAF population, only made up 9.6% of the list.

Looking at the overall membership of the Order, we find that the rank of chief petty officer 1st class/chief warrant officer is the most represented, making up 23.6% of the membership, followed by that of chief petty officer 2nd class/master warrant officer at 18.6% and then, far behind, lieutenant-commander/major and commander/Lieutenant-colonel at 7.5% and 9.3% respectively. Officers represent 41% of the membership while NCMs make up 59%.

Efforts have been made in recent years to achieve a better representation, including the restoration of the 1972 proportions between the levels. More work remains to be done in this field if the Order is to remain meaningful to the entire CAF population and be seen as attainable by all. There are worthy candidates at all rank levels who distinguish themselves among their peers by their dedication, innovation and leadership and the Council hopes to see more varied nominations in terms of rank.



Chief Warrant Officer Marie Alphonsine Marina Roberge, MMM, CD, receives her insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 November 2013
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



Petty Officer 1st Class Yves François Clément, MMM, MSM, CD receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 June 2012
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

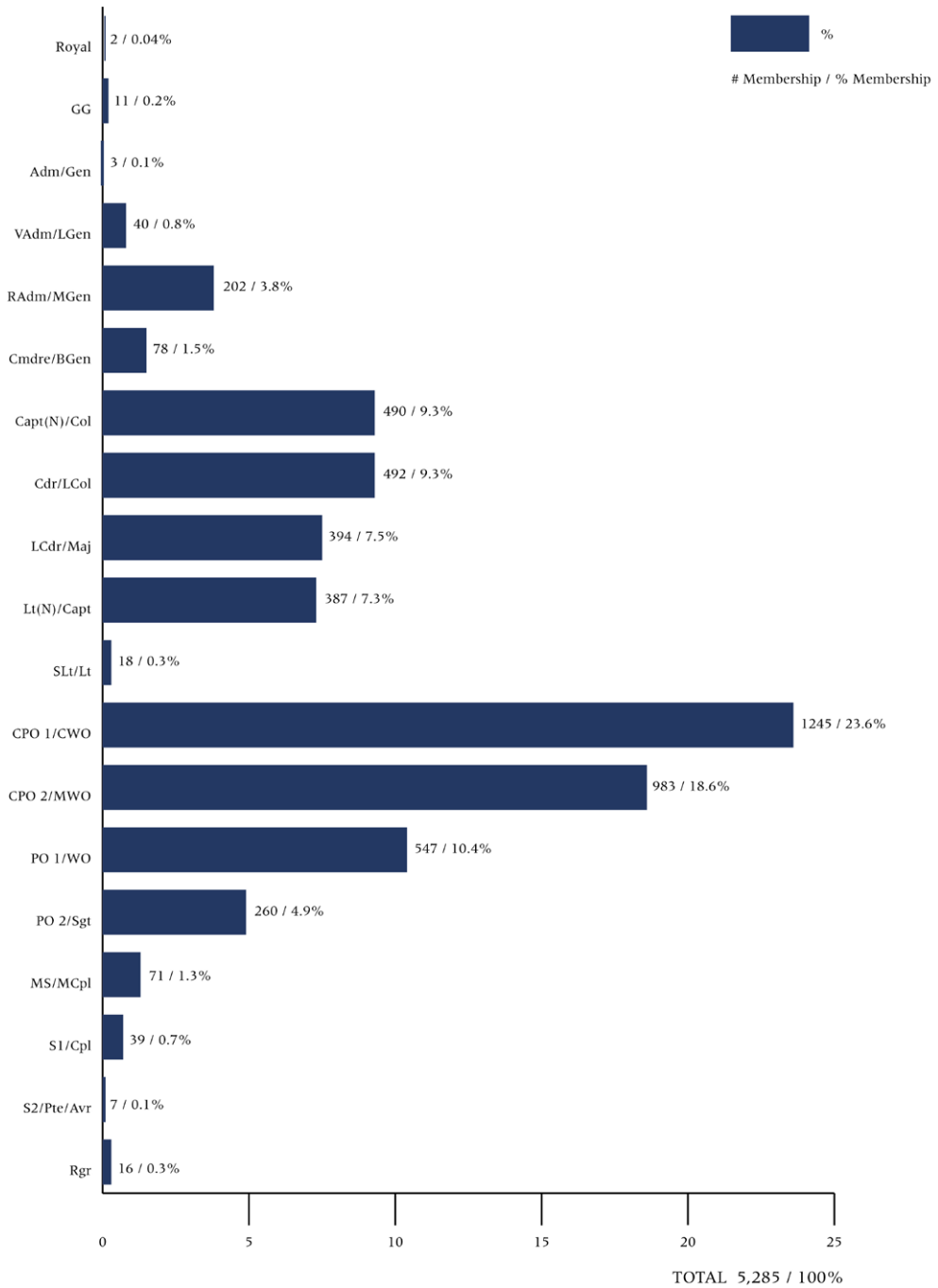


Captain Kirk Gilbert Drew, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 9 December 2010
Photo: MCpl Dany Veillette



Lieutenant-General David Byron Millar, CMM, CD, receives his insignia of Commander of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 7 November 2014
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Appointments by Rank



Years of Service

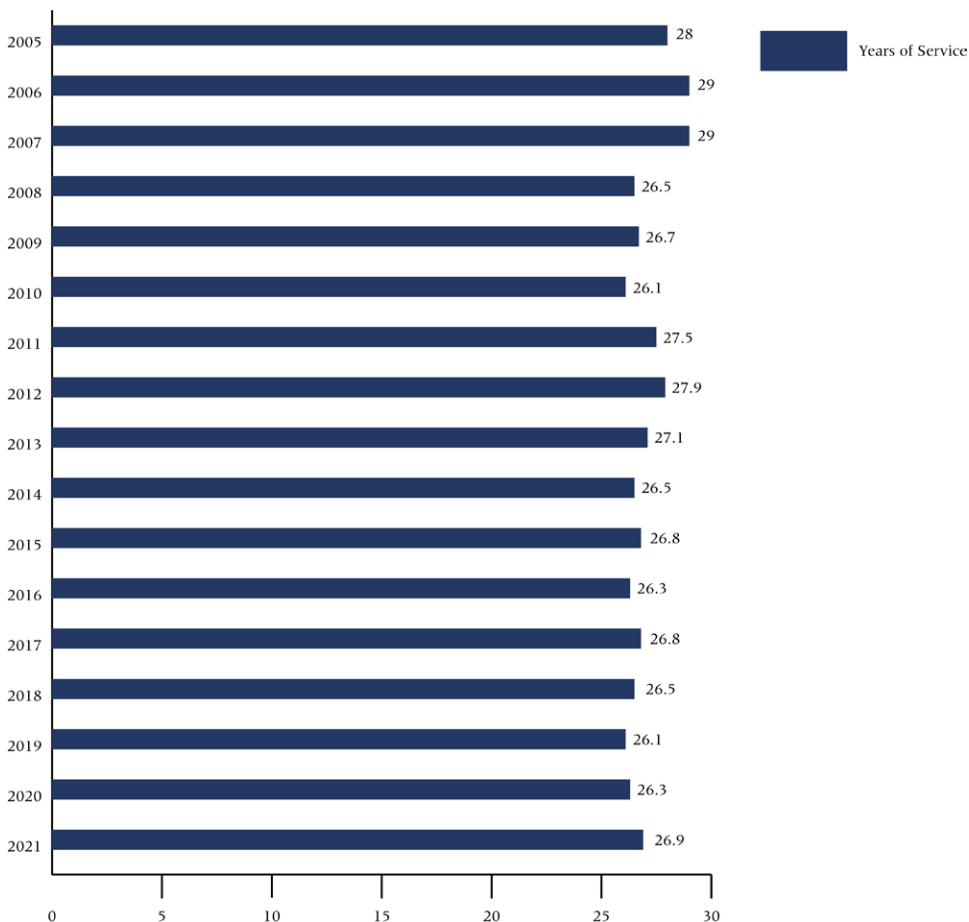
In Canada, orders mostly recognize long-term merit and consequently, it is usually people with more experience or years of service who are appointed. This being said, 'long-term' has never been formally defined and several years or a decade may be seen as long-term when compared with more time-specific actions, which earn other forms of recognition. In the early years of the Order, the average number of years of service of the appointees was much lower than it later became. The inaugural year saw 12 appointees (12.8%) who had yet to receive their Canadian Forces' Decoration and therefore had less than 12 years of military service. A few years later, there were only a few on each list and they later became a rarity. This is explained by several factors. The increasing concentration of the appointments in senior ranks mentioned above also meant the appointments went to people with longer careers. The lack of alternative form of recognition for short-term merit or specific actions meant that the Order was sometimes used to recognize such actions in its early years, such as the appointments related to the hostilities in Cyprus in 1974 (one OMM and eight MMM) and the Iran Hostage Crisis in 1979-1980 (three MMM). The creation of the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation in 1974, Meritorious Service Cross in 1984 and Meritorious Service Medal in 1991 provided a range of tools for shorter-term recognition ensuring that the Order could then only be used for long-term merit. These two factors do not, on their own, explain the extent of the increase in the years of service of the appointees, which has several downsides.

While admission to an order is intended to recognize a person's own merit, the state also thereby identifies the values cherished and promoted by the state and its citizens and creates a role-model, which embodies these values with the view that others will strive to emulate this example in the hope, either conscious or subconscious, to be similarly recognized themselves. If the appointments are made just before the members retire from the CAF, the visibility of the role-model and potential motivator for others is lost. Moreover, when people are admitted at the very end of their career, they rarely have the opportunity to serve longer in positions of higher responsibility and become eligible for promotion within the Order. Promotions from MMM to OMM were much more frequent in the early years of the Order, especially for persons in the ranks of chief petty officers 1st class/chief warrant officers and lieutenant(N)/captain. With the increase in years of service of the candidates, these types of promotions are now very rare.

Further to the 2007 review, at which point the average years of service of the appointees was 28.8 years, the Council established a window for the ideal average number of years of service of all candidates, to be between 18 and 23 years of service. The aim is to recognize personnel at the peak of their career rather than the end, retaining them as role models and giving them increased chances of progression in the Order. While the average has marginally diminished since - it was 26.9 years for the 2021 list - the target has yet to be reached.

Average number of Year of Service of Persons Appointed 2005-2022

Years of service recorded include OMM and MMM only.



Gender Representation

As the CAF have striven to increase women representation in its ranks, the Order has also experienced considerable difficulties in reaching a level of women representation comparable to the demographic reality of the CAF. This was especially true in the first decades of the Order when women tended to have shorter careers than their male counterparts, and consequently had less opportunity to reach higher ranks and levels of responsibility. They were also concentrated in a few specific trades. For example, by 1979, women made up approximately 6.2% of the CAF and 1.9% of the appointments in the Order that year. This situation has changed dramatically over the life of the Order. Women now have longer careers, attain higher ranks and positions of responsibility and are present in every trade of the CAF. These factors, combined with the efforts expanded to ensure better representation in the Order, have generated much better results in recent years. The women representation has steadily increased to a point where they are represented in the Order to the same level they are represented in the CAF as a whole, and sometimes even more. For example, in 2021, women made up 18.1% of the CAF and received 31.8% of the appointments to the Order in that year.

So far, 415 women have been admitted or promoted in the Order representing 7.9% of the total membership. This number is divided between 13 Commanders (4.3%), 109 Officers (7.9%) and 293 Members (8.1%), including the promotions.

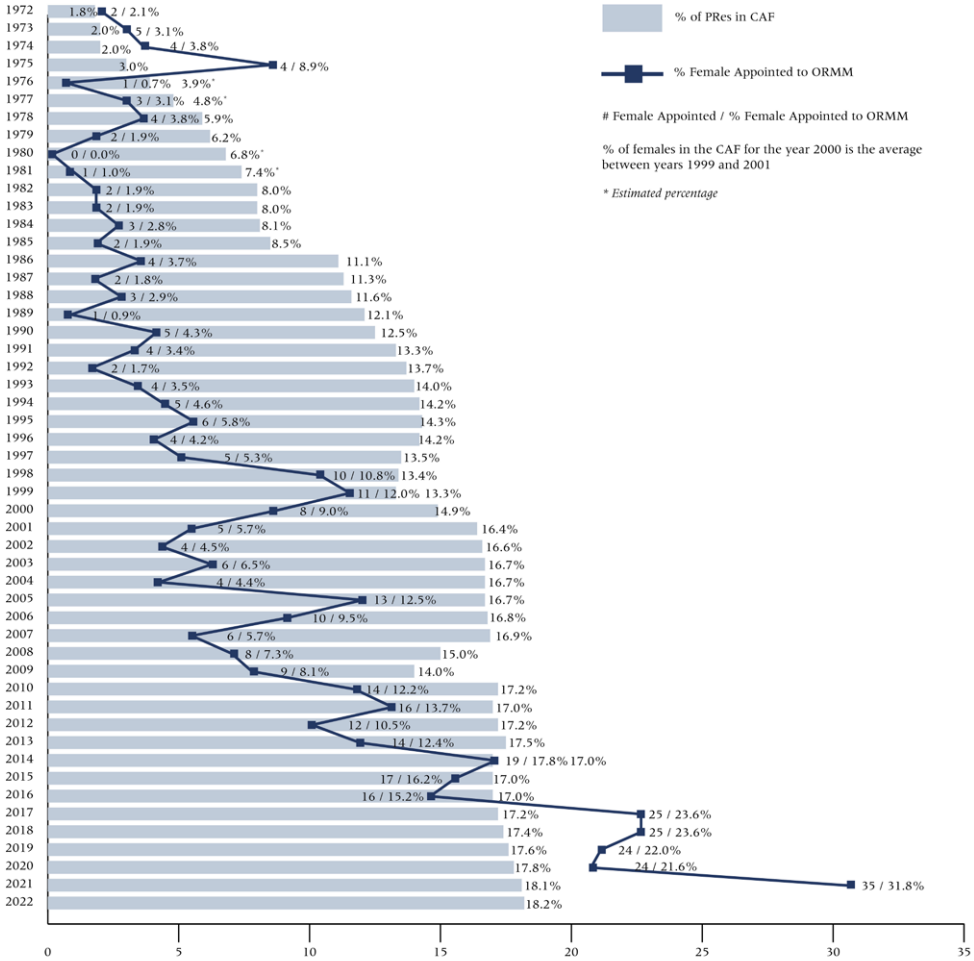


Chief Warrant Officer Chadley James Allen Wagar, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 12 December 2012
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Barbara Alena Mondelli, MMM, CD, receives her insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 February 2015
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Appointments by Gender



Aside from the five women Governors General, eight women have been appointed CMM, the first being Commodore L.F. Orthlieb in 1991. The 13 women CMMs thus far are:

The Right Honourable J.M. SAUVÉ, PC, CC, CMM, CD (1984)

Commodore L.F. ORTHLIEB, CMM, CD (*Retired*) (1991, OMM in 1986)

Major-General W.A. CLAY, CMM, CD (*Retired*) (1995)

The Right Honourable A.L. CLARKSON, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD (1999)

Major-General M.J.L. MATHIEU, CMM, CD (*Retired*) (2004, OMM in 1999)

The Right Honourable M. JEAN, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD (2005)

Rear-Admiral J.J. BENNETT, CMM, CD (*Retired*) (2012, OMM in 2004)

Lieutenant-General C.T. WHITECROSS, CMM, MSM, CD (*Retired*)
(2015, OMM in 2003)

The Right Honourable J. PAYETTE, CC, CMM, COM, CQ, CD (2017)

Lieutenant-General F.J. ALLEN, CMM, CD (2018, OMM in 2016)

Lieutenant-General M.A.J. CARIGNAN, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD (2020, OMM in 2015)

The Right Honourable M.M. SIMON, CC, CMM, COM, OQ, CD (2021)

Major-General M.H.L. BOURGON, CMM, MSC, CD (2021, OMM in 2018)

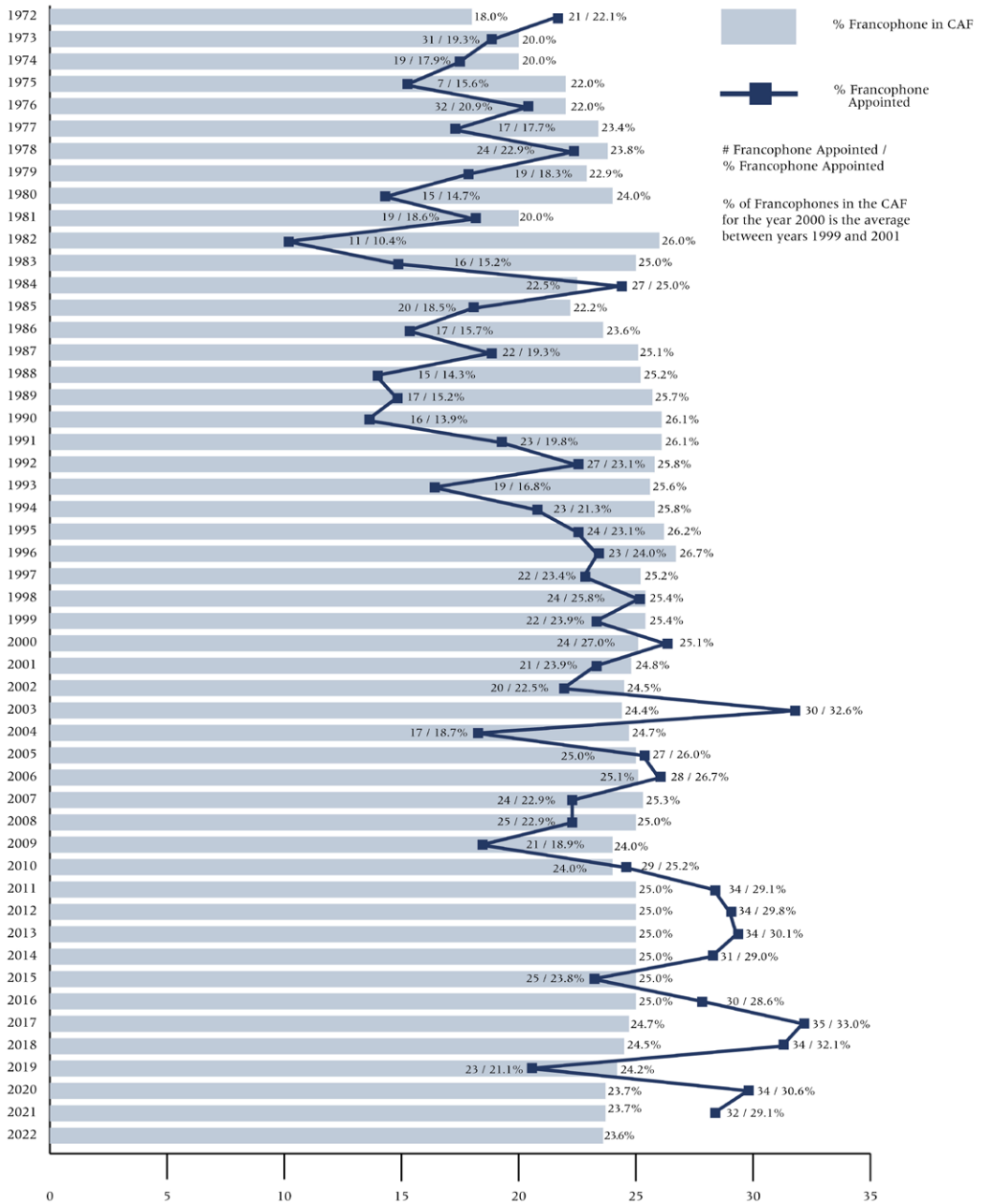
Linguistic Representation

While Francophone representation was an issue in the first few years of the Order, the linguistic representation in the Order is one that has more recently been close to that of the Canadian population and CAF demography. So far, 969 members whose First Official Language is French have been appointed, representing 20% of the membership in the Order.



Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Mario Denis Mailloux, MMM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 November 2013
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Appointments by First Official Language



Honours Combinations

All members of the Order of Military Merit have had distinguished careers and it is not infrequent for them to have received, either prior or subsequent to their appointment to the Order, other honours sometimes creating interesting and rare honours combinations. Besides members of the Royal Family and the Governors General, who stand in a category of their own in terms of honours received, other members of the Order also hold the following honours (the lists reflect the latest known rank and post-nominals letters):



Cross of Valour and Meritorious Service Cross

Chief Warrant Officer B.K. PIERCE,
CV, MMM, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

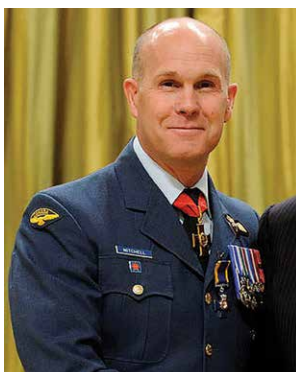


Cross of Valour and Meritorious Service Medal

Chief Warrant Officer K.P. MITCHELL,
CV, MMM, MSM, CD (*Retired*)



Chief Warrant Officer Bryan
Keith Pierce, CV, MMM, MSC,
CD
Photo: MCpl Dany Veillette



Master Warrant Officer Keith Paul
Mitchell, CV, MMM, MSM, CD,
Photo: MCpl Vincent
Charbonneau

Several members of the Order have been appointed to the Order of Canada or one of the provincial orders, usually after their retirement from the CAF. This is not an exhaustive list, especially as it concerns provincial orders, but provides a few examples:



General J.G.M. BARIL,
OC, CMM, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General C.H. BELZILE,
CM, CMM, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General J.J.C. BOUCHARD,
OC, CMM, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General P. BOUTET,
CM, CMM, CD (*Retired*)



Major D.A. CRAIG,
OMM, ONB, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General The Honourable R.A.J.L.R. DALLAIRE,
OC, CMM, GOQ, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

General A.J.G.D. de CHASTELAIN,
CC, CMM, CD, CH (*Retired*)

General J.A. DEXTRAZE,
CC, CMM, CBE, DSO, CD (*Retired*)

Colonel The Honourable D.S. ETHELL,
OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-Colonel G.M. FITZGIBBON,
CM, OMM, CD (*Retired*)

Rear-Admiral W.N. FOX-DECENT,
CM, CMM, OM, CD, QC (*Retired*)

Colonel I.S. FRASER,
OMM, ONS, CD (*Retired*)

Colonel J.A.R. GARDAM,
OC, OMM, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. GRANT,
CM, CMM, ONS, CD (*Retired*)

General R.J. HILLIER,
OC, CMM, ONL, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General W.A. HOWARD,
CM, CMM, CD, QC (*Retired*)

Major T.T. ITANI,
CM, OMM, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer P. LATULIPPE,
CM, MMM, CQ, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General B.J. LEGGE,
CM, CMM, ED, CD, QC (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-Colonel J.M.A. LEVESQUE,
OMM, OOnt, CD (*Retired*)

Major W.D. MAHONEY,
OMM, ONL, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General R.W. LEWIS,
CM, CMM, CD (*Retired*)

General P.D. MANSON,
OC, CMM, CD (*Retired*)

Commodore The Honourable R.J. MARIN,
CM, OMM, OOnt, CD, QC (*Retired*)

Colonel A.D.M. MATHESON,
CM, OMM, CD (*Retired*)

Captain K.H. MAYBEE,
CM, OMM, CD (*Retired*)

Vice-Admiral L.E. MURRAY,
CM, CMM, CD (*Retired*)

Honorary Lieutenant-General R.H. ROHMER,
OC, CMM, OOnt, DFC, CD, QC

Lieutenant-General G.A. TURCOT,
CM, CMM, CD (*Retired*)

Captain(N) W.H. WILSON,
OMM, AOE, CD (*Retired*)



The impressive group of medals of General Jacques Alfred Dextraze, CC, CMM, CBE, DSO, CD, includes a DSO and bar, one of only 18 such awards for the Canadian Army during the Second World War. The OBE he had received for his service in Korea was later upgraded to a CBE for gallantry for the Congo mission. He was made a Companion of the Order of Canada in 1978

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Order of Merit of the Police Forces

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel R.J. CHAPMAN,
MMM, MOM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer H. DUNBAR,
MMM, MOM, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-Colonel T.W. KOPAN,
OMM, MOM, CD (*Retired*)



Royal Victorian Order

Lieutenant-Commander T.J. CHRISTOPHER,
OMM, LVO, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General J.M.G. CLOUTIER,
CMM, CVO, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General G.E.C. MacDONALD,
CMM, MVO, CD (*Retired*)



Star of Military Valour

Brigadier-General W.H. FLETCHER,
OMM, SMV, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer J. PINCHIN,
MMM, SMV, CD

Warrant Officer C.W. RAMBHAROSE,
MMM, SMV, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer D.G. SHULTZ,
MMM, SMV, CD

Captain R. STACEY,
MMM, SMV, CD (*Retired*)



Warrant Officer David George Shultz, SMV, CD, receives his Star of Military Valour from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 13 November 2009. He was made an MMM in 2015

Photo: Sgt Serge Guoin



Star of Courage and Meritorious Service Cross

Major-General J.R.A.P. FORAND,
CMM, SC, MSC, CD (*Retired*)



Star of Courage and Medal of Bravery

Master Warrant Officer N.E. PENNY,
MMM, SC, MB, CD

Master Warrant Officer J.J.L.D. ST-LAURENT,
MMM, SC, MB, CD (*Retired*)



Star of Courage and Meritorious Service Medal

Petty Officer 2nd Class J.A. LEITH,
MMM, SC, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Captain G.A. SMIT,
MMM, SC, MSM, CD



Warrant Officer Joseph Joel Laurent Darcy St-Laurent, MMM, SC, MB, CD receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 5 March 2013
Photo: Cpl Roxanne Shewchuk



Petty Officer 2nd Class James Anthony Leith, MMM, SC, MSM, CD
Photo: Public Domaine



Star of Courage

Master Warrant Officer P.A. BAIDEN,
MMM, SC, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General J.R.A.P. FORAND,
CMM, SC, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

Captain K.T. GATHERCOLE,
OMM, SC, CD (*Retired*)

Petty Officer 2nd Class J.A. LEITH,
MMM, SC, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class J.L. McINTOSH,
MMM, SC, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer N.E. PENNY,
MMM, SC, MB, CD

Captain G.A. SMIT, MMM, SC, MSM, CD

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class C.J. SPARKES,
MMM, SC, CD

Master Warrant Officer J.J.L.D. ST-LAURENT,
MMM, SC, MB, CD (*Retired*)



Major-General Joseph Robert
Alain Pierre Forand, CMM, SC,
MSC, CD
Photo: TC Media - Julien Saguez



Meritorious Service Cross and Medal of Bravery

Chief Warrant Officer J.A.E. MACAULEY,
MMM, MSC, MB, CD (*Retired*)



Medal of Military Valour and Meritorious Service Medal

Brigadier-General M.L. LAPOINTE,
OMM, MMV, MSM, CD



Medal of Military Valour

Warrant Officer T.D. BÉRUBÉ,
MMM, MMV, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer R.J. CRANE,
MMM, MMV, CD

Master Warrant Officer M.W. JACKSON,
MMM, MMV, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer J.W. KAPITANIUK,
MMM, MMV, CD

Brigadier-General M.L. LAPOINTE,
OMM, MMV, MSM, CD

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class P.V. MICHAUD,
MMM, MMV, CD

Master Warrant Officer J.A.S. POULIN,
MMM, MMV, CD

Master Warrant Officer P.D. RACHYNSKI,
MMM, MMV, CD

Master Warrant Officer J.A.R. SMITH,
MMM, MMV, CD



Master Warrant Officer Michael William Jackson, MMM, MMV, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 7 November 2014
Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



Medal of Bravery

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class A.L. AUBRY,
MMM, MB, CD

Chief Warrant Officer S.C.J. BATES,
MMM, MB, CD

Master Corporal R.J. CAMPBELL,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Captain J.J.M. CHARETTE,
MMM, MB, CD

Sergeant C.H. CLEMENTS,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Warrant Officer M.E. COX,
MMM, MB, CD

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class R.R. DePROY,
MMM, MB, CD

Master Warrant Officer J.D.S. DESGAGNÉ,
MMM, MB, CD

Major D.C. DUPLISEA,
OMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Sergeant J.G. EDWARD,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer J.S.M. FOREST,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Captain E.J. GAPP,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer R.G. GEORGE,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Major J.J. GOETZ,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer R.A. LANGEVIN,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General G.H.J. LESSARD,
CMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer J.A.E. MACAULEY,
MMM, MSC, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer A.M. MacEACHERN,
MMM, MB, CD

Warrant Officer T.J. MILLER,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Sergeant J. MITCHELL,
MMM, MB

Ranger L. PALITUQ,
MMM, MB, CD

Master Warrant Officer D.R. PARIS,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer N.E. PENNY,
MMM, SC, MB, CD

Chief Warrant Officer W.L. SIMPSON,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-Colonel R.D. SMID,
MMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer J.J.L.D. ST-LAURENT,
MMM, SC, MB, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer R.A. WEAVER,
MMM, MB, CD

Colonel R.T. WITHERDEN,
OMM, MB, CD (*Retired*)



Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Claude Joseph
Bates, MMM, MB, CD
Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu



Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Raymond
DeProy, MMM, MB, CD
Photo: Sgt Johanie Maheu

Member of the Order who have also earned either the Meritorious Service Cross or Medal are too numerous to mention but some members have rare combinations of Meritorious Service Decorations:



Meritorious Service Cross with Bar

Brigadier-General S.C. HETHERINGTON,
OMM, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General J.R.M.G. LAROCHE,
OMM, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General C.J.J. MIALKOWSKI,
OMM, MSC, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General D.J. MILNER,
OMM, MSC, CD (*Retired*)



Meritorious Service Cross and Meritorious Service Medal with Bar

Major-General J.M.S. BOIVIN,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD



Meritorious Service Cross and Meritorious Service Medal

Brigadier-General T.M. ARSENAULT,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General S.A. BEARE,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General J.M.S. BOIVIN,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General S.J. BOWES,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General S.T. BOYLE,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD



Lieutenant-General T.J. CADIEU,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD *(Retired)*

Lieutenant-General M.A.J. CARIGNAN,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General R.R. CRABBE,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD *(Retired)*

Major-General D.A. FRASER,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD *(Retired)*

Major-General J.R.M. GAGNE,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD *(Retired)*

Brigadier-General S.J. HUNTER,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Major-General E.J. KENNY,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General J.M. LANTHIER,
CMM, MSC, MSM, CD *(Retired)*

Lieutenant-General The Honourable A.B. LESLIE, PC, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD, *(Retired)*

Brigadier-General C.A. McKENNA,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General A.J.P. PELLETIER,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Brigadier-General L.W. RUTLAND,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Major S.D. STEVENS,
MMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Major-General M.H. ST-LOUIS,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General S.J.R. WHELAN,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD



Major-General Joseph Michel Steve Boivin, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD
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Meritorious Service Medal with Bar

Brigadier-General D.J. ANDERSON,
OMM, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General J.M.S. BOIVIN,
OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer J.L.D. BRISSETTE,
MMM, MSM, CD

Captain P.P. CHARTRAND,
MMM, MSM, CD

Major-General S.N. CLANCY,
OMM, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer W.J. CRABB,
MMM, MSM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer M.P. FOREST,
MMM, MSM, CD

Vice-Admiral D.C. HAWCO,
CMM, MSM, CD (*Retired*)

Major S.V. MERRY,
MMM, MSM, CD

Major-General J.P.R. PRÉVOST,
OMM, MSM, CD

The following members of the Order were also appointed to British orders, namely the Order of the Companions of Honour and the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. These appointments were made on the recommendation of the United Kingdom and approved by the Government of Canada on a case by case basis after 1 July 1972 as Commonwealth honours. They are therefore not considered as Canadian honours as was the case with British honours granted before that date:



Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour

General A.J.G.D. de CHASTELAIN,
CC, CMM, CD, CH (*Retired*)



Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division)

Brigadier-General C.R. KING,
OMM, MSC, CD, MBE (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General M.G. MacDONALD,
OMM, CD, MBE (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-Colonel R.J. POWELL,
OMM, CD, MBE (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General G. REAY,
CMM, CD, MBE (*Retired*)



Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division)

Major D.W. EMBERLEY,
OMM, CD, MBE (*Retired*)

One member of the Order had earned a British decoration, namely the George Medal, during his service in the British Armed Forces before joining the CAF and being appointed to the Order. He earned the George Medal as a Staff Sergeant of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps for outstanding bravery in Northern Ireland in early 1978. Once he joined the CAF, his decoration was considered a Commonwealth honour given it was awarded after 1972.



George Medal

Chief Warrant Officer G.M. GOODRUM,
MMM, CD, GM (*Retired*)

Many more members of the Order had earned British honours before 1 July 1972 when those honours were considered Canadian because they were granted by the Sovereign as King or Queen of Canada, on the advice of His or Her Majesty's Canadian Government, before Canada had created its own honours system:



George Cross

Lieutenant-Colonel A.R. BUTSON,
GC, OMM, CD (*Retired*)



The medals of Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Arthur Butson, GC, OMM, CD. He earned his George Cross (originally an Albert Medal) for a daring rescue in a deep crevasse in Antarctica in 1947. His medals also include a rare Polar Medal (with the white ribbon) to a Canadian. He was made an Officer of the Order of Military Merit in 1982
Photo: DH&R



Commanders of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division)

Major-General J.P.-E. BERNATCHEZ,
CMM, CBE, DSO, CD (*Retired*)

General J.A. DEXTRAZE,
CC, CMM, CBE, DSO, CD (*Retired*)



Companions of the Distinguished Service Order

Major-General J.P.-E. BERNATCHEZ,
CMM, CBE, DSO, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General M.R. DARE,
CMM, DSO, CD (*Retired*)

General J.A. DEXTRAZE,
CC, CMM, CBE, DSO, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General S.V. RADLEY-WALTERS,
CMM, DSO, MC, CD (*Retired*)



Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division)

Lieutenant-Colonel J.P.R.E. BEAUREGARD,
OMM, MBE, CD (*Retired*)

Colonel M.I. WALTON,
OMM, MBE, CD (*Retired*)



The medals of Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Paul Roger Edmond Beauregard, OMM, MBE, CD. One of the few MBEs for gallantry related to the Congo mission, he had previously served in Korea and was made an OMM in 1982
Photo: DH&R



Distinguished Service Cross

Vice-Admiral A.L. COLLIER,
CMM, DSC, CD (*Retired*)

Captain(N) G.H. HAYES,
OMM, DSC, CD (*Retired*)

Captain(N) D.J. KIDD,
OMM, DSC, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General R.W. TIMBRELL,
CMM, DSC, CD (*Retired*)



Military Cross

Colonel J.R. LECLERC,
OMM, MC, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-Colonel C.V. LILLEY,
OMM, MC, CD (*Retired*)

Colonel D.G. LOOMIS,
OMM, MC, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General S.V. RADLEY-WALTERS,
CMM, DSO, MC, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-Colonel W.C. ROBERTSON,
OMM, MC, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General J.L. SUMMERS,
CMM, MC, CD (*Retired*)



Distinguished Flying Cross

Lieutenant-General W.K. CARR,
CMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General A.C. HULL,
CMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

Major-General N.L. MAGNUSSON,
CMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

Lieutenant-General H. McLACHLAN,
CMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

Colonel A.M. OGILVIE,
OMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

Honorary Lieutenant-General R.H. ROHMER,
OC, CMM, OOnt, DFC, CD

Colonel J.L.A. ROUSSELL,
OMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

General F.R. SHARP,
CMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

Colonel R.D. SHULTZ,
OMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)

Colonel J.A. WHITE,
OMM, DFC, CD (*Retired*)



Air Force Cross

Major D.M. CAMPBELL,
OMM, AFC, CD (*Retired*)



Distinguished Conduct Medal

Master Warrant Officer W. DEMMY,
MMM, DCM, CD (*Retired*)



Military Medal

Captain B. BERGERON,
MMM, MM, CD (*Retired*)

Brigadier-General R. BÉRUBÉ,
CMM, MM, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer J.R. CHAMPOUX,
MMM, MM, CD (*Retired*)

Master Warrant Officer D.G. LeMOINE,
MMM, MM, CD (*Retired*)

Chief Warrant Officer L.J. VALLEE,
MMM, MM, CD (*Retired*)



British Empire Medal (Military Division)

Chief Warrant Officer J.C. TRETOWAN,
MMM, BEM, CD (*Retired*)

In addition to earning other honours from the Crown, many have also received other Commonwealth and foreign honours. Moreover, some members of the Order went on to attain high offices. There is no official record of such appointments but a few examples follow. Some members were appointed to The Queen's Privy Council for Canada such as **Brigadier-General The Honourable G.J. O'Connor**, PC, OMM, CD (*Retired*), who served as Minister of National Defence in 2006-2007, **Lieutenant-Colonel The Honourable H.S. Sajjan**, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP (*Retired*) who was Minister of National Defence from 2015 to 2021 and **Lieutenant-General The Honourable A.B. Leslie**, PC, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD (*Retired*), who was Chief Government Whip from 2015 to 2017. Some members of the Order were appointed as Lieutenant-Governor of a province such as **Colonel The Honourable D.S. Ethell**, OC, OMM, AOE, MSC, CD (*Retired*) who served as Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta from 2010 to 2015 and **Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant**, CM, CMM, ONS, CD (*Retired*) who served as Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia from 2012 to 2017. **Lieutenant-General The Honourable R.A.J.L.R. Dallaire**, OC, CMM, GOQ, MSC, CD (*Retired*) was a Senator from 2005 to 2014.

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Military Merit*



Officials of the Order of Military Merit

SOVEREIGN



CHANCELLOR



PRINCIPAL COMMANDER



Insignia of the Order of Military Merit

COMMANDER



OFFICER



MEMBER



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Founding Sovereign of the Order of Military Merit

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada 1972–

Chancellors

The Right Honourable Daniel Roland Michener, PC, CC, CMM, OOnt, CD, QC... 1972-1974†

The Right Honourable Jules Léger, PC, CC, CMM, CD..... 1974-1979†

The Right Honourable Edward Richard Schreyer, PC, CC, CMM, OM, CD 1979-1984

The Right Honourable Jeanne Mathilde Sauvé, PC, CC, CMM, CD..... 1984-1990†

The Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, PC, CC, CMM, CD, QC..... 1990-1995†

The Right Honourable Roméo Adrien LeBlanc, PC, CC, CMM, ONB, CD..... 1995-1999†

The Right Honourable Adrienne Louise Clarkson, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD..... 1999-2005

The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD..... 2005-2010

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The Right Honourable Julie Payette, CC, CMM, COM, CQ, CD..... 2017-2021

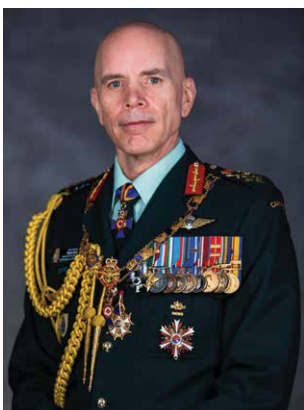
The Right Honourable Mary May Simon, CC, CMM, COM, OQ, CD..... 2021-



Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary May Simon, CC, CMM, COM, OQ, CD, wearing her uniform as Commander-in-Chief of Canada with the chain of office of Chancellor of the Order of Military Merit
Photo: DDHR

Principal Commanders

General Frederick Ralph Sharp , CMM, DFC, CD.....	1972†
General Jacques Alfred Dextraze , CC, CBE, CMM, DSO, CD.....	1972-1977†
Admiral Robert Hilborn Falls , CMM, CD.....	1977-1980†
General Ramsey Muir Withers , CMM, CD.....	1980-1983†
General Gérard Charles Édouard Thériault , CMM, CD.....	1983-1986†
General Paul David Manson , OC, CMM, CD.....	1986-1989
General Alfred John Gardyne Drummond de Chastelain , CC, CMM, CD, CH...	1989-1993
Admiral John Rogers Anderson , CMM, CD.....	1993
General Alfred John Gardyne Drummond de Chastelain , CC, CMM, CD, CH...	1994-1995
General Joseph Édouard Jean Boyle , CMM, CD.....	1996
Vice-Admiral Lawrence Edward Murray , CM, CMM, CD (Acting).....	1996-1997
General Joseph Gérard Maurice Baril , OC, CMM, MSM, CD.....	1997-2001
General Raymond Roland Joseph Henault , CMM, MSC, CD.....	2001-2005
General Rickey John Hillier , OC, CMM, ONL, MSC, CD.....	2005-2008
General Walter John Natynczyk , CMM, MSC, CD.....	2008-2012
General Thomas James Lawson , CMM, CD.....	2012-2015
General Jonathan Holbert Vance , MSC, CD.....	2015-2021
Admiral Arthur Gerard McDonald , CMM, MSM, CD	2021
General Wayne Donald Eyre , CMM, MSC, CD	2021-



General Wayne Donald Eyre, CMM, MSC, CD,
 Chief of the Defence Staff, wearing his chain of
 office as the Principal Commander of the Order
 of Military Merit
 Photo: DND

Secretaries General

Esmond Unwin Butler, CVO, OC	1972-1985†
Leopold Henri Amyot, CVO	1985-1990†
Judith Anne LaRocque, CVO	1990-2000†
Barabara Uteck, CVO	2000-2006
Sheila-Marie Cook, CVO	2006-2011†
Stephen Wallace, CVO	2011-2017
Assunta Di Lorenzo	2018-2021
Ian McCowan	2021-

Secretaries of the Advisory Committee and Advisory Council*

Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Albert Buckingham, CD (Retired)	1972-1985†
Captain Mervin Vincent Bezeau, CD (Retired)	1985-1996†
Major Beverly R. Brown, CD (Retired)	1997
Major Normand Desjardins, CD (Retired)	1998-2001
Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Marc André Levesque, OMM, OOnt, CD (Retired)	2002-2013
Lieutenant-Colonel Carl Gauthier, MMM, CD	2013-

† Deceased

**Although the position of Secretary of the Advisory Committee (Council since 2003) of the Order of Military Merit is not provided for in the Constitution of the Order, it has, since 1972, been the principal administrative position that ensures the Council meets and is properly briefed.*

The post-nominal letters listed herein reflect those held by the individual at the time of printing or, for the deceased, those held upon death.

*Constitution
of the Order of
Military Merit,
2015*



Constitution

INTERPRETATION

1. The definitions in this section apply in this Constitution.

“Commander” means a Commander of the Order. (*commandeur*)

“Council” means the Advisory Council established by section 7. (*Conseil*)

“Member” means a Member of the Order (*membre*)

“member of the Canadian Forces” means an officer or non-commissioned member within the meaning of the *National Defence Act*.
(*membre des Forces canadiennes*)

“Officer” means an Officer of the Order. (*officier*)

“Order” means the Order of Military Merit. (*Ordre*)

“Secretary General” means the Secretary General of the Order.
(*secrétaire général*)

COMPOSITION

2. The Order shall consist of Her Majesty the Queen, the Governor General of Canada, the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Commanders, Officers and Members, extraordinary Commanders, Officers and Members and honorary Commanders, Officers and Members.

ADMINISTRATION

3. (1) Her Majesty the Queen is the Sovereign of the Order.
(2) The Governor General of Canada is the Chancellor of the Order and an extraordinary Commander.
(3) The Chief of the Defence Staff is the Principal Commander of the Order and a Commander.

- (4) The Governor General, at the end of his or her term in office, ceases to act as Chancellor but continues to be an extraordinary Commander.
 - (5) An appointment of any Governor General or former Governor General as a Commander is deemed to be an appointment as an extraordinary Commander.
 - (6) The Chief of the Defence Staff, at the end of his or her term in office, ceases to act as Principal Commander but continues to be a Commander.
4. The Chancellor is responsible for the administration of the Order.
5. The Secretary to the Governor General is the Secretary General of the Order and is responsible for
 - (a) maintaining the records of the Order and of the Council;
 - (b) arranging for investitures; and
 - (c) performing such other functions in respect of the Order as the Governor General may request.
6.
 - (1) The Governor General may appoint such officials for the administration of the Order as the Governor General considers necessary.
 - (2) A person does not belong to the Order by reason only of being part of the Council or an official of the Order.

COUNCIL

7. There is hereby established the Advisory Council for the Order, which shall consist of the following persons:
 - (a) the Chief of the Defence Staff, who is the Chair of the Council;
 - (b) one person who shall be appointed by the Governor General; and
 - (c) four other persons who are members of the Canadian Forces and shall be appointed by the Chief of the Defence Staff.

- 8.** The Council shall
- (a)** consider nominations submitted under subsection 10(1) of persons of merit for admission to the Order as Commanders, Officers or Members;
 - (a.1)** consider nominations submitted under subsection 10(2.1) of persons of merit for admission to the Order as extraordinary Commanders, Officers or Members
 - (b)** consider nominations submitted under subsection 10(3) of persons of merit for admission to the Order as honorary Commanders, Officers or Members;
 - (c)** compile and submit to the Chief of the Defence Staff a list of those nominees that the Council considers as having the greatest merit in each division of membership referred to in paragraphs (a), (a.1) and (b); and
 - (d)** advise the Chief of the Defence Staff on any matters that the Chief of the Defence Staff may refer to the Council.

ELIGIBILITY

- 9. (1)** Only members of the Canadian Forces are eligible to be appointed as Commanders, Officers or Members of the Order.
- (2)** In addition to any Governor General and any former Governor General, only a member of the Royal Family is eligible to be appointed as an extraordinary Commander, Officer or Member.
- (3)** Only a member of a visiting force within the meaning of the *Visiting Forces Act* are is eligible to be appointed as an honorary Commander, Officer or Member of the Order, for outstanding meritorious service to Canada or the Canadian Forces while fulfilling military duties.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- 10. (1)** Any member of the Canadian Forces may submit to the Chief of the Defence Staff the nomination of another member of the Canadian Forces for appointment as Commander, Officer or Member of the Order.
- (2)** The Chief of the Defence Staff shall submit to the Council, for consideration, the list of the members of the Canadian Forces who have been nominated under subsection (1).

- (2.1) The Chief of the Defence Staff may submit to the Council, for consideration, the nomination of a member of the Royal Family for appointment as an extraordinary Commander, Officer or Member of the Order.
- (3) The Chief of the Defence Staff may submit to the Council, for consideration, the nomination of any member of a visiting force within the meaning of the *Visiting Forces Act* for appointment as an honorary Commander, Officer or Member of the Order.
- (4) On receipt of the list of nominees from the Council, the Chief of the Defence Staff shall recommend the nominees to the Governor General.
- (5) The Governor General may appoint as Commanders, Officers and Members, in any year, a number of eligible persons that does not exceed 0.1% of the average number of persons who were members of the Canadian Forces during the preceding year.

COMMANDERS

11. Appointments of persons as Commanders, extraordinary Commanders and honorary Commanders shall be made for outstanding meritorious service while fulfilling duties of great responsibility.
12. The Governor General may appoint as Commanders, in any year, a number of eligible persons that does not exceed 5% of the total number of eligible persons set out in subsection 10(5) for that year.
13. The Governor General may appoint a maximum of one honorary Commander in any year.

OFFICERS

14. Appointments of persons as Officers, extraordinary Officers and honorary Officers shall be made for outstanding meritorious service while fulfilling duties of responsibility.
15. The Governor General may appoint as Officers, in any year, a number of eligible persons that does not exceed 20% of the total number of eligible persons set out in subsection 10(5) for that year.
16. The Governor General may appoint a maximum of one honorary Officer in any year.

MEMBERS

- 17.** Appointments of persons as Members, extraordinary Members and honorary Members shall be made for exceptional service or performance of duty.
- 18.** The Governor General may appoint as Members, in any year, a number of eligible persons that does not exceed the difference between
- (a)* the total number of eligible persons set out in subsection 10(5) in the Order for that year, and
 - (b)* the aggregate of the number of persons appointed as Commanders and Officers in that year.
- 19.** The Governor General may appoint a maximum of one honorary Member in any year.

RANKS

- 20. (1)** The Governor General may, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff,
- (a)* elevate any Member, with the Member consent, to the rank of Officer or Commander; and
 - (b)* elevate any Officer, with the Officer consent, to the rank of Commander.
- (2)** A person elevated to a higher rank is entitled to wear the insignia of that rank and to place the letters associated with that rank after the person name.
- (3)** No person shall
- (a)* hold more than one appointment to the Order at any time; or
 - (b)* place after the person name the letters, or retain the insignia, pertaining to the person previous appointment to the Order.

INSTRUMENT OF APPOINTMENT

- 21. (1)** Any appointment to the Order shall be made by instrument signed by the Governor General and sealed with the Seal of the Order.

- (2) Unless otherwise provided in the instrument of appointment, an appointment shall take effect on the day on which the instrument of appointment is sealed.

DESIGNATION, INSIGNIA AND COAT OF ARMS

22. (1) Commanders, Officers and Members are entitled to:

- (a) wear such insignia as the Governor General may, by ordinance, prescribe;
- (b) petition the Chief Herald of Canada to grant coat of arms, which in the case of Commanders may include supporters;
- (c) surround the shield of arms with the circle and motto of the Order and suspend therefrom the ribbon and insignia of their rank; and
- (d) place after their name the following letters associated with their rank, namely
 - i. "C.M.M." in the case of a Commander,
 - ii. "O.M.M." in the case of an Officer, or
 - iii. "M.M.M." in the case of a Member.

(1.1) Extraordinary Commanders, Officers and Members are entitled to:

- (a) wear such insignia as the Governor General may, by ordinance, prescribe;
- (b) surround the shield of arms with the circle and motto of the Order and suspend therefrom the ribbon and insignia of their rank; and
- (c) place after their name the letters associated with their rank, as set out in paragraph (1)(d).

(2) Honorary Commanders, Officers and Members are entitled to

- (a) wear such insignia as the Governor General may, by ordinance, prescribe; and
- (b) place after their name the letters associated with their rank, as set out in paragraph (1)(d).

- 23.** The insignia of the Order shall be worn in the sequence prescribed and in the manner described in publications issued by the Chancellery of Honours.
- 24. (1)** Except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance, the insignia of the Order shall remain the property of the Order.
- (2)** Any Commander, Officer or Member, extraordinary Commander, Officer or Member, or honorary Commander, Officer or Member of the Order who resigns or whose appointment is terminated shall return their insignia to the Secretary General.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- 25. (1)** A person's membership in the Order ceases when
- (a)** the person dies;
 - (b)** the Governor General accepts the person resignation from the Order, which resignation shall have been made in writing and given to the Secretary General; or
 - (c)** the Governor General makes an ordinance terminating the person's appointment to the Order.
- (2)** An ordinance terminating an appointment to the Order shall take effect on the day on which it is sealed with the Seal of the Order.

ORDINANCES

- 26. (1)** The Governor General may make ordinances in respect of the administration and insignia of the Order and the termination of a person's appointment to the Order.
- (2)** No ordinance shall be made that is inconsistent with this Constitution.
- (3)** An ordinance shall come into force on the day it is sealed with the Seal of the Order.

MOTTO

27. The motto of the Order shall be: OFFICIUM ANTE COMMODUM.

SEAL

28. The Seal of the order is set out in the schedule and shall be committed to the custody of the Governor General.

POWERS AND AUTHORITY

29. Nothing in this Constitution shall limit the right of the Governor General to exercise all powers and authorities of Her Majesty in respect of the Order.

*Glossary of
Post-nominals*



AC	Companion of the Order of Australia
ADC	Aide de Camp to His/Her Majesty
AFC	Air Force Cross
AK	Knight/Dame of the Order of Australia
AOE	Member of the Alberta Order of Excellence
BEM	British Empire Medal
CBE	Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
CC	Companion of the Order of Canada
CD	Canadian Forces' Decoration
CH	Member of the Order of the Companions of Honour
CM	Member of the Order of Canada
CMM	Commander of the Order of Military Merit
COM	Commander of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces
CQ	Knight of the Ordre national du Québec
CV	Cross of Valour
CVO	Commander of the Royal Victorian Order
DCM	Distinguished Conduct Medal
DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
DSC	Distinguished Service Cross
DSO	Companion of the Distinguished Service Order
ED	Efficiency Decoration
GBE	Knight/Dame Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
GC	George Cross
GCL	Chief Grand Companion of the Order of Logohu
GM	George Medal
GOQ	Grand Officer of the Ordre national du Québec

KG	Knight Companion of the Most Noble Order of the Garter
KT	Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle
LVO	Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order
MB	Medal of Bravery
MBE	Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire
MC	Military Cross
MM	Military Medal
MMM	Member of the Order of Military Merit
MMV	Medal of Military Valour
MOM	Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces
MSC	Meritorious Service Cross
MSM	Meritorious Service Medal
MVO	Member of the Royal Victorian Order
OC	Officer of the Order of Canada
OM	Member of the Order of Merit or Member of the Order of Manitoba
OMM	Officer of the Order of Military Merit
ONB	Member of the Order of New Brunswick
ONL	Member of the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador
ONZ	Member of the Order of New Zealand
OOnt	Member of the Order of Ontario
PC	Member of The Queen's Privy Council for Canada
QC	Queen's Counsel
QSO	Companion of the Queen's Service Order
SC	Star of Courage
SMV	Star of Military valour
VC	Victoria Cross

*General
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