

# The Meritorious Service Medal



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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, in the  
Tent Room at Rideau Hall, Canada Day 2010

Photo: Canadian Heritage, 1 July 2010



## Dedication



*To the recipients of the Meritorious Service Medal who have demonstrated military professionalism and brought honour upon themselves and their nation.*

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# Introduction

In order to highlight the 25th anniversary of the creation of the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) (MSM) by Her Majesty The Queen, the Directorate of Honours & Recognition (DH&R) has produced this commemorative document.

This initiative is a complement to the book entitled *The Meritorious Service Cross, 1984-2014*, published by DH&R in 2014 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the creation of that decoration. That first publication outlines in detail the history of the development and evolution of the decoration as well as details related to the insignia. It also explains the creation of the MSM as a decoration junior to the Meritorious Service Cross (MSC). The present work, aside from the following brief outline, will not repeat the history recounted in the previous publication but will focus instead on providing a statistical analysis of the awards of the MSM in the Military Division and provide a register of the names and citations of the 825 recipients of this honour in its first quarter of a century of history.

While Canadian military personnel received recognition for military merit through the British Honours System from the time of Confederation to the Korean War, Canadian government policy towards honours meant this system gradually fell into disuse in this country from 1953 to the mid-1960s. This left no tangible means to recognize military merit for members of Canada's armed forces. The Order of Canada, created on the occasion of the Centennial of Confederation in 1967, was initially intended to recognize both civil and military achievements but the limited numbers meant that very few members of the military could be so recognized. The creation of the Order of Military Merit five years later provided a partial solution but, like the Order of Canada, it was intended to recognize long-term merit as opposed to specific actions. The MSC was created in 1984 specifically to recognize "short-term outstanding achievement". This honour was intended to remain rare and it quickly became obvious that



Insignia of  
Member of  
the Order of  
Military Merit  
(by Spink & Son)

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The Meritorious  
Service Cross  
(Military  
Division)

Photo: DH&R / DHHR

it lacked flexibility to recognize the various degrees of merit demonstrated by members of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). As early as June 1987, the military authorities considered it was necessary to create a junior version of the MSC to fill the gap between this prestigious and rare decoration and the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation, a departmental award created in 1974 to recognize “deeds or activities beyond the demand of normal duty”.



Chief of the Defence Staff  
Commendation insignia

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

The solution took the form of the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) which, along with a new Civil Division for both the MSC and MSM, was created by Her Majesty The Queen on 6 June 1991, forming a new family of honours called the Meritorious Service Decorations (MSDs).



Her Majesty's signature on the approved designs of the expanded Meritorious Service Decorations in 1991

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

*The Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) recognizes the performance of a military deed or a military activity in a highly professional manner or of a very high standard that brings considerable benefit or honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.*



The Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division)

Photo: DH&R / DHHR

The Meritorious Service Cross (Civilian division)

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

The Meritorious Service Medal (Military division)

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

The Meritorious Service Medal (Civilian division)

Photo: DH&R / DDHR



The reverse of the Meritorious Service Cross

Photo: DH&R / DHHR



The reverse of the Meritorious Service Medal

Photo: DH&R / DHHR

The MSDs can honour either a single achievement or an activity over a specified period, while the Order of Military Merit focuses on long-term achievement. There is no annual limit or allocation for these decorations, which are intended to be the workhorse of the merit recognition system and recognize one specific act or meritorious service performed over a specific period of time, be it a few minutes, days, a project, an operational rotation or a whole posting. The awards are not reserved for operational or overseas service and the level of award (Cross or Medal) is not linked to the rank or level of responsibility of the nominee, the degree of merit and scope of the achievement being the only factors. The criteria for each decoration are simple and flexible allowing the recognition of a wide array of achievements by military personnel at all levels and in all fields. The MSDs may be awarded to members of allied forces and may be awarded posthumously.

Nominations should be made especially for individuals who demonstrate either:

- outstanding performance out of trade, rank and experience;
- outstanding performance in trade, rank and experience but performed under exceptional or difficult conditions; or
- performance which has an international flavour or effect.

Nominations must be submitted through the chain of command and reach DH&R within five years of the date of the incident or the end of the service cited. The files are considered by the Canadian Forces Decorations Advisory Committee (CFDAC), chaired by the Chief of the Defence Staff (CDS). The CDS then makes recommendations to the Governor General who approves the awards on behalf of Her Majesty through an Instrument. The Governor General then invests the recipients with their decoration at formal ceremonies generally held at Rideau Hall in Ottawa or at La Citadelle in Quebec City. CFDAC generally meets every two months except in summer but more meetings can be held when the number of cases justifies it. For example, the Committee met monthly at the height of the Afghanistan Campaign. Besides the CDS, who acts as Chair, membership of CFDAC includes the Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, the Commanders of the Royal Canadian



MSM lapel pin for wear in civilian attire when medals are not worn

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

Navy, Canadian Army and Royal Canadian Air Force as well as a representative of the Governor General who is a senior official from the Chancellery of Honours at Government House.

Over its first 25 years of existence, the MSM has revealed its usefulness as a flexible and efficient form of recognition for short-term merit. Its recipients have demonstrated great professionalism and represent an example for others to follow. The MSM has been awarded to nearly every rank of the CAF, to countless branches and trades, to young and not so young recipients and it has recognized a wide variety of achievements. It can only be expected that the CAF will build upon an already rich tradition of merit recognition over the coming decades.



The modern award certificate of the MSM

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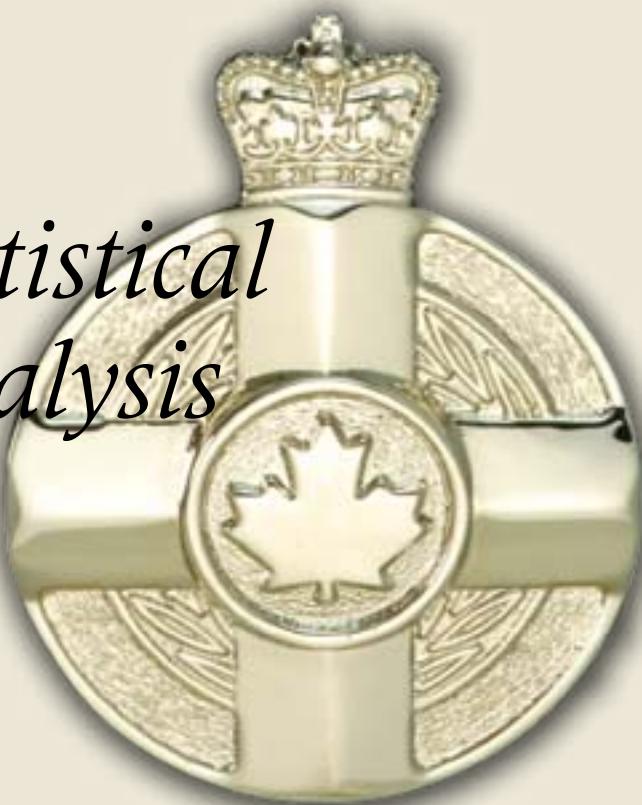


Cover of the official register for the Meritorious Service Decorations

Photo:  
Sgt Ronald Duchesne



*Statistical  
Analysis*



**A** statistical analysis of the 825 MSMs awarded from the creation of the decoration in 1991 to its 25th anniversary on 6 June 2016 has been conducted and the findings are discussed below by topic. Where appropriate, updated statistics for the MSC have also been included to complement those provided in the 2014 publication dedicated to that decoration.

## **Number of Awards**

A total of 225 MSCs and 825 MSMs have been awarded in the Military Division since the creation of these decorations in 1984 and 1991 respectively. The number of awards has varied considerably over the years based on the operational tempo of the CAF. The number of MSMs has usually been between three and fifteen awards per year with spikes for the Balkans, Somalia and Rwanda operations and a large increase from 2006 related to Afghanistan, reaching a high of 130 in 2011 before gradually decreasing again.

While there are no specific annual limits for the MSM, in an operational context, care must be taken to keep an appropriate balance of the various awards, several of which are subjected to numerical limits based on the number of troops under command in operations for each six-month period. Therefore, for Afghanistan, it was established that no more than 0.7% of the troops should be recommended for MSMs for every rotation in order for the awards of this decoration to be in keeping with other established quotas. The proportions were established as follows for the various awards during the Afghanistan Campaign, which was considered as 'war' for the purpose of the application of the Regulations:

Military Valour Decorations: one for every 250 persons or 0.4%

Meritorious Service Decorations: 0.9% split as follows:

Meritorious Service Crosses: 0.2%

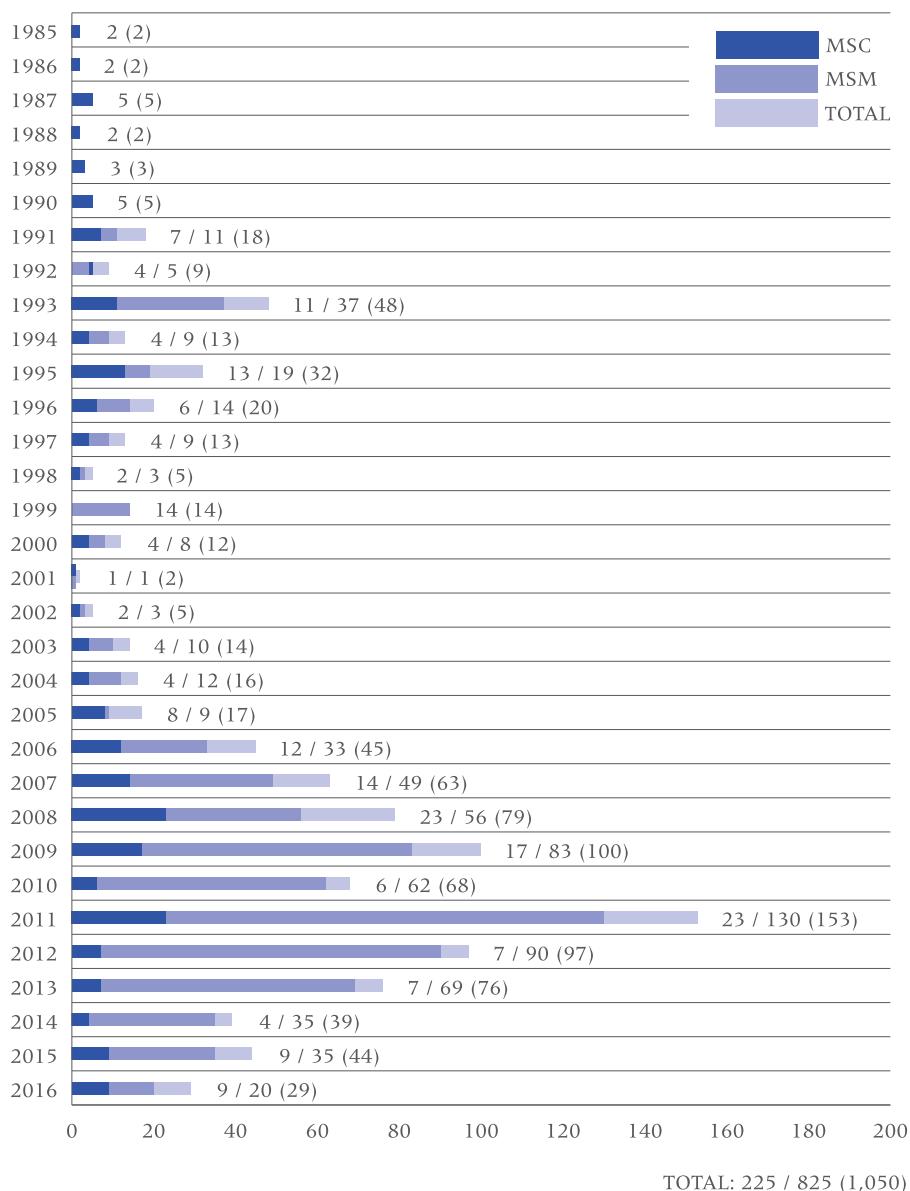
Meritorious Service Medals: 0.7%

Mentions in Dispatches: 1%

Chief of the Defence Staff Commendations: 2%

Command Commendations: 3%

**Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Year**  
**(All Recipients, Based on Date of Award)**



## Multiple MSDs

Receiving the MSM for a second time is a rare honour. Only 18 recipients received a second award of the MSM, which is denoted by a bar worn on the ribbon of the decoration. The second award is also denoted by the addition of a silver maple leaf on the undress ribbon of the MSM.

The first person to earn a second MSM was Captain(N) G.A. Paulson in 2003. His first award came in 1996 for leading a daring sea rescue of 30 crew members from the sinking vessel *Mount Olympus*. The second award was for his performance as Commander of a naval task force in South-West Asia during Operation APOLLO in 2002. The current holders of the MSM and bar are:

Lieutenant-Colonel J.M.S. BOIVIN, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD  
Brigadier-General S.A. BRENNAN, MSM, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer J.L.D. BRISSETTE, MMM, MSM, CD  
Colonel S.N. CLANCY, OMM, MSM, CD  
Brigadier-General D.B. COCHRANE, MSM, CD  
Brigadier-General G.D. CORBOULD, MSM, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer W.J. CRABB, MMM, MSM, CD  
Major J.A.M.L. HAMEL, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Colonel L.J. HAMMOND, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Chief Warrant Officer S.G. JEANS, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Brigadier-General F. LEWIS, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Lieutenant-Colonel S.K. MacBETH, MSM, CD  
Major J.D. McKILLIP, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Captain(N) G.A. PAULSON, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Colonel J.F. RIFFOU, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Lieutenant-Colonel M.J. STALKER, MSM, CD  
Colonel J.A.P.P. ST-CYR, MSM, CD (Retired)  
One member of the CANADIAN FORCES INTELLIGENCE COMMAND



Modern bar worn on the ribbon of the MSM and many other decorations to denote subsequent awards of the same honour

Photo: DH&R / DDHR



Major Joseph Antonio Marcel Louis Hamel, MSM, CD receives his bar to the Meritorious Service Medal from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, at Rideau Hall, 15 November 2012

Photo: MCpl/Cpl Dany Veillette



Chief Warrant Officer William John Crabb, MMM, MSM, CD, receives his bar to the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015

Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

One recipient, Colonel J.A.P.P. St-Cyr, has the unique distinction of having been awarded the MSM three times. The first award came in 2006 for leadership demonstrated as the commander of the Task Force Haiti Helicopter Detachment during Operation HALO in 2004. The second award came in 2013 for his performance as the chief of staff of the military contingent of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH, Operation HAMLET) from July 2012 to July 2013.



Colonel Joseph Albert Paul Pierre St-Cyr, MSM, CD (Retired) receives his second bar to the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 29 April 2016. This is the third Meritorious Service Medal awarded to Colonel St-Cyr

Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

The final and third award was made in 2016 for his performance as the Canadian defence attaché in Ukraine, playing a key role in Canada's military training assistance program in that country during a tense period. He is not only the first person to wear a second bar on the MSM, but the first to earn a second bar on any of the modern Canadian decorations.



The medals of Colonel Joseph Albert Paul Pierre St-Cyr, MSM, CD (Retired). Note the two bars on the ribbon showing a third award of the MSM

Photo: DH&R / DHHR

By comparison, only five persons have received a bar to the MSM between its creation in 1984 and 2016:

Brigadier-General S.C. HETHERINGTON,  
OMM, MSC, CD  
Major-General J.R.M.G. LAROCHE,  
OMM, MSC, CD (Retired)  
Major-General L.W. MacKENZIE,  
CM, OOnt, MSC, CD (Retired)  
Major-General D.J. MILNER,  
CMM, MSC, CD  
General J.H. VANCE, CMM, MSC, CD

Major-General Lewis Wharton MacKenzie, CM, OOnt, MSC, CD (Retired)

Photo: DND



Eleven persons have received both the MSC and MSM in the Military Division:

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

Lieutenant-Colonel J.M.S. BOIVIN, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Lieutenant-General S.J. BOWES, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD

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

Colonel I.C. HOPE, MSC, MSM, CD

Colonel E.J. KENNY, MSC, MSM, CD

Major-General J.-M. LANTHIER, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD

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

Captain A. NOBLE, MSC, MSM, CD

Colonel B.M. SOUTHERN, MSC, MSM, CD

Chief Warrant Officer S.D. STEVENS,

MM, MSC, MSM, CD



Lieutenant-General The Honourable  
Andrew Brooke Leslie, PC, CMM,  
MSC, MSM, CD, MP (Retired)

Photo: DND

Unique in this group is Lieutenant-Colonel J.M.S. Boivin who was awarded the MSC in addition to the MSM and a bar to the MSM, the only such combination. He received a Medal in 2007 for his steadfast professionalism while deployed with a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan and a bar in 2011 for his commendable leadership and tactical acumen while deployed as the



Lieutenant-Colonel Steve Joseph Michel Boivin, OMM, MSC, MSM, CD receives his Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 29 April 2016

Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

commander of a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. His MSC was awarded in 2016 for his role in leading the first deployment of Canadian special forces in Iraq in 2014-2015, assisting the Kurdish forces against the Islamic State.

While Colonel C.A. Hadfield, OC, OOnt, MSC, CD (Retired), the famous Canadian astronaut, holds the unique distinction of having received the MSC in both the Military and Civil Divisions, no person has yet earned the MSM in both divisions.

## **Other award combinations**

Besides those listed above who have received multiple MSDs, there are many MSM recipients who have interesting combination of honours. Recipients who are also members of the Order of Military Merit are not rare and among the many other combinations the following are worth noting:

One recipient of the MSM was also awarded the Cross of Valour:

Master Warrant Officer K.P. MITCHELL,  
CV, MMM, MSM, CD



Master Warrant Officer Keith Paul  
Mitchell, CV, MMM, MSM, CD

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

Recipients of the MSM who were also appointed to the Order of Canada or to one of the provincial orders:

General J.G.M. BARIL, OC, CMM, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Honorary Captain(N) S.I. BATA, OC, MSM, CD  
Honorary Colonel W. COYLE, OOnt, MSM  
Honorary Captain(N) The Honourable M.A. FREEMAN, CM, ONS, MSM, CD  
Honorary Captain(N) F. GEORGE,  
ONS, MSM  
Honorary Colonel S.A. MILNER,  
OC, AOE, MSM, CD  
Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel B. VOYER,  
OC, CQ, MSM



General Joseph Gérard Maurice Baril,  
OC, CMM, MSM, CD

Photo: DND/MND

Recipients of the MSM who were also awarded the Star of Courage:

Petty Officer 2nd Class J.A. LEITH,  
MMM, SC, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Master Warrant Officer D.M. PAWULSKI,  
SC, MSM, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer G.A. SMIT,  
SC, MSM, CD



Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class James Anthony  
Leith, MMM, SC, MSM, CD (Retired)

Photo: Public Domaine / Domaine public

Recipients of the MSM who were also awarded the Medal of Military Valour:

Lieutenant-Colonel M.L. LAPOINTE, MMV, MSM, CD  
Lieutenant-Colonel D. PROHAR, MMV, MSM, CD  
Colonel M.C. WRIGHT, MMV, MSM, CD

Recipients of the MSM who were also awarded the Medal of Bravery:

Sergeant R.J. BROWN, MB, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Major W. DESJARDINS, MB, MSM, CD  
Major R.R. HENDERSON, MB, MSM, CD (Posthumous)  
Sergeant J.L.J.-M. TREMBLAY, MB, MSM, CD

Recipients of the MSM who were also Mentioned in Dispatches:

Chief Warrant Officer J.O.M.P. LEBLANC, MMM, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Lieutenant-Colonel P. METAXAS-MARIATOS, MSM, CD (Retired)  
Master Warrant Officer J.G. PICKARD, MSM, CD  
Lieutenant-Colonel The Honourable H.S. SAJJAN, PC, OMM, MSM,  
CD, MP (Retired)



Lieutenant-Colonel The Honourable H.S. SAJJAN, PC, OMM, MSM, CD, MP (Retired) receives his MSM from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 22 March 2013

Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



Master Warrant Officer Jason Guy Pickard, MSM, CD

Photo: DH&R / DHHR

Medals of Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Oswald Maurice Paul Leblanc, MMM, MSM, CD (Retired)

Photo: DH&R / DDHR



One recipient of the MSM is also a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Military Division):

Major-General W.M. HOLMES, MSM, CD, MBE (Retired)

## Posthumous Awards

Like all modern Canadian decorations, the MSM may be awarded posthumously and this has occurred six times since its creation:

Captain M.C. CHENG, MSM, CD, Died 18 September 1995

Captain N.K.S. GODDARD, MSM, Killed in Action on 17 May 2006

Major R.R. HENDERSON, MB, MSM, CD, Died 28 April 1994

Lieutenant A.R. NUTTALL, MSM, Killed in Action 23 December 2009

Major Y. PÉPIN, MSM, CD, Killed in Action 6 September 2009

Major W.C. SWEETMAN, MSM, CD, Died 28 April 1994



Captain Nichola Kathleen Sarah Goddard, MSM

Photo: DND / MND



Mr. Jason Beam, the widower of Captain Goddard, receives her MSM from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, PC, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada at a ceremony held in the Ballroom at the Fairmont Château Laurier on Monday, February 19, 2007

Photo: MCpl/Cpl Issa Paré

## Secret Awards

As for other honours and awards, there are occasions where awards of the MSM are considered secret. While the fact that an award has been made is published, names and citations are not released for security and operational reasons. 40 secret MSMs (4.8% of all awards) have been awarded. On the occasion of the publication of this book, the names and citations of eleven recipients from CANSOFCOM were declassified and included in the register. Moreover, nineteen other sanitized citations from CANSOFCOM were declassified while the names of the recipients themselves remain classified. Ten other names and citations remain secret. In due course, some of these details will be declassified and published.

## Type of Achievement Recognized

The criteria for the MSM are broad and flexible, allowing recognition of merit in a wide variety of settings, which are not limited to overseas operations. The first ten awards were made in relation to the Gulf War including some deployed personnel as well as some in supporting roles. Merit in overseas operations represents the largest

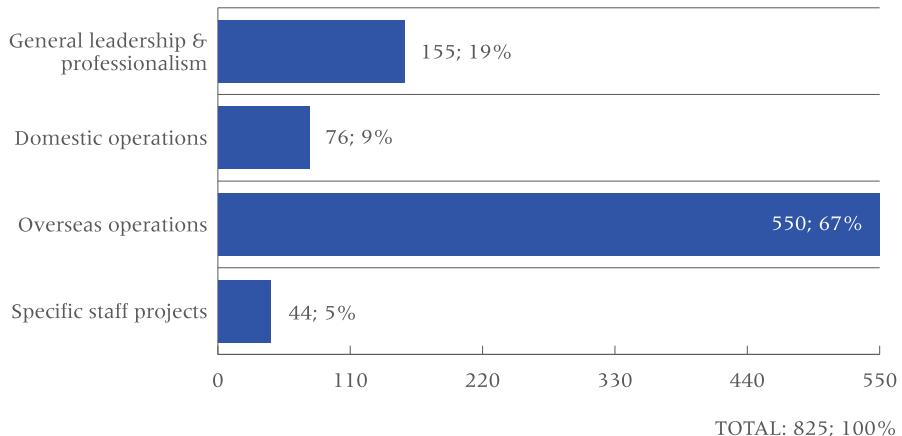


Medals of Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Alphonse Maurice Raymond Côté, MSM, CD (Retired)

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

type of achievement recognized with the MSM, making up two thirds of the total with 550 awards (67%). The distant second is general leadership and professionalism with 155 awards (19%).

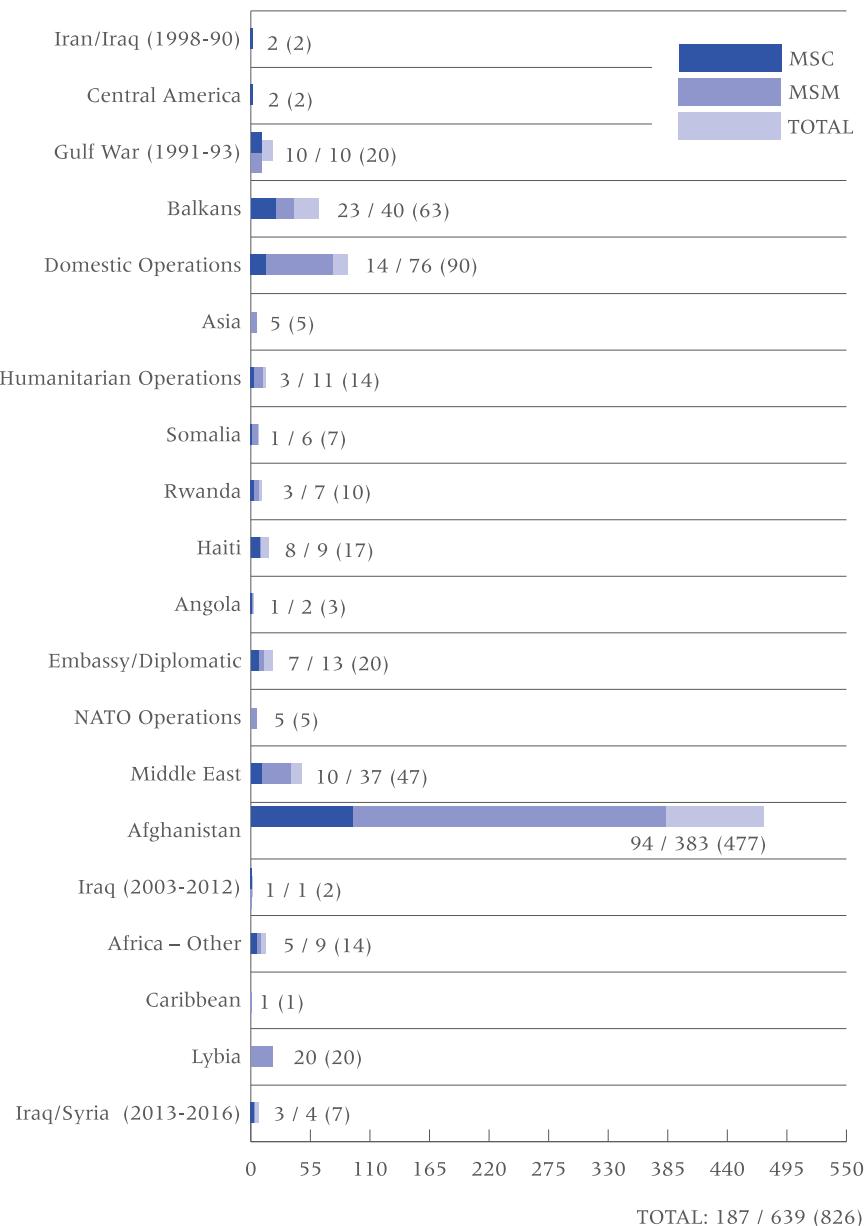
**Meritorious Service Medals Awarded by Type of Achievement  
(All Recipients)**



## Operations

The Afghanistan Campaign which lasted from 2001 to 2014 looms large in the period covered in this book. This long and intense mission saw over 40,000 CAF members deployed and was the first major offensive mission conducted by the CAF since Korea fifty years earlier. The campaign yielded 383 MSMs (46.4% of the total awarded to CAF and allied recipients). This is followed by domestic operations with 76 awards (9.2%), the Balkans with 40 awards (4.8%) and Middle East operations with 37 awards (4.5%).

**Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Operation  
(All Recipients, Dates Indicate Dates of Awards Related to that Region)**



## Uniform and Branch Representation

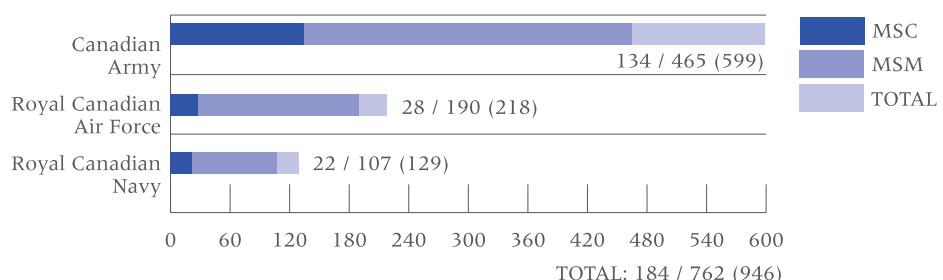
Given that the Canadian Army is the largest of the CAF elements and that many of the larger modern operations have been Army-centric, it is not surprising that the majority of awards to the CAF have been to the Canadian Army with 61%, followed by the Royal Canadian Air Force with 25% and the Royal Canadian Navy with 14%.



Master Corporal Lance Thomas Hooper, MSM, CD

Photo: Cpl Bern Leblanc

**Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Uniform  
(CAF Recipients Only)**



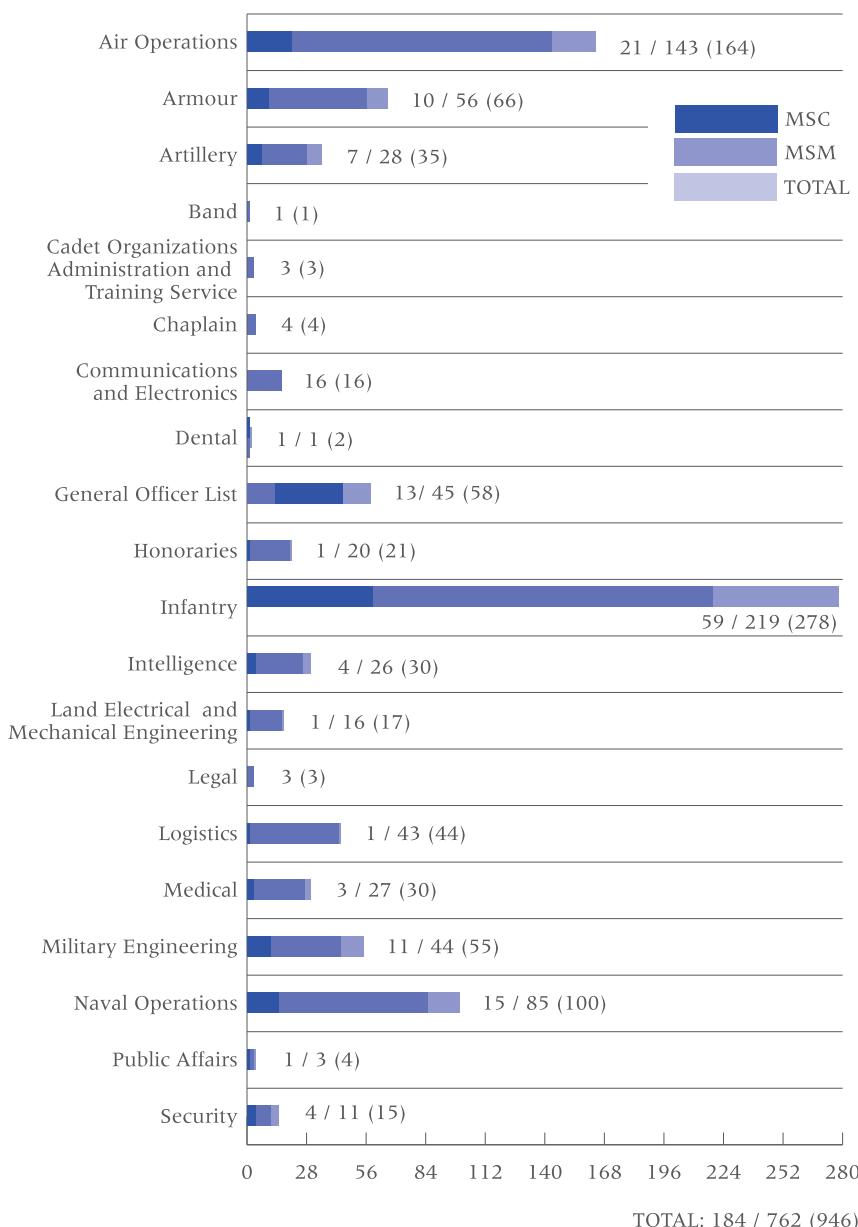
For the same reasons, we find that the Infantry is the most represented branch with 29% of the awards, followed by Air Operations with 18%, Naval Operations with 11% and Armoured with 7%.



Sergeant Abdoul Amtou Guindo, MSM

Photo: MCpl/Cplc Jean-François Néron

**Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Branch  
(CAF Recipients Only)**



## Rank Representation

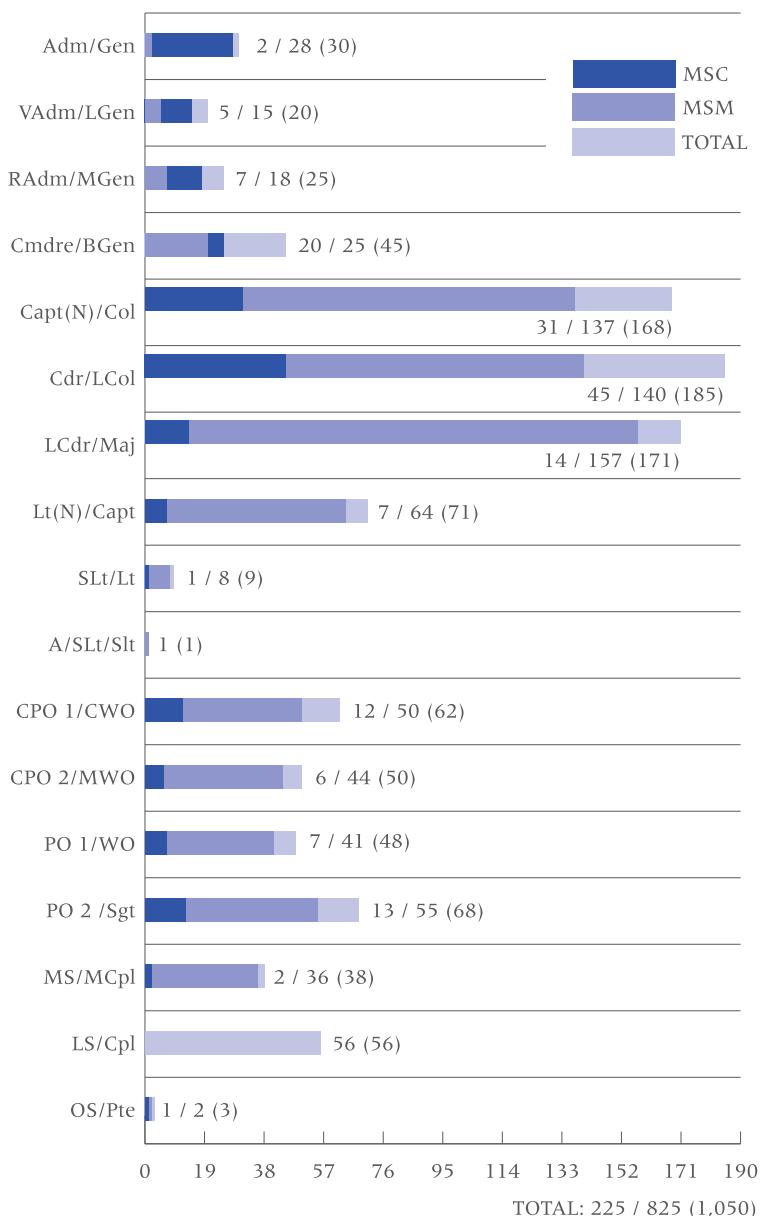
The rank or level of responsibility of the nominee has no bearing for the MSM. It is open to all ranks and the only criterion is merit. The MSM has been awarded to personnel of all ranks over time. However, because it often serves to recognize leadership, the awards have tended to go to the higher ranks both in the officer corps and among the non-commissioned members. This phenomenon however is less acute than with the MSC. The most represented rank among the recipient is that of Lieutenant-Commander/Major with 157 awards (19%) followed by Commander/Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain(N)/Colonel, both at 17%. These three senior officer ranks account for over a third of the MSMs awarded. The officer corps account for nearly two thirds of the award, or 63%, while the non-commissioned members make up 37%.



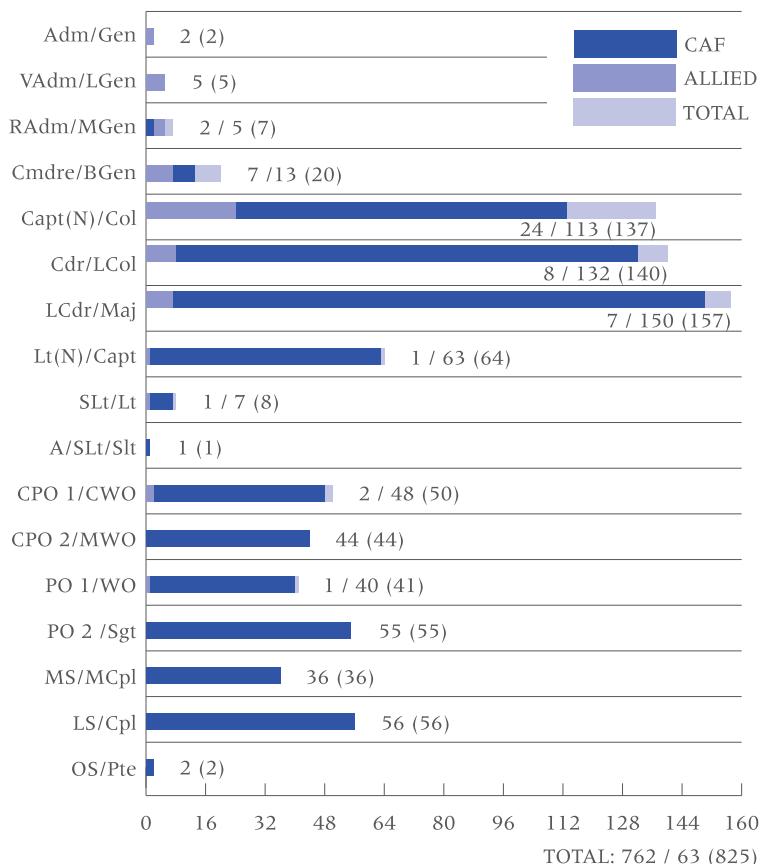
Medals of Major-General Derek William Joyce, OMM, MSM, CD

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

**Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Rank  
(All Recipients)**



### Meritorious Service Medals Awarded by Rank (CAF Recipients vs. Allied)



## Component Representation

The vast majority of the awards (91%) have been made to members of the Regular component of the CAF. This is normal given the Regular Force makes up 62.4% of the CAF, all its members serve on a full-time basis and are most often called upon to take part in and to lead major operations.



Private Marc Murray, MSM

Photo: Sgt Serge Gouin

The Primary Reserve component makes up 25.5% of the CAF and many reservists serve on a full-time basis and also volunteer to deploy with the Regular Force on various operations. During the campaign in Afghanistan, when the Regular Force's strength was under stress, the Reserve made up close to a third of deployed personnel on some rotations. Since 1991, 48 awards (6.3% of CAF awards) have been made to members of the Primary Reserve.



Medals of  
Corporal Patrick  
James Berrea,  
MSM, CD

Photo: DH&R / DDHR

The Cadet Organization Administration System (COATS, formerly known as the Cadet Instructor Cadre) and the Canadian Rangers are sub-components of the Reserve Force and boast 7,667 (7.3% of the CAF) and 4,996 (4.8% of the CAF) members respectively. Thus far, three COATS officers have received the MSM but we have yet to see an award to a Canadian Ranger.

Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Frederick McGrath, OMM, MSM, CD receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General,  
Rideau Hall, 26 January 2012

Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



Certain distinguished persons are appointed by the Minister of National Defence, on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Staff, to hold honorary appointment in the CAF. These individuals serve as ambassadors of the CAF within the community, raising its profile and public understanding of the role of the CAF. They act as a link between a unit or formation and the civilian community and support initiatives and projects. At the time of writing there were 323 holders of honorary appointments in the CAF divided as follows:

Canadian Army: 202

Royal Canadian Air Force: 69

Military Personnel Command: 32

Royal Canadian Navy: 15

Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff: 3

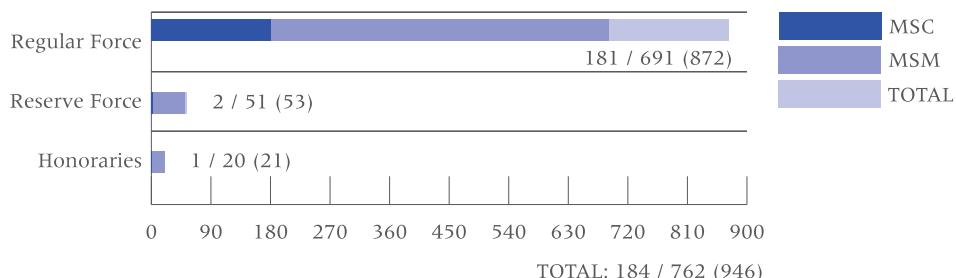
Judge Advocate General: 1

Canadian Special Operations Forces Command: 1

Some holders of honorary appointments go beyond their expected roles and duties and make significant or unique contributions to their unit or the CAF as a whole. Such accomplishments can and have been recognized by the granting of honours and awards.

While holders of honorary appointments in the CAF have been eligible for the MSDs from the outset based on the Regulations, the first such award came in 2004 for Honorary Colonel W. Coyle. Thus far, 20 holders of honorary appointments have received the MSM (2.4% of the 825 MSMs in the Military Division since 1991). Only one holder of an honorary appointment received the MSC out of the 225 awarded since 1984 (0.4%). This was the award to The Countess Mountbatten of Burma in 2007 to recognize her more than 30 years of exceptional service as Colonel-in-Chief of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

### Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Component (CAF Recipients Only)



## Gender Representation

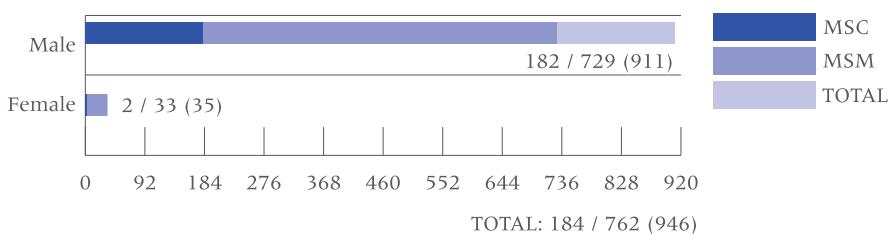
The proportion of women in the CAF has increased steadily since the time of the creation of the MSM in 1991 and many more of them now serve longer careers and attain high positions of leadership. Women currently make up 17% of the CAF strength. While 33 MSMs to women (4% of all awards) may appear low, the proportion of female recipients has increased in recent years and this trend is bound to continue as a reflection of the changing CAF demographic reality. The first woman to earn the MSM was Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class M.A. Wilson who was on the very first list of 10 MSMs approved in 1991 in relation to the Gulf War.



Lieutenant(N) Melissa Helen Fudge,  
MSM

Photo: Cpl Roxanne Shewchuk

### Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Gender (CAF Recipients Only)





Lieutenant-General Christine Theresa Whitecross, CMM, MSM, CD

Photo: DND/MND



Medals of Lieutenant-General Christine Theresa Whitecross, CMM, MSM, CD

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## Linguistic Representation

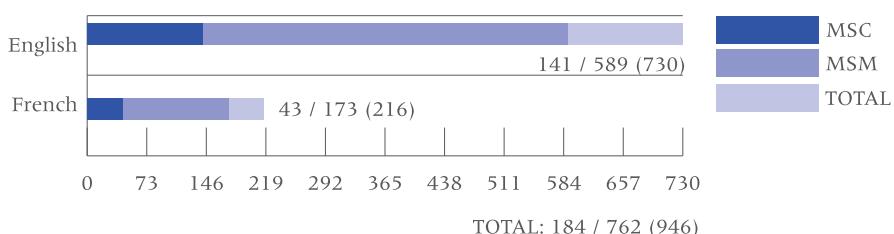
As with the appointments to the Order of Military Merit and other awards, the awards of the MSM have been consistently representative of the linguistic reality of Canada and the CAF.



Master Corporal Danielle Rose Dumas, MSM receives her Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 13 February 2009

Photo: Sgt Serge Gouin

### Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by First Official Language (CAF Recipients Only)



## Awards to Members of Allied Forces

When the MSC was created in 1984, its eligibility was limited to CAF members but it was soon felt that this award was well-suited to recognize some of our allies, especially in our alliances (NORAD, NATO, etc) and in multinational or coalition operations. This was discussed as early as 1987 and the Regulations were amended in 1990 to allow for members of allied forces to be eligible. The first such awards were soon made in connection with the Gulf War. When the MSM was created the following year, it was also open to allied military personnel. The number of awards to non-Canadians is as follows:



Colonel Colin Richardson, MSM, of New Zealand receives the Meritorious Service Medal from General Walter John Natynczyk, CMM, MSC, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, National Defence Headquarters, 25 November 2009

Photo: MCpl/Cpl Roy MacLellan

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MSC: 41 of the 225 awards since 1984 (18%) have been to non-Canadians. Four fifths (81%) have been to American recipients with the remainder going to recipients from four other countries. All have been Flag or General officers, approximately 45% for service in deployed operations, eight of them specifically for Afghanistan; and

MSM: 63 of the 825 awards since 1991 (8%) have been to non-Canadians. Approximately 60% have been to American recipients with the remainder going to recipients from eight other countries. The vast majority of the awards (58) is concentrated in the ranks of Lieutenant-Commander/Major and above with 24 at the rank of Captain(N)/Colonel alone. Close to half have been for service in deployed operations, 26 of them specifically for Afghanistan.



Colonel Siegfried Usal, MSM, of the French Republic receives his Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 15 November 2012

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The medals of Commandant Yves Minjollet, MSM, of the French Republic

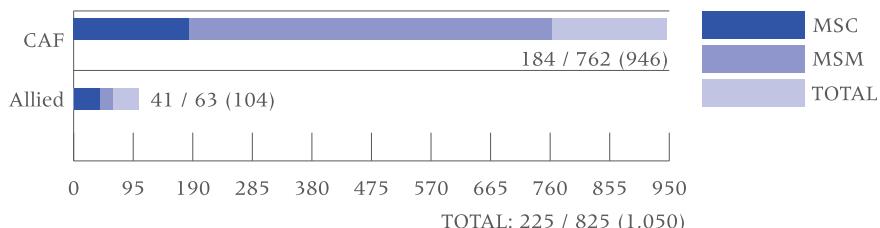
The prevalence of awards to American recipients can easily be understood given the very close military relation between the two countries since the Second World War. The Cold War placed Canada uncomfortably between the two main rivals: the USA and the USSR, making it a buffer zone. The Cold War brought the US and Canada in the closest possible military relationship under a shared mission of collective defence. The creation of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) in 1958 cemented this partnership. To this day, the armed forces of both countries co-operate very closely under a number of bi-lateral agreements. Canada often participates in US-led coalitions and numerous exchange positions have been established on both sides.

Colonel Luther (Trey) S. Turner III, MSM, of the United States of America

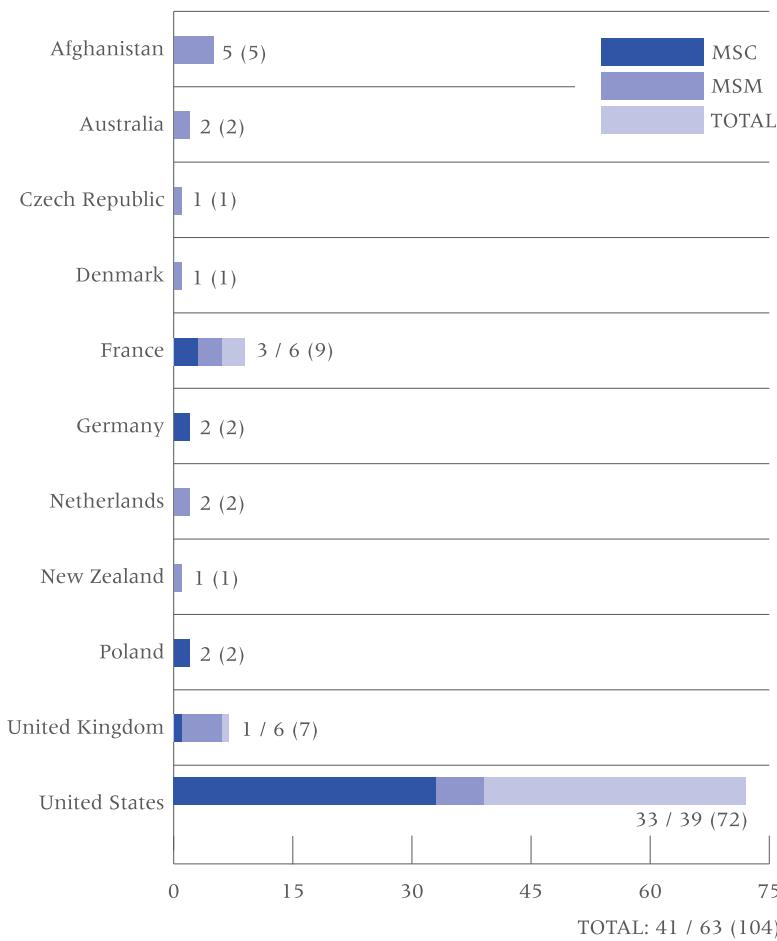
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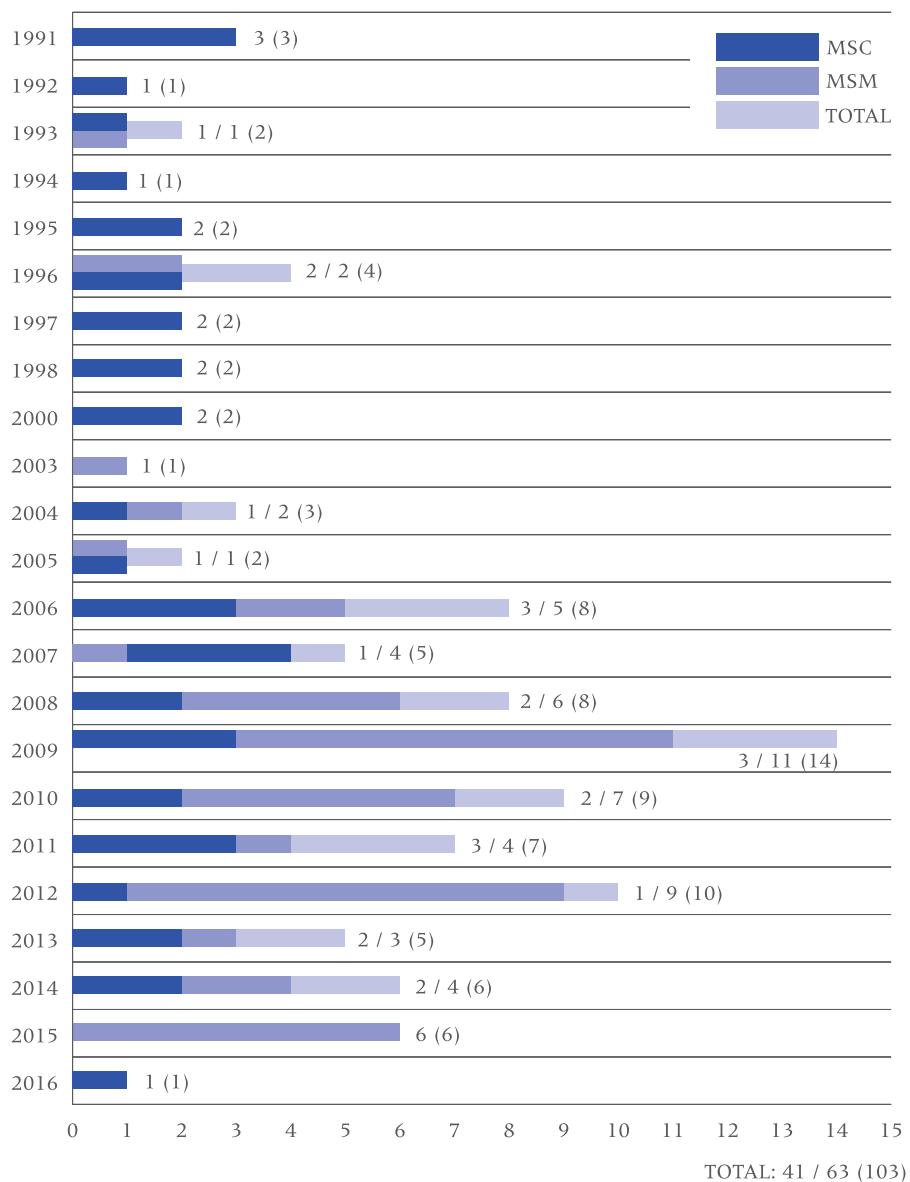
**Meritorious Service Decorations  
(CAF Recipients vs. Allied)**



**Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Country  
(Allied Recipients Only)**



**Meritorious Service Decorations Awarded by Year  
(Allied Recipients Only)**



**Total of Meritorious Service Decorations (Military Division)  
awarded to allied military personnel by country 1990-2016**

| COUNTRY        | MSC             | MSM             | TOTAL            |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Afghanistan    |                 | 5; 8%           | 5; 5%            |
| Australia      |                 | 2; 3%           | 2; 2%            |
| Czech Republic |                 | 1; 1.6%         | 1; 1%            |
| Denmark        |                 | 1; 1.6%         | 1; 1%            |
| France         | 3; 7%           | 6; 10%          | 9; 9%            |
| Germany        | 2; 5%           |                 | 2; 2%            |
| Netherlands    |                 | 2; 3%           | 2; 2%            |
| New Zealand    |                 | 1; 1.6%         | 1; 1%            |
| Poland         | 2; 5%           |                 | 2; 2%            |
| United Kingdom | 1; 2%           | 6; 10%          | 7; 7%            |
| United States  | 33; 81%         | 39; 62%         | 72; 69%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>41; 100%</b> | <b>63; 100%</b> | <b>104; 100%</b> |

# Regulations concerning the Meritorious Service Decorations, 2015

**(Reprint of Regulations as amended by the following orders in council:  
P.C. 1984-1831, P.C. 1991-1060, P.C. 1999-135 and P.C. 2015-1050)**

## **SHORT TITLE**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Meritorious Service Decorations Regulations*.

## **INTERPRETATION**

2. In these Regulations,

“citation” means a written document attesting the performance by a person referred to in section 5 of that person’s duty in an exemplary fashion; (*citation*)

“Cross” means the Meritorious Service Cross referred to in paragraph 3(a); (*Croix*)

“Medal” means the Meritorious Service Medal referred to in paragraph 3(b); (*Médaille*)

“Meritorious Service Decoration” means the Cross or the Medal. (*décoration pour service méritoire*)

## **DESIGNATION**

3. (1) The Meritorious Service Decorations shall consist of

- a Cross designated the “Meritorious Service Cross”; and
- b) a Medal designated the “Meritorious Service Medal”.

(2) The Meritorious Service Decorations shall be awarded in two divisions: a military division and a civil division.

## **DESCRIPTION**

4. (1) The Cross shall consist of a Greek cross of silver

- a) the ends of which shall be splayed and convexed;
- b) that is ensigned with the Royal Crown;
- c) on the obverse of which shall appear, centred, a maple leaf within a circle;

- d) between the arms of which shall appear a laurel wreath; and
      - e) on the reverse of which shall appear, centred, the Royal Cypher and within a double circle the words "MERITORIOUS SERVICE MÉRITOIRE".
- (2) Each subsequent award of the Cross shall be indicated by a silver bar having a maple leaf in the centre, which bar shall be attached to the ribbon from which the Cross is suspended, and where two or more bars are attached those bars shall be equally spaced on the ribbon.
- (3) The Medal shall consist of a circular medal of silver
  - a) ensigned with the Royal Crown;
  - b) on the obverse of which shall appear, centred, the design of the Cross; and
  - c) on the reverse of which shall appear, centred, the Royal Cypher and within a double circle the words "MERITORIOUS SERVICE MÉRITOIRE".
- (4) Each subsequent award of the Medal shall be indicated by a silver bar having a maple leaf in the centre, which bar shall be attached to the ribbon from which the Medal is suspended, and where two or more bars are worn those bars shall be equally spaced on the ribbon.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

5. (1) The following persons are eligible to be awarded a Meritorious Service Decoration in the military division:
  - a) a member of the Canadian Forces;
  - b) a person who holds an honorary appointment made in accordance with article 3.06 of the Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian Forces;
  - c) a member of a Commonwealth or foreign armed force who is serving with or in conjunction with the Canadian Forces; and
  - d) a member of a military force of a country allied with Canada.
- (2) Any person not referred to in subsection (1), whether Canadian or not, is eligible to be awarded a Meritorious Service Decoration in the civil division.

## **CONDITIONS OF AWARD**

6. (1) The Cross may be awarded in the military division to any person referred to in subsection 5(1) for the performance, on or after June 11, 1984, of a military deed or a military activity in an outstandingly professional manner or of a high standard that brings considerable benefit or great honour to the Canadian Forces.

- (2) The Cross may be awarded in the civil division to any person referred to in subsection 5(2) for the performance, on or after June 11, 1984, of a deed or activity in an outstandingly professional manner or of an uncommonly high standard that brings considerable benefit or great honour to Canada.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the Governor General, on the recommendation of the civil or military Advisory Committee, may make an exceptional award of the Cross to a person for an act that occurred prior to June 11, 1984 and for which that person has not received previous recognition from Her Majesty in right of Canada.

7. (1) The Medal may be awarded in the military division to any person referred to in subsection 5(1) for the performance, on or after June 11, 1984, of a military deed or a military activity in a highly professional manner or of a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to the Canadian Forces.

- (2) The Medal may be awarded in the civil division to any person referred to in subsection 5(2) for the performance, on or after June 11, 1984, of a deed or activity in a highly professional manner or of a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to Canada.
- (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), the Governor General, on the recommendation of the civil or military Advisory Committee, may make an exceptional award of the Medal to a person for an act that occurred prior to June 11, 1984 and for which that person has not received previous recognition from Her Majesty in right of Canada.

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

8. (1) A Military Advisory Committee is established to consider the award of Meritorious Service Decorations in the military division, and that Committee shall be composed of

- a) a person appointed as a member of the Committee by the Governor General;
- b) the Chief of the Defence Staff, who shall be the chairperson of the Committee; and
- c) not more than four additional persons who are members of the Canadian Forces, appointed as members of the Committee by the Chief of the Defence Staff.

(1.1) Despite paragraph (1)(b), the Chief of the Defence Staff may designate one of the members appointed under paragraph (1)(c) to be the chairperson of the Committee.

(2) The Military Advisory Committee shall

- a) consider the nomination of any person referred to in subsection 5(1) for the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration;
- b) consider whether nominees are eligible to be awarded a Meritorious Service Decoration;
- c) submit to the Chief of the Defence Staff the names of eligible nominees who meet the conditions of award of a Meritorious Service Decoration; and
- d) advise the Chief of the Defence Staff on such other matters as may be referred to the Committee for consideration.

9. (1) A Civil Advisory Committee is established to consider the award of Meritorious Service Decorations in the civil division and that Committee shall be composed of

- a) the Deputy Secretary to the Governor General, Chancellery of Honours, who shall be the chairperson of the Committee;
- b) a senior representative of the Privy Council appointed as a member of the Committee by the Governor General;
- c) a senior representative of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development appointed as a member of the Committee by the Governor General;
- d) a senior representative of the Department of National Defence appointed as a member of the Committee by the Governor General; and
- e) not more than seven other persons appointed as members of the Committee by the Governor General.

(2) The Governor General appoints members of the Committee who are referred to in paragraphs (1)(b) to (e) for a term of three years and may extend their term for a maximum period of three years for each reappointment.

(3) A member of the Committee who is referred to in one of paragraphs (1)a) to d) may designate an alternate to act as a member of the Committee in the event that the member is absent or unable to act in that capacity.

(4) [Repeal]

(5) The Committee shall

- a) consider the nomination of any person referred to in subsection 5(2) for the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration;
- b) consider whether nominees are eligible for the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration;
- c) submit to the Governor General the names of eligible nominees who meet the conditions of award of a Meritorious Service Decoration; and
- d) advise the Governor General on such other matters as may be referred to the Committee for consideration.

## **NOMINATION PROCEDURE**

10. (1) In respect of awards in the military division, the Chief of the Defence Staff shall establish the procedure for the submission to the Military Advisory Committee established under section 8 of the name of a person referred to in subsection 5(1) for the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration.  
(2) On receipt of the names of eligible nominees from the Military Advisory Committee, the Chief of the Defence Staff shall recommend to the Governor General the nominees who, in the opinion of the Chief of the Defence Staff, meet the conditions of award of a Meritorious Service Decoration.
11. (1) In respect of awards in the civil division, any person may submit, in writing, to the Director of Honours, the Chancellery of Honours, the name of a person referred to in subsection 5(2) for the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration.  
(2) The Director of Honours shall transmit to the Civil Advisory Committee established under section 9 the name of any person, submitted under subsection (1), who is eligible for the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration.

## **AWARDS**

12. (1) The award of a Meritorious Service Decoration shall be made by an instrument signed by the Governor General.  
(2) A Meritorious Service Decoration may be awarded posthumously.

## **PRESENTATION**

13. A Meritorious Service Decoration shall be presented by the Governor General at a formal investiture.
14. Notwithstanding section 13, the Governor General may designate an appropriate person to present a Meritorious Service Decoration.

## **POST-NOMINALS**

15. A recipient of the Cross is entitled to use the letters “M.S.C.” after the name of the recipient on all occasions when the use of post-nominals is customary.
16. A recipient of the Medal is entitled to use the letters “M.S.M.” after the name of the recipient on all occasions when the use of post-nominals is customary.

## **WEARING OF DECORATIONS**

17. The Cross shall be worn immediately after the Star of Courage and
  - a) by military personnel as follows, namely,
    - (i) by men, on the left breast, pendant from a blue ribbon 32 mm in width that has a white stripe 6 mm wide centred on the outer third of each side of the ribbon, and
    - (ii) by women, when in uniform, in the same fashion as in subparagraph (i) and otherwise on the left shoulder suspended from the ribbon referred to in that subparagraph that has been fashioned into a bow;
  - b) by civilians as follows, namely,
    - (i) by men, on the left breast, pendant from a blue ribbon 32 mm in width that has a white stripe 6 mm wide centred on the outer third of each side of the ribbon and a central white stripe 2 mm in width, and
    - (ii) by women, on the left shoulder suspended from the ribbon referred to in subparagraph (i) that has been fashioned into a bow; and
  - c) where the undress ribbon is worn, each subsequent award of the Cross shall be indicated by a silver maple leaf and where two or more maple leaves are worn the leaves shall be equally spaced on the ribbon.

18. The Medal shall be worn immediately after the Medal of Bravery and

- a) by military personnel as follows, namely,
  - (i) by men, on the left breast, pendant from a blue ribbon 32 mm in width that has a white stripe 6 mm wide, having a blue stripe 1 mm wide in its centre, centred on the outer third of each side of the ribbon, and
  - (ii) by women, when in uniform, in the same fashion as in subparagraph (i) and otherwise on the left shoulder suspended from the ribbon referred to in that subparagraph that has been fashioned into a bow;
- b) by civilians as follows, namely,
  - (i) by men, on the left breast, pendant from a blue ribbon 32 mm in width that has a white stripe 6 mm wide, having a blue stripe 1 mm wide in its centre, centred on the outer third of each side of the ribbon and a central white stripe 2 mm in width, and
  - (ii) by women, on the left shoulder suspended from the ribbon referred to in subparagraph (i) that has been fashioned into a bow; and
- c) where the undress ribbon is worn, each subsequent award of the Medal shall be indicated by a silver maple leaf and where two or more maple leaves are worn the leaves shall be equally spaced on the ribbon.

19. A recipient of a Meritorious Service Decoration may wear a miniature medal, to be one-half the size of the Decoration, on all occasions when the wearing of miniature decorations is customary.

#### **CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT**

20. (1) The Governor General may, on the advice of the Chief of the Defence Staff or of the Civil Advisory Committee referred to in section 9, cancel or annul the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration, and may restore the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration that has been so cancelled or annulled.

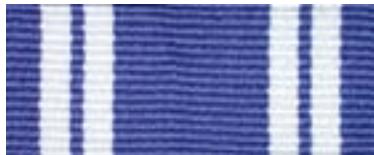
(2) Where the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration is cancelled or annulled under subsection (1), the name of the recipient of the Meritorious Service Decoration shall be deleted from the register referred to in paragraph 21 (g).

## **ADMINISTRATION**

21. The Director of Honours, The Chancellery of Honours, shall
  - a) verify the circumstances prompting a nomination for the award of a Meritorious Service Decoration in the civil division and present the nomination to the Civil Advisory Committee referred to in section 9;
  - b) prepare the instruments of award for signature by the Governor General;
  - c) obtain citations for military personnel from the Department of National Defence;
  - d) prepare citations for the civilian nominees;
  - e) arrange for the names of persons receiving a Meritorious Service Decoration to be published in the *Canada Gazette*;
  - f) acquire the insignia and have the names of the persons honoured engraved on them;
  - g) maintain a register containing the name of each person honoured and such other records relating to awards of the Meritorious Service Decorations as are considered necessary;
  - h) prepare certificates of award for presentation to the persons honoured;
  - i) arrange for investiture ceremonies; and
  - j) perform such other functions in respect of awards of the Meritorious Service Decorations as the Governor General may require.

## DISPOSITIONS GÉNÉRALES

22. Nothing in these Regulations limits the right of the Governor General to exercise all powers and authorities of Her Majesty in respect of the Meritorious Service Decorations.
23. The Governor General may make ordinances respecting the Meritorious Service Decorations.



Ribbon of the MSM (Military Division)

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A silver maple leaf device on the MSM undress ribbon denoting a second award of the decoration

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Two silver maple leaf devices on the MSM undress ribbon denoting a third award of the decoration

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# *Register*

Recipients of the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division),  
1991-2016

*This register of the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division) includes all awards of the decoration between its creation, on 6 June 1991, and its 25th anniversary, on 6 June 2016. The rank, name and post-nominals displayed are those held by the person at the time of the action or service recognized by the award. The date indicated is the date on which the Governor General signed the Instrument approving the award and consequently the effective date of the award. The individuals who received a subsequent award of the MSM have this award listed at the beginning of the register while their initial award is included with the other first awards in alphabetical order.*



## Third Award of the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

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

11 March 2016

As Canadian defence attaché to Kyiv from March 2014 to September 2015, Colonel St-Cyr played a key role in distributing significant donations of military equipment from Canada and in developing a whole-of-government military training assistance program for Ukraine. His extensive knowledge was critical to developing a program to provide tangible tactical training to the appropriate elements of Ukraine's armed forces. Colonel St-Cyr's outstanding contribution brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and strengthened Canada's international reputation.



The page of the official register for the Meritorious Service Decorations recording the first award of the MSM to Colonel St-Cyr

Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne



## **Second Award of the Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)**

***Major Joseph Michel Steve BOIVIN, MSM, CD***

***18 September 2011***

With commendable leadership and tactical acumen, Major Boivin deployed as the commander of a Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. He and his Task Force excelled during intense counter-insurgency operations. Leading from the front, Major Boivin's performance furthered stability in the region bringing great credit to Canada.

***Colonel Shane Anthony BRENNAN, MSM, CD***

***31 May 2011***

From September 2009 to May 2010, Colonel Brennan's performance as commander of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team was essential to building Afghan National Army capacity. Whether interacting with senior Afghan leaders or sharing the risk with soldiers on the ground, he forged strong relationships among members of the multinational contingent. He was critical to transitioning the coalition's focus from mentoring the Afghans to conducting fully partnered operations. Colonel Brennan's remarkable efforts were crucial to mission success, bringing great credit to Canada.

***Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Lauredan Daniel BRISSETTE, MSM, CD***

***28 February 2014***

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.

***Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Norman CLANCY, MSM, CD***

***7 October 2010***

From spring 2008 until summer 2009, Lieutenant-Colonel Clancy played a crucial role in the coordination, preparation and training of the initial deployments of Canadian Armed Forces helicopters into Afghanistan. He oversaw the development of essential new aviation tactics and procedures, implemented standards for the newly acquired Chinook helicopters, and integrated aviation training with deploying land forces. His actions directly contributed to the success of Canada's deployed aviation forces and reflected highly upon the Canadian Armed Forces.

***Colonel David Bruce COCHRANE, MSM, CD***

***17 May 2012***

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

***Colonel Gordon David CORBOULD, MSM, CD***

***1 May 2014***

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*

*1 May 2014*

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.

*Major Joseph Antonio Marcel Louis HAMEL, MSM, CD*

*17 May 2012*

From September 2010 to March 2011, Major Hamel was the operations officer for the Air wing in Afghanistan, where he demonstrated extraordinary dedication and professionalism. As an experienced planner, he proposed and implemented several initiatives to improve task force effectiveness and to ensure security. Major Hamel's leadership and commitment ensured the operational success of the mission and enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Lee HAMMOND, MSM, CD*

*19 June 2014*

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.

*Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Goward JEANS, MSM, CD*

*8 October 2015*

Chief Warrant Officer Jeans deployed to Afghanistan from July to December 2011, as sergeant major of the 1600-member-strong Mission Transition Task Force. Drawing on vast operational experience, he provided pertinent advice to his commander and exceptional leadership to a diverse team drawn from over 270 different Canadian Armed Forces units. Chief Warrant Officer Jeans' outstanding soldiering ability was critical to the success of this extremely complex operation.

*Colonel Frederick LEWIS, MSM, CD*

*23 February 2012*

As commander of Task Force Jerusalem from July 2009 to July 2010, Colonel Lewis provided leadership to Canada's contribution to the United States Security Coordinator's mission to support Palestinian Authority security sector reform. Both a diplomat and soldier, he forged strong relationships with American, Israeli and Palestinian stakeholders, and played a key role in ensuring the long-term viability of growing Palestinian security forces. Colonel Lewis' efforts enhanced relations with key allies and highlighted Canada's role in the Middle East peace process.

*Major Steven Kelly MacBETH, MSM, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As the officer commanding Kandak Mentor Team 2 in Afghanistan from September 2009 to May 2010, Major MacBeth demonstrated leadership and acute cultural awareness. His mentorship of the kandak commander enhanced his ability to plan, coordinate and execute operations. Major MacBeth's profound influence on kandak soldiers was also exceptional and enhanced their capacity to seamlessly partner with coalition forces and conduct increasingly complicated operations independently. Major MacBeth's exceptional efforts contributed significantly to the operational success of the Afghan National Army and brought great credit to the Canadian Army.

*Major James Duncan McKILLIP, MSM, CD*

*12 March 2008*

Major McKillip displayed the highest standards of professionalism and dedication as the ceremonial contingent commander for events commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in France, on 9 April 2007. His leadership and work with the Canadian delegation, in concert with a multitude of partners, greatly contributed to the success of the dedication ceremony of the restored Vimy Memorial by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

*Captain(N) Gary Alfred PAULSON, MSM, CD*

*23 June 2003*

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

*Colonel Jean François RIFFOU, MSM, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Mason James STALKER, MSM, CD*

*17 May 2012*

Lieutenant-Colonel Stalker displayed leadership and tactical acumen as the commanding officer of the Canadian contingent at Regional Command (South) Headquarters and as executive officer to the deputy commanding general from September 2010 to October 2011. Responsible for operations in the most volatile and violent region of Afghanistan, his efforts were instrumental to operational success and significantly contributed to defeating the insurgents. Lieutenant-Colonel Stalker's performance was of a high standard and brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

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

*19 December 2013*

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.

One member from the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command was awarded a second Meritorious Service Medal. For security and operational reasons, the name and citation of the recipient are not released.



## **The Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)**

*Colonel Peter ABBOTT, OMM, CD*

*27 September 2007*

Colonel Abbott commanded Task Force El Gorah, in the Sinai, Egypt, from July 2004 to July 2007. Throughout his twice-extended deployment, he exhibited insightful and dedicated leadership to the Canadian contingent. Furthermore, as the threat of terrorist attacks increased, he reinforced the required practices and training to ensure the security and operational effectiveness of the task force.

*Major Geoffrey Arthur ABTHORPE, CD*

*15 March 2010*

While deployed to Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007, Major Abthorpe was instrumental to the success of counter-insurgency operations in Kandahar province. As a company commander during intense combat, his sound tactical acumen and courage under fire enabled his company to seize and hold key terrain despite being isolated from the larger Canadian Battle Group and being in constant contact with the enemy. These daring independent advances helped secure the Battle Group's flanks and enabled a full-scale attack that defeated the enemy in the region.

*Major Darryl Gordon ADAMS, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As a Chinook flight commander from April to October 2009, Major Adams was instrumental in establishing a reliable helicopter capability to support counter-insurgency operations in Afghanistan. Regularly flying missions under fire, he helped to ensure the success of numerous multinational air assault operations, while his aviation expertise was essential in the mentorship of inexperienced helicopter crews. His leadership, initiative and unwavering dedication were critical to the success and safety of all Chinook operations, enhancing the reputation of Canadian aviation forces in the eyes of the international community.

*Major Derek John ADAMS, CD*

*18 September 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from April to December 2010, Major Adams provided mentoring to the commander of the Maywand District Police Headquarters. His efforts yielded an increase in policing capacity within the district, and were critical to the successful co-operation between coalition forces and Afghan National Police during major operations. Progress in this area was clearly shown by the absence of security issues during the parliamentary elections, where the Afghan National Police took the lead. Major Adams' leadership and dedication contributed significantly to improved stability in Afghanistan and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Brigadier-General Sayed AHMAD SHAH,  
of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

*17 May 2012*

From October 2010 to October 2011, Brigadier-General Ahmad Shah, deputy commander of the Operations Coordination Centre – Regional (South), was instrumental in integrating the Canadian contingent with his staff of the 205th Hero Corps, Afghan National Army. His efforts enhanced mentorship opportunities and were beneficial to having effective interoperability between the two countries. A valued member of the senior security partners and a trusted advisor to Canadian and coalition leadership, Brigadier-General Ahmad Shah made an important contribution to bringing stability to Afghanistan.

*Sergeant Andrew Macfarlane AINSLIE, CD*

*20 December 1996*

On 27 September 1993, Sergeant Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux were dispatched with their Hercules aircraft to a remote area of northern Quebec where a critically wounded victim of a hunting accident awaited assistance. On the scene, Sergeant Ainslie, the team leader, quickly ascertained the gravity of the situation and decided to carry out an extremely hazardous night water parachute jump – the first ever of its type to be conducted by Canadian Armed Forces search and rescue technicians.

Sergeant Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux parachuted into a nearby lake strewn with fallen trees and numerous other obstacles, swam to shore and proceeded to the victim. They provided successful emergency medical treatment for over six and one-half hours, until a Labrador helicopter arrived to transport the injured man to hospital. Despite the hazardous conditions, and at great personal risk, Sergeant Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux demonstrated exceptional courage, sound judgement and outstanding dedication in order to effect this life-saving rescue mission.

*Corporal Julie Marie Micheline ALAIN*

*4 April 2008*

On 12 August 2007, Corporal Alain, a medical technician, displayed exemplary leadership and dedication when she intervened in a mass casualty incident in the Kandahar province of Afghanistan. She assessed and treated numerous complex injuries under extremely difficult conditions and, faced with no alternatives, used procedures normally performed by medical doctors, which undoubtedly contributed to saving many lives.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Phillippe Mario ALBERT, CD*

*19 January 2015*

Lieutenant-Colonel Albert demonstrated outstanding dedication toward the Canadian Cadet Organization while serving in key positions from 2006 to 2008, and from 2011 to 2014. Through his leadership, commitment and sound advice, Lieutenant-Colonel Albert played a key role in helping young Canadians in uniform reach their full potential, notably through the creation of several Junior Canadian Ranger programs.

*Major James Edward ALLEN, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Major Allen was deployed to Afghanistan with the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, from February to September 2008. While leading the Civil-Military Cooperation Company, he engaged key Afghan leaders and local communities on behalf of multinational aid agencies to ensure development projects were deployed where they were most needed. His mentoring of district government officials improved governance and security across 10 districts of Kandahar. Major Allen's exceptional leadership and professionalism contributed significantly to the stabilization and development of the province.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Ronald Allan ALLISON, CD*

*31 May 2011*

As the deputy commanding officer of Task Force Jerusalem from July 2009 to October 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Allison demonstrated leadership and initiative while conducting security sector reform with Palestinian security forces. His mentorship of Palestinian battalion commanders, as well as the implementation of a modern, operational-level command and control capability, were crucial to expanding the capacity of Palestinian security forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Allison's selfless dedication and exemplary leadership contributed directly to the task force's success and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Second Lieutenant Robert Archie ALLISTON, CD*

*29 March 2015*

On 26 July 2012, Second Lieutenant Alliston was driving along Highway 97C in West Kelowna, British Columbia, when he saw an out-of-control vehicle go by with an unconscious driver at the wheel. Second Lieutenant Alliston immediately pulled over and chased down the car on foot. He managed to open the passenger door and put the car in park. He then applied first aid until the paramedics arrived; sadly, the victim did not survive despite Second Lieutenant Alliston's best efforts.

*Lieutenant-Colonel David James ANDERSON, CD*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Lieutenant General Edward Gustav ANDERSON, III,  
of the United States of America*

*7 May 2004*

Lieutenant General Anderson III, of the United States Army, consistently exhibited a high standard of professionalism, skill and initiative. Nowhere were these personal attributes more needed than during his tenure as deputy director of United States Space Command, vice director of United States

Element North American Aerospace Defense Command, deputy director of United States Northern Command and co-chair of the Bi-National Planning Group. During the creation of this Planning Group, Lieutenant General Anderson's visionary leadership enabled Canada and the United States to achieve new levels of military and civil cooperation. In 2002, his highly dedicated work and commendable actions contributed to the success of Operation NOBLE EAGLE, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Captain Ian Wentworth ANDERSON, CD*

*27 December 1993*

On 25 August 1992, serving in the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo as a liaison officer with the Serbian Army Corps Headquarters, Captain Anderson organized treatment of the wounded under artillery fire at Lukavica. On 24 September 1992, he volunteered to supervise a body exchange at Azici between Muslim and Serbian forces, with the assistance of Egyptian peacekeepers. En route, his armoured personnel carrier struck an anti-tank mine, wounding him in the explosion. During the ensuing exchange of fire between local forces, his presence of mind restored the composure of the Egyptian peacekeepers, and he led the party to safety. Captain Anderson's sound judgement, professionalism, diplomatic skills and leadership personify the highest standards of the Canadian Armed Forces peacekeepers.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Lyndon ANDERSON,*

*of the Commonwealth of Australia*

*16 October 2008*

Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson displayed exceptional dedication to duty as the Australian defence adviser to Canada from December 2005 to September 2008. He has worked diligently to build close partnerships with Canadian Armed Forces leaders. His untiring efforts have facilitated a strong operational relationship between the Australian Defence Force and the Canadian Armed Forces, both in Canada and in Afghanistan.

*Colonel William Robert APPLEGATE, of the United States of America*

*9 June 2005*

Colonel Applegate, an American citizen, consistently exhibited an exemplary standard of professionalism, skill and initiative in his duties as US Army attaché to Canada. During his tenure in 2003, Canada deployed two separate missions to Afghanistan in support of the campaign against terrorism. Coordination between the two armies for these deployments was critical. Colonel Applegate was an instrumental conduit between the Pentagon, United States South Command, Supreme Allied Commander Europe and the Canadian Armed Forces. His professionalism and leadership contributed greatly to the combined interoperability with our closest ally during a period of conflict, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major Stephen Brent APPLETON, CD*

*14 June 1994*

From March 1992 to March 1993, while serving as a military engineer in the United Nations Protection Force Headquarters, Force Engineer Branch, Major Appleton displayed exceptional strength of character, willpower and ability to motivate his personnel. His military skills and strong leadership were significant assets in ongoing programs to restore water and other utilities in the city of Sarajevo. His endurance and perseverance were an example to all who knew and worked with him.

*Chief Warrant Officer Gilles ARCAN, MMM, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Chief Warrant Officer Arcand served as regimental sergeant-major of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His sound advice to senior commanders and coalition counterparts, as well as his inspirational leadership of his troops, contributed to the effectiveness of the task force and enhanced Canada's reputation within the international coalition.

*Master Corporal Joseph Leonard ARSENAULT, CD*

*23 June 2010*

On 19 November 2008, the aircrew of Rescue 903, a Cormorant Search and Rescue helicopter, rescued three stranded sailors from their rapidly sinking dredging barge off the coast of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The aircrew consisted of aircraft commander, Captain Powell; first officer Major Bouchard; flight engineer Master Corporal Arsenault; and Master Corporal Spence, a search and rescue technician under training. Flying through hazardous, icy conditions, with winds of up to 40 knots and six-metre seas, the aircraft arrived on scene with minimal fuel to spare. Over the next hour, the crew proceeded to hoist the three sailors onboard the aircraft, one by one, as darkness approached. Shortly

after the successful rescue, while the aircraft was proceeding to shore, the barge was reported sunk. Tremendous effort, focus on the mission and the utmost in aircrew coordination resulted in three lives being saved that day.

*Warrant Officer Russell Keith ARSENAULT, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Warrant Officer Arsenault was deployed to Afghanistan with the Battle Group, from September 2008 to April 2009. Throughout multiple combat operations, his calm demeanour and expert direction enabled his soldiers to persevere in the face of intense enemy actions. As acting commander on several occasions, he seamlessly led his platoon through the successful completion of numerous challenging operations in highly volatile circumstances. Warrant Officer Arsenault fostered a sense of cohesion within his platoon that directly contributed to the company's operational success.

*Petty Officer 1st Class Daniel James Maurice ASH, CD*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Colonel Joseph Mark Anthony Hilaire ASHFIELD, CD*

*7 October 2010*

As the deputy chief of Staff Support for Canada Command, Colonel Ashfield provided exceptional leadership in the planning and execution of Operation PODIUM, one of the Canadian Armed Forces' most complex domestic missions to date: military support of the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver. Colonel Ashfield's professionalism and dedication ensured the efficient training, deployment and operational support of over 4,000 people. Of particular note were his efforts to establish and enhance cross-border relations with his counterparts at NORAD and the United States Northern Command, in the common security requirements of western North America at that time. His steady hand and personal involvement were instrumental in Operation PODIUM's success.

*Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class David George ASHLEY, CD*

*30 August 1991*

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Ashley was a communications coordinator during the Gulf War. His performance was outstanding and directly responsible for the success of communications between the Combat Logistics Force and the four United States Navy Carrier Battle Groups, which the force supported.

*Leading Seaman Andrew Christopher ASTLES*

*11 March 2016*

On 27 February 2014, while facing some of the most difficult situations at sea, Leading Seaman Astles demonstrated outstanding professionalism and leadership following a major fire on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. As attack team leader, he played a critical role in protecting lives and successfully extinguishing the fire. Leading Seaman Astles' dedication and performance throughout the fire and subsequent towing operation were critical to the safe arrival of the ship and crew.

*Major Julia May AATHERLEY-BLIGHT, OMM, CD*

*6 July 2006*

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

*Major Joseph Aimé Daniel AUGER, CD*

*23 February 2012*

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

*Sergeant Joseph Claude Patrick AUGER, CD*

*17 May 2012*

On 18 December 2010, during a reconnaissance operation to secure a road building project in Afghanistan, Sergeant Auger's platoon came upon a group of buildings that had been heavily booby trapped with explosive devices. Following explosions that seriously injured several of his soldiers, Sergeant Auger took charge of the situation calmly and in an exemplary manner. He regained control of his soldiers and ensured the rapid evacuation of the wounded personnel. Sergeant Auger's expertise and actions minimized the disastrous consequences of a chaotic and very dangerous situation.

*Major Orest BABIJ, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Major Babij was deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the All Source Intelligence Centre, from September 2008 to April 2009. With an in-depth understanding of the insurgency, he led his team in the production of intelligence products that enabled the targeting of insurgent commanders, reduced rocket attacks against Kandahar Airfield and facilitated the removal of several improvised explosive device networks. By providing current information on the constantly changing battle space, Major Babij and his team enabled numerous Canadian and coalition field commanders to conduct immediate and successful operations against enemy forces.

*Private Phillip Matthew BADANAI*

*10 March 1995*

Private Badanai was returning in a small-wheeled vehicle from a routine escort mission in Croatia on 31 December 1994, when he and his passenger were suddenly fired upon by approximately twenty armed Serb soldiers gathered on both sides of the road. Despite the agony of multiple injuries, Private Badanai accelerated through and clear of the ambush and drove his badly damaged vehicle thirteen kilometres, in darkness, to reach the Unit Medical Station. His initiative and determination under fire, devotion to duty, and calm, courageous actions saved both his own and his passenger's lives.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Suzanne Marie BAILEY, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Colonel Bradley Scott Pearce BAKER, CD*

*11 March 2016*

Colonel Baker served as Combined Air Operations Centre director at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters between July 2013 and July 2015. His exceptional leadership directly contributed to the outstanding operational effectiveness of the Royal Canadian Air Force in delivering air power for both domestic and expeditionary operations, and in support of NORAD. Colonel Baker's integrity and professional knowledge fostered unparalleled productivity within the Combined Air Operations Centre during one of the busiest periods in the history of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

*Major Cary Arthur BAKER, CD*

*14 March 2007*

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

*Captain(N) Christophe Antoine Marie BALDUCCHI, of the French Republic*

*8 October 2015*

Captain(N) Balducchi demonstrated outstanding dedication and professionalism while serving as defence attaché at the French Embassy in Ottawa, from 2013 to 2015. He played a significant role in recognizing the service and sacrifice of past and present Canadian soldiers by organizing a wide range of commemorative activities that strengthened the ties of friendship between France and Canada. Captain(N) Balducchi's contribution to recognizing our military personnel has brought great honour to Canada.

***Brigadier-General Todd Nelson BALFE, CD******1 May 2014***

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-General Joseph Gérard Maurice BARIL, OMM, CD******26 July 1995***

As military adviser to the peacekeeping department at United Nations Headquarters in New York for three years, Major-General Baril played a primary role in the success of the UN missions. Through his efforts, he provided considerable support to the Secretariat staff and improved the dialogue between headquarters and the various missions. His excellent performance and invaluable contributions during this international service brought honour to the Forces and to Canada.

***Captain Richard Matthew Scott BARLEE******1 May 1997***

On 11 July 1995, during a military expedition to the summit of Mount Gasherbrum II in Pakistan, Captain Barlee exhibited exceptional leadership and great perseverance during a life-threatening situation. Captain Barlee was one of three Canadian Armed Forces members to participate in the multi-national military climbing expedition with the Pakistan Army. When one of his fellow climbers was struck with cerebral edema – a high altitude sickness which is often fatal in six to twelve hours – Captain Barlee led a volunteer rescue party down the hazardous mountain terrain, during a storm. His leadership and personal courage enabled the stricken climber to receive timely medical attention. Captain Barlee's actions earned respect for both the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

***Master Warrant Officer John Gerard BARNES, CD******10 July 2007***

Master Warrant Officer Barnes was deployed as Company sergeant-major of Charles Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. His exceptional leadership and composure under enemy fire directly contributed to his company's success under the extreme adversity of intense combat operations and significant casualties. Severely injured during Operation MEDUSA, he insisted on returning to the front lines. Master Warrant Officer Barnes' unwavering sense of duty was instrumental to his company's cohesion and effectiveness during the mission.

***Colonel David Edward BARR, CD******14 July 2011***

From 2007 through 2010, Colonel Barr served as chief of staff and deputy commander of Joint Task Force Games. He played a significant role in the Canadian Armed Forces' provision of security support to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. The success of this operation was largely due to his dedication and his adaptation, implementation and execution of the operational planning process in a multi-agency environment. Colonel Barr's leadership, professionalism and distinctive accomplishments have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

***Squadron Leader John Alan BARRASS, of the United Kingdom******27 December 1993***

In 1990, on extremely short notice, Squadron Leader Barrass, a British exchange officer with 436 Transport Squadron, deployed the initial Airlift Control Element to Zagreb as part of Canada's contribution to the humanitarian relief effort in the former Yugoslavia. Displaying superb leadership, courage and tact, he organized his team and began the Canadian airlift into Sarajevo within three days. He quickly established effective working arrangements with his allied counterparts and ensured Canada's position as a key player in this most demanding airlift. Much of the success of the operation, which took place under the most threatening circumstances the Air Transport Group has experienced in recent decades, is directly attributable to Squadron Leader Barrass' dedication and outstanding work.

***Lieutenant-Colonel Roger Ronald BARRETT, CD******19 November 2009***

From September 2008 to April 2009, Lieutenant-Colonel Barrett's command of 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, enabled Joint Task Force Afghanistan to adopt and sustain an offensive spirit. Fully embracing intelligence-led operations, he determined the insurgents' weaknesses and attacked them relentlessly and with precision. Lieutenant-Colonel Barrett's outstanding leadership

forged a highly disciplined Battle Group that successfully dismantled extensive improvised explosive device networks, uncovered numerous enemy supply caches and overtook insurgent command and control cells.

*Chief Warrant Officer Stephen Stanley BARTLETT, CD*

*18 June 2007*

Chief Warrant Officer Bartlett demonstrated outstanding professionalism while serving as the regimental sergeant-major of Task Force Afghanistan Rotation 0 from August 2005 to March 2006. His excellent soldier skills, sound advice to his commander and impressive ability to address the soldiers' needs were instrumental to the Task Force's success throughout the main tactical effort in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Chief Warrant Officer Bartlett's service was of the highest calibre, directly contributing to the successful accomplishment of this mission and to the exceptional reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Joseph Stanislas Richard BASTIEN, OMM, CD*

*18 July 1997*

Colonel Bastien was the commander of the 3 Wing Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Bagotville, in July 1996, when torrential rains hit the Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean area, in Quebec, causing massive flooding. He headed up a complex and difficult life-saving rescue operation and then placed the rest of the 3 Wing CFB Bagotville on early warning and assigned them in the task of ensuring that care and food were provided for thousands of homeless fellow citizens. During the ten-day rescue operation, over 40 medical evacuations were carried out, 2,030 people were evacuated, food and lodging were provided for over 3,000 individuals and over 34,000 pounds of supplies were transported to remote communities by airlift. The tremendous success of the SAGUENAY operation is largely attributable to Colonel Bastien's exceptional initiative, leadership, commitment and altruism. These remarkable qualities are to his credit and reflect honour on the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Honorary Captain(N) Sonja Ingrid BATA, OC, CD*

*5 April 2006*

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

*Colonel Tony BATTISTA, CD*

*23 June 2010*

From 2006 through 2010, Colonel Battista, as the Canadian defence attaché to Germany, greatly contributed to Canada's relationship with that country. He was instrumental in preparing Canadian Armed Forces troops for service in Afghanistan. He advanced Canadian initiatives such as research into, and the acquisition of, new German equipment and its associated training, most notably for the Leopard 2 tank. He also successfully promoted German participation in the International Security Assistance Force and partnership with the Canadian Forces Staff Officer School in Kabul. Furthermore, his compassionate oversight of wounded Canadian soldiers convalescing in Germany was exemplary. Throughout his tenure, Colonel Battista was an outstanding envoy and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Brigadier-General Stuart BEARE, CD*

*5 April 2006*

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

*Corporal Éric Joseph Rudolf BEAUCLAIR, CD*

*30 June 2010*

In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Captain Desjardins, Corporal Beauclair and Corporal Pilon were sent as part of the inaugural deployment of the Canadian Armed Forces Urban Search and Rescue team, from January to March 2010. Tasked with locating, extracting and recovering

Canadian and foreign human remains, these three individuals helped to ease the suffering of many families through their unrelenting and compassionate efforts, and were an inspiration to their team and international partners. Despite the mental and physical demands of this horrific and complex operation, they maintained an unwavering dedication that brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Chief Petty Officer Douglas BEAUREGARD, of the United States of America*      19 January 2015

As a member of the Cyber Support Detachment within Maritime Forces Atlantic from August 2009 to June 2014, Chief Petty Officer Beauregard was indispensable to the Canadian intelligence community. A consummate professional and skilled operator, he provided critical not-readily-available data access to two of Her Majesty's Canadian ships deployed to the Arabian Sea, bringing great honour to himself, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to the United States Navy.

*Captain Jeffrey Gordon BECKETT, CD*

30 August 1991

Captain Beckett was the tactics officer of 439 Squadron during the Gulf War. He developed and presented a ground training programme for the employment of air-to-ground weapons which directly resulted in all pilots being qualified with minimum time and effort. Because of his expertise and tactical ability, he was chosen to lead and fly the first sweep and escort mission over Iraq and the first air-to-ground mission. His bold and authoritative leadership on the ground and in the air contributed significantly to the continuous success of the squadron on its missions.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Mario Claude BELCOURT, MMM, CD*

17 May 2012

As the Canadian Forces Support Unit chief warrant officer in Ottawa from 2009 through 2012, Chief Warrant Officer Belcourt demonstrated leadership, initiative and professionalism. Historic commemorative events such as the Canadian Armed Forces' farewell to the commander-in-chief and the Operation Mobile end of mission parade largely benefited from his attention to detail and his ability to work with a number of partners and organizations. Developing and mentoring non-commissioned members during his tenure was his hallmark; a contribution that will have a profound, lasting impact upon the future of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Brigadier General Robert John BELETIC, of the United States of America*

7 October 2010

Since 2009, Brigadier General Beletic exhibited a high level of professionalism in his duties as the deputy commander Force Employment and Canadian NORAD Region at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters. Of particular note was his leadership in the coordination of Canadian Armed Forces air support of both the humanitarian crisis caused by the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, and the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver. He also worked tirelessly to ensure the closest cooperation between Canada and the United States. His dedication has helped the Canadian Armed Forces succeed in missions both at home and abroad.

*Captain Joseph Guy Luc BÉLISLE*

14 January 1993

From 9 to 19 May 1992, Captain Bélisle of the 1st Battalion, Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment Battle Group of the Canadian contingent of the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo made an exceptional contribution to various evacuation and humanitarian assistance missions. In particular, he ensured the safe conduct of emissaries during the evacuation of the military hospital, implemented a security plan at a hotel that was the target of artillery and small arms fire from all directions, and succeeded in guiding a convoy out of a combat zone. During these perilous missions, Captain Bélisle demonstrated exceptional skill and self-sacrifice.

*Commander Steven Albert BELL, CD*

5 September 2007

As co-chair of the Standing Contingency Task Force Working Group, and as first officer-in-charge of the Maritime Amphibious Unit from June 2006 to April 2007, Commander Bell consistently displayed the highest standards of professionalism and innovative leadership. He is credited for writing the Standing Contingency Force Concept of Operations, and for providing critical guidance with the planning of the first Integrated Tactical Effects Experiment.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Abderrahim BELLAHNID, CD*

29 March 2015

From 2008 to 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Bellahnid demonstrated outstanding leadership and technical knowledge as director of Project MERCURY GLOBAL, which aims to improve wideband satellite communication capacity. He successfully led a team of specialists during negotiations with the United

States Air Force, under tight deadlines, to allow Canada's participation in initiatives related to the wideband global satellite communications system. Lieutenant-Colonel Bellahnid's professionalism brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Barbara Agnes BENSON, CD*

*20 April 2010*

From 2007 through 2009, Petty Officer 2nd Class Benson demonstrated outstanding leadership and operational effectiveness while assigned to the Naval Ocean Processing Facility Whidbey Island, United States of America. With her expertise and mentoring skills, she was able to transform her team members into top performers. Her leadership and training of multinational sailors significantly contributed to the success of the Facility and will have a lasting and positive impact.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Lorne William BENTLEY, CD*

*9 June 2005*

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

*Major Joseph Henri Christian BERGERON, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Jean-Pierre BERGERON, CD*

*12 March 2008*

Lieutenant-Colonel Bergeron is commended for his continued support of the Canadian Armed Forces during the Israel-Hezbollah conflict in 2006. While carrying out daily liaison and co-ordination activities with the Lebanese military, he ensured the unimpeded air, ground and sea movement of personnel in the conflict zone, and the safe evacuation of 15,000 Canadian citizens from war-torn Lebanon.

*Corporal Patrick James BERREA, CD*

*26 June 2008*

As a member of the Directorate of Honours and Recognition, Corporal Berrea made a significant contribution towards the timely recognition of personnel deployed on operations, from 2002 to 2008. By enabling the initial mass distribution of Canadian medals directly to recipients deployed in theatre, he made a substantial impact on the morale of the troops.

*Lieutenant-Colonel David BERRY, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Lieutenant-Colonel Berry was a key international advisor to the Afghan minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Strategic Advisory Team, from August 2006 to August 2007. His proactive leadership and trust-building skills contributed to the implementation of development initiatives that affected over 900 strategic reconstruction activities throughout Afghanistan.

*Major Pierre François Nicolas BERTRAND, CD*

*28 January 2013*

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

*Warrant Officer Joseph Jules Jean BÉRUBÉ, CD*

*18 January 2008*

While deployed to Afghanistan with 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from January to August 2007, Warrant Officer Bérubé treated and stabilized, without the assistance of a doctor, an unprecedented number of soldiers who suffered major traumas and injuries, in austere and primitive conditions in a remote unit aid station.

*Master Corporal Arthur Ronald Bruce BEST, CD*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Master Corporal Best and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Warrant Officer Joseph Damien Roger BIBAUD, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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 doing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Sergeant Lee William Edward BIBBY, CD*

*15 November 2010*

During the night of 9 August 2008, rescue team leader Sergeant Bibby and rescue team member Master Corporal Richard came to the aid of a woman with severe head injuries acquired while hiking along the ridge of a 400-foot rock face, in Ontario's Killarney Provincial Park. A rescue helicopter was unable to reach the victim due to poor weather conditions. Upon hearing that the victim's condition was worsening, the two search and rescue technicians travelled to the scene and ascended a steep and slippery rock face in heavy rain and darkness, while carrying full medical gear. They then stabilized the patient and remained with her until they were extracted by helicopter the following morning. Their perseverance through adversity brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Gregory BILTON, of the Commonwealth of Australia*

*5 January 2011*

Colonel Bilton, of the Australian Army, was deployed to Afghanistan as deputy chief of staff for Security Sector Reform in Regional Command (South), from April to November 2008. His tact and statesmanship helped overcome inter-organizational mistrust and promoted harmony in the relationship between the Afghan National Army and police. His engagement and mentorship of Afghan leaders established exceptional synergy between coalitions, Afghan and International Security Assistance Forces. Colonel Bilton's outstanding leadership and commitment greatly enhanced the capability of Afghan National Security Forces in southern Afghanistan.

*Major Joseph Martin François BISAILLON, CD*

*10 July 2007*

Major Bisaillon demonstrated exemplary initiative and expertise as deputy commanding officer of the first Canadian operational mentor liaison team in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. With recent experience as a light infantry commander, he led an experienced team that helped the Afghan National Army become fit for combat. His tactical insight and exceptional leadership skills helped them form a cohesive unit with the Afghan soldiers, which was then able to fight in a number of battles. Major Bisaillon's influence on the development of the Afghan National Army has greatly contributed to the International Security Assistance Force mission.

*Major Timothy James BISHOP, CD*

*25 October 2006*

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

*Master Warrant Officer Robert James BISSETT, CD**30 August 1991*

Master Warrant Officer Bissett was the squadron warrant officer of 439 Squadron during the Gulf War. His leadership contributed significantly to a high level of discipline being maintained and helped avoid many of the problems inherent in deployed operations. During the particularly difficult first week of the war, when repeated air raid warnings created stress and fatigue amongst all personnel, his calm presence and firm leadership set a strong example for all.

*Chief Warrant Officer Sheila Alaine BLAIR, MMM, CD**29 May 2009*

Chief Warrant Officer Blair was deployed with Joint Task Force Afghanistan as the Theatre Support Element chief warrant officer, from June to December 2008. Her diplomacy and tact contributed to the establishment of a network of co-operation that was a key enabler to Task Force operations and that, in turn, helped resolve complex and sensitive multinational issues. Chief Warrant Officer Blair's ability to motivate and turn command intent into action across the full spectrum of camp responsibilities ensured the cohesion of the unit and the success of its operations.

*Chief Warrant Officer Gérald BLAIS, CD**22 August 2012*

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

*Colonel Gérard Joseph BLAIS, OMM, CD**17 May 2012*

As director of Casualty Support Management, beginning in November 2008, Colonel Blais was responsible for setting up integrated personnel support centres and operational stress injury support programs in Canada. He demonstrated the highest degree of leadership, initiative, determination and vision, ensuring the provision of ongoing and high quality support to the members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families. Colonel Blais' extraordinary commitment and dedication helped to achieve the success of these projects.

*Major Pascal BLANCHETTE, CD**30 November 2012*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Kirk Douglas BLAND, CD**30 November 2012*

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

*Major Scott Charles Alfred BLAND, CD**5 November 2013*

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.

*Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher James BLONDE, CD**19 April 2013*

As chief engineer since April 2010, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Blonde has been the driving force behind the technically demanding reactivation of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Windsor. His organization skills, technical expertise and proactive interaction with both local and national engineering agencies

contributed to successfully achieving key milestones in the submarine's program. His leadership and dedication during periods of change with an unpredictable and strategically important program has brought credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Joseph Jean Paul Réjean BLOUIN, CD*

*26 July 1995*

Major Blouin planned and commanded the national support element for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda in June 1994. Through his exceptional abilities and dynamic character, he supported and ensured the well-being of all members of the Canadian military in this theatre of operations. In addition, he provided support far exceeding the responsibilities assigned to him, serving the entire United Nations contingent until a civilian contract could be established. This action helped support the contingent during the critical phase at the outset of the mission.

*Master Warrant Officer John Andrew Andres BONVIE, CD*

*22 October 2013*

Master Warrant Officer Bonvie was deployed as the Special Operations Task Force sergeant-major in Afghanistan. His efforts and leadership were critical to enabling the task force to implement new capabilities that greatly enhanced the effectiveness of their counter-insurgency operations. Master Warrant Officer Bonvie's work ethic and soldiering skills ensured the tactical and operational success of the Task Force, thereby bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Captain Joseph Michel Steve BOIVIN, CD*

*14 January 2007*

Captain Boivin was deployed to Afghanistan with a Special Operations Task Force, where he was involved in several combat engagements and direct actions operations. His relentless pursuit in the fielding of forces, proven in combat against a determined and in some cases numerically superior enemy has placed a confirmed operational capability in the hands of the Canadian Special Operations Forces community. He has proven to be a determined, brave, tireless and utterly inspiring leader. His steadfast professionalism on this mission has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major Patrick Lynn BONNEVILLE, MMM, CD*

*29 June 2015*

From 2011 to 2014, while serving as the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) Special Operations Liaison Officer to the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), Major Bonneville was instrumental in developing and strengthening the relationship between these organizations. As a strategic planner, he directly contributed to the development of USSOCOM's Global Special Operations Forces Network, as well as shaping a role for CANSOFCOM's active participation.

*Major Annie BOUCHARD, CD*

*31 May 2011*

Following the catastrophic earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010, Major Bouchard, as a first responder, commanded a medical platoon from January to February of that year. Despite the physical and mental challenges of administering medical treatment in such a horrifying environment, she provided critical care to countless wounded, while keeping watch over her team's morale and well-being. Major Bouchard's selfless actions alleviated the suffering of many victims of the earthquake, leaving a lasting impression of Canadian compassion in Léogâne, Haiti.

*Major Jonathan BOUCHARD, CD*

*23 June 2010*

On 19 November 2008, the aircrew of Rescue 903, a Cormorant Search and Rescue helicopter, rescued three stranded sailors from their rapidly sinking dredging barge off the coast of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The aircrew consisted of aircraft commander, Captain Powell; first officer Major Bouchard; flight engineer Master Corporal Arsenault; and Master Corporal Spence, a search and rescue technician under training. Flying through hazardous, icy conditions, with winds of up to 40 knots and six-metre seas, the aircraft arrived on scene with minimal fuel to spare. Over the next hour, the crew proceeded to hoist the three sailors onboard the aircraft, one by one, as darkness approached. Shortly after the successful rescue, while the aircraft was proceeding to shore, the barge was reported sunk. Tremendous effort, focus on the mission and the utmost in aircrew coordination resulted in three lives being saved that day.

*Major Joseph Jocelyn Yvan BOUCHARD*

*10 March 1995*

Major Bouchard commanded the company group protecting the Muslim enclave of Srebrenica in Bosnia-Herzegovina from November 1993 to March 1994. He provided substantial assistance to non-governmental agencies and other humanitarian agencies. In addition, his negotiations with the Serbs in the area reduced cease-fire violations by 95 per cent. As a result of his leadership, the inhabitants of Srebrenica enjoyed greater security and improved living conditions.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Sébastien BOUCHARD, CD*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Major Jeannot Emanuel BOUCHER, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As deputy commanding officer of Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) from April to November 2009, Major Boucher demonstrated leadership, foresight and initiative, ensuring the successful deployment of Canada's first fully trained aviation battalion in Afghanistan. In addition to forging a cohesive team from a diverse group of individuals and successfully implementing new equipment in a combat zone, he worked with coalition partners to improve their night-flying capabilities. Major Boucher's remarkable achievements were instrumental to the operational success of coalition forces in Afghanistan, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Corporal Mathieu BOULAY-PAILLÉ*

*2 February 2011*

As second-in-command of a mentoring team in Afghanistan from April to October 2009, Corporal Boulay-Paillé worked beyond his rank to bring significant improvements to the fighting capabilities of the Afghan National Army. With confidence, he mentored an Afghan sergeant-major and developed defence and sustainment plans; in the face of the enemy, he provided leadership to his troops. Corporal Boulay-Paillé's performance greatly enhanced the mentoring team's effectiveness and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant Dennie BOURQUE*

*4 April 2008*

Lieutenant Bourque was deployed as a forward observation officer and air controller with the Operational Mentor Liaison Team, in Afghanistan. From 29 October to 3 November 2007, during a complex and demanding combat operation, he worked well beyond his rank and experience, expertly coordinating aircraft and artillery fire, and minimizing collateral damage alongside the Afghan National Army. His skill allowed for the disruption of insurgent operations, and directly contributed to safeguarding the lives of Canadian and Afghan soldiers.

*Colonel Stephen Joseph BOWES, MSC, CD*

*5 September 2007*

As the first deputy commander of the Standing Contingency Task Force (SCTF) from June 2006 to April 2007, Colonel Bowes displayed the highest standards of professionalism and innovative leadership. He is credited for his efforts in leading the uniquely integrated SCTF headquarters from its launch in July 2006, through to the highly successful execution of the first joint Integrated Tactical Effects Experiment at sea in November 2006.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard Harold Chip BOWNESS, CD*

*29 April 1999*

From July 1996 to July 1998, Lieutenant-Colonel Bowness was chief adviser, Operations to the Cambodian Mine Action Centre (CMAC) in Phnom Penh. In that capacity, he acted as one of two senior international advisers to the Cambodian director of CMAC and the resident representative of the United Nations Development Program in Cambodia. He displayed an extraordinary grasp of the recent history and social structure of Cambodia. His tireless effort, innovative thinking and rare cultural sensitivity made an unprecedented contribution to gaining world-wide recognition for CMAC. Lieutenant-Colonel Bowness' proposal to establish a regional centre for third-country demining training, his world-wide technical coordination network, and his contributions to policy and doctrine for demining, have earned him an international reputation and brought great credit to both the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

*Master Corporal Danny Denis BOYD, CD*

*12 August 2011*

Master Corporal Boyd's leadership and technical skills greatly improved the efficiency of the Fire Support Coordination Centre within Joint Task Force Afghanistan Headquarters during his deployment from November 2009 to September 2010. In addition to developing a method that enhanced information management, he was selected to brief an American unit on the Centre's procedures, helping them integrate seamlessly into the area of operations. Master Corporal Boyd's dedicated efforts enhanced the Centre's ability to ensure the effective delivery of fire support.

*Commander Jason Robert BOYD, CD*

*29 June 2015*

As commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina*, Commander Boyd demonstrated his leadership ability while deployed to the Arabian Sea from July 2012 to March 2013. His professionalism, diplomatic skills and stalwart efforts contributed to maritime security, to Canada's diplomatic and military ties in the region, and to the enhanced safe passage of international shipping. Commander Boyd's performance was integral to the success of the operation and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Sean Thomas BOYLE, OMM, CD*

*19 December 2013*

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.

*Colonel David BRACKETT, of the United States of America*

*6 July 2006*

Colonel Brackett, of the United States Air Force, has consistently exhibited a rare standard of professionalism and initiative in his duties as U.S. Defense and Air attaché to Canada. Since assuming this position in 2004, he has risen to the defence and security challenges of a changed world. He helped position the Canadian Armed Forces for critical transformation with key access to U.S. transformation efforts, command relationships, interoperability and information-sharing initiatives. Through his achievements, Colonel Brackett has improved cooperation and strengthened relations between Canada and the United States. His contribution to the military community has brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Rodney BRADLEY, CD*

*27 August 2004*

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

*Major Thomas BRADLEY, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Major Bradley served as chief of operations within Joint Task Force Afghanistan headquarters, from November 2006 to August 2007. In only eight months, he developed the framework to secure the Kandahar City Afghan development zone, which subsequently spread too much larger areas.

*Major Joseph Léonce Charles BRANCHAUD, CD*

*29 April 1999*

From May to November 1997, Major Branchaud was a liaison officer at Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. His excellent reports and preliminary analyses, under the dangerous conditions that prevailed during the fall of Kinshasa and the installation of a new government, were crucial to Canadian decisions with respect to this region. Major Branchaud assumed the role of head of mission after the evacuation of the top-ranking official of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Thanks to his leadership, courage and initiative, he was able to ensure the safety and welfare of Canadians in this war-torn country and prepare for the reopening of the Canadian Embassy. He

demonstrated the highest level of professional military skill at all times, working tirelessly under extremely difficult conditions. Major Branchaud provided exemplary service to Canada and brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Joseph Patrick BREEN, of the United States of America*

*13 October 2009*

Colonel Breen has consistently exhibited a high level of professionalism and initiative in his duties as United States Defense and Air attaché to Canada. He was instrumental in providing key assistance to Canada's Air Force as it introduced the CC177 Globemaster and as it planned to acquire a CC130J Hercules fleet. While his outstanding leadership significantly contributed to Canadian operations, his personal engagement with the military community also enhanced the exchange experience of American personnel living in Canada.

*Captain James BRENNAN, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Deployed as Strategic Airfield Planner from July 2007 to January 2008, Captain Brennan provided exceptional insight and vision that led to the establishment of NATO's only strategic airport for debarkation in Afghanistan. Adopted at the international level, his work paved the way for the successful deployment of operational aircrafts from NATO and non-NATO nations.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Shane Anthony BRENNAN, CD*

*22 May 2007*

Lieutenant-Colonel Brennan commanded Joint Task Force Lebanon, the military assistance mission for the facilitated departure of some 15,000 Canadians from Lebanon during the conflict of July 2006. This mission represented the largest international evacuation of Canadians from conflict in Canadian history. Moulding a disparate group of individuals and sub-units into one cohesive and effective team, Lieutenant-Colonel Brennan quickly brought order to a monumental task. His exceptional ability to balance urgency and compassion with due diligence for safety and security resulted in the successful evacuation of Canadians from active conflict regions, such as Tyre and Sidon.

*Major Joseph Éric Stéphane BRIAND, CD*

*17 May 2012*

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

*Brigadier General Jack BRIGGS II, of the United States of America*

*22 October 2013*

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 contributed to the ongoing pursuit of our North American security goals.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Lauredan Daniel BRISSETTE, CD*

*14 March 2007*

Master Warrant Officer Brissette served two tours with the Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. He was involved in combat engagements with enemy forces and many direct action operations. His outstanding leadership and decisive actions under fire, in the face of the enemy, demonstrated an outstanding degree of professionalism that has ensured the success of the fighting force and the safety of his men. His distinguished accomplishments throughout both tours reflect very highly on the Canadian Armed Forces and on Canada.

*Master Warrant Officer Raymond Joseph BRODEUR, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As the sergeant-major of the Charlie Company Combat Team, in Afghanistan from September 2009 to April 2010, Master Warrant Officer Brodeur set high standards for his soldiers, which contributed to their success during counter-insurgency operations. His advice and tactical acumen contributed to the team's successful conduct of operations that increased stability within the highly volatile Panjwayi District. Master Warrant Officer Brodeur distinguished himself as an experienced and exceptional leader who was critical to the success of his battle group's operations.

*Sergeant David James BROMELL, CD**26 July 1995*

Sergeant Bromell, an engineer, played a vital role in the year-round maintenance required to keep open the main supply route within an area of operations in the former Yugoslavia during 1994 and 1995. He developed and helped implement a plan for widening the route with explosives, and assisted in compiling a report which detailed future maintenance work required. On his own, he spearheaded technical assistance and other support for the children's and psychiatric hospitals in Drin and Bakovici. Throughout, he was the model of a professional and humanitarian soldier.

*Captain Joseph Maurice Robert Gaétan BROSSEAU, CD**30 July 1992*

Captain Brosseau was an unarmed monitor with the European Community Monitor Mission in Northern Bosnia from 7 April until 5 May 1992. Following the unexpected departure of his two superiors, he took over command of the mission in Sarajevo, leading a team of thirty five people in a most professional manner in dangerous duties under hostile fire. When ordered to leave, he planned and commanded the six-hour convoy move through hostile territory. His courage under fire and his tireless dedication and professionalism were an example to all.

*Corporal Bobby BROWN**31 May 2011*

On 26 December 2008, a massive improvised explosive device launched Corporal Brown's vehicle into the air, killing the driver instantly and causing several other casualties. After being temporarily knocked unconscious, Corporal Brown moved to the burning vehicle to provide first aid. Despite the intense heat and smoke, his resolve never wavered as he helped those wounded by the blast. Throughout this tragic event, Corporal Brown demonstrated tremendous character, devotion to duty and true leadership with actions that inspired his fellow soldiers.

*Captain Christopher BROWN**29 April 1999*

On 13 November 1996, Rescue 303, a Labrador helicopter and its crew, was tasked to search for a CH 421 Griffon helicopter, which was overdue from a medical evacuation in northern Labrador. Captain Brown, the Aircraft Commander of Rescue 303, assembled the crew and began flight planning. They flew more than 1,000 nautical miles through hazardous weather conditions to complete the rescue of the four crew members of the crashed Griffon 421 helicopter. Despite an acute awareness of the hazards they faced, the crew persisted under the expert guidance of Captain Brown. His professionalism and decisiveness resulted in the successful completion of this difficult mission, bringing great credit to both his unit and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Corporal Robert James BROWN, MB, CD**14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Master Corporal Brown and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Lee BROWN, MMM, CD**19 December 2013*

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.

*Chief Warrant Officer Ward Desmond BROWN, MMM, CD**18 October 2006*

Chief Warrant Officer Brown was the regimental sergeant-major of the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) deployed to Kandahar from July 2005 to February 2006 as part of the Canadian government's approach to fostering Afghanistan's renewed nationhood. This marked Canada's first deployment of the PRT into an area of operations threatened by an active insurgency. Chief Warrant Officer Brown's outstanding leadership, professionalism, dedication and poise under dangerous conditions were instrumental to the success of the mission. His efforts brought great credit to the provincial reconstruction team, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Malcolm David BRUCE, CD*

*18 September 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from July 2010 to July 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce contributed significantly to developing the country's Ministry of Defence and Afghan National Army. He also spearheaded improvements to the National Military Hospital that greatly improved efficiency and soldier care. His pursuit of excellence and ability to continually deliver outstanding results were evident as he mentored and advised the country's most senior leadership. Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce's actions enhanced Canada's reputation in the eyes of our Afghan and coalition partners, and directly contributed to mission success.

*Corporal Pierre BRÛLÉ, Jr.*

*4 April 2008*

Corporal Brûlé was deployed with the 53rd Engineer Squadron, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. Operating the lead vehicle responsible for detecting mines and roadside bombs, he participated in numerous road-opening missions in areas that were subject to enemy attacks. Despite the ever-present danger, he continually pressed on with his mission under the most challenging circumstances, minimizing the number of potential attacks against friendly forces.

*Warrant Officer Todd Barry BUCHANAN, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Warrant Officer Buchanan was deployed to Afghanistan with an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, from February to August 2008. Working from both the command post and while deployed forward, he coordinated precision tactical effects that supported Afghan and coalition combat operations. On numerous occasions, his timely application of precision fires proved successful, with devastating effects on the insurgents' ability to continue fighting, and without endangering friendly forces. Warrant Officer Buchanan's strong mission focus and professionalism enhanced operational success in the Zharey district.

*Colonel Andrew David Hawkesford BUDD, of the United Kingdom*

*12 March 2008*

Colonel Budd was deployed as chief of operations in the International Security Assistance Force Headquarters in Afghanistan, from February to August 2004. A strategic-level visionary, he overcame serious obstacles and set the conditions for the successful conduct of voter registration and presidential elections. Throughout this demanding tour in a volatile operational environment, he worked tirelessly and selflessly to enhance intelligence-driven security missions and counter-narcotic activities that were vital to the NATO expansion into northern Afghanistan. Colonel Budd's devotion to duty and relentless effort has brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces, to Canada and to NATO.

*Sergeant Shaun Gary BURDEYNY, CD*

*22 August 2012*

Sergeant Burdeyny served as second in command and team leader of a village stability operations team, in Panjwayi, Afghanistan. He displayed skill and professionalism throughout his mentoring of Afghan security forces and brought stability to the area of operations. On 2 April 2011, despite having been injured by an improvised explosive device and under threat of insurgent attack, he successfully coordinated a medical evacuation of his fellow soldiers. Sergeant Burdeyny unwavering leadership and dedication have brought considerable honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Corporal Joseph Gilles Christian BUREAU*

*4 April 2008*

From July 2007 to February 2008, Corporal Bureau displayed the highest standards of medical expertise while directing the treatment and evacuation of countless casualties in Afghanistan. Despite extremely difficult conditions, he performed complex medical procedures that saved the lives of many Canadian and Afghan soldiers.

*Colonel Gregory Dawson BURT, CD*

*2 February 2011*

Colonel Burt was the commanding officer of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, in Kandahar, from March to October 2009. His command presence and mentorship empowered the 1st Brigade, 205th Corps of the Afghan National Army to successfully conduct increasingly complex operations, disrupting enemy objectives and strengthening the Afghan government's authority within the province. His leadership inspired his soldiers to persevere as they faced peril on a daily basis, all while mentoring soldiers at remote locations throughout the area of operations. Colonel Burt's understanding of Afghanistan's political situation ensured his unit's success and reinforced Canada's international reputation.

*Vice-Admiral Paul BUSHONG, of the United States of America*

*19 January 2015*

As the United States security coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority from October 2012 to October 2014, Vice-Admiral Bushong was the leader of a military-civilian team that included Canadian personnel. Under his direction, the group achieved its goals, despite the relatively small size of the unit and the numerous regional challenges it faced. With impressive leadership and a singular operational vision, Vice-Admiral Bushong helped to advance Canada's strategic initiatives, interests and credibility in the region.

*Sergeant Joseph John Raymond BUTLER*

*10 March 1995*

Sergeant Butler was a field engineer section commander in Croatia, when, on three separate occasions in October and December 1994, he was personally responsible for clearing mines during most trying conditions. Due to his actions, his battalion was able to establish its presence in a previously unpassable area, the United Nations Force was able to occupy and sustain a new presence in a vital area, and two casualties of a mine explosion were successfully evacuated. Throughout, he demonstrated the highest standard of professionalism, skill and devotion to duty.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Kenneth Freeman BUTTERWORTH, CD*

*31 May 2011*

As the chief of staff of Task Force Tampa from May 2007 to June 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Butterworth served as a critical information conduit between United States Central Command and the Canadian Armed Forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Butterworth's leadership and professionalism enabled the enhancement of the operational effectiveness of the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. His efforts achieved support for troop increases and the loan of equipment while gaining considerable credit and recognition for Canada.

*Corporal Kyle Patrick BUTTON*

*11 March 2016*

On 22 October 2014, Corporal Button displayed exemplary leadership following the tragic incidents at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa, Ontario. Having witnessed a shooter firing at his comrade, he remained at the scene and continued providing first aid with the assistance of other individuals. Corporal Button's exemplary support to his community, his professionalism in the aftermath of the events, and his determination to return to his post at the Tomb during very challenging circumstances have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Timothy Charles BYERS, CD*

*20 April 2010*

From May 2008 through March 2009, Major Byers exhibited professionalism, foresight and leadership in his capacity as commander 4th Canadian Ranger Patrol Group during the planning and execution of Exercise WESTERN SPIRIT. The exercise included an arduous 37-day snowmobile trek, during which he led the patrol through severe arctic conditions, highlighting the capabilities of Canadian Rangers in over 25 northern communities. The success of this Exercise and its connection with Canadians in the North brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Sergeant Aaron David BYGROVE, CD*

*29 March 2015*

On 9 January 2013, Sergeant Bygrove and Master Corporal Robitaille rescued two Inuit hunters and a civilian pilot whose aircraft had crashed through the ice on Hudson Bay, near Arviat, Nunavut. Working in bitterly cold weather conditions, they performed a perilous parachute jump onto an extremely thin ice floe. Displaying skill and professionalism, Sergeant Bygrove and Master Corporal Robitaille successfully rescued both the hunters and the pilot.

*Colonel Jamieson CADE, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Colonel Cade was deployed as the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from May 2008 to February 2009. His leadership and unwavering determination greatly enabled the Task Force's success in operations and in establishing constructive relationships with Afghan authorities and coalition partners. Colonel Cade's personal commitment to significantly improving trust, respect, cohesion and understanding among government partners in pursuit of broader mission objectives enhanced Canada's reputation within the international community.

*Major Trevor John CADIEU, CD*

*7 October 2010*

From October 2006 to February 2007, Major Cadieu commanded B Squadron of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians), in Afghanistan. Leading the first tank squadron in combat in almost 60 years, Major Cadieu immediately forged a cohesive combat team that excelled during two major offensives

and numerous other engagements. His leadership played a decisive role in battling insurgents, and contributed to the battle group's domination of the Arghandab River area. Major Cadieu's courage and performance contributed significantly to his squadron's operational success.

*Colonel Joseph Henri Roger Pierre CADOTTE, CD*

*24 March 2000*

During the winter 1998 ice storm in Quebec and Ontario, Colonel Cadotte established a logistics unit as part of Operation RECUPERATION. With less than three days' notice, he merged various organizations, including the Assistant Deputy Minister (Material) Unit, the 202 Workshop Depot, the 3 Canadian Support Group, the 4 Canadian Forces Movement Control Unit and his own unit, the 25 Canadian Forces Supply Depot located at Longue-Pointe. When the 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group units arrived on site, everything needed to help the disaster victims was ready, including vehicles, equipment, food and mobile kitchens. Through his professionalism, Colonel Cadotte was in large part responsible for the Canadian Armed Forces' image of excellence throughout Operation RECUPERATION.

*Lieutenant-Commander Douglas Ian CAMPBELL, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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.

*Captain George CAMPBELL, CD*

*17 October 1991*

Captain Campbell was the chief of the Allocation and Engineering Action Team in the Defence Communications Agency, Scott Air Force Base, United States of America, during the Gulf War. He expertly managed the Agency's allocation and engineering operation as part of the Crisis Action Team for Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. Working long hours under stressful conditions, his team successfully configured and connected strategic and tactical transmission systems and networks, both in the United States and in the Gulf theatre, and solved countless technical and procedural problems.

*Sergeant Yannick CAMPBELL, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As team leader of an engineer construction team from April to December 2010, Sergeant Campbell significantly improved the quality of life in Dand District, Afghanistan, through his exemplary leadership and devotion. Operating in an incredibly hostile environment, he worked closely with local authorities to initiate and facilitate 14 development projects that employed hundreds of Afghans, improved local infrastructure and enhanced their trust in the district government. Sergeant Campbell contributed to the success of the international reconstruction mission and helped stabilization efforts in Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant-Colonel James Frederick CAMSELL, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Lieutenant-Colonel Camsell was deployed to Afghanistan as a mentor to the head of logistics of an Afghan National Army (ANA) brigade, from September 2008 to April 2009. His collaborative approach and articulated vision enabled him to introduce initiatives that vastly improved the efficiency of the brigade's re-supply system. These initiatives were eventually adopted across Regional Command (South). Lieutenant-Colonel Camsell's dedication to developing a more responsive and capable sustainment system for the ANA greatly enhanced operational effectiveness.

*Colonel Michael CAPSTICK, OMM, CD*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Marie Annabelle Jennie CARIGNAN, CD*

*26 April 2011*

From November 2009 to September 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Carignan demonstrated outstanding command of the Task Force Kandahar Engineer Regiment, ensuring that the necessary support was provided to Canadian and coalition forces in Afghanistan. With superb leadership abilities, she oversaw the completion of infrastructure and development projects, and effectively synchronized the efforts of military and civilian agencies. In addition, she provided support to newly arrived American forces without compromising support to Canadians. Lieutenant-Colonel Carignan's remarkable efforts were critical to operational success.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Claude CARON, MMM, CD*

*10 July 2007*

Master Warrant Officer Caron's performance, while serving in Allied Joint Force Command Naples from 2003 to 2007, brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and significantly enhanced Canada's reputation amongst our allies. Whether he was assisting the community, supporting colleagues or briefing senior officers, Master Warrant Officer Caron engaged in every assignment with the highest level of professionalism and dedication. In addition to his regular duties, he voluntarily served in Iraq, was the chief instructor for the Mobile Training Team and was the senior Canadian advisor for non-commissioned members. Master Warrant Officer Caron's work with the Joint Force Command Naples has had a positive and lasting impact.

*Brigadier-General Marc CARON, OMM, CD*

*17 January 2000*

From December 1998 to May 1999, Brigadier-General Caron served as assistant chief of staff for the Kosovo Verification Mission. He coordinated all the activities of a major multinational headquarters staff, most of whom were high-ranking civilian diplomats unaccustomed to working in an operational setting. He performed brilliantly under some very dangerous and explosive circumstances. One of the most pressing and difficult issues involved the need to develop an operational evacuation plan. He prepared, coordinated and rehearsed the plan, and finally had to implement it when the mission was evacuated prior to the commencement of the NATO air campaign. His selfless dedication, courage and performance throughout this period brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major General Raymond CARPENTER, of the United States of America*

*30 November 2011*

In his capacity as acting director of the United States Army National Guard from 2009 through 2011, Major General Carpenter was instrumental in enhancing the United States Army National Guard's working relationship with the Canadian Army Reserve. As a result of his direct leadership and intervention, training and employment opportunities for Canadian Army reservists have been created. Major General Carpenter's influence has further enhanced the unique relationship between Canada and the United States, delivering considerable benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain Breen CARSON*

*26 April 2011*

From October 2009 to February 2010, Captain Carson's exceptional mentorship of multiple companies of the Afghan National Army enhanced their capabilities and contributed to the success of Canadian efforts in Afghanistan. In addition to providing front line leadership during multiple enemy contacts and improvised explosive device finds, Captain Carson established a comprehensive training plan that furthered the partnering concept between the Afghan National Army and the battle group. Captain Carson's superb professionalism and unwavering dedication has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Michael Kent CARSWELL, CD*

*22 April 1994*

As a United Nations Observer in the former Yugoslavia, Major Carswell displayed outstanding courage, professionalism and leadership in carrying out his duties. By creating a strong rapport with local commanders, he frequently accomplished results in negotiations where others had failed. This approach helped save lives, reduced suffering and brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Commander Stephen Wade CARTER, CD*

*19 December 2013*

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.

*Major Luis CARVALLO, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As deputy commanding officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team from August 2008 to September 2009, Major Carvallo greatly contributed to enhancing development, governance and security in Afghanistan. Leading a diverse team of Canadian, Afghan and American military and civilian personnel in a gruelling counter-insurgency environment, he showed leadership that ensured the successful implementation of numerous projects that enhanced the quality of life for Afghani citizens. Major Carvallo's leadership and unwavering dedication improved Canadian-Afghan relations and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Chief Warrant Officer Gorden Roy CAVANAGH, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Colonel Michael Pearson CESSFORD, OMM, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As commander of the Staff and Language Training Centre from January to October 2010, Colonel Cessford made a significant contribution to developing junior leadership in the Afghan National Army and police force. He called upon his extensive network of battle-hardened Afghan commanders and his own personal experience to develop a program for teaching combat leadership as it relates to Afghanistan's unique counter-insurgency environment. Colonel Cessford's efforts laid the foundation for the professionalization of Afghanistan's security institutions, furthering stability and safety for the local population.

*Colonel Kenneth CHADDER, OMM, CD*

*28 June 2013*

From 2011 to 2013, Colonel Chadder's performance was critical to the successful planning and execution of Training Exercise JOINTEX 13, one of the most ambitious joint training efforts ever undertaken by the Canadian Armed Forces. As the exercise planning team leader, he developed the training support framework and methodology, and successfully synchronized the efforts of countless individuals and organizations. Without the efforts and leadership of Colonel Chadder, this complex training event would not have enjoyed the success that it ultimately achieved.

*Captain David Andrew CHAMBERS*

*14 January 1993*

In early November 1991, Captain Chambers demonstrated outstanding leadership, perseverance and professionalism in a rescue operation near Canadian Forces Alert Station in the Northwest Territories. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft, he organized and participated in the successful rescue mission of the survivors under severe blizzard conditions. After the evacuation of casualties he volunteered to remain on the crash site and make the necessary arrangements for the post-rescue inquiry.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Guy Alain Richmond CHAMPAGNE, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As sergeant-major of C Squadron from November 2010 to July 2011, Master Warrant Officer Champagne played a leading role in a vital road-building project in the western part of the Panjwayi district of Afghanistan. Despite the complexity of the task and the constant presence of the enemy, and through his perseverance in overcoming many obstacles, he ensured the success of this critical operation. Master Warrant Officer Champagne's efforts inspired his colleagues and stand as tangible proof of Canada's contribution in Afghanistan.

*Commander Daniel Alan CHARLEBOIS, CD*

*19 January 2015*

As the commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Regina*, Commander Charlebois was crucial to the success of two different missions between 15 February and 3 August 2014. Initially deployed in an antiterrorism role in the Indian Ocean, his ship was re-tasked on short notice to reinforce NATO

allies in the Mediterranean Sea. Despite this sudden change, Commander Charlebois displayed great leadership and command presence, ensuring the crew adapted seamlessly, which brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Sergeant Patrice Pascal CHARTRAND, CD*

*2 February 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan as second-in-command of an infantry platoon from April to October 2009, Sergeant Chartrand played a pivotal role in the battle group's success. He helped to enhance security conditions in Kandahar province in a number of ways, whether by leading his platoon through high-intensity combat operations, developing a successful mentoring program for the Afghan uniformed police, or improving local police stations and schools. His leadership, expertise and dedicated efforts brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan.

*Major Derek John CHENETTE, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Captain Mario Cletus CHENG, CD (Posthumous)*

*18 July 1997*

On 18 September 1995, Captain Cheng was the team captain of the 4 Wing Thunderbird Challenge Team participating in Peacekeeper Challenge 95 – a multinational skill-at-arms competition for military police forces – held at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Captain Cheng led his team into the combat obstacle course, which required all members to cross the finish line to gain a standing. During the event, he began to experience physical problems; however, he refused to let his team down and insisted on continuing. After crossing the finish line, he collapsed and was rushed to the base hospital where he died. A Canadian peacekeeping veteran with service in Rwanda and Bosnia, Captain Cheng served his country well, ultimately making the supreme sacrifice in order to serve those who followed him. His loyalty and commitment to his team-mates, and his selfless dedication and determination brought credit and honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Marcel CHEVARIE, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Frances Louise CHILTON-MACKAY, OMM, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Lieutenant-Colonel Chilton-MacKay has volunteered her time and expertise as the director of Music of the Governor General's Foot Guards Regimental Band. Since 2006, she has been the driving force in providing an unparalleled level of musical support to numerous events at the local, national and international levels. She has worked tirelessly to foster morale and to build the Canadian Armed Forces' esprit de corps through these musical performances. Under her dynamic leadership, she has effectively projected a positive image of the Canadian Armed Forces, both at home and abroad.

*Major William Michael CHURCH, CD*

*29 June 2015*

From January to April 2013, Major Church deployed to Istres, France, as tactical commander of Air Task Force Mali. Demonstrating flexibility and ingenuity, he overcame a variety of operational challenges to ensure the successful airlift of over three million pounds of cargo and almost 800 troops in support of France's operations in Mali. Major Church's leadership, unwavering professionalism and capacity for improvisation were praised by the French authorities and brought significant recognition to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Douglas CLAGGETT, CD**30 November 2012*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Norman CLANCY, CD**30 June 2010*

In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Lieutenant Colonel Clancy was deployed as the air component commander of Joint Task Force Haiti, from January to March 2010. Optimizing the employment of all capabilities under his command, he ensured the uninterrupted aerial delivery of personnel and supplies critical to the success of the disaster relief operations. His outstanding leadership and unrelenting drive enabled Canada and its international partners to help ease the suffering of the Haitian people, and enhanced Canada's reputation on the world stage.

*Sergeant Paul Andrew CLARK**9 March 1994*

On 21 February 1993, while serving with «A» squadron during the UN emergency intervention in Somalia, Sergeant Clark entered a known minefield to aid fellow soldiers whose vehicle had just struck an anti-tank mine. He subsequently led a recovery team into the minefield and, when his own vehicle struck a mine and he was injured, ensured that his crew was safely evacuated before taking action to prevent his vehicle from exploding. These actions exceeded the bounds of normal duty and helped save soldiers' lives.

*Commander Robert Irwin CLAYTON, CD**14 January 1993*

As Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Halifax, Commander Clayton has led the introduction into service of Canada's first new major warship in almost 20 years. He has represented Canada's navy and industry in many public demonstrations with outstanding skill and confidence. During three years of intense national and international public scrutiny, Commander Clayton's enthusiasm, dedication and professionalism have been key factors in the successful introduction of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Halifax into service.

*Leading Seaman Yves François CLÉMENT**29 April 1999*

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Commander Jeffrey Campbell CLIMENHAGA, CD**5 November 2013*

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.

*Colonel Christopher John COATES, OMM, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Colonel Coates was the first commander of the Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing, from November 2008 to April 2009. Under pressure to get the newly formed air wing operational as soon as possible, he overcame numerous logistical challenges to ensure the rapid introduction of critical aviation capabilities to Afghanistan. Colonel Coates' extraordinary efforts have augmented Canadian operational capability, enhancing the security and mobility of ground forces across the theatre of operations.

*Lieutenant-Commander Matthew David COATES, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel David Bruce COCHRANE, CD*

*26 April 2011*

Lieutenant-Colonel Cochrane served as commanding officer of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing Theatre Support Element at Camp Mirage, from June to December 2009. His leadership was critical to maintaining airlift support for operations in Afghanistan and his diplomatic skills enabled him to establish relationships with the host nation that benefitted Canadian and coalition operations, both at Camp Mirage and in Afghanistan. Lieutenant-Colonel Cochrane's exemplary dedication, tact and operational focus contributed to the success of the Afghan mission, and enhanced Canada's international reputation.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Bruno Martin COLBERT, MMM, CD*

*28 February 2014*

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 Robert COLBOURNE, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Captain Colbourne was deployed as a member of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, in Afghanistan, from August 2007 to February 2008. While leading attacks or coordinating the evacuation of wounded soldiers, he provided guidance through numerous engagements with the enemy under extremely adverse conditions. His leadership and devotion to duty were an inspiration to the Afghan soldiers, encouraging them to excel during difficult operations.

*Major Michael James COLE, CD*

*18 September 2011*

Major Cole displayed professionalism and dedication as officer commanding Maintenance Company in Afghanistan from April to November 2010. Under his leadership, starting with the training period leading up to the deployment, his company provided seamless support to Task Force Kandahar operations. Executing his duties to the highest professional standards, he led by example and willingly shared the same risks as his soldiers on the ground. Major Cole's efforts contributed to the Canadian Armed Forces' operational success during a long and challenging fighting season.

*Major Devin Paul CONLEY, CD*

*21 August 2007*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel John David CONRAD, CD*

*22 May 2007*

Lieutenant-Colonel Conrad served as the commanding officer of the National Support Element in Kandahar, Afghanistan, from 8 February to 15 August 2006. His tireless work ensured effective and flexible combat service support to all elements of the Canadian contingent and to numerous multinational partners throughout intense combat operations. Leading by example and sharing the risks of ambushes and improvised explosive device attacks, Lieutenant-Colonel Conrad frequently

accompanied soldiers on combat logistic patrol and missions to evacuate the wounded. His exceptional leadership, professionalism and dedication were the driving force behind the great success of the National Support Element and of Task Force Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Brendan Stirling COOK, CD*

*11 March 2016*

While deployed to Kuwait from October 2014 to April 2015 as the Long Range Patrol Detachment commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Cook led the training, deployment, activation and execution of overland Aurora combat missions that provided intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities over Iraq. Moreover, despite a gruelling tempo, he oversaw the successful implementation of an extensive array of new capabilities that provided critical support to the coalition. Lieutenant-Colonel Cook's performance was integral to mission success and enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Leading Seaman Reginald Stephen COOMBS*

*8 October 1999*

On the evening of 11 January 1999, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Algonquin* was conducting sea trials in the Strait of Juan de Fuca when a fire broke out in the diesel generator enclosure. With fire extinguishers, Master Seaman Wilson attacked the fire on the portside while Leading Seaman Coombs did the same on the starboard side. The generator turbo chargers and their exhausts were glowing red and the melted crankcase breather line was spraying oil onto the exhaust lagging which, in turn, was igniting into fireballs. Both engineers alternated between cutting away the smoldering lagging and putting out flash fires. Leading Seaman Coombs and Master Seaman Wilson's quick actions and professionalism helped to avert a disastrous situation, in which the potential for loss of life and equipment was extremely high.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon David CORBOULD, CD*

*7 October 2009*

Lieutenant-Colonel Corbould was deployed to Afghanistan as commanding officer of the Battle Group, from February to September 2008. His exceptional leadership enabled the entire task force to maintain an offensive spirit throughout an intense summer fighting season. His combat acumen, adaptability and visionary planning contributed to the achievement of key tactical victories and stronger interpersonal bonds between coalition forces and local Afghans. Lieutenant-Colonel Corbould's courage and calm ensured the Battle Group's operational success, furthering NATO objectives in Afghanistan.

*Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Raymond CÔTÉ, CD*

*12 March 2008*

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Côté demonstrated outstanding leadership and professionalism as regimental sergeant-major for the ceremonial contingent commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, in France, on 9 April 2007. His role in the planning and execution of international events at the Vimy Memorial, where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II honoured the service of our veterans, brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Corporal Dominic COUTURE*

*4 April 2008*

Corporal Couture deployed as the weapons technician with Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. Despite limited resources at the Forward Operating Base, his resourcefulness and expertise ensured the effective repair of artillery systems and the manufacturing of parts. In addition to providing ongoing technical support on the battlefield, his dedicated efforts, under adverse and dangerous conditions, enhanced the operational effectiveness of the battle group.

*Honorary Colonel William COYLE, OOnt*

*14 July 2004*

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

*Master Warrant Officer William John CRABB, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Master Warrant Officer Crabb was deployed to Afghanistan as the sergeant-major of Alpha Squadron, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from February to September 2007. His resourcefulness and exceptional coordination skills ensured the success of replenishment operations throughout the Kandahar and Helmand provinces despite repeated exposure to improvised explosives attacks and mine strikes.

*Colonel Ian Robert CREIGHTON, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As commanding officer of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team from April to November 2010, Colonel Creighton provided mentorship to two Afghan National Army brigade commanders. His leadership and diplomacy empowered the brigade to independently conduct increasingly complex operations that disrupted insurgent objectives and strengthened government authority within Kandahar Province. Colonel Creighton's understanding of counter-insurgency warfare and of Afghanistan's unique environment ensured his unit's success and enhanced Canada's international reputation for military excellence.

*Sergeant Gordon Percy CULLEN, CD*

*18 September 2011*

From April to November 2010, Sergeant Cullen served as battle group master sniper. His front line leadership enabled his two sniper detachments to provide exceptional support to ground forces operating in Afghanistan. In addition to facilitating the conduct of numerous counter-insurgency operations, he expanded the battle group's sniper capability by personally mentoring soldiers from other units. Regularly exposing himself to enemy fire in order to draw the enemy out, Sergeant Cullen was critical to the success of many operations.

*Corporal Derek John CURTIS*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Corporal Curtis and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Major Adam Richard CYBANSKI, CD*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Captain Christopher Glen CYR*

*18 September 2011*

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

*Colonel Steven CZEPIGA, of the United States of America*

*2 October 2008*

From June 2005 to September 2008, Colonel Czepiga has consistently exhibited a high standard of professionalism in the performance of his duties as the U.S. Army attaché in Canada. Working tirelessly to ensure the closest co-operation between Canadian and American armed forces in Afghanistan, he has greatly contributed to the positioning of the Canadian Armed Forces for current operational challenges. His expertise and initiative have brought great honour to the United States Army and to Canada.

*Master Warrant Officer Claude DALLAIRE, CD**17 May 2012*

As sergeant-major of the Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) maintenance squadron from July 2010 to April 2011, Master Warrant Officer Dallaire distinguished himself by his professionalism and insight. Through his strong leadership and with the cohesive team of aircraft technicians that he trained, he kept the fleet accessible and available for all Task Force missions. Master Warrant Officer Dallaire's dedication and discipline ensured ongoing air support for Canadian soldiers, thereby helping to bring about the operational success of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Chief Warrant Officer Robert DALY, CD**15 March 2010*

Chief Warrant Officer Daly's leadership of a diverse group of people, combined with his expert advice to superiors and subordinates alike, ensured the success of the National Support Element in its mission to support troops in Afghanistan. Sharing the risks of combat logistics patrols with those he led, he set the example for them to follow and ensured the provision of logistics requirements to the units they supported. His efforts and perseverance directly contributed to the operational success of Canadian and coalition forces from February to September 2008.

*Colonel Grant Fernand DAME, CD**28 June 2013*

From July 2010 to July 2011, while deployed to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as chief of staff, Colonel Dame synchronized the efforts of over 9,000 UN personnel. Confronted with the concurrent catastrophes of cholera, violence and severe weather, he helped the mission achieve outstanding results, particularly in the areas of hurricane relief and security for the presidential elections. Colonel Dame's leadership and work ethic contributed directly to mission success and enhanced Canada's international reputation.

*Corporal Darren Paul DARBYSON, CD**14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Corporal Darbyson and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Captain Marc DAUPHIN, CD**2 February 2011*

As the officer commanding the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit in Afghanistan from April to October 2009, Captain Dauphin showed unparalleled dedication and initiative that were pivotal to ensuring world-class care for all patients. In addition to effectively managing the constant influx of battlefield casualties, he carefully developed relationships with other medical facilities to enable the seamless transfer of patients. Captain Dauphin's leadership and mentorship of the multinational team significantly increased the medical capacity of the unit, directly benefitting the Canadian mission and bringing distinction to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Dwight Allan DAVIES, CD**30 November 2000*

From January to May 1999, Colonel Davies was the commanding officer of Task Force Aviano, in Italy. Col Davies commanded the Task Force during the important buildup phase and its subsequent first 48 days of combat operations. His aircraft flew more than 370 sorties without mishap. Colonel Davies' outstanding efforts and exemplary leadership during his tour of duty contributed to the success of the Canadian participation in Operation ALLIED FORCE. His expertise and professionalism gained the Task Force credibility and respect amongst our NATO allies.

*Colonel Peter Samson DAWE, CD**19 April 2013*

As deputy commander of NATO's Canadian Contingent Training Mission in Afghanistan from April 2011 to February 2012, Colonel Dawe did an outstanding job during the establishment of the task force. He oversaw the planning and implementation of all task force activities and developed constructive relationships with other countries and civilian partners. Through his leadership, Colonel Dawe played a key role in increasing the capability of the Afghan Forces and brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Brigadier-General Jonkheer Harmen de JONGE,  
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*

*7 October 2009*

Brigadier-General de Jonge, of the Royal Netherlands Army, was deployed to Afghanistan as the deputy commander of Regional Command (South), from January to October 2008. His strategic vision and expert skills in diplomacy greatly contributed to mutual respect and synergy between coalition partners, Afghan security forces and the Afghan government. His insightful execution of command intent and his advice to multinational staff ensured effective command and control during regional operations. Brigadier-General de Jonge's exceptional leadership and professionalism were key in ensuring the success of the Regional Command (South) operations.

*Major-General Mart de KRUIF, of the Kingdom of the Netherlands*

*7 October 2010*

As commander of Regional Command (South) from November 2008 to November 2009, Major-General de Kruif consistently acknowledged and promoted Canada's contribution to allied military efforts in Afghanistan. With compassion and respect for Canadian soldiers, he ensured their welfare and security, and provided outstanding support to the command teams of two Canadian task forces. Demonstrating world-class leadership, unwavering dedication and keen operational understanding, Major-General de Kruif's command of Canadian soldiers was exemplary and provided great benefit to Canada.

*Chief Warrant Officer Daniel Alexander DEBRIE, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Sergeant Shaun DELAMERE, CD*

*11 April 2016*

As acting 4 Wing Construction Engineering Production Superintendent from May to August 2012 – a master warrant officer position – Sergeant Delamere provided exceptional infrastructure support to national exercises while maintaining construction engineering support to ongoing Wing operations. Through astute intra-departmental engagements and outstanding leadership, he played a critical role in planning and executing five significant construction projects, which have provided lasting capabilities in support of vital activities. Sergeant Delamere's actions brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Roland Grant DELANEY, CD*

*7 October 2010*

Lieutenant-Colonel Delaney was instrumental in planning and coordinating the training requirements and personnel preparation for the Chinook Helicopter program. His in-depth contract management skills allowed him to overcome complex and conflicting challenges, ensuring all tactical level requirements were properly integrated. This resulted in a new critical capability being made available in-theatre in record time, proving beneficial to Canadian and allied troops.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Lucien André DEMERS, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Master Warrant Officer Demers was deployed to Afghanistan as the sergeant-major of C Company, from July 2007 to March 2008. Despite the casualties suffered by his unit, he selflessly led recovery efforts under heavy insurgent fire. Master Warrant Officer Demers motivated his soldiers to execute over 250 presence patrols. His leadership and unwavering support to the command team contributed directly to strong unit morale and combat effectiveness.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Donald James DENNE, CD*

*27 August 2004*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Charles DERRY, CD*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Master Corporal Steve John Brian DESCARIE, CD*

*12 March 2008*

Master Corporal Descarie is commended for his operational support of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, during his tour with the National Security Agency, based out of Fort George Meade, Maryland, commencing in July 2005. His exceptional analytical skills, professionalism and initiative in developing and delivering actionable intelligence lead to several high-profile successes in actions against anti-coalition forces.

*Major Steven Pierre DESJARDINS, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Major Desjardins was deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the All Source Intelligence Centre, from July 2007 to March 2008. His expertise and dedication fostered a synergy between units and within his team, which optimized their capabilities as they established new operational concepts and targeting processes. His leadership, perseverance and sound knowledge were instrumental in the provision of relevant and timely information that proved critical to the success of intelligence-driven operations.

*Captain Wayne DESJARDINS, MB, CD*

*30 June 2010*

In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Captain Desjardins, Corporal Beauclair and Corporal Pilon were sent as part of the inaugural deployment of the Canadian Armed Forces Urban Search and Rescue team, from January to March 2010. Tasked with locating, extracting and recovering Canadian and foreign human remains, these three individuals helped to ease the suffering of many families through their unrelenting and compassionate efforts, and were an inspiration to their team and international partners. Despite the mental and physical demands of this horrific and complex operation, they maintained an unwavering dedication that brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major Michael Roy DEUTSCH, CD*

*29 May 2009*

From January to December 2008, Major Deutsch displayed great vision and a strong work ethic in overcoming challenges to bring troops together, procure equipment, and train personnel in order to implement the NOCTUA Unmanned Aerial Vehicle capability for Joint Task Force Afghanistan. Not only were these tasks completed five months after the contract was awarded, but were accomplished while Major Deutsch simultaneously carried out the demanding responsibilities of acting Wing operations officer.

*Captain Gerald Louis DEVEAU, CD*

*26 July 1995*

Captain Deveau was the senior Canadian military engineer with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda in 1994. He quickly established his own credibility and that of his engineering troop in Explosive Ordnance Disposal tasks and, in the first thirty days of deployment, led numerous clearance operations, locating and safely destroying over 460 mines and pieces of unexploded ordnance. He was heavily involved in the creation of a mine awareness program, and provided considerable, effective, infrastructure support to the Force as a whole.

*Master Corporal John Wayne DEVISON*

*14 June 1994*

From September 1992 to March 1993, Master Corporal Devison excelled while serving as the non-commissioned officer in charge of United Nations mine clearance operations in Sector West (Croatia). He established a close rapport with local Croatian engineers, and their respect for his professionalism was a key factor in gaining their cooperation. Even when his vehicle was almost hit by an anti-personnel mine, Master Corporal Devison's devotion to duty and positive attitude never wavered. His diplomacy, maturity and tact made a significant difference in saving hundreds of lives.

*Master Corporal Jonathan Denis DÉZIEL*

*2 February 2011*

As part of the Operational Mentor Liaison Team in Afghanistan from April to October 2009, Master Corporal Déziel assumed the role of a fire effects officer whose responsibility it was to go forward into battle to observe and report on the situation, and to coordinate artillery support for the troops engaged. In doing so, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire. His experience, planning and calm composure ensured the delivery of precise artillery strikes that significantly disrupted insurgent activity and enhanced the combat effectiveness of Canadian soldiers and Afghan National Security Forces. His leadership and tactical acumen were vital to the battle group's success.

*Major Marc Germain DIAMOND, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Major Diamond led an institutional reform as the advisor to the Afghan Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation. While deployed as a member of the Strategic Advisory Team, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from August 2006 to August 2007, he helped lay the groundwork for a safe and secure transportation system for all Afghans.

*Corporal Eric Daniel DIONNE*

*9 February 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from April to October 2009, Corporal Dionne was instrumental in successful operations and the mentorship of Afghan soldiers. During repeated engagements, his courage under fire inspired both his Canadian and Afghan comrades to persevere. He also took it upon himself to mentor his protégés in reconnaissance tactics, English-language skills and mathematics. His leadership, tactical acumen and commitment led to the success of the mission and contributed to significant improvements within the Afghan National Army, all of which reflected well on the Canadian Army and Canada.

*Captain Gregory Alan DIXON, CD*

*9 July 2013*

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.

*Major Bryan DOCKTER, of the United States of America*

*28 June 2013*

From July 2010 to July 2012, Major Dockter was the chief training officer at 436 Transport Squadron, in Trenton, Ontario, during its transition to the newly acquired CC130J Hercules aircraft. With dedication and professionalism, and despite limited resources at his disposal, he developed and sustained a robust aircrew training program while simultaneously supporting operations worldwide in minimal time. Major Dockter's efforts have had a lasting and positive impact on the development of this new capability in the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Guy DOIRON, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Sergeant Gerald Martin DOMINIE, CD*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Sergeant Dominie and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Richard Denis DOMPIERRE, CD*

*7 October 2010*

Between July 2004 and July 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Dompierre demonstrated extraordinary professionalism and innovative leadership by spearheading major reforms within the meteorological technician occupation, specifically in its organizational structure, training and deployment readiness. As a senior member of the Joint Meteorological Centre, he ensured that all deployed technicians were thoroughly prepared and properly equipped. Chief Warrant Officer Dompierre's efforts have yielded invaluable benefits for meteorological technicians who, in return, support Canadian Armed Forces operations with strengthened abilities.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Ralph Kevin DONOVAN, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Master Warrant Officer Donovan was deployed to Afghanistan with the Battle Group as Mike Company sergeant-major, from September 2008 to April 2009. Taking charge of the multinational patrol base, he oversaw the construction and modification of defensive facilities that significantly reduced the base's vulnerability to attacks. During combat operations, his tactical acumen and composure under fire motivated and inspired his subordinates and encouraged their pursuit of the enemy. Master Warrant Officer Donovan's unwavering dedication and front line leadership ensured his company's operational success.

*Major Austin Matthew DOUGLAS, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As officer commanding Bravo Company from May to December 2010, Major Douglas distinguished himself as a successful combat leader while battling insurgents in Afghanistan. His calm and collected demeanour set the tone for his soldiers and enabled them to consistently defeat a tenacious enemy. Major Douglas' efforts were critical to securing one of the most violent villages in Afghanistan, bringing tremendous benefit to local Afghans and great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Paul Joseph DOYLE, CD*

*11 March 2016*

While deployed to Qatar from August 2014 to March 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Doyle was heavily involved with the command and control of air operations in Iraq. His expertise and leadership resulted in the effective application of airpower during a particularly demanding period in one of the busiest theatres of operation worldwide. Lieutenant-Colonel Doyle's dedication and excellent interpersonal skills were pivotal to the establishment of the multinational air coalition, which blunted the advance of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

*Warrant Officer Richard DUBÉ, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Warrant Officer Dubé was deployed to Afghanistan from November 2008 to April 2009. He arrived in advance of Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) to set the conditions for the unit's seamless integration into Afghanistan's multinational aviation community. Called upon to fill the role of officer commanding the Logistics Flight, due to his previous successes, he ensured that Task Force Air Wing units had the necessary logistical support to keep their aircraft flying. Warrant Officer Dubé's initiative and logistical acumen contributed to the introduction and maintenance of capabilities that enhanced the security and mobility of ground troops across Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant General Michael DUBIE, of the United States of America*

*24 June 2015*

From 2012 to 2015, Lieutenant General Dubie has demonstrated dedication, outstanding professionalism and a rare degree of personal commitment to the North American Aerospace Defence Command and the United States Northern Command. His positive influence, strategic engagement and sound advice have contributed significantly to our common defence and security objectives. Lieutenant General Dubie's strong leadership will have a lasting and positive impact on the Canada – United States defence relationship.

*Major Raymond Jean François DUFAUT, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As deputy commanding officer of the battle group deployed to Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Major Dufault played a key role in the group's effectiveness. A seasoned leader and tireless worker, he supported the commanding officer during his tours and updated the liaison in the chain of command, thereby facilitating the battalion's actions on the complex battlefields of the Panjwayi District. Major Dufault's tactical skills and perseverance greatly contributed to the success of the group's mission.

*Sergeant Scott William DUFFY, CD*

*18 September 2011*

Sergeant Duffy served as a senior mentor within a Police Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team from April to November 2010. His mentorship significantly enhanced the capacity of Panjwayi District Police, particularly that of its chief. Working with three subsequent chiefs, he adapted to their varying abilities and provided tailored mentoring to each. Successfully navigating a variety of complicated issues with his Afghan counterpart, Sergeant Duffy was able to impart a sense of professionalism that permeated the ranks and increased stability in the region, thereby bringing honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Marc André Lawrence DUFOUR, CD*

*19 June 2014*

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.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Michèle DUMARESQ-OUELLET*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Master Corporal Danielle DUMAS*

*4 April 2008*

Master Corporal Dumas, a counter-intelligence investigator with the All Source Intelligence Centre, demonstrated initiative and thoroughness during the conduct of complex counter-intelligence investigations in Afghanistan, in October 2007. Her diligence led to the arrest of a group of individuals responsible for numerous attacks against coalition forces, and prevented planned and impending insurgent attacks and infiltrations.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Pierre DURAN, of the French Republic*

*26 June 2008*

Lieutenant-Colonel Duran demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism as assistant defence attaché at the Embassy of France, in Ottawa, from 2004 to 2008. His organization of a vast array of commemorative activities for Canadian veterans and military personnel has undeniably reinforced the bonds of friendship between Canada and France.

*Major Jean-François DUVAL, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As battery commander of the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment Battle Group from April to October 2009, Major Duval showed impressive tactical acumen that resulted in outstanding artillery support during numerous combat operations in Afghanistan. He provided his commander with detailed, yet concise reports on the battery's capabilities, allowing for the optimal employment of artillery. As a result, his battery detachments were able to operate with surgical precision, thereby minimizing collateral damage. Major Duval's leadership and dedicated efforts were vital to the battle group's success and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Chief Warrant Officer Patrick Joseph EARLES, CD*

*15 March 2010*

Chief Warrant Officer Earles deployed to Afghanistan as regimental sergeant-major of the National Support Element, the logistics unit tasked with supporting the Canadian Armed Forces in theatre, from January to August 2006. A courageous man, his inspired leadership and tireless example bolstered morale and confidence throughout the unit and inspired perseverance during a tour replete with difficult times for all concerned. Whether providing sound advice to his commanding officer or sharing the risk on the ground, Chief Warrant Officer Earles' leadership and dedication ensured the successful provision of logistical support across Afghanistan.

*Captain(N) Haydn Clyde EDMUNDSON, CD*

*5 November 2013*

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.

*Master Warrant Officer Darcy Shawn ELDER, CD*

*14 March 2007*

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

*Captain Islam ELKORAZATI*

*28 June 2013*

From September 2011 to September 2012, Captain Elkorazati's efforts as a liaison officer between the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force and Syrian authorities were critical to maintaining communications during a period of intense internal conflict. Whether navigating illegal checkpoints, solving emergencies in the ceasefire zone or providing front-line mentorship to other officers, he risked his safety daily. Captain Elkorazati's leadership and demeanour were instrumental to the Force's ability to communicate with Syrian authorities and contributed directly to operational success.

*Corporal Matthew ELLIOTT*

*18 January 2008*

While deployed with India Company, 2nd Battalion, the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to July 2007, Corporal Elliott demonstrated versatility and ingenious methods of collecting intelligence. His efforts resulted in the successful operations of the Company, of the Battle Group and of the Joint Task Force in the most complex region of Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Robert George ELMS, CD*

*26 June 2008*

Lieutenant-Colonel Elms deployed as the Canadian Defence advisor to Afghanistan and Pakistan, from August 2003 to November 2007. His close involvement in both military and diplomatic circles, along with his extensive knowledge base, made him a trusted and valued advisor to senior Canadian officials. His dedication, professionalism and communication skills significantly enhanced Canada's relationship with both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

*Master Warrant Officer Luc EMOND, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Master Warrant Officer Emond was deployed as the senior aircraft maintenance superintendent for Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan), from December 2008 to April 2009. He established mutually beneficial relationships that enabled his unit's rapid and seamless integration into Afghanistan's multinational aviation community, ensuring the uninterrupted delivery of critical aviation capabilities. Master Warrant Officer Emond's remarkable focus and dedicated effort to ensure the smooth operation of Canadian and coalition aircraft enhanced the security and mobility of ground troops across the theatre of operations.

*Captain Gregory Wade ENGLESBY, CD*

*17 January 2000*

From April to July 1995, Captain Englesby was one of three Canadian Armed Forces' members to participate in a multinational military climbing expedition with the Pakistan Army to Gasherbrum II in Pakistan. When notified that a fellow climber was suffering from high altitude sickness, Captain Englesby was the first to volunteer to assist in the evacuation of the victim, despite the fact that it was night-time and there was a severe storm. Led down the mountain by the team leader, Captain Englesby and another soldier descended with the stricken climber between them. After several hours of treacherous descent, made more difficult by the victim's worsening condition, they were able to rest and administer oxygen and additional medication to him. Captain Englesby's actions in the face of a life-threatening situation, and his selfless devotion to his team-mates, demonstrated the highest standard of personal dedication and loyalty. He garnered respect and credit for both the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

*Colonel Philip Christopher ENGSTAD, CD*

*30 August 1991*

Colonel Engstad was the commander of the Canadian Air Task Group Middle East during the Gulf War. He contributed significantly to the development of multi-national air directives and combined operations guidance in Qatar, which increased the effectiveness of operations and ensured comprehensive and viable security on the host nation airfield. The dedication, professionalism and personal example set by Colonel Engstad, ensured a great proficiency and high morale within Canadian personnel.

*Lieutenant William Kurt ERHARDT, of the United States of America*

*26 June 1996*

On 2 December 1995, Lieutenant Erhardt of the United States Navy, Lieutenant Sharpe and Sergeant Vallis were part of the Sea King helicopter rescue team that saved thirty people from the sinking Motor Vessel *Mount Olympus*. The vessel had been caught in a severe Atlantic storm almost 2,000 km southeast of Nova Scotia. Hampered by the early morning darkness and severe weather conditions, Lieutenant Erhardt, the co-pilot, assisted in keeping the helicopter steady while Lieutenant Sharpe and Sergeant Vallis operated the rescue hoist. Their professionalism and skill were critical to this life-saving mission.

*Honorary Colonel Dennis Michael ERKER*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Captain Richard Alexander ERLAND, CD*

*13 May 2005*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel John William ERRINGTON, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As commander of a special operations task force in Afghanistan from October 2010 to March 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Errington distinguished himself as a combat leader and special operations advisor. His unit's participation was critical to the achievement of campaign objectives pursued by Regional Command (South) and Task Force Kandahar, and contributed directly to enhancing the capabilities of the Afghan police. Lieutenant-Colonel Errington's efforts were critical to the success of the Canadian mission and enabled his unit to operate effectively within a dynamic multinational environment.

*Captain David FEARON, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Captain Fearon was deployed to Afghanistan from September 2008 to April 2009. He built the Tactical Operations Centre into a highly efficient and cohesive support unit that ensured the proper combat assets and tools were provided to the Battle Group during several major operations. His composure, focus and ability to maintain situational awareness allowed him to simultaneously coordinate responses to multiple combat actions. Captain Fearon's professionalism and tactical acumen were instrumental to the operational success of the Battle Group.

*Lieutenant-Colonel David Michael FERGUSON, CD*

*19 January 2015*

While deployed to the United Nations Mission in South Sudan from June 2013 to June 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Ferguson excelled as the acting chief of the Mission Support Center during the extremely turbulent civil uprising in Juba. He maintained an uninterrupted flow of supplies to all UN elements by keeping logistics in place, all while prioritizing, coordinating and assuring relief efforts for 37,500 refugees. Working under the constant pressure of a potential evacuation, Lieutenant-Colonel Ferguson was instrumental to the success of the UN's operation.

*Major Joseph Rosaire Mario FERLAND, CD**2 February 2011*

As deputy commander of the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment Battle Group from April to October 2009, Major Ferland significantly contributed to the success of the international counter-insurgency campaign in Afghanistan. His effective oversight of the planning, execution and coordination of major combat operations enabled the battle group to achieve significant gains against insurgents and contributed to strengthening the Afghan government's authority within Kandahar province. Major Ferland's leadership, planning capabilities and operational focus were key elements of the battle group's success

*Major Allan FERRISS, CD**11 March 2016*

As commanding officer of 8 Air Communications and Control Squadron from July 2014 to July 2015, Major Ferriss demonstrated superior vision and professionalism. He orchestrated the transfer of command to 2 Wing, which aligned Royal Canadian Air Force expeditionary capabilities. During a year-long transition period, he enabled the rapid projection of air power by way of his unit's involvement in 12 exercises and operations. Major Ferriss' efforts contributed to the Canadian Armed Forces' international reputation for excellence.

*Major James Mathew FEYKO, CD**29 June 2015*

Since 2012, Major Feyko's dedication to and leadership of the Soldier On program have been exceptional. The support he provides to participants inspires them to exceed expectations in their recovery and to focus on innovative ways to achieve new goals. Major Feyko's contributions and his desire to improve the program have made a significant and lasting difference in the lives of injured Canadian Armed Forces members and their families.

*Lieutenant-Colonel John Stanley FIFE, CD**1 May 2014*

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 Canadian 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.

*Warrant Officer Marc Charles Joseph FILIATRAULT, CD**31 October 2011*

On 27 September 2009, Warrant Officer Filiatralt assisted a young man involved in a car accident in Simcoe County, Ontario. As Warrant Officer Filiatralt rounded a bend in the road, he discovered the vehicle, which had crashed in a deep ditch and wedged itself between trees. He scrambled down the steep embankment and, as flames spread out from under the hood, he pulled the semi-conscious driver to safety. He then rendered first aid to the victim until paramedics arrived.

*Commodore Patrick Terence FINN, OMM, CD**19 January 2015*

Commodore Finn served as Director General Maritime Equipment Program Management (DGMEPM) and chief engineer of the Royal Canadian Navy from July 2010 to November 2012. Demonstrating impressive leadership abilities and sharing expert advice, he played a significant role in the Halifax-class modernization project and in the return to operations of Victoria-class submarines. His dedication became the driving force behind the modernization project and helped to improve the effectiveness of DGMEPM's organization.

*Master Warrant Officer David Eugene FISHER, CD**19 November 2009*

Master Warrant Officer Fisher was deployed to Afghanistan as an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team company sergeant-major, from September 2008 to April 2009. His steadfast patience, knowledge of counter-insurgency operations and constant presence among Afghan soldiers contributed significantly to the professional development of the Afghan non-commissioned officer corps in Panjwai District. Master Warrant Officer Fisher's leadership, courage under fire and endless dedication to his soldiers ensured the operational success of Afghan National Army units in the region.

*Colonel Edward Stanley FITCH, CD**21 July 1998*

During the period of August 1995 to July 1996, Colonel Fitch served as force engineer of the United Nations Protection Force, and later as assistant chief engineer of the NATO-led Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps. His ground work made it possible to introduce a NATO heavy armoured

force of 60,000 personnel, in the depths of the Balkan winter, over a marginal network of roads in mountainous terrain. His professionalism, engineering expertise and determined leadership ensured the completion of the myriad engineering tasks required in restoring transportation links, power and water to the civilian population. Colonel Fitch's enthusiasm, generosity and loyalty brought great credit to his profession and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Ashley Owen FLEMING, CD*

*18 September 2011*

Major Fleming deployed as the commander of a Special Operations Task Force. Under his innovative leadership, the Task Force evolved to meet ever-changing operational requirements and was critical to many successes achieved in the region. He improved his Task Force's ability to operate over a larger area of operations, which added a vital element to the fight. Major Fleming's efforts brought great credit to his unit, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Petty Officer 1st Class Gary FORD, CD*

*29 April 1999*

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Warrant Officer Michael Patrick FOREST, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Warrant Officer Forest was deployed with C Company, Joint Task Force Afghanistan Battle Group, from February to September 2008. He ensured his platoon's operational effectiveness by promoting team cohesion, reinforcing combat skills and immediately applying lessons learned from ongoing operations. Warrant Officer Forest's tenacity, foresight and leadership by example instilled a sense of confidence in his platoon members that enabled them to overcome fierce enemy opposition during the successful execution of highly complex combat missions.

*Colonel James Roy FORESTELL, CD*

*12 August 2011*

As Canadian defence attaché to the United Arab Emirates, and then Syria, from 2004 to 2011, Colonel Forestell was pivotal to furthering the interests of the Government of Canada and the Department of National Defence in that area. With sharp operational focus and effective diplomatic skills, he spearheaded key strategic issues with foreign governments throughout the region to guarantee operational success for the Canadian mission in Afghanistan. Colonel Forestell's leadership and dedication helped to place Canada in a positive light internationally.

*Major Louis FORTIN, CD*

*1 May 1997*

In 1995 and 1996, Major Fortin was posted as military assistant to the commanders of the United Nations Protection Force and the sector of the Implementation Force in Sarajevo. His organizational talents, strength of character and courage played a key role in numerous crisis situations, including the evacuation of Zepa's Muslim civilians, NATO air attacks, withdrawal of heavy artillery from Sarajevo and events stemming from the tragic death of senior negotiators on Mount Igman. He was asked to remain at his post to facilitate the transfer of power to NATO. His dedication and professionalism earned him the praises of the international community, and this honour reflected well on both the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

*Corporal Philippe Joseph Dany FORTIN**4 April 2008*

Corporal Fortin was deployed as a junior mentor to the Afghan National Police, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. He distinguished himself as an effective combat soldier and first aid attendant, whose calm composure and fortitude served as an inspiration to both his Canadian colleagues and Afghan counterparts. Corporal Fortin's dedication to duty, self-assurance and proven combat skills represent the finest standards of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Robert FOSTER, CD**19 January 2015*

From 2012 to 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Foster served as the operational team lead for the most ambitious commemoration effort ever undertaken by the Canadian Armed Forces. He was paramount to the success of the Afghanistan Memorial Vigil, the National Day of Honour for Afghanistan and multiple activities related to the War of 1812. Responsible for the development of the concepts of operation and the synchronization of countless individuals' efforts, he enabled the flawless execution of these high-profile national events.

*Master Corporal André Robert FOURNIER**14 January 1993*

On 3 August 1989, on the Yoho River in British Columbia, a student on the Mountain Operations Instructors Course was pulled underwater by the current and lost consciousness. Master Corporal Fournier jumped into the river and attempted to pull him out, but the swift current and combined weight of the victim and his rucksack proved too difficult. The safety line to which both were attached was cut to enable Master Corporal Fournier to lift the student's head above water, allowing the current to sweep both downstream. The victim floated free from Master Corporal Fournier's grasp but was pulled to safety by witnesses on the river bank. Master Corporal Fournier, still in danger, was carried swiftly downstream but managed to grasp a boulder and work his way to safety. Then, accompanied by two other instructors, he ran approximately ten kilometres through the forest to come within radio range of the Park Rescue Service, who dispatched a rescue helicopter to the scene.

*Master Warrant Officer Donald Gerald FOX, CD**23 March 2005*

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

*Honorary Colonel Louis Hugo FRANCESCUCCI**11 March 2016*

Appointed as honorary colonel of 1 Field Ambulance in 2011, Dr. Francescutti has greatly supported his unit and the Canadian Armed Forces. During two influential appointments as president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (2011-2013) and president of the Canadian Medical Association (2013-2014), he promoted the Forces and solicited military input into national initiatives. Honorary Colonel Francescutti has significantly heightened the medical community's support of the Canadian Armed Forces and their representation in activities under his purview.

*Corporal Joy FRANCIS**18 September 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan with the All Source Intelligence Centre, from May to December 2010, Corporal Francis was instrumental to the unit's ability to provide thorough intelligence support to Canadian and coalition units. Possessing a profound knowledge of the intelligence process, counter-insurgency warfare, the enemy and the battlespace, she worked diligently to provide timely and actionable intelligence to ground forces. Corporal Francis' efforts were critical to the success of numerous combat operations.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Andreas FRANK, CD**22 August 2012*

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

*Major David Allison FRASER, CD*

*26 June 1996*

In 1994, Major Fraser served as military assistant to two successive UN Commanders of Sector Sarajevo in Bosnia-Hercegovina. In the performance of his duties, he demonstrated a high level of personal commitment, as well as considerable tact and diplomacy, which exceeded by far the contribution expected of his rank and experience. He effectively promoted good relations among the various countries involved in this multinational effort. Thanks to his exceptional dedication in all operation and planning activities, Major Fraser became a key figure in the success of the mission.

*Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Jocelyn René Joseph FRÉCHETTE, CD*

*30 June 2010*

From January to March 2010, the firm guidance provided by Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Fréchette enabled the crew of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Athabaskan* to provide exceptional support following the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The relations Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Fréchette maintained with non-governmental organizations, community leaders and military units also made it possible to deliver assistance in the areas hardest hit. His efforts helped to optimize the use of the ship's resources and to undertake humanitarian assistance projects that had a lasting impact on the region.

*Honorary Captain(N) the Honourable Myra Ava FREEMAN, CM, ONS*

*17 May 2012*

Since her appointment in 2003, Honorary Captain(N) Freeman has demonstrated uncompromising loyalty to the Royal Canadian Navy, as well as initiative and leadership in establishing the Halifax-based Community Leadership Advisory Council in 2007. Through her efforts and dedication she has fostered a tremendous spirit of collaboration between the Navy and the people of Nova Scotia. Her actions have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces, and have promoted a strong sense of pride among the citizenry for the sacrifices and accomplishments of members serving in the Atlantic region.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Sean George FRIDAY, CD*

*7 October 2009*

Lieutenant-Colonel Friday was deployed to Southwest Asia with Joint Task Force Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the Theatre Support Element from June to December 2008. Overseeing hundreds of air transport missions, he introduced new capabilities and techniques that improved the effectiveness of logistical support to operations. Colonel Friday's outstanding skills in diplomacy and planning, as well as his exceptional leadership, ensured the smooth operation of the camp, enhanced relations with the host nation, and ensured critical lifelines were maintained.

*Warrant Officer Joseph Jacques FRIOLET, CD*

*26 April 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from November 2009 to August 2010, Warrant Officer Friolet was instrumental in the establishment and operational employment of the Task Force Freedom Maintenance Flight in Afghanistan. Under his skilled leadership, the flight maximized its support capability, doubling the amount of aircraft available for operations. On numerous occasions, his skilful and diplomatic engagements with coalition allies ensured the successful coordination of critical support requirements. Warrant Officer Friolet's outstanding leadership and professionalism ensured the effective employment of Canadian aviation assets.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Richard David Francis FROH, CD*

*21 December 1995*

Since 1992, Lieutenant-Colonel Froh has occupied the exceptionally demanding post of a Military Assistant in the Office of the Chairman of a Military Committee of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). During his tenure, post-Cold War circumstances forced NATO to formulate entirely new policies and organizations. Lieutenant-Colonel Froh responded to this immense challenge with total commitment and remarkable stamina. Thanks to his strong leadership qualities and excellent staff skills, he achieved constructive and willing responses from both national representatives, and military and civilian staff during this important period.

*Lieutenant(N) Melissa Helen FUDGE*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Colonel Joseph Marc GAGNÉ, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As the first chief of staff to the deputy commander for Afghan National Police Development from March to October 2010, Colonel Gagné's efforts helped lay the foundation to strengthen the Afghan National Police. Assuming leadership of a diverse multinational staff, he was able to consistently raise the profile of police issues and was instrumental in developing effective NATO training programs. Colonel Gagné's dedicated efforts to improving policing capabilities in Afghanistan brought great credit to Canada.

*Sergeant Joseph Robert Yves GAGNON, CD*

*20 December 1996*

From 23 June to 25 July 1995, Sergeant Gagnon demonstrated extraordinary judgement and objectivity while securing the observation post under his command during an armed attack by a warring faction. The Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnians were struggling for control of the land around the observation post. Amidst direct and indirect fire in the area of the post, Sergeant Gagnon ensured the safety of his group while continuing to discharge his assigned duties. The remarkable dedication and leadership Sergeant Gagnon displayed during this difficult period in his role as commanding officer contributed favourably to the morale and actions of his group.

*Major Kirk Allister GALLINGER, CD*

*25 October 2006*

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

*Colonel Philip Frederick Charles GARBUTT, OMM, CD*

*5 November 2013*

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.

*Master Corporal Steven Gregory GARTSIDE*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Major Mark Anthony GASPAROTTO*

*10 July 2007*

Major Gasparotto was deployed as officer commanding 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from 1 August 2006 to 15 February 2007. With force protection as his priority, he effectively transformed forward operating bases and battle positions into highly defendable locations that enabled effective enemy engagement. Under continuous contact with the enemy, he led his Squadron through the construction of route Summit, a critical enabler for battle group operations. Major Gasparotto's innovative thinking, dedicated efforts and exceptional leadership under enemy fire made a strategic impact on the battlefield of Afghanistan that enhanced battle group operations and saved the lives of Canadian soldiers.

*Corporal Joseph Benoit Michaël GAUDREAU*

*27 January 1997*

On 4 and 5 August 1995, Corporal Gaudreau was stationed at Kasic, in the Republic of Krajina in Croatia, when the Croatian armed forces launched a large-scale offensive to win back the Serbian sector where his observation post was located. He was caught in the middle of fighting between Croats and Serbs for 36 hours, under a constant barrage of mortar and artillery fire. He deployed

his troops in protective bunkers and mounted the defence of his post. When the Croatian platoon came dangerously close in an attempt to capture it, Corporal Gaudreau went out alone without an interpreter to try to speak to the Croatians and negotiate their withdrawal. His calm demeanour, quick action and level-headedness saved the sector and the lives of the men under his command, an outstanding accomplishment for a military member of his rank.

*Major Étienne Joseph Robert Claude GAUTHIER, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As operations officer for the National Support Element in Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Major Gauthier demonstrated remarkable leadership and strong presence of mind. His dedication and exemplary service resulted in a support plan to secure the Horn of Panjwayi, by increasing the effectiveness of logistical combat patrols and by diligently meeting the logistical needs of battlespace commanders. Major Gauthier's worthy contributions to support operations greatly enhanced the success of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant(N) Jean-Eudes GENDRON, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Major Joseph Jean-Louis Denis GENDRON, CD*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Honorary Captain(N) Fred GEORGE, ONS*

*11 March 2016*

Honorary Captain(N) George's unwavering dedication to Canadian Armed Forces personnel, their families and veterans from December 2011 to December 2014 has been commendable. His generosity and compassion played a vital role in improving morale and welfare. Within the community, he continuously enhances the Royal Canadian Navy's profile by providing opportunities for key leader engagements for flag and general officers. Honorary Captain(N) George exemplifies the best of military values and has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Gyula John Joseph GERGELY, CD*

*2 February 2011*

From 2005 through 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Gergely's resourcefulness and untiring efforts greatly contributed to all major Air Force infrastructure programs in support of the Canadian Armed Forces' domestic and international operations. His knowledge of airfield operations and his unmatched organizational skills were essential during the establishment of the Air Wing in Afghanistan, and when the Air Force introduced the Globemaster III aircraft to its home base in Trenton, Ontario. The positive impact of his contributions will be felt by the Air Force – and the Canadian Armed Forces as a whole – for years to come.

*Chief Warrant Officer Daphne Viola GERMAIN, MMM, CD*

*28 January 2013*

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

*Colonel Joseph Delphis Richard GERVAIS, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Colonel Gervais was deployed to the Sinai Peninsula as chief of liaison for the Multinational Forces and Observers and as commander of Task Force El Gorah, from July 2008 to July 2009. During times of open hostility and great regional tensions along the Egypt-Israel border, his tactful diplomacy

ensured effective communications between all parties, which was essential to maintaining or restoring calm. Colonel Gervais' diplomatic skills contributed to the operational strength of the Task Force, highlighting Canada's contribution to the greater Middle East peace process.

*Captain Michael GIBBONS*

*11 March 2016*

On 27 February 2014, as pastoral support to Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*, Captain Gibbons displayed outstanding leadership and professionalism during a catastrophic fire while at sea. With an exceptionally calm demeanour, he was instrumental in maintaining order and motivating the crew to fight the fire. Fueled entirely by his dedication to the crew's well-being, he continued at an intense pace for weeks afterwards, effectively managing and prioritizing personnel issues and the quick transfer of personnel requiring movement back to Canada.

*Colonel Michael Richard GIBSON, CD*

*6 August 2013*

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 Joseph Richard GIGUÈRE, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from September 2010 to July 2011, Colonel Giguère distinguished himself by his loyalty and dedication. With extraordinary strategic and analytical acumen, he developed a superior operational approach that allowed soldiers and their equipment to be efficiently deployed in the field and redeployed to Kandahar Airfield to consolidate the Task Force's combat element. Colonel Giguère's dynamic leadership and sound advice contributed greatly to the success of the mission.

*Corporal Hope GINGRICH*

*17 May 2012*

From July 2010 to January 2011, Corporal Gingrich performed outstandingly as a signaller within the Joint Defence Operations Centre at Kandahar Airfield. Most notably, in response to indirect fire attacks on the airfield, she led her section to cordon the impact sites until they could be cleared by counter-explosive personnel. Taking on new roles as required and providing excellent mentorship to inexperienced NATO personnel, Corporal Gingrich displayed exceptional leadership and was a key member of the Operations Centre.

*Colonel Martin GIRARD, CD*

*15 March 2010*

Colonel Girard was deployed to Haiti as the commander of Task Force Port-au-Prince from July 2008 to August 2009. Occupying a senior leadership role as the chief of staff to the United Nations force commander, he established relationships with key stakeholders that facilitated the operations of the international stabilization mission. His outstanding coordination of 7,000 multinational soldiers and interaction with international aid agencies enabled an organized relief effort during Haiti's hurricane crisis, played a prominent role in supporting senatorial elections and led to the implementation of a quick-reaction force that quickly quelled rioting in the country.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Luc Joseph GIROUARD, OMM, CD*

*11 March 2016*

From February 2013 to November 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Girouard played an instrumental role as commanding officer of 2 Air Expeditionary Squadron, increasing the expeditionary capabilities of the Royal Canadian Air Force. His unit's performance and contributions were vital to developing support elements used during exercises and air operations. Lieutenant-Colonel Girouard's efforts helped advance a new air expeditionary squadron for Canada and benefitted the Canadian Armed Forces as a whole.

*Captain Nichola Kathleen Sarah GODDARD (Posthumous)*

*25 October 2006*

Captain Goddard is recognized for her exemplary service in Afghanistan as the forward observation officer and forward air controller for C Company, Operation ARCHER, from January 2006 until her death in combat in May 2006. Her spirit and unfaltering dedication were without equal. She accepted all risks as she coordinated a complex mix of artillery, aircraft and electronic warfare equipment with technical perfection and unwavering calmness. This courageous soldier volunteered on at least five

occasions to conduct reconnaissance operations in villages where, only weeks before, the enemy had inflicted devastating attacks on coalition forces. Captain Goddard's passionate and professional approach to her duties and to those in her charge directly inspired all mission members and greatly contributed to the mission's success.

*Colonel Paul Timothy GODDARD, CD*

*28 February 2014*

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.

*Honorary Colonel Blake Charles GOLDRING*

*28 May 2008*

Since his appointment as Honorary Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Canada in November 2005, Colonel Goldring has shown outstanding leadership and vision. His creation of 'Canada Company', an organization that brings community and business leaders together to support the Canadian Armed Forces, has resulted in the contribution of millions of dollars for programs that benefit both members of the Canadian Armed Forces and their families.

*Corporal Joseph Didier Daniel Michel GONIN*

*10 March 1995*

In early November 1993, Corporal Gonin was a member of the squadron sent to the hospitals in Drin and Bakovici, in Bosnia, to protect and assist patients abandoned by the civilian hospital staff and nurses as a result of increased fighting in the area. Corporal Gonin took charge of the treatment room in the hospital in Bakovici. Despite his limited medical knowledge, he devoted all his energies to providing the best care possible for 355 patients until the arrival of UN medical staff. The enthusiasm, initiative and self-sacrifice that Corporal Gonin demonstrated in his efforts to tend to the patients in his charge were immediately noted by the military medical staff from other contingents, earning their admiration and respect.

*Captain(N) the Honourable Mr. Justice Walter Robert*

*Evans GOODFELLOW, CD*

*27 October 2005*

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

*Major William Richard GOODYEAR, CD*

*12 September 2007*

Major Goodyear served as the task force finance officer of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, Rotation 2 from August to January 2007. Going far beyond the purview of task force finances, he worked tirelessly to enhance the development of the local Kandahar and national Afghan financial systems. His exceptional efforts promoted the increased use of the Afghan currency, the authority of the Afghan National Bank and Afghan control over the circulation of foreign funds within the country. Major Goodyear's vision and exceptional dedication significantly contributed to the development of the fledgling Afghan financial system and the overall Canadian mission in Afghanistan.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Philip Murray GORMLEY, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Colonel Joseph Pierre Hervé Hercule GOSSELIN, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As commander of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team from November 2010 to July 2011, Colonel Gosselin increased the confidence and effectiveness of the Afghan National Army by personally supporting the commander of 1 Brigade, 205 Corps. He distinguished himself by his honesty in conveying the reality of the terrain to the Afghan commanders and in conceptualizing the principles of training with Afghan National Security Forces. A seasoned mentor and experienced leader, Colonel Gosselin enhanced the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Trevor Patrick GOSSELIN, CD*

*22 January 2009*

Major Gosselin commanded the Battle Group Tank Squadron in Afghanistan, from August 2007 to March 2008. During numerous combat missions, his personal example and dedication united soldiers from different units into a seamless fighting force. His extensive knowledge of armour capabilities, limitations and tactics was key to the successful introduction of new equipment to theatre. Major Gosselin's inspirational leadership and tactical acumen enhanced his squadron's combat effectiveness.

*Warrant Officer Paul Derrick GOULDING, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Paul GOURLEY, MMM, CD*

*22 January 2009*

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Gourley was deployed to the Persian Gulf as the coxswain aboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Charlottetown* from December 2007 to April 2008. His organizational skills ensured the ship's seamless integration into a United States carrier strike group. His leadership and steadfast dedication enhanced both the operational readiness of the ship and the morale of the crew. Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Gourley's outstanding efforts played a vital role in the ship's notable contribution to the campaign against terrorism.

*Major Steven Geoffrey GRAHAM, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Major Graham was deployed as the officer commanding Reconnaissance Squadron, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from February to August 2007. During that time, he expertly led his squadron through intense combat operations, disrupting insurgent movements, destroying an improvised explosive device and dismantling a mine laying cell in the Zhare district of Afghanistan.

*Major Douglas GRANT, CD*

*30 November 2011*

From July 2007 to November 2012, Major Grant demonstrated foresight, dedication and leadership in creating an immediately deployable command-and-control capability to be utilized during Canadian Armed Forces' responses to domestic operations. He played a key role in the design of the headquarters, the procurement of equipment and the training of personnel to fulfill the need for a task force headquarters wherever and whenever one was required. His vision and contributions have enabled the Canadian Armed Forces to provide an immediate and effective response to the needs of Canadians during domestic emergencies.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Lucien Éric GRAVEL, MMM, CD*

*17 May 2012*

From November 2010 to July 2011, Chief Warrant Officer Gravel, regimental sergeant-major of the battle group deployed to Afghanistan, was a workhorse who distinguished himself by his dedication and his knowledge of the terrain. His ability to understand the intentions of commanders and to relay them to the various sub-units was vital to decentralizing operations. Chief Warrant Officer Gravel's leadership and involvement in the command and control of the unit made him an essential component of the battle group's success.

*Sergeant Wade GREELEY, CD*

*30 August 1991*

Sergeant Greeley was in charge of ground transport in the Canadian Support Unit (Qatar) during operations in the Gulf. His ability to establish strong favourable relations with other national forces allowed quick and effective integration of transport schedules and enabled him to propose solutions to problems and assist in their resolution. The cooperative spirit that he fostered solidified relationships, with great benefits to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Warrant Officer Eric Richard GREEN, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Warrant Officer Green was deployed to Afghanistan as the second in command of 7 Platoon, India Company, the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. While acting as commander, Warrant Officer Green led his platoon to significant gains on the battlefields and effectively mentored junior personnel during several close engagements with the enemy.

*Commodore Richard Weston GREENWOOD, OMM, CD*

*23 June 2010*

Commodore Greenwood, director general of Maritime Equipment Program Management from 2005 through 2010, showed exemplary leadership, hard work and visionary focus during his tenure. The implementation of the Halifax-class Modernization project, the Victoria-class weapons handling and discharge system, and the Orca-class project to replace the Navy's fleet of training vessels, illustrate Commodore Greenwood's tremendous contributions to Canada's maritime capability. His efforts will help the fleet in its continuing ability to respond effectively to the challenges to come.

*Major Joseph Claude Stéphann GRÉGOIRE, CD*

*29 June 2015*

From June 2008 to March 2015, Major Grégoire distinguished himself as a key executive and visionary with 2 Air Expeditionary Wing in Bagotville, Quebec. His innovative approach, leadership and dedication helped to bring about a remarkable evolution in the expeditionary capacity of the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF). A proactive leader, Major Grégoire established the first operations-support element, a vital tactical element of the RCAF's air expeditionary operations, all to his credit.

*Chief Warrant Officer Alain GRENIER, MMM, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As regimental sergeant-major of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team from November 2010 to July 2011, Chief Warrant Officer Grenier distinguished himself by his dedication and leadership in supporting his Afghan counterpart in 1 Brigade, 205 Corps of the Afghan National Army. With his excellent tactical knowledge and sense of duty, he gave greater responsibility to the role of Afghan non-commissioned officers, thereby increasing the Brigade's operational capability. An extraordinary mentor, Chief Warrant Officer Grenier significantly increased the effectiveness of the Afghan National Army.

*Master Corporal Mélanie GRENIER*

*8 October 2015*

In 2014, Master Corporal Grenier played a key role in resolving a crisis involving a Canadian citizen. Her efforts in supporting the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) and Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) were vital to resolving the situation. Master Corporal Grenier's unwavering dedication to the Government's emergency response team bolstered the CAF's credibility with respect to DFATD's strategic sectors and brought great honour to Canada.

*Major Nicholas James Elliott GRIMSHAW, CD*

*25 October 2006*

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

*Sergeant Renay Marie GROVES, CD*

*15 March 2010*

Sergeant Groves has been the creator and motivator behind three projects: Notes from Home Campaign, Tour Diaries and Memory Books. Her efforts have been instrumental in forwarding written notes to the deployed soldiers, in documenting their personal experiences in Afghanistan, and in

producing a personalized hand-crafted memory book for the families of every fallen soldier. Sergeant Groves has actively promoted the welfare of Canadian Armed Forces members and their families and has garnered significant support from all Canadians, coast to coast to coast.

*Major Stacy Allan GRUBB, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Major Grubb was deployed to Afghanistan as the officer commanding C Company, Joint Task Force Afghanistan Battle Group, from February to September 2008. His focus on team cohesion and professional development led his subordinates to excel in a counter-insurgency environment. Despite being injured in three separate improvised explosive device incidents, he remained resolute during operations that enhanced the battle group's effectiveness. Major Grubb's leadership and dedication ensured the operational success of his rifle company.

*Sergeant Abdoul GUINDO*

*27 September 2007*

Sergeant Guindo deployed as a combat logistics patrol commander with Force Protection Platoon, National Support Element, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from June 2006 to March 2007. He consistently demonstrated excellent situational awareness as he led his troops through numerous ambushes and improvised explosive device strikes on combat logistics patrols. His leadership and conduct were an inspiration to his soldiers and were determining factors in the success of the mission.

*Leading Seaman Kent James GULLIFORD, CD*

*2 August 2000*

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 metres, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. A member of the crew of Yard Diving Tender GRANBY, Leading Seaman Gulliford conscientiously and meticulously carried out his duty under intense international media attention and the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to his equipment. Under hazardous and exceptionally stressful circumstances, he contributed directly to the recovery of human remains from the seabed and is credited with the recovery of the Cockpit Flight Recorder on 7 September 1998. Leading Seaman Gulliford's outstanding performance brought great credit to himself, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Lieutenant-Commander Aaron GYORKOS, CD*

*17 May 2012*

From July 2011 to January 2012, Lieutenant-Commander Gyorkos demonstrated exceptional leadership as commandant of Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt. Through his problem-solving abilities, he effectively advanced numerous projects considered critical to the success of the naval training system. He led the On-the-Job Performance Requirements implementation program, a classroom modernization project, the development of a pan-naval training performance management framework, and the detailed analysis of the quality control and assurance model. His efforts brought great credit to the Royal Canadian Navy.

*Major General Mohammad HABIB HESARI,*

*of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

*20 February 2014*

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.

*Brigadier General Ahmad HABIBI, of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

*17 May 2012*

As the commander of 1st Brigade, 205th Hero Corps, Afghan National Army, Brigadier General Habibi demonstrated leadership and close co-operation with Task Force Kandahar, beginning in 2010. His operational focus and commitment to development and effective governance in his area of operations were instrumental in achieving improved security and stability. Brigadier General Habibi's efforts and dedication contributed to mission success and forged an enduring bond between the Afghan National Army and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Commander Louis Christian HACHÉ, CD*

*31 May 2011*

As deputy commander of Task Force Port-au-Prince, and chief of Plans and Strategic Measures within the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti from July 2009 to April 2010, Lieutenant-Commander Haché was instrumental to the success of international efforts in the country. In the aftermath of the January 2010 earthquake, he re-established command and control capabilities that were lost when the local United Nations Headquarters was destroyed. Lieutenant-Commander Haché's leadership contributed significantly to the United Nations' efforts in Haiti and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Chief Warrant Officer Ernest Joseph HALL, MMM, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Chief Warrant Officer Hall was deployed to Afghanistan as the regimental sergeant-major for 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, from September 2008 to April 2009. His dedicated operational focus provided the Battle Group with a stabilizing influence during multiple combat operations. He provided solid advice to his commanding officer, set an outstanding example for soldiers to follow and actively fostered teamwork within the entire Task Force. Chief Warrant Officer Hall's leadership and professionalism were instrumental to the Battle Group's operational success.

*Major Joseph Antonio Marcel Louis HAMEL, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Major Hamel was deployed to Afghanistan as the officer commanding the Tactical Air Control Party, from February to September 2008. Through meticulous study of terrain features and insurgent tactics, he was able to focus efforts on probable fighting positions and routes, thereby seizing the initiative from the enemy. Major Hamel's strong credibility with NATO allies in Kandahar enhanced the effectiveness of available air assets. His outstanding mission focus hindered enemy activities and saved the lives of many coalition soldiers.

*Colonel Joseph Jean René Guy HAMEL, CD*

*5 September 2007*

As the first chief of staff of the Standing Contingency Task Force (SCTF) from May 2006 to April 2007, Colonel Hamel displayed the highest standards of professionalism and innovative leadership. He is credited for his efforts in leading the uniquely integrated SCTF headquarters from its launch in July 2006, through to the highly successful execution of the first joint Integrated Tactical Effects Experiment at sea in November 2006.

*Commander Jeffrey Michael HAMILTON, CD*

*19 January 2015*

While deployed to the Arabian Sea region as the commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Toronto* and as the commander of Operation ARTEMIS from April to July 2013, Commander Hamilton integrated seamlessly into the crew despite joining the ship at mid-deployment. Commander Hamilton, through his leadership, indomitable spirit and professional ability, ensured his crew reached their maximum potential, which culminated in the largest seizure of narcotics ever conducted by a Canadian warship. His efforts, and those of his crew, brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Lee HAMMOND, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As chief of operational plans with Joint Task Force Afghanistan from January to November 2009, Lieutenant-Colonel Hammond was the key author of a groundbreaking document that transformed how the task force and its civilian partners conducted counter-insurgency operations. His political insight and his leadership of the military-civilian team enabled the development of a plan that helped to strengthen the Afghan government's authority within Kandahar province. His professionalism and dedication greatly contributed to operational success in Afghanistan, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Captain Owen Lee HANAM, CD*

*10 March 1995*

On 28 April 1994, a Sea King helicopter experienced an engine explosion and mechanical failure over the north shore of the Bay of Fundy. Major Sweetman, the aircraft captain, and Major Henderson, the co-pilot, immediately initiated a difficult forced landing procedure while Captain Hanam, the navigator, tried to extinguish the on-board fire, which had spread quickly to the cockpit. Despite restricted visibility from heavy smoke and a total loss of power, Majors Henderson and Sweetman displayed great skill and professionalism in maintaining control of the aircraft throughout the descent.

Upon impact, Captain Hanam verified the condition of the pilots and, unable to help, assisted the flight engineer through the exit, suffering serious burns and respiratory injury from smoke inhalation. Tragically, both Major Henderson and Major Sweetman perished.

*Sergeant Brian HARDING*

*29 June 2015*

In December 2013, Sergeant Harding and Master Corporal Irvine were instrumental in spearheading Send Up the Count, a grassroots mental health initiative. The project encouraged military personnel to reach out via social media and other methods to serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces who may be in danger of harming themselves. Within a week, they had reached over 9,000 members and greatly helped in combatting the stigma associated with mental illness.

*Commander Christopher John HARGREAVES, OMM, CD*

*7 October 2010*

Since his appointment in 2008 as commanding officer of Canadian Forces Fleet School Esquimalt, Commander Hargreaves' inspirational leadership, detailed analytical skills, dedication and infectious motivation have been the driving force behind initiatives to improve naval courses. His actions were instrumental in enhancing the sailors' quality of life and reducing time away from home and units. His commitment and professionalism have had a significant impact on the individual training requirements for naval force employment, generation and development.

*Captain(N) Richard Philip HARRISON, OMM, CD*

*14 July 2011*

From 2009 to 2010, Captain(N) Harrison was instrumental in planning and executing a series of very high-profile and successful events in support of the Canadian Naval Centennial. These events, including the exercising of the freedom of the city of Victoria and an international fleet review, received national and international recognition, which enhanced the standing of the Canadian Armed Forces both at home and abroad. In addition to these centennial activities, Captain(N) Harrison was involved in groundbreaking work on the charter of the Western Pacific Naval Symposium, which elevated Canada's influence in the region and among the 24 participating nations.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Robert HARRISON, CD*

*25 July 2012*

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

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

*22 October 2013*

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, which proved to be critical to the battle group's operational success.

*Colonel Jeffrey Allen HAUSMANN, of the United States of America*

*17 May 2012*

Colonel Hausmann was the senior United States defense attaché and head of the Office of Defense Co-operation from September 2009 to January 2012. His focus on bi-national collaboration was critical to Royal Canadian Air Force operations, and ensured that the Air Force benefitted from the information, experience and resources of the United States Department of Defense and the aerospace industry. His efforts positively impacted the procurement of the C-17 aircraft for Canada and the accompanying training of 1,600 Canadian Armed Forces member in the United States.

*Commander Darren Carl HAWCO, CD*

*10 July 2007*

Commander Hawco, Commanding Officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Ottawa*, was deployed as part of Task Force Arabian Sea from 10 September 2006, to 17 March 2007. His sound judgement and leadership set the tone for the entire ship's company during this intense period of operations. His exceptional professionalism resulted in his repeated selection as flagship and as pulse group commander responsible for the employment of other coalition ships in security and intelligence operations on the Red Sea. Commander Hawco's operational focus set the stage for coalition success in the Persian Gulf.

*Colonel Charles Mark HAZLETON, OMM, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Colonel Hazleton was deployed to Afghanistan as deputy chief of staff, operations, for Regional Command (South), from January to October 2008. Working diligently in Afghanistan's most demanding and volatile region, he was highly successful at synchronizing multinational planning staffs and ensuring the timely management of coalition assets in support of regional objectives. His management of divergent and competing priorities was a testament to his dedication and foresight. Colonel Hazleton's leadership ensured the success of the coalition during countless complex operations, bringing great credit to Canada.

*Corporal François-Jonathan Gilles Michel HÉBERT*

*2 February 2011*

As a mentor to numerous senior members of the Afghan National Army from April to October 2009, Corporal Hébert worked well above his rank to improve their operational capacity. His leadership was vital to the planning and execution of numerous joint combat operations, and greatly influenced the level of professionalism in the soldiers he mentored. Corporal Hébert's exemplary performance, tactical acumen and fighting abilities enabled the Afghan National Army to maximize its disruption of insurgent activities.

*Major Christopher Robin HENDERSON, CD*

*22 January 2009*

Major Henderson was deployed to Afghanistan as the officer commanding C Company, from February to August 2007. Responsible for establishing security in the Panjwayi district, he conducted highly effective counter-insurgency operations and earned the trust and respect of the local population. His mentorship of Afghan National Security forces greatly improved their operational effectiveness. In the face of adversity, his unwavering leadership ensured a Canadian presence in the district.

*Major Robert Raymond HENDERSON, MB, CD (Posthumous)*

*10 March 1995*

On 28 April 1994, a Sea King helicopter experienced an engine explosion and mechanical failure over the north shore of the Bay of Fundy. Major Sweetman, the aircraft captain, and Major Henderson, the co-pilot, immediately initiated a difficult forced landing procedure while Captain Hanam, the navigator, tried to extinguish the on-board fire, which had spread quickly to the cockpit. Despite restricted visibility from heavy smoke and a total loss of power, Majors Henderson and Sweetman displayed great skill and professionalism in maintaining control of the aircraft throughout the descent. Upon impact, Captain Hanam verified the condition of the pilots and, unable to help, assisted the flight engineer through the exit, suffering serious burns and respiratory injury from smoke inhalation. Tragically, both Major Henderson and Major Sweetman perished.

*Colonel Yann John HIDIROGLOU, CD*

*6 April 2009*

From 2006 to 2007, Colonel Hidirogloou worked at modernizing the Canadian Forces Military Employment Structure. The development of a military succession planning process was essential to modern military personnel management and also helped to better position the Canadian Armed Forces for today's operations while setting the conditions for success in the future.

*Brigadier-General Craig HILTON, OMM, CD*

*22 October 2013*

From 2009 to 2013, 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*

*19 June 2014*

On 27 October 2011, Sergeant Hiscock and Captain Vey were respectively the flight engineer and the first officer onboard Rescue 915, a Cormorant helicopter, when they were tasked to rescue two hunters stranded in the Arctic waters, near Igloolik, Nunavut. Facing high winds and rough seas, Sergeant Hiscock skilfully operated the hoist, while Captain Vey used his expert flying skills to recover the two hunters, as well as three search and rescue technicians who had previously parachuted in to assist them. Through their commendable efforts and actions, Sergeant Hiscock and Captain Vey contributed to the mission success and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Warrant Officer Marvin HODGINS, CD*

*22 December 1993*

Warrant Officer Hodgins was employed as the sole intelligence advisor for Air Transport Group's Airlift Command Element in Zagreb, Croatia, from 1 October to 15 November 1992. He built an intelligence network and data base that was critical to the safety and success of Canadian and allied relief flights. Though often in great personal danger, he persisted in gathering precise intelligence that directly contributed to the safety of multinational flights into war-torn Sarajevo, Bosnia. He also gained international recognition for his tireless efforts to promote the success of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in its humanitarian mission. Warrant Officer Hodgins' outstanding professionalism, effort and personal courage reflect great credit on himself and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Corporal William Thomas HOGGARTH, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Master Corporal Hoggarth was deployed to a forward operating base in Afghanistan, from September 2008 to April 2009. Responding to feedback from ground troops, he designed and implemented armour packages that increased the survivability of logistics vehicles in combat. He tirelessly maintained anti-mine equipment aboard tanks and modified the vehicles to make them safer under fire. He also built defensive improvements within the base that increased the safety of all personnel. Master Corporal Hoggarth's ability to innovate and his outstanding work ethic greatly contributed to the safety of Canadian troops.

*Colonel Jeffrey HOLACHEK, of the United States of America*

*26 April 2011*

As deputy chief of staff of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command since July 2009, Colonel Holachek, of the United States Army, consistently demonstrated strong leadership and outstanding professionalism. He developed and employed innovative concepts, successfully led his staff through complex operational planning, and delivered useful plans for implementation. Colonel Holachek's dedication and unwavering commitment greatly enhanced the operational effectiveness of expeditionary operations and brought great credit to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Commander Christopher Daniel HOLLAND*

*28 June 2013*

Lieutenant-Commander Holland displayed dedication and selfless effort as the executive officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Victoria* from July 2010 through September 2012. He was challenged with the numerous difficult and high-profile milestones of completing the submarine's extended docking work period, Tiered Readiness Program, High Readiness Work-ups, and Weapons Certification Program. With expert management and oversight of multiple contractors, and under scrutiny by the national press, Lieutenant-Commander Holland was instrumental in the delivery of a submarine capability for the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major-General Walter Matheson HOLMES, CD, MBE (Retired)*

*15 November 2010*

Since June 2006, Colonel of the Regiment Holmes has been providing leadership and has been dedicated to The Royal Canadian Regiment. He championed the development of the Regimental Veterans' Care Cell, as well as the sourcing of private funds to support both wounded soldiers and the post-secondary education of the children of fallen soldiers. These initiatives have enhanced the quality of life for both serving and retired members of the regiment. His service has brought great credit to The Royal Canadian Regiment and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Corporal Mark Christopher HOLOSHKA, CD*

*27 January 1997*

On 26 January 1995, Corporal Holoshka and Master Corporal Peters, search and rescue technicians, overcame numerous obstacles to provide assistance to five victims of a plane crash, near Ram River Falls, Alberta. Hampered by high winds, they successfully executed a dangerous night parachute jump in an area of 3,000-metre peaks in the Rocky Mountains, managing to steer their chutes to land near the crash site. With limited equipment, Corporal Holoshka administered emergency medical treatment to the severely injured casualties while Master Corporal Peters, without any safety gear, climbed a steep rock face to recover the scattered provisions. A proper camp was set up to prevent hypothermia and the casualties were cared for until their evacuation the following morning. Throughout, Corporal Holoshka and Master Corporal Peters demonstrated sound judgement and outstanding dedication in order to effect this life-saving rescue mission.

*Master Corporal Lance Thomas HOOPER, CD**18 June 2007*

From 1 August 2006, to 15 February 2007, Master Corporal Hooper, a combat engineer with 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, demonstrated exceptional dedication to duty. During three separate incidents, either enemy fire or explosive devices destroyed the engineering vehicle he was operating. On two of these occasions he was wounded and required medical evacuation. In spite of being hit, he eagerly returned to duty each time. Master Corporal Hooper's remarkable dedication and professionalism in combat set an inspiring example for all ranks of the Battle Group.

*Master Warrant Officer John William HOOYER, CD**15 March 2010*

Within the first six weeks of arriving in Afghanistan, Master Warrant Officer Hooyer's company was under near-daily attack from enemy mortars and had suffered numerous casualties. His outstanding leadership as the company sergeant-major kept his soldiers operationally focused during this challenging period, as well as during a large NATO-led ground offensive. Providing exceptional support to his company commander during intense combat, Master Warrant Officer Hooyer was instrumental to the success of Alpha Company from August 2006 to February 2007.

*Colonel Ian Clarence HOPE, MSC, CD**28 February 2014*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Kerry William HORLOCK, CD**7 October 2009*

Lieutenant-Colonel Horlock was deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the National Support Element from February to September 2008. His meticulous planning ensured the sustainment of a vast network of critical infrastructure, and the Element's flexibility to support short-notice operations, all while overcoming the increasing threat of improvised explosive devices. Lieutenant-Colonel Horlock's exceptional focus on his mission provided the task force with the logistical support needed to maintain the offensive throughout an intense campaign.

*Colonel Bernd HORN, OMM, CD**5 February 2009*

Between 2004 and 2007, during his tenure as director of the Canadian Forces Leadership Institute, Colonel Horn developed this organization into a nationally and internationally recognized centre of military leadership, professionalism and ethics. He also conducted a successful worldwide outreach program to share Canadian Armed Forces concepts with military and academic audiences around the world, while bringing back best practices to benefit Canadian conceptual and doctrine development.

*Colonel Michael James HOUGHTON, CD**14 January 1993*

As the director of Peacekeeping Operations since 1990, Colonel Houghton has provided outstanding leadership, successfully coordinating the creation of seven new Canadian missions, while maintaining professional support to ongoing missions. His work as a member of the United States Diplomatic Negotiation Mission to Haiti and the Canadian member to the United Nations Technical Negotiating Mission to Somalia had been acknowledged by other countries. His performance at a time of unpreceded demands from the international community has brought great credit to Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Corporal Alain HOULE, CD**14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Master Corporal Houle and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Corporal Benjamin HOUSE*

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*Brigadier-General Alan John HOWARD, CD*

*19 November 2009*

From April 2008 to March 2009, Brigadier-General Howard displayed exemplary leadership and innovation in developing aspects of the Afghan National Army (ANA) at the tactical, operational and strategic levels. He routinely visited ANA units in the field, sharing in their risk and gaining their trust and confidence. His personal and professional relationships with senior ANA leaders directly enhanced their professionalism. Brigadier-General Howard's leadership and work ethic greatly contributed to ensuring Afghanistan's defence institutions were robust, operationally focused and strategically prepared.

*Major Joseph Pierre HUET, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Major Huet displayed leadership while commanding Reconnaissance Squadron, 3rd Battalion, Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His guidance was instrumental in the creation of the first Joint District Coordination Centre, and significantly advanced the establishment of legitimate border security.

*Commander Simon Rupert HUGHES, CD*

*17 May 2012*

Between August 2010 and January 2012, Commander Hughes contributed strategic benefit to the Royal Canadian Navy. He was instrumental in conceiving and developing innovative approaches, which made sure of the readiness of naval personnel for the introduction of the internationally successful REGULUS program and the adoption of the Single Fleet Scheme of Manoeuvre. Commander Hughes' leadership, strategic wisdom and ground-breaking work helped ensure the future success of the Navy, the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

*Lieutenant-Commander Stewart Thomas HUGHES, CD*

*17 May 2012*

Lieutenant-Commander Hughes demonstrated dedication, initiative and leadership throughout his tenure as the Canadian Forces Naval Engineering School Detachment commander in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, from 2009 to 2012. He forged close relations with public and private enterprises, as well as many levels of government, by organizing a number of community-based activities involving the CF and naval students attending the Marine Institute. Through his leadership and mentorship, Lieutenant-Commander Hughes inspired his organization in its role to support the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Warrant Officer James Adam HUNTER, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Warrant Officer Hunter was deployed as the civil-military cooperation detachment commander, Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, in Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. His diligence, particular attention to cultural sensitivities while dealing with local Afghans, as well as his vast knowledge of the Zharey district were instrumental to successful counter-insurgency operations in the region.

*Major Steven James HUNTER, CD*

*18 September 2011*

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

*Lieutenant Colonel Daniel HURLBUT, of the United States of America*

*19 November 2009*

While deployed to Afghanistan from July 2008 to June 2009, Lieutenant Colonel Hurlbut, commanding officer of an American infantry battalion, provided outstanding support to the Canadian Armed Forces. Tasked with defining the combat zone in Maywand district for the Canadian contingent, he

demonstrated an exceptional understanding of the insurgency and the region's complex political situation. He expertly led his soldiers in multiple counter-insurgency operations while simultaneously expanding the Afghan government's influence. Lieutenant Colonel Hurlbut's leadership and dedication contributed to Canada's operational success in Afghanistan, enhancing Canadian-American relations.

***Brigadier General Charles Kevin HYDE, of the United States of America***

***8 October 2015***

Brigadier General Hyde served as Deputy Combined/Joint Forces Air Component Commander at 1 Canadian Air Division/Canadian NORAD Region Headquarters in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Between July 2013 and August 2015, he played a key role in NORAD and in the Canadian Armed Forces' domestic operations and international missions. Brigadier General Hyde's vast experience and exemplary performance have further enhanced Canada's role in NORAD and in the ongoing pursuit of our North American security goals.

***Major Jay Lyman INDEWEY, CD***

***26 April 2011***

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

***Major Guy Charles INGRAM, CD***

***22 August 2012***

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

***Lieutenant-Colonel James Andrew IRVINE, CD***

***30 June 2010***

From May to June 2009, Lieutenant-Colonel Irvine led the deployment of a long-range patrol aircraft on aerial mapping missions in support of Canadian operations in Afghanistan. His exemplary leadership in the face of significant technical and logistical challenges ensured that the mission achieved a measure of success beyond that originally envisioned. The resulting imagery and mapping products gave Canadian and allied ground forces a tactical advantage over the enemy and provided government agencies with powerful tools to assess infrastructure and other critical elements on the ground.

***Master Corporal Jordan IRVINE***

***29 June 2015***

In December 2013, Sergeant Harding and Master Corporal Irvine were instrumental in spearheading Send Up the Count, a grassroots mental health initiative. The project encouraged military personnel to reach out via social media and other methods to serving and retired members of the Canadian Armed Forces who may be in danger of harming themselves. Within a week, they had reached over 9,000 members and greatly helped in combatting the stigma associated with mental illness.

***Major Gregory Wayne IVEY, CD***

***27 June 2007***

Major Ivey was deployed as commanding officer of E-Battery, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from 1 August 2006 to 1 March 2007. Operating under the most demanding combat conditions, Major Ivey quickly established himself as an integral member of the forward mobile tactical command team. His exceptional ability to assimilate intelligence information allowed him to effectively plan and coordinate artillery, close air support, attack aviation and unmanned aerial surveillance in support of Canadian and coalition combat operations. Major Ivey's tactical acumen and effectiveness enabled the Battle Group to engage and defeat the enemy.

***Major Brian JACKSON, CD***

***14 June 1994***

As the senior operations officer for the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia from July 1992 to January 1993, Major Jackson was instrumental in producing contingency plans for unit deployment, convoy escorts and the evacuation of civilian refugees. His performance of his duties

was superlative, especially when he was operating in the field under the threat of armed intervention from all sides. His leadership and personal supervision significantly enhanced the United Nations' reputation and role with the warring factions.

*Warrant Officer Remi Michel Daniel JACQUES, CD*

*17 January 2000*

Warrant Officer Jacques is being recognized for his outstanding service as assistant Canadian Forces attaché in Belgrade in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia from July 1997 to July 1999. Making use of his outstanding knowledge of the potential threats and the practices employed by all the various factions, he put himself in harm's way on numerous occasions when seeking out and observing assaults and exchanges of gunfire. His confidence and tenacity helped get him out of many tight spots when he came face to face with heavily armed and unpredictably aggressive elements from both parties to the conflict. Warrant Officer Jacques served Canada very well, and his unfailing efforts under extremely trying circumstances have brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Hilary Frances JAEGER, CD*

*27 December 1993*

Major Jaeger was the officer commanding the Canadian Support Group and the senior medical advisor to the commander, United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia from April to October 1992. Her exemplary professionalism, initiative, compassion, courage and leadership were always evident. She voluntarily accompanied the Canadian Contingent when it deployed to Sarajevo at the height of tensions and under heavy shelling. There, despite personnel and supply shortages, she organized an effective mass casualty handling facility in the basement of the United Nations headquarters, drawing on a variety of civilian and military resources. Major Jaeger set an outstanding standard of military and medical professionalism under the most difficult circumstances.

*Captain Trevor JAIN*

*29 April 1999*

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Captain Frédéric JEAN, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Captain Jean was deployed as the battle group intelligence officer of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His innovativeness extended the boundaries of traditional intelligence collection. In a complex and volatile environment, his resourcefulness resulted in timely and actionable intelligence that proved critical to force protection and combat operations.

*Master Warrant Officer Stephen Goward JEANS, CD*

*18 January 2008*

Master Warrant Officer Jeans was company sergeant-major, India Company, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. He is recognized for his leadership, exemplary performance and extreme loyalty to his soldiers and the mission during diverse and complex operations while under intense enemy fire.

*Captain(N) Michael JELLINEK, CD*

*11 July 2003*

Command director in the NORAD Command Center, Captain(N) Jellinek initiated the required action plans for the successful NORAD response to the terrorist attacks in New York City on 11 September 2001, by coordinating national aerospace defence plans for bi-national tactical warning and attack

assessment. As personal representative of the commander-in-chief NORAD for daily operations, Captain(N) Jellinek was also responsible for the direction of several hundred military aircraft newly included under NORAD's control, and for the coordination of the grounding of all commercial air traffic in North America. Captain(N) Jellinek carried out his responsibilities with calm, leadership and professionalism and brought great credit to himself, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Warrant Officer Kevin Thomas JOHNSON, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Warrant Officer Johnson was deployed to the fire support coordination centre of the Second Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, from February to September 2008. His ability to synthesize huge volumes of information enhanced the effectiveness of both the Tactical Air Command Post and the Battery Command Post, and ensured the successful employment of rapid and synchronized fire support to ground troops during major operations. Warrant Officer Johnson's outstanding professionalism and unwavering dedication saved Canadian lives and guaranteed the success of the battle group's operations.

*Colonel Murray Caister JOHNSTON, CD (Retired)*

*27 August 2004*

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

*Sergeant Paul Kevin JONES, CD*

*14 January 1993*

Between 22 July and 26 August 1992, Sergeant Jones, an electrician, provided construction support to the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo. Working largely on his own, he spearheaded negotiations with municipal authorities to re-establish the power supply, identified numerous breaks in the city power lines, and developed a repair plan. He arranged local cease-fires and, under the constant threat of artillery and sniper fire, repeatedly escorted local work crews into potentially mined areas and assisted in effecting repairs. His outstanding professionalism, resourcefulness, and personal courage benefitted the United Nations contingent and the large civilian population of the war-torn city.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Prohaska JORGENSEN, CD*

*2 August 2000*

From July 1998 to February 1999, Lieutenant-Colonel Jorgensen was the commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group on Operation PALLADIUM Roto 3 in Bosnia and Herzegovina. During that time, he achieved outstanding success in fulfilling his mission by ensuring a secure environment in northwest Bosnia for the return of refugees during a very challenging phase of NATO's campaign. Lieutenant-Colonel Jorgensen's exemplary leadership and professionalism brought great credit to himself, the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Vihar Govind JOSHI, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Lieutenant-Colonel Joshi was deployed to Afghanistan as a senior legal advisor to the Afghan Ministry of Justice, from August 2007 to August 2008. In addition to expert legal and administrative advice, he provided invaluable legal services to Afghan ministries. His exemplary and tireless efforts in helping Afghans develop a legislative drafting code were instrumental in creating conditions for the rule of law to be enshrined in the fabric of Afghan society.

*Major Steve JOURDAIN, CD*

*23 February 2012*

Commanding C Company's combat team in Afghanistan from April to October 2009, Major Jourdain courageously led his team against repeated enemy attacks during a period of intense confrontation. Despite continuous enemy fire and physical fatigue, he maintained his tactical acumen and decisiveness, which enabled his soldiers to excel during security and stability operations. Major Jourdain's professionalism and leadership greatly facilitated governance and development initiatives and were instrumental in ensuring the overall success of his combat team.

*Colonel Derek William JOYCE, OMM, CD*

*28 January 2013*

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

*Colonel Christian JUNEAU, CD*

*26 June 2008*

Colonel Juneau deployed as the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to May 2008. A highly skilled leader and planner, Colonel Juneau ensured the strategies for Joint Task Force Afghanistan met the highest standards and that the headquarters were efficiently and effectively run. As acting commander, Colonel Juneau displayed flair and tact, which brought respect and credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Ryan Edward JURKOWSKI, CD*

*11 March 2016*

From October 2014 to April 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Jurkowski was deployed to Kuwait as deputy combined joint planner within Joint Task Force-Iraq. His remarkable leadership proved essential during the transformation of an extremely fluid, hectic and high-stress headquarters. Moreover, his outstanding planning skills and execution capability led to the successful unfolding of the International Coalition Integration Conference, a key engagement opportunity for the Commanding General. Lieutenant-Colonel Jurkowski's technical acumen, vision and perseverance enhanced Canada's reputation within the coalition.

*Major Michael KAISER, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As deputy commanding officer of the Health Services Unit from September 2009 to April 2010, Major Kaiser ensured the implementation of numerous partnership and capacity-building projects. His efforts increased the number of coalition medical technicians available to mentor their Afghan counterparts, raised the standard of Afghan dental care, and significantly improved the Afghans' ability to provide treatment on the battlefield. Major Kaiser's efforts greatly improved the capabilities of Afghan medical institutions and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*General Sher Mohammad KARIMI, of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*      *20 February 2014*

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.

*Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Avard KAYE, MMM, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Chief Warrant Officer Kaye was deployed to Afghanistan as the regimental sergeant-major for the Health Service Support Unit, from January to September 2008. He balanced the emotional needs of his staff with the requirements of operations, ensuring the best possible care for soldiers stationed throughout Afghanistan. He also developed pocket guides that provided critical guidance for combat casualty care, and which are now used in military medical units across Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Edward KEARNEY, CD*

*17 May 2012*

While deployed to Afghanistan from October 2010 to May 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Kearney made a critical contribution to the fight against corruption as chief of staff of Combined Joint Interagency Task Force Shafafiyat. He displayed the ability to simultaneously track a broad range of issues while collaborating with high-level military and civilian stakeholders from numerous countries. Lieutenant-Colonel Kearney's leadership and in-depth understanding of Afghanistan's complex political dynamic was essential to the operational success of the mission.

*Colonel Paul KEDDY, CD*

*7 October 2009*

Colonel Keddy was deployed to Operation CALUMET with the Multinational Force and Observers as chief of the Liaison Branch and commander of the Canadian Contingent Task Force El Gorah from June 2007 to July 2008. His outstanding leadership and tactful interactions with Egyptian and Israeli

representatives ensured their co-operation in the resolution of issues related to the enforcement of the 1979 Egypt – Israel Peace Treaty. Colonel Keddy's dedicated efforts ensured the maintenance of trusting relationships between the authorities of the two countries.

*Lieutenant(N) John Arthur KEENAN, CD*

*19 December 2013*

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.

*Major Colin Roy KEIVER, CD*

*18 June 2007*

Major Keiver was the air operations advisor for Task Force Addis Ababa, in Khartoum, Sudan, from 28 November 2005 to 25 May 2006. Undaunted by cultural differences and organizational challenges, he instituted and maintained rigorous air safety standards and operating procedures. His steadfastness, tenacity and organizational skills helped to avoid critical logistical issues within the Task Force without compromising safety or operational standards. Major Kiever's tireless efforts were instrumental in improving and maintaining the only viable means of allied transport in Sudan and directly contributed to the success of the mission.

*Sergeant William Joseph KELLAND, CD*

*2 February 2011*

On the morning of 9 June 2008, the aircrew of Cormorant Helicopter Rescue 913 successfully evacuated a critically injured sailor from the MV Maersk Dunedin, near Halifax. Aircraft commander Lieutenant-Colonel Thibault made critical command decisions as he piloted the aircraft under exceptionally demanding circumstances. He was assisted by first officer Captain Mercer, who helped fly the aircraft for nearly 10 hours, twice landing on Sable Island for fuel as the aircraft's endurance was pushed to its limits. In conditions where visibility was so poor that they could not even see the vessel in distress, flight engineer Sergeant Pawulski was instrumental in providing advice to help guide the aircraft into position over the deck in order to facilitate the hoist operation. Search and rescue technicians Warrant Officer Mitchell and Sergeant Kelland were then lowered onto the heaving deck, where they rendered life-saving medical aid to the injured sailor and coordinated his removal to the rescue helicopter. The team's conduct, dedication and professionalism in the planning and execution of this daring rescue brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Patrick KELLY, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As senior advisor to the Afghan vice-chief of the General Staff from October 2010 to July 2011, Colonel Kelly made exemplary contributions to the development of the Afghan National Army and the Ministry of Defence. His guidance allowed the vice-chief to champion improvements within the Army and to take a more active role in its command and control. Colonel Kelly's leadership and diplomacy contributed directly to building a stable command structure within the Afghan National Army and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Warrant Officer Allan KENDALL, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Brigadier General Jeffrey KENDALL, of the United States of America*

*17 May 2012*

As the commander of Kandahar Airfield from November 2010 to November 2011, Brigadier General Kendall, of the United States Air Force, was critical to the success of the Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan. In particular, he ensured Canadian units received exceptional and uninterrupted support as they closed their mission in Kandahar. Despite overseeing operations at the busiest single runway in the world, Brigadier General Kendall consistently made Canadian interests a top priority and provided exceptional leadership to all Canadians deployed to the airfield.

*Petty Officer 1st Class Jeffery KENNEY, CD*

*5 November 2013*

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.

*Colonel Eric Jean KENNY, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Captain Enno Alexander KERCKHOFF, CD*

*26 April 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from September 2009 to April 2010, Captain Kerckhoff was instrumental in the successful establishment of the Dand District Operational Coordination Centre. His ability to synchronize activities throughout the district contributed to building Afghan National Security Force capacity, fostering more effective Afghan governance and setting the conditions for further stabilization throughout the region. Captain Kerckhoff's leadership and professionalism were critical to operational success and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Master Warrant Officer Michael Guy KERN, CD*

*14 January 1993*

On 19 June 1990, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Provider* rescued ninety Vietnamese boat people who were adrift in the South China Sea without food or water and suffering from malnutrition, dehydration and prolonged exposure. Master Warrant Officer Kern, senior medical assistant on board, tackled the formidable medical emergency with outstanding initiative and leadership. In the absence of a doctor for the first day, and aided by only two subordinates, he sorted priorities, gave and directed medical care, and advised his superiors on all medical issues. His performance far exceeded the levels commensurate with his rank and training.

*Corporal Ashraf KHALIL*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Master Warrant Officer René KIENS, CD*

*26 April 2011*

While deployed in Afghanistan from September 2009 to April 2010, Master Warrant Officer Kiens played a key role in the delivery of effective combat service support to Canadian ground forces. He was intimately involved in the casualty administration process, where his leadership and compassion ensured soldiers wounded or killed in action were treated with the utmost respect and dignity. Master Warrant Officer Kiens' exceptional dedication contributed significantly to the success of operations in Afghanistan, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Russell Joseph KING, CD*

*28 May 2008*

Major King demonstrated exemplary leadership and professionalism as the deputy commanding officer in Afghanistan, from February to August 2007. His expertise in the planning and management of the battle group as well as his direction of combat operations greatly contributed to the mission's success.

*Captain Peter Paul KLEINSCHMIDT, CD*

*7 October 2009*

From November 2008 to February 2009, Captain Kleinschmidt provided exceptional service in support of Canadian Armed Forces operations. He led and designed multiple high-priority structural projects for the CH146 fleet in preparation for operations in Afghanistan. Faced with extremely short

timelines, he overcame many new systems integration challenges that were vital to the safety and survivability of both aircrew and aircraft. Working at an outstanding pace, he made every conceivable effort to guarantee the success of these essential projects.

*Captain(N) Darren William KNIGHT, CD*

*9 June 2005*

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

*Major Patrick KOCH, CD*

*8 May 2011*

Major Koch played a key role in leading the integration of the Canadian Armed Forces' support into security planning for the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games. He achieved exemplary results thanks to his leadership and the strong relationships he built throughout the Games' large and complex multi-agency Integrated Security Unit. Major Koch's accomplishments complement a distinguished career and brought great credit to himself and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant Colonel Niels Christian KOEFOED, of the Kingdom of Denmark*

*5 April 2006*

In 2004, Lieutenant Colonel Koefoed was the Danish contingent commander and chief liaison officer for the Kabul Multinational Brigade, of which Canada was a member. His performance in the execution of these duties was as remarkable as it was distinguished. The initiatives that he led significantly strengthened the legitimacy of the Afghan Transitional Authority, increased stability within Kabul, created the proper conditions under which the Kabul Multinational Brigade could operate, and, most importantly, directly contributed to the UN-sanctioned nation-building process. Lieutenant Colonel Koefoed's conduct, staunch determination and initiatives left an indelible mark on the Kabul Multinational Brigade as well as an impressive legacy to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Corporal Christopher Eugene KOPP, CD*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Leading Seaman Curtis KOROLYK, CD*

*11 March 2016*

On 27 February 2014, Leading Seaman Korolyk displayed outstanding commitment and leadership in the face of grave danger during a major engine room fire while at sea on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*. He entered the intense heat and flames of the fire zone five times, volunteered for the hazardous duty of locking the propeller shaft, and acted as on-scene commander in the boiler room. Leading Seaman Korolyk's contribution to the successful firefighting efforts helped protect the ship and crew.

*Major General Rostislav KOTIL, of the Czech Republic*

*16 February 1996*

From April 1994 until June 1995, Major General Kotil served with the United Nations Protection Force as commander sector south in the former Yugoslavia, with members of the Canadian Forces under his command. During numerous periods of heightened tension, he provided outstanding leadership and demonstrated extreme courage and professionalism. On more than one occasion, his personal intervention in tenuous situations calmed difficult negotiations and protected the lives of Canadians. Through his effective command of Canadian soldiers, his performance and actions brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada.

*Major Mohamed-Ali LAAOUAN, CD*

*19 December 2013*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas LaBRIE, CD*

*12 March 2008*

Lieutenant-Colonel LaBrie deployed as the commanding officer of the National Support Element of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from August 2006 to February 2007. His leadership, tactical expertise and expert knowledge of support operations were instrumental to the success of Operation MEDUSA. Lieutenant-Colonel LaBrie's professionalism greatly contributed to the battle group's accomplishments and to Canada's efforts in Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Jean Paul Christian LABROSSE, CD*

*15 November 2010*

From July 2008 to April 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Labrosse distinguished himself as deputy commander of 5 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group. Through his exceptional leadership and dedication, he enabled the group to achieve its operational mandate, both in Canada and abroad, at a particularly tumultuous time, notably in Afghanistan and Haiti. Achieving this mandate allowed the Canadian Armed Forces and Canada to remain respected and trusted global leaders in carrying out operations within international coalitions.

*Chief Warrant Officer Michael Raymond LACHARITE, CD*

*20 April 2010*

Chief Warrant Officer Lacharite was deployed to Afghanistan as the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team's regimental sergeant-major from February 2008 to February 2009. His guidance enabled military support to civilian agencies and ensured their enhanced understanding of the military's mission, capabilities and culture. A stabilizing influence at Camp Nathan Smith, Chief Warrant Officer Lacharite forged an effective civilian military team that advanced good governance and development in the region.

*Chief Warrant Officer Raymond Grégoire LACROIX, MMM, CD*

*15 November 2010*

Between July 2007 and July 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Lacroix demonstrated outstanding leadership as the Canadian Forces chief warrant officer by promoting excellence, professionalism and teamwork among the non-commissioned leaders. He played a critical role in the development and implementation of effective non-commissioned member training, both nationally and internationally. His performance and dedication significantly improved the effectiveness of our soldiers, sailors and air personnel, and brought great benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Joseph Conrad Roch LACROIX, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan from February to November 2009, Colonel Lacroix was heavily involved in every aspect of the task force's operations and ensured the commander's intent was understood and implemented. His clear tactical direction ensured that the enemy was prevented from gaining ground, while friendly forces were able to keep their momentum and push ahead. Colonel Lacroix's outstanding command presence and determination advanced the mandate of the International Security Assistance Force and strengthened the Afghan government's authority within Kandahar province.

*Commander Stephane Joseph Dominique LAFOND, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Master Corporal Daniel Christien LAMOUREUX*

*20 December 1996*

On 27 September 1993, Sergeant Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux were dispatched with their Hercules aircraft to a remote area of northern Quebec where a critically wounded victim of a hunting accident awaited assistance. On the scene, Sergeant Ainslie, the team leader, quickly ascertained the

gravity of the situation and decided to carry out an extremely hazardous night water parachute jump – the first ever of its type to be conducted by Canadian Armed Forces search and rescue technicians. Sergeant Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux parachuted into a nearby lake strewn with fallen trees and numerous other obstacles, swam to shore and proceeded to the victim. They provided successful emergency medical treatment for over six and one-half hours, until a Labrador helicopter arrived to transport the injured man to hospital. Despite the hazardous conditions, and at great personal risk, Sergeant Ainslie and Master Corporal Lamoureux demonstrated exceptional courage, sound judgement and outstanding dedication in order to effect this life-saving rescue mission.

*Major Jean Éric LANDRY, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As commander of the C Squadron Combat Team from November 2010 to June 2011, Major Landry was given responsibility for building a vital road in Afghanistan. Overcoming complex challenges in this dangerous environment, he skilfully coordinated the Squadron's various security, construction and logistical elements and effectively supported Headquarters' other logistical operations. Major Landry's leadership, so often demonstrated while under enemy fire and in the presence of improvised explosive devices, ensured the success of this mission.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Jean Michel LANDRY, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Chief Warrant Officer Landry deployed to Afghanistan as the regimental sergeant-major of the National Support Element, from July 2007 to March 2008. A dedicated leader, he took part in numerous logistical convoys alongside his soldiers. His effective mentorship inspired his troops to carry out their mission with courage and confidence.

*Captain Terry Steven LANGS, CD*

*18 July 1997*

From January to July 1996, Captain Langs was the military police platoon commander of the Canadian Multinational Brigade in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Under his leadership, his small multinational force developed quickly and achieved results which were disproportionate to its size. As chief liaison officer to police forces representing several factions at various police and security levels, he was required to meet and mediate with many of the primary authority figures in North-West Bosnia, both political and police, from all levels of government and all three Bosnian factions. Captain Langs' tact and professionalism under pressure enhanced the credibility of the operation immeasurably. His remarkable dedication and determination reflected great credit on his unit, the NATO Implementation Force and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Warrant Officer Roch LANTEIGNE, CD*

*9 March 1994*

During an enemy attack on 18 June 1993, against the new harbour facilities in Mogadishu, Somalia, Warrant Officer Lanteigne risked his life to supply the members of his platoon with fresh ammunition. Three times, he braved sustained small arms and sniper fire as he went from bunker to bunker with ammunition for his various sections, returning to his own bunker only after he had completely resupplied his platoon. Warrant Officer Lanteigne distinguished himself by his courage and by actions that exemplify the best of military traditions.

*Colonel Jean-Marc LANTHIER, MSC, CD*

*30 June 2010*

Following the devastating earthquake, Colonel Lanthier was deployed as the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Haiti, in Port-au-Prince, from January to March 2010. In that capacity, he coordinated all of the JTF's tactical and operational efforts. His experience, personal commitment and obvious capacity to work in a challenging environment greatly contributed to the enviable reputation enjoyed by the Canadian Armed Forces and by Canada.

*Major Michel Louis LAPOINTE, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Major Lapointe was deployed to Afghanistan as a senior mentor with the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, in Afghanistan, from August 2007 to February 2008. Initiating a novel and robust training program, he led six police sub-stations into action in a two-week period. His expert management of the police teams resulted in a marked decrease in insurgent activity, which gained the trust of the local population and brought great credibility to this Canadian initiative.

***Commander Kelly Brian LARKIN, CD******6 April 2009***

Commander Larkin was deployed with Task Force Arabian Sea as the commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Calgary*, from April to September 2008. His tactical acumen and leadership ensured success throughout a period of intense operations. He coordinated allied assets, maximizing operational effect and earning the confidence of international partners. His interactions with media outlets generated highly positive news coverage and greater awareness of the Canadian Navy's impact.

***Corporal Joseph Gérard Éric LAROUCHE******14 January 1993***

On 1 November 1991, Corporal Larouche and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

***Corporal Tyler LATTA******29 May 2009***

Corporal Latta was deployed to Afghanistan with an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, from February to September 2008. On numerous occasions, while fighting alongside the Afghan National Army, he exhibited fearless tenacity while providing mentorship on fire control orders, tactical movement and platoon tactics. Corporal Latta's leadership, mission focus and tactical acumen set an outstanding example for junior Afghan leaders, enhancing the capability of Afghan soldiers and saving Canadian and Afghan lives.

***Major John Robert Prudent LATULIPPE, CD******6 April 2009***

During the period of May 2007 to August 2008, Major Latulippe's leadership and expertise in air mobility operations were critical to the Air Force's capability to operate the newly acquired CC-177 Globemaster III aircraft. A proactive leader, he provided an innovative approach to tactical, operational and strategic doctrine resulting in many rapid successes that greatly enhanced the Air Force's ability to respond to Canadian Armed Forces Operations with relevance and unprecedented reach.

***Master Corporal Joseph Vital André LAVALLÉE******26 November 1997***

From 3 May to 3 June 1996, during Operation STANDARD at the National Palace of Haiti, Master Corporal Lavallée demonstrated exceptional professionalism in carrying out his duties. As section commander of the counter-ambush group during President Préval's visits, his performance on several occasions clearly outshone that of his peers. He also demonstrated great courage and strong initiative, with the help of his section, by preventing a crowd of some 1,000 people from attempting to enter the Palace. Through his conduct, he greatly contributed to the President's safety and to the credibility of the contingent of the Canadian Armed Forces and of Canada.

***Petty Officer 1st Class Paul Ernest LAVIGNE, CD******23 November 2007***

Petty Officer 1st Class Lavigne provided outstanding service as the Canadian defence attaché assistant to Pakistan and Afghanistan between 2003 and 2007. His performance in a demanding and dangerous operational environment during Canadian Armed Forces Operations ATHENA, ARCHER, PLATEAU and ARGUS brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

***Captain Tyler LAVIGNE******20 April 2010***

As the information management officer from November 2008 to April 2009, Captain Lavigne contributed to the concurrent establishment of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing, the Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) and a Canadian unmanned aerial vehicle detachment. His innovative solutions and ability to balance competing priorities enabled him to implement multiple command and control systems in an austere environment. Captain Lavigne's leadership and professionalism ensured that units received the communications support necessary for the rapid commencement of flying operations.

*Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Luc LAVOIE**8 October 2015*

From January 2013 to October 2014, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Lavoie was actively involved in planning and orchestrating the media campaign and commemorative events marking the Royal 22e Régiment's centennial. He demonstrated outstanding leadership in creating the winning conditions in which to showcase the Canadian Armed Forces provincially, nationally and internationally as never before.

*Master Warrant Officer Lewis Duthie Joseph LAVOIE, CD**19 November 2009*

Master Warrant Officer Lavoie was deployed to Afghanistan as the company sergeant-major for Battle Group Headquarters, from September 2008 to April 2009. During an intensive combat tour, he provided advice to Battle Group soldiers, commanders and other Task Force units during the planning and execution of operations. Whether personally tracking casualty evacuations, facilitating ramp ceremonies or visiting hospitals, his compassion for wounded soldiers drew accolades from across the Task Force. Master Warrant Officer Lavoie's outstanding leadership and professionalism contributed to the Battle Group's operational success.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Bruce Edmond LAW, CD**14 January 1993*

On 19 June 1990, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Provider* rescued ninety Vietnamese boat people who were adrift in the South China Sea without food or water and suffering from malnutrition, dehydration and prolonged exposure. Aware of the situation, Petty Officer 2nd Class Law volunteered to transfer from Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Kootenay* to the *Provider* to assist in the emergency. Working almost non-stop for four days, he assisted in giving and directing urgently required medical care, performing to a level far in excess of that for which he had been trained. His vitality, motivation and personal care were instrumental in saving many lives.

*Lieutenant(N) Jason William LAWTON**11 June 2002*

On the night of 10 April 2000, Lieutenant(N) Lawton was serving as the diving officer in Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Fredericton* when the ship was detached from her normal duty with the Standing Naval Force Atlantic to conduct a search and rescue operation. Lieutenant(N) Lawton volunteered for the mission and boarded the ship's helicopter under dangerous weather and operating conditions. Once the missing sailing vessel *Anna V* was located, Lieutenant(N) Lawton jumped from the helicopter, alone and without air tanks, into unfamiliar pitch-black waters. Upon hitting the surface, his diving mask was smashed, hampering his vision in the high seas and spray. Undeterred, Lieutenant(N) Lawton carried out a thorough but vain search for the master of the overturned sailing vessel. Exhausted, he was forced back to the ship by the heavy seas and the large amount of debris surrounding the wreckage. Lieutenant(N) Lawton's professionalism and determination brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Warrant Officer George Allison LEACH, CD**30 August 1991*

Master Warrant Officer Leach was the company sergeant-major of a rifle company providing airfield defence in the Gulf theatre of operations. Throughout, he managed his responsibilities in a methodical and precise manner. His abilities and untiring efforts won the praise of all. He set an example for every person in the Task Group and a standard of personal discipline and professionalism that few could match. In so doing, he contributed significantly to the success of the mission in its critical initial stages of operations in the Gulf.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Christian Guy LEBLANC, CD**22 October 2013*

On 27 March 2012, despite gale-force winds, 400-foot altitude ceilings, snow squalls, and five to eight metre waves, the crew of Rescue 908 was involved in a perilous night mission to recover survivors from the *S/V Tabasco II*, foundering in the stormy North Atlantic, south of Nova Scotia. First officer Lieutenant-Colonel Leblanc took charge of all flight functions, including aircraft navigation and survivor spotting, allowing his aircraft commander to concentrate on managing crew resources while flying in the abysmal conditions. Aircraft commander Captain Pellerin placed the helicopter in a 70-foot hover in order for his crew to investigate the life raft, and subsequently moved the aircraft to the sail boat to effect the rescue. Flight engineer Corporal Lewis, previously injured during hoist operations, identified an unconventional method to keep the helicopter in position over the vessel, which proved instrumental in the safe completion of the mission. As replacement flight engineer following Corporal Lewis' injury, Warrant Officer Mar immediately stepped in to operate the safe hoist by placing the SAR

technicians on board the raft and sailing vessel, and safely recovering five persons, all while battling gale-force winds. The crew of Rescue 908 demonstrated exemplary teamwork, bringing great honour to themselves and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Oswald Maurice Paul LEBLANC, MMM, CD* 1 August 2006

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

*Colonel Mario LEBLANC, CD*

11 March 2016

Colonel Leblanc demonstrated outstanding leadership while serving in Haiti as chief of staff from June 2014 to July 2015. His empathy for the Haitian people and his dedication to the mission instilled a sense of pride and unity within the multinational environment. His effective management of the peacekeeping forces and his knowledge of the security context maintained stability during the broad-based reduction in activities and military forces. Colonel Leblanc's actions brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Colonel Peter LEENTJES, OMM, CD*

22 December 1993

Colonel Leentjes served as the assistant chief of staff for Operations with United Nations Forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina from 1992 to 1993. The Operations division was responsible for directing and controlling the vast humanitarian effort in that war-torn country despite appalling communications and very poor working conditions. Colonel Leentjes was a tower of strength in these efforts. He undertook enormous responsibilities and achieved truly remarkable results under difficult conditions. His trusted advice and personal staff work produced the military portion of the Vance-Owen Peace Plan, the concept for any eventual peace agreement.

*Leading Seaman James Anthony LEITH, CD*

29 April 1999

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Major Pierre LEMELIN, CD*

11 June 2002

Major Lemelin was commander of the NATO Ammunition Management and Ordnance Disposal Advisory Training Team with Operation QUADRANT in Albania from October 2000 to September 2001. During this period, he made his exceptional professional knowledge and advice available to the Albanian government during discussions aimed at improving the overall safety of the Albanian people. Through his leadership, skill and determination, Major Lemelin left behind a legacy that promises to help solve the tragic problems created by deteriorating ammunition stockpiles in Albania. His exceptional work enhanced the international reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces and brought great honour to Canada.

*Major Yannick LEMIEUX, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Major Dene LEONARD, of the United States of America*

*17 May 2012*

Major Leonard, of the United States Army, demonstrated leadership, initiative and professionalism as the Joint Task Force Afghanistan intelligence planner from August 2010 to August 2011. The driving force behind the integration of several American capabilities, he constantly sought means to increase the operational effectiveness of intelligence operations. Major Leonard's ability to synchronize the efforts of Canadian, American and Afghan intelligence staffs enabled the targeted pursuit of insurgents and contributed directly to operational success.

*Colonel Andrew Brooke LESLIE, CD*

*20 December 1996*

In 1995, Colonel Leslie provided outstanding leadership as chief of staff, Sector South Headquarters in Croatia. His professionalism and remarkable courage were clearly demonstrated between 4 and 6 August, during Operation STORM – the Croatian offensive in the Krajina district. During intense artillery fire, Colonel Leslie organized and participated in several missions to rescue approximately 40 people trapped in the town of Knin and bring them to the United Nations camp, using armoured personnel carriers. Throughout the worst of the shelling, he moved from bunker to bunker offering encouragement to those in distress and was instrumental in convincing them to continue doing their job. His performance during the operation and its aftermath saved many lives and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Corporal Joseph Marc LESSARD, CD*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Corporal Lessard and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

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*Sub-Lieutenant David Ronald LEWIS*

*5 November 2013*

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.

***Corporal Derick LEWIS******20 April 2010***

On 3 September 2006, Corporal Lewis' company was advancing across the Arghandab River in Afghanistan, when it came under enemy fire from a defended position; they quickly incurred several casualties. While the fight continued around him, and despite being wounded, he assisted with the assessment, treatment and evacuation of the other casualties until his own injuries forced him to stop. Demonstrating exemplary perseverance and devotion to duty, Corporal Lewis continued in spite of his injuries and helped save the lives of his fellow soldiers.

***Colonel Frederick LEWIS, CD******10 July 2007***

From March 2006 to February 2007, Colonel Lewis served as the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan. He led and shaped the development of a cohesive, confident and well-prepared task force that excelled at both intense close combat and humanitarian efforts. With vision and insight of a rare high standard, he transformed the construct of national command, setting the conditions for the coherent delivery of Canadian efforts across Kandahar province. His exceptional leadership and complete dedication to the success of the overall mission of Joint Task Force Afghanistan reflects the highest standards of professionalism in the Canadian Armed Forces.

***Lieutenant-Colonel Sean Patrick LEWIS, CD******28 February 2014***

*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-Commander Charles David LIGHTFOOT, of the United Kingdom*

***26 March 2004***

In 1999, Lieutenant-Commander Lightfoot, British Royal Navy, began successive commands of three UPHOLDER class submarines as they were each reactivated, trialed and transferred from the United Kingdom to Canada to become the Victoria-class submarines. Commanding officer of all Canadian personnel assigned to crew each submarine, Lieutenant-Commander Lightfoot collectively transitioned them into trained, safe and effective UPHOLDER Class crew. His professionalism, command presence and actions during several at-sea emergencies instilled complete crew confidence in both his abilities and their own. Lieutenant-Commander Lightfoot's exemplary performance has been instrumental to the successes achieved in the UPHOLDER programme, bringing great credit to the Royal Navy and considerable benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

***Corporal Shaun LINDSEY******25 October 2006***

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

***Major Martin Andre LIPCSEY, CD******15 March 2010***

During a large NATO-led ground offensive, Major Lipcsey was pivotal to the planning and execution of complex brigade and Battle Group operations in Afghanistan, from August 2006 to February 2007. His tactical acumen, soldiering ability and combat leadership ensured ongoing success throughout high intensity battles. Major Lipcsey's command presence and professionalism directly contributed to the operational success of the Battle Group and reinforced Canada's reputation as an effective fighting force.

***Colonel Norman LITTERINI, of the United States of America******19 April 2013***

As deputy chief of staff of the Canadian Expeditionary Force Command, and subsequently of Canadian Joint Operations Command, from July 2011 to June 2013, Colonel Litterini played a critical role in the transformation of the Canadian Armed Forces' operational command triad into a single structure. Displaying remarkable leadership and drive, he effectively navigated this transformation while ensuring staff focus remained on supporting operations. Colonel Litterini's clear vision and insight provided great benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces and brought credit to the United States Army.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Gerard LONG, CD*

*31 October 2011*

As chief of operations within Headquarters Regional Command (South) from November 2009 to October 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Long was pivotal in the coordination of combat assets throughout southern Afghanistan. Having the confidence of his commander, he forged more than 60 duty officers, watchkeepers and desk officers into an effective and cohesive team that provided exceptional support. Exhibiting leadership, calm professionalism and a positive influence under pressure, Lieutenant-Colonel Long was critical to the Headquarters' overall operational success.

*Corporal James LOVELACE*

*18 January 2008*

While deployed with India Company, 2nd Battalion of the Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to July 2007, Corporal Lovelace provided unique and sound insight into the local situation, which resulted in the acquisition of high value intelligence. Dedicated to the success of the mission, he developed a tracking system that identified regions of concern and information requirements for future patrols and operations.

*Lieutenant-Colonel David William LOWTHIAN, CD*

*26 April 2011*

Lieutenant-Colonel Lowthian was deputy commander of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing from November 2009 to September 2010. His leadership, dedication and tact contributed to the expansion of the air wing's operational capability. As the architect behind numerous technical advancements, he had an immediate impact on the unit's effectiveness, while he improved relations with coalition partners with skilful diplomacy. Lieutenant-Colonel Lowthian's efforts were critical to the operational success of the air wing and the entire task force.

*Master Warrant Officer Paul Alexander LUCAS, CD*

*8 October 2015*

Since 2004, Master Warrant Officer Lucas has demonstrated dedication and professionalism in annually recruiting over 100 Aboriginal applicants, leading to the highest Aboriginal recruitment rate in Canada. He is commended for diligently serving the well-being of his applicants, notably by focusing on the logistics of internet access and long-distance travel, and by actively promoting the benefits and opportunities that military service offers new recruits. Master Warrant Officer Lucas brings great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain Steven LUCE, of the United States of America*

*20 April 2010*

From 2006 through 2009, Captain Luce demonstrated outstanding professionalism and initiative in his duties as the United States naval attaché to Canada. His contributions to a number of Canadian Armed Forces programs and projects – most notably the Canadian Submarine Program, the Joint Support Ship Project and the Arctic/Offshore Patrol Ship Project – were invaluable to Canadian naval operations and significantly enhanced co-operation and relations between Canada and the United States.

*Major Alastair James Neil LUFT, CD*

*23 February 2012*

Major Luft deployed with the Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. Under his stalwart leadership, the task force furthered Canadian and international efforts in both the Task Force Kandahar and Regional Command (South) areas of operations. An excellent combat leader and sage special operations advisor, Major Luft enabled the disruption of counter-insurgent networks and supported the development of the Afghan police. His leadership and perseverance brought international praise to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Andrew John LUSSIER, CD*

*27 June 2007*

Major Lussier was deployed to Afghanistan with The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group as commanding officer of the Intelligence Surveillance Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance (ISTAR) Squadron from 1 August 2006 to 15 February 2007. His tactical acumen and expert planning skills enabled him to implement and validate the incorporation of non-traditional forces into the ISTAR squadron. He single-handedly transformed the unit into an effective and cohesive manoeuvre force that successfully projected additional combat power into intense and sustained combat operations. As the Army's most combat-experienced Reconnaissance Squadron commander, Major Lussier proved to be a dynamic and effective leader whose flexibility and vision resulted in dozens of coalition victories.

*Captain Vincent LUSSIER**18 September 2011*

As infantry platoon commander at Patrol Base Sperwan Ghar in Afghanistan from March to October 2009, Captain Lussier greatly inspired his soldiers with his determination during intense combat operations. Always willing to face enemy fire during successive engagements, he was able to give clear instructions that were instrumental in the success of his platoon's mission. Captain Lussier's leadership and tactical acumen helped to achieve remarkable outcomes on the battlefield.

*Major Andrew LUTES, CD**27 September 2007*

Major Lutes deployed as the officer commanding Patrol Company, Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, Operation ARCHER, Afghanistan, from July 2005 to February 2006. With only a conceptual operations framework, he skilfully trained and led his company through Canada's first exposure to a sustained suicide explosive device campaign. His tact and diplomatic skills in a complex cultural environment were critical to successfully engaging and building lasting relationships with key Afghan and multinational partners.

*Captain Steven Kelly MacBETH, CD**10 July 2007*

Captain MacBeth was deployed as a member of the Intelligence, Surveillance, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. He expertly planned and executed highly effective combat reconnaissance patrols, and on numerous occasions, he selflessly led his platoon through enemy territory to assist other units that had come under attack. Captain MacBeth's exceptional tactical acumen and combat leadership enabled the successful execution of numerous high-risk reconnaissance patrols that resulted in the discovery of information of significant value to the battle group.

*Major Heather Joy MacCHARLES, CD**30 November 2011*

Between 2009 and 2011, Major MacCharles exhibited personal courage, professionalism and leadership in her efforts to champion the issue of family violence and sexual assault. While spearheading a Canadian Forces-wide review on the subject, she identified deficiencies in the existing Canadian Forces policy. As a direct result of her perseverance, this sensitive issue was brought to the attention of the Armed Forces Council, which resulted in a complete review of and subsequent changes to the Canadian Armed Forces' approach.

*Corporal Timothy Shawn MacDIARMID, CD**14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Corporal MacDiarmid and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen MacDONALD, CD**28 February 2014*

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.

*Major Jay Adam MacKEEN, CD**19 April 2013*

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

*Lieutenant(N) Heather Ann MacKINNON*

*27 December 1993*

From December 1992 to March 1993, Lieutenant(N) MacKinnon operated a medical clinic, worked in hospitals and orphanages and provided humanitarian assistance to the victims of war and famine in the city of Mogadishu, Somalia, during emergency UN operations there. Her unselfish and dedicated work, at a time when coalition forces were under continuous risk of attack from warring Somali clans, eased the plight of many victims and laid the groundwork for continued contributions from other relief agencies.

*Master Corporal Jason MacKINNON, CD*

*6 July 2006*

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

*Commodore Paul Andrew MADDISON, OMM, CD*

*23 November 2007*

As commander Standing Contingency Force from January 2006 to June 2007, Commodore Maddison developed an unprecedented model for achieving strategic effects. His successes in leading joint elements provide the template for integrated operations and littoral manoeuvre.

*Major Joshua James MAJOR, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As chief of current operations for Joint Task Force Afghanistan from November 2009 to September 2010, Major Major successfully synchronized the efforts of Canadian, coalition and Afghan personnel in Afghanistan's demanding counter-insurgency environment. He was a key player in the development of the Kandahar City security plan, lending his instrumental expertise during its planning sessions. As a result, a cohesive approach to enhanced public security was developed. His leadership contributed directly to operational success and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain Joseph Michel Francis MALLET*

*2 February 2011*

In 2008 and 2009, Captain Mallet demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication, which contributed to 430 Tactical Helicopter Squadron achieving a high state of readiness for its deployment to Afghanistan. He developed a training plan for the unit that became the cornerstone for individual training, and which transformed a group of inexperienced individuals into an effective team. His initiative, as well as his exceptional ability to analyze and prioritize, allowed the unit to deliver an important operational capability in Afghanistan.

*Colonel Russell Barry MANN, OMM, CD*

*29 June 2015*

From 2012 to April 2015, Colonel Mann successfully transformed Military Family Services into a vibrant entity endowed with renewed inspiration to address and respond to the challenges facing Canadian Armed Forces military families. Displaying great leadership, Colonel Mann has revolutionized the organization's services and programs. He has become the voice of military families in Canada, leaving an unmatched legacy within the Military Family Services organization.

*Warrant Officer Daniel Pius MANSFIELD, CD*

*17 May 2012*

Warrant Officer Mansfield was deployed as the Task Force Kandahar Engineer Regiment Operations warrant officer from August 2010 to July 2011. As the engineer advisor to the Tactical Operations Centre, he ensured the optimal allocation of engineering resources and coordinated explosive ordnance disposal activities. He also contributed to the provision of accurate information regarding threat levels and enabled the acquisition of equipment that would have otherwise been inaccessible to the task force. Warrant Officer Mansfield's efforts and leadership were critical to the operational success of the Engineer Regiment.

*Major Richard Patrick MANSOUR, CD*

*29 June 2015*

From June to November 2012, Major Mansour deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as a Dental Advisory Team leader. While there, his leadership and guidance were directly responsible for the successful growth of the Afghanistan Dental Society and its expansion into a national dental professional body. Major Mansour's contributions have left a lasting legacy for the Afghan people.

*Warrant Officer Michael David MAR, CD**22 October 2013*

On 27 March 2012, despite gale-force winds, 400-foot altitude ceilings, snow squalls, and five to eight metre waves, the crew of Rescue 908 was involved in a perilous night mission to recover survivors from the *S/V Tabasco II*, foundering in the stormy North Atlantic, south of Nova Scotia. First officer Lieutenant-Colonel Leblanc took charge of all flight functions, including aircraft navigation and survivor spotting, allowing his aircraft commander to concentrate on managing crew resources while flying in the abysmal conditions. Aircraft commander Captain Pellerin placed the helicopter in a 70-foot hover in order for his crew to investigate the life raft, and subsequently moved the aircraft to the sail boat to affect the rescue. Flight engineer Corporal Lewis, previously injured during hoist operations, identified an unconventional method to keep the helicopter in position over the vessel, which proved instrumental in the safe completion of the mission. As replacement flight engineer following Corporal Lewis' injury, Warrant Officer Mar immediately stepped in to operate the safe hoist by placing the SAR technicians on board the raft and sailing vessel, and safely recovering five persons, all while battling gale-force winds. The crew of Rescue 908 demonstrated exemplary teamwork, bringing great honour to themselves and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Timothy David Charles MARCELLA, CD**18 September 2011*

As commanding officer of the National Support Element in Afghanistan from April to November 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Marcella demonstrated leadership and professionalism while providing logistics support to Canadian and coalition forces. Working in Afghanistan's complex counter-insurgency environment, he ensured effective support throughout the vast area of operations. Lieutenant-Colonel Marcella's endeavours helped to advance international efforts in the country and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Sergeant Joseph Léonide Serge MARCOTTE, CD**20 December 1996*

In 1995, Sergeant Marcotte was assigned to the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia. On 5 August, while the Croatian forces were engaged in an attack against the city of Knin, which was being bombed, Sergeant Marcotte received the order to dispatch two armoured personnel carriers and five members of his section to assist those injured in the Kenyan battalion's area of hostilities and transport them out. Sergeant Marcotte displayed remarkable leadership and composure while ably leading the members of his group, even when under fire, giving them the necessary courage to save several lives.

*Major Jean-Christian MARQUIS, CD**17 May 2012*

As commander of the C Company Combat Team deployed to Afghanistan from November 2010 to June 2011, Major Marquis distinguished himself by his tactical agility. In his battlespace, he prevailed over numerous incidents caused by, among other things, improvised explosive devices; he faced the enemy on several occasions; and he became involved with the local population. Even when faced with the loss of soldiers and the complex challenges of combat, Major Marquis contributed greatly to the success of his soldiers and improved stability in his area of operations.

*Honorary Colonel Douglas Gordon MARR, CD**26 June 2008*

Known and respected by every member of this community, Honorary Colonel Marr has demonstrated outstanding examples of professionalism. A gentleman of impeccable integrity and boundless energy, he has dedicated himself for 11 years to countless events and initiatives in support of the Canadian Armed Forces, bringing great credit to 15 Wing, the home of military pilot training.

*Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel James William MARTIN, CD**30 November 2011*

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Martin demonstrated leadership, professionalism and dedication in his capacity as the honorary lieutenant-colonel of 31 Service Battalion (London). He tirelessly promoted his unit in the community and played a leadership role in mentoring holders of other honorary appointments within 31 Canadian Brigade Group. In recognition of these contributions, he was selected as a key member of the National Honorary Colonels Executive Council, which provides advice to the commander Canadian Army. His contributions have brought direct and indirect benefit to soldiers and Reserve units throughout the Canadian Armed Forces.

***Captain Joseph André Daniel MASSE*****18 July 1995**

Captain Massé was the military assistant to the sector commander for the United Nations Protection Force in Croatia for eight months in 1994. He quickly became a trusted go-between in the negotiations both with the Croats and the Serbs and was instrumental in the cease-fire arrangements. At one point, in January 1994, his vehicle was attacked by a number of armed individuals who opened fire with automatic weapons, hitting the vehicle repeatedly and forcing it off the road. Captain Massé and his driver left the vehicle and returned fire, forcing the attackers to break off their assault and retreat. Captain Massé always placed duty before personal considerations while demonstrating a calm and thoughtful professionalism under all circumstances.

***Honorary Colonel James MASSIE*****28 February 2014**

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.

***Master Warrant Officer Kevin James MATHERS, MMM, CD*****26 April 2011**

As sergeant-major of the Battle Group Reconnaissance Squadron in Afghanistan from October 2009 to May 2010, Master Warrant Officer Mathers demonstrated leadership, professionalism and concern for his subordinates, which was critical to the Squadron's success. A true combat leader, he exposed himself to the risks faced by his soldiers, leading missions to replenish forward positions throughout insurgent-laden areas. Master Warrant Officer Mathers was the heart and soul of the Squadron: his steadfast leadership inspired all ranks and brought considerable honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

***Lieutenant-Colonel Donald Charles MATTHEWS, CD*****30 August 1991**

As commanding officer of 439 Tactical Fighter Squadron, Lieutenant-Colonel Matthews was tireless in developing a truly multi-role, all-weather, day or night fighter squadron. He led by example, especially in the difficult first weeks of the war, and continued to fly, lead and motivate calmly as repeated air attack warnings increased stress and fatigue among all personnel. Under Lieutenant-Colonel Matthews' outstanding, professional leadership, his squadron performed its missions flawlessly during operations in the Gulf.

***Lieutenant-Colonel Michael MAURER, CD*****4 April 2008**

Lieutenant-Colonel Maurer served as assistant military advisor to the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, from July 2006 to July 2007. By organizing and executing various contact missions to hazardous areas of the country dominated by insurgent factions, he successfully opened avenues for UN influence despite a complex and unstable environment.

***Master Seaman Marcel Arthur MAYNARD, CD*****29 April 1999**

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Warrant Officer James Ronald McARTHUR, CD*

*5 April 2006*

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

*Major Robert Walter McBRIDE, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Major McBride was deployed to Afghanistan as the officer commanding a rifle company, from September 2008 to February 2009. He expertly led numerous counter-insurgency operations while simultaneously coordinating security, governance and development in Zhari District. With the entire Task Force focused on his area of operations, he demonstrated an exceptional ability to interpret command intent and gain the co-operation of Afghan leaders, civilian partners and allied forces. Major McBride's outstanding leadership of his company directly contributed to the Task Force's operational success.

*Major Joseph William Gilbert McCUALEY, CD*

*15 March 2010*

In response to a series of incidents that severely disrupted Canada's aerial surveillance capability in Afghanistan, Major McCauley was deployed on short notice to Kandahar Airfield in June 2008. Assuming temporary command of the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Detachment, he strengthened the unit and set the conditions for its ongoing viability. He later assumed full command of the unit and ensured that its members continued to provide exceptional support to the task force until September 2008. Major McCauley's leadership and technical knowledge ensured the delivery of critical intelligence and surveillance information to Canadian Armed Forces in Afghanistan.

*Captain(N) Douglas James McCLEAN, OMM, CD*

*22 December 1993*

As commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur*, Captain(N) McClean was tasked with providing relief and humanitarian assistance to southern Florida and an island in the Bahamas in the wake of Hurricane Andrew in 1992. Faced with devastation, the ship and her company carried out both relief operations in an outstanding manner, bringing much-needed material and reconstruction aid to many communities. Under Captain(N) McClean's leadership, initiative and personal example of duty, the ship's company earned international respect and esteem.

*Captain(N) Arthur Gerard McDONALD, CD*

*30 June 2010*

Captain(N) McDonald was deployed as the maritime component commander of Joint Task Force Haiti, from January to March 2010. His detailed understanding of the conduct of joint land operations, in the context of humanitarian assistance and recovery, was at the source of the very successful land and sea operations led by Her Majesty's Canadian Ships *Halifax* and *Athabaskan*. This, combined with his dynamic leadership, enabled the delivery of necessary supplies, labour and security to a ravaged landscape. His decisive actions had an immediate and enduring positive effect on the disaster zone, greatly contributing to Canada's international reputation.

*Colonel Thomas McGRATH, of the United States of America*

*7 October 2009*

Colonel McGrath, of the United States Army, was deployed as the commander of the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command (South) from August 2007 to August 2008. His mentorship of Afghan National Police forces greatly improved their effectiveness, professionalism and, consequently, their reputation among local citizens. His resourcefulness and dedication enhanced the capability of Afghan National Security Forces, ensuring their integration into the operational planning of Regional Command (South).

*Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Frederick McGRATH, OMM, CD*

*12 August 2011*

As branch advisor for the Cadet Instructors Cadre from 2006 to 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel McGrath oversaw numerous high-profile events across Canada to celebrate the branch's centenary, as well as the creation of several unifying symbols for the branch. Thanks to his visionary leadership, the

successful events generated considerable public interest and brought great credit to the Cadet program and to the Canadian Armed Forces. His dedicated personal efforts have had an enduring impact on the esprit de corps of the Cadet Instructors Cadre.

*Captain James Hugh McKAY*

*26 April 2011*

While deployed as the chaplain for Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) from November 2009 to August 2010, Captain McKay voluntarily assumed the role of chaplain for the American Role 3 Health Services Unit as well. While there, he provided spiritual and emotional support to Canadian and coalition soldiers throughout their healing process. Surrounded by the chaos of a medical unit in a war zone, he also worked tirelessly to ensure the well-being of those providing care. In addition to this work, he found time to visit sick and wounded Afghans nearby. Captain McKay's unwavering dedication to the spiritual health of soldiers from all nations, as well as the compassion he showed them, facilitated the success of the mission and brought great credit to Canada.

*Corporal Keith Irving McKELLAR, CD*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Corporal McKellar and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Major Christopher Alan McKENNA, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As the officer commanding Chinook Flight, within the Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) from July 2010 to April 2011, Major McKenna was vital to the execution of helicopter operations, which provided critical support to Canadian and coalition ground forces. A proven soldier and an officer of the highest standard, he forged a professional and cohesive team that guaranteed operational success. Whether in the air or in the planning room, Major McKenna demonstrated a level of performance and leadership that reinforced Canada's reputation for excellence in aviation.

*Major James Duncan McKILLIP, CD*

*1 August 2006*

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

*Sergeant Charles Andrew McLEAN, MMM, CD*

*7 October 2010*

Since 2007, Sergeant McLean's dedication to Soldier On, a program which he co-founded, has ensured the continued success of this initiative to optimize the functional independence of Canadian Armed Forces members or former members who have become ill or who have been injured. His passion and commitment have provided opportunities for these individuals to reach beyond their physical limitations and find a better quality of life on their road to recovery and reintegration. Over the years, he has successfully promoted and created awareness of the needs of injured and ill Canadian Armed Forces members and their families, as well as the programs available to them.

*Colonel Michael McLEAN, OMM, CD*

*20 May 2010*

As the director protocol and foreign liaison, Colonel McLean has been the inspirational force behind the renewal of the Canadian defence attachés program, an essential part of our diplomatic missions abroad. Through his formidable work and initiative, he established the groundwork for implementing policy changes that not only allowed the Canadian Armed Forces to garner support from the program's many partners, but also strengthened the program's relevance for future generations. Colonel McLean is commended for his outstanding contribution to the attachés program.

**Lieutenant-Colonel Scott Andrew McLEOD, CD****7 October 2009**

Lieutenant-Colonel McLeod was deployed to Afghanistan as the task force surgeon and commanding officer of the Multinational Role 3 Hospital from February to September 2008. Through his outstanding leadership, compassion and mission-driven focus, he effectively balanced casualty care requirements with the emotional needs of his personnel. His anticipation of operational requirements ensured plans were in place to manage the expected influx of casualties associated with combat operations. Colonel McLeod's dedicated efforts enhanced the Canadian Armed Forces' international reputation for quality operational medical care.

**Sergeant Paul McMILLAN, CD****19 August 1996**

On 21 June 1994, two anti-personnel mines detonated during a mine clearing operation near the village of Kakma, Croatia. The blast injured three Canadian soldiers, including Sergeant McMillan, who received fragmentation wounds to his stomach, shoulder and forearm. Despite his condition and the potential danger from the surrounding mines, Sergeant McMillan proceeded to render assistance to the nearest other casualty and administered first aid. When others arrived at the scene, he continued to direct the operations, refusing treatment and declining to be evacuated until the other two soldiers were removed from the minefield.

**Petty Officer 1st Class Ronald Scott McMILLAN, CD****21 December 1998**

On 8 December 1995, Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh were tasked to provide assistance to the B.C. Provincial Emergency Program Emergency Coordination Centre. They were dispatched to a hospital in Terrace, British Columbia, where they were exposed to a highly sensitive and unstable explosive chemical that could detonate due to any shock or friction. Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh determined that the risk to patients was high and that the hazard would have to be removed manually to a suitable disposal site. Hampered by extreme weather conditions which greatly increased the chance of detonation, they removed the contaminated material and explosive chemical from the hospital onto a transport vehicle. Arriving at the disposal site, Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan handed the volatile material to Lieutenant(N) Walsh who carried it to a safe detonation point. Both Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh placed their lives at grave risk to ensure the safety of patients who could not be moved. Their actions clearly exceeded the normal call of duty, and their courage and professionalism were in the highest tradition of the principles upon which the Canadian Armed Forces prides itself.

**Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Kevin Patrick McNAMARA, CD****29 April 1999**

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

**Colonel Alexander Donald MEINZINGER, CD****17 May 2012**

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

*Captain David Coleman MELANSON**26 July 1995*

Captain Melanson served as a military chaplain with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda in 1994. Compassionate and caring, he provided spiritual support under extremely stressful conditions. He also helped thousands of displaced children and became a focal point for local Canadian assistance to orphanages. He shared his comrades' difficulties and dangers, once voluntarily returning to forceable detention with others after seeking outside assistance. Throughout, he was a source of inspiration to all.

*Sergeant Joseph Yvon Patrick MÉNARD, CD**9 June 2005*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Sylvain MÉNARD, CD**30 November 2012*

Lieutenant-Colonel Ménard was deployed to Libya from March to May 2011 to support NATO operations. As CF-18 detachment commander, he successfully organized the rapid deployment of his unit despite tight timeframes and provided stable leadership at the front during the mission. He worked with local authorities to resolve a number of operational matters and was able to integrate new capabilities smoothly. Lieutenant-Colonel Ménard was essential to operational success.

*Sergeant Kevin MENDIOROZ, CD**12 August 2011*

From 2010 to 2011, Sergeant Mendioroz was the Canadian defence attaché assistant and, at one point, the sole Canadian Armed Forces member present at the sensitive and strategically important attaché office in Cuba. Sergeant Mendioroz demonstrated professionalism and confidence, despite being faced with the complex situation of operating independently. His efforts led to the vast expansion of Canadian co-operation with the Cuban military and ensured a constant flow of information and analysis, bringing great credit to Canada.

*Captain Andrew John MERCER, CD**2 February 2011*

On the morning of 9 June 2008, the aircrew of Cormorant Helicopter Rescue 913 successfully evacuated a critically injured sailor from the MV Maersk Dunedin, near Halifax. Aircraft commander Lieutenant-Colonel Thibault made critical command decisions as he piloted the aircraft under exceptionally demanding circumstances. He was assisted by first officer Captain Mercer, who helped fly the aircraft for nearly 10 hours, twice landing on Sable Island for fuel as the aircraft's endurance was pushed to its limits. In conditions where visibility was so poor that they could not even see the vessel in distress, flight engineer Sergeant Pawulski was instrumental in providing advice to help guide the aircraft into position over the deck in order to facilitate the hoist operation. Search and rescue technicians Warrant Officer Mitchell and Sergeant Kelland were then lowered onto the heaving deck, where they rendered life-saving medical aid to the injured sailor and coordinated his removal to the rescue helicopter. The team's conduct, dedication and professionalism in the planning and execution of this daring rescue brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Warrant Officer Shawn Anthony MERCER, CD**19 November 2009*

Master Warrant Officer Mercer was deployed to Afghanistan as a reconnaissance squadron sergeant-major, from September 2008 to April 2009. While concurrently managing the responsibility of a forward operating base, his role in the Quick Reaction Force was to ensure immediate responses were provided to improvised explosive detonations and other forms of attack. His experience and leadership not only provided insight into operational planning, but also was an inspiration to soldiers facing the loss of comrades. Master Warrant Officer Mercer's dedication ensured his squadron's operational success.

*General Denis MERCIER, of the French Republic*

*1 May 2014*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Bernard Christian MERCIER, CD*

*28 May 2008*

Commanding officer since June 2005, Lieutenant-Colonel Mercier is recognized for his dedication, initiative and professionalism in transforming the Canadian Armed Forces Leadership and Recruit School into an organization that is now recognized as a world leader in its field.

*Command Sergeant-Major Sayed MERZAHY,  
of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan*

*20 February 2014*

From May 2011 to March 2014, Command Sergeant-Major Merzahy 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 Merzahy's accomplishments had a positive impact on Canadian operations and were critical to the rebuilding of the Afghan National Army.

*Major Pericles METAXAS-MARIATOS, CD*

*27 August 2004*

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

*Captain Samuel Michel MICHAUD*

*9 March 1994*

Captain Michaud was the crew commander of a Sea King helicopter flying night reconnaissance patrols over the war-torn city of Kismayo, Somalia, on the nights of 21 and 23 February 1993. On both occasions his aircraft was the target of ground-based heavy machine-gun and small arms fire, supported by searchlights and flares. In spite of the grave risk involved, Captain Michaud and his crew continued to fly over the scene of battle and report enemy movements to coalition ground forces. His actions allowed coalition forces to contain the fighting quickly and separate the warring parties.

*Major General Christopher MILLER, of the United States of America*

*7 July 2009*

From 2007 until 2009 Major General Miller at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado U.S.A., distinguished himself by developing effective and enduring staff relationships and identifying operational improvements among North American Aerospace Defence Command, United States Northern Command and Canada Command. His outstanding drive, exceptional leadership, notable integrity and force of personality ensured effective intergovernmental and military cooperation and created an environment of mutual trust, ultimately strengthening the defence and security of Canada and the United States. His efforts brought significant benefit to Canada and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Chief Warrant Officer Mark Henry MILLER, CD*

*15 March 2010*

From December 2006 to February 2007, Chief Warrant Officer Miller rose to the challenge of replacing the Battle Group's regimental sergeant-major, who had been killed in combat. Arriving in Afghanistan on short notice and without the benefit of full deployment training, he immediately found himself involved in intense combat. Throughout this battle and during all subsequent operations, his front line leadership maintained the Battle Group's fighting spirit. Chief Warrant Officer Miller's ability to quickly and tactfully assume his responsibilities and establish his presence ensured the unit's continued operational effectiveness.

*Lieutenant Colonel Scott MILLER, of the United States of America*

*19 November 2009*

Lieutenant Colonel Miller and Colonel Osowski of the United States Air Force, commanded the 62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron and the 451st Air Expeditionary Group, respectively, in Afghanistan, from September 2008 to April 2009. Their units' seamless integration with the Canadian Battle Group ensured uninterrupted access to dedicated close air support, resulting in successful operations against insurgents across Kandahar province. Whether personally flying missions, providing advice to the Battle Group commander or ensuring their units' technical and tactical excellence, Lieutenant Colonel Miller's and Colonel Osowski's efforts diminished insurgent fighting ability, saved Canadian lives and enhanced the Task Force's operational effectiveness.

*Warrant Officer David Elwell MILLIGAN, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As the operations warrant officer of Brigade Troops Stability A Company from April to November 2010, Warrant Officer Milligan facilitated the success of military and civilian units operating out of Camp Nathan Smith. In addition to leading his team in providing force protection throughout Kandahar City when called upon, he excelled in the roles of both company and camp sergeants-major. Warrant Officer Milligan's efforts contributed directly to operational success and enhanced the profile of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel John Gerard MILNE, CD*

*23 February 2012*

As senior mentor for Afghan National Army development within the NATO training mission in Afghanistan from July 2008 to April 2009, Colonel Milne was a vital contributor to shaping key leaders within the Ministry of Defence and General Staff. As a result of his efforts, the Afghan National Army greatly improved its force development, generation and employment. Colonel Milne's leadership and efforts, which were a credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada, played an essential role in professionalizing critical Afghan institutions and contributed significantly to the improvement of security in Afghanistan.

*Honorary Colonel Stanley Albert MILNER, OC, AOE, CD*

*7 October 2010*

For more than 19 years, Honorary Colonel Milner has demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication to the South Alberta Light Horse. He was responsible for establishing the South Alberta Light Horse Foundation, through which he has played a key role in preserving the history and traditions of the current regiment and its predecessors in the province. Honorary Colonel Milner's invaluable contributions have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces, and future generations of regimental members will benefit from his lasting legacy.

*Commandant Yves MINJOLLET, of the French Republic*

*6 April 2009*

Commandant Minjollet has made a remarkable contribution to fostering a closer collaboration between Canada and France in the field of honours. Between 2003 and 2008, his expertise in military and civilian honours and recognition greatly influenced and contributed to the development of a Canadian military recognition policy. The professionalism, initiative and leadership demonstrated by Commandant Minjollet with regards to honours have contributed to a strong working relationship between Canada and France, and are worthy of the highest praise.

*Colonel William Hiram MINNIS, CD*

*30 July 1992*

Colonel Minnis was the Canadian Armed Forces attaché in Tel Aviv, Israel, during the Gulf Crisis and War, in 1990-1991. He played a pivotal role in the preparation of the Canadian Embassy for the war. He wilfully assumed additional responsibilities and was instrumental in permitting the continuous operation of the Embassy under most difficult and dangerous circumstances. During this whole period, Colonel Minnis displayed outstanding leadership, integrity, and sense of duty.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Mark MISENER, CD*

*17 May 2012*

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

**Lieutenant-Colonel John David MITCHELL, CD****12 November 2003**

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

**Warrant Officer Keith Paul MITCHELL, CV, CD****2 February 2011**

On the morning of 9 June 2008, the aircrew of Cormorant Helicopter Rescue 913 successfully evacuated a critically injured sailor from the MV Maersk Dunedin, near Halifax. Aircraft commander Lieutenant-Colonel Thibault made critical command decisions as he piloted the aircraft under exceptionally demanding circumstances. He was assisted by first officer Captain Mercer, who helped fly the aircraft for nearly 10 hours, twice landing on Sable Island for fuel as the aircraft's endurance was pushed to its limits. In conditions where visibility was so poor that they could not even see the vessel in distress, flight engineer Sergeant Pawulski was instrumental in providing advice to help guide the aircraft into position over the deck in order to facilitate the hoist operation. Search and rescue technicians Warrant Officer Mitchell and Sergeant Kelland were then lowered onto the heaving deck, where they rendered life-saving medical aid to the injured sailor and coordinated his removal to the rescue helicopter. The team's conduct, dedication and professionalism in the planning and execution of this daring rescue brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

**Lieutenant-Colonel David Charles MOAR, CD****11 March 2016**

From October 2014 to April 2015, Lieutenant-Colonel Moar performed remarkably as fighter detachment commander within Air Task Force-Iraq in Kuwait. His outstanding leadership enabled Canadian fighter aircraft to begin combat missions within 36 hours of arriving in theatre. Moreover, his tireless efforts to improve and sustain operations enabled impressive sortie launch reliability. Lieutenant-Colonel Moar's accomplishments greatly contributed to Canada being recognized as a responsive, effective and reliable coalition nation in the fight against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

**Major Stephen Edward MOFFAT, CD****27 December 1993**

Major Moffat was the principal operations staff officer to the commander, Canadian Joint Forces Somalia during the emergency UN intervention in 1993. Not only were his performance, dedication and effectiveness outstanding, but his diplomacy in a multinational environment enabled him to achieve the Forces' goals despite difficult and hazardous conditions. Coalition and United Nations planners turned to him for guidance and assistance. He developed a United Nations plan for securing the central and northeastern areas of Somalia, acted as a member of the UN Ceasefire Working Group and contributed to the success of the Addis Ababa Reconciliation Conference.

**Major Joseph Richard René MOFFET, CD****4 April 2008**

Major Moffet deployed to Afghanistan as the deputy commanding officer of the 3rd Battalion, Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment Battle Group, from July 2007 to March 2008. His exceptional leadership on the battlefield helped save numerous lives, particularly when leading the battle group during two major combat operations in his commanding officer's absence. An expert in counter-insurgency operations, he developed comprehensive operational plans that ensured the effectiveness of the battle group, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

**Major Jeffrey Karl MONAGHAN, CD****18 September 2011**

As the officer commanding a kandak mentor team in Afghanistan from April to November 2010, Major Monaghan demonstrated leadership, professionalism and dedication, which had a positive impact on the development of three newly formed Afghan National Army kandaks. Whether mentoring Afghan commanders, facilitating joint operations or providing leadership and guidance to his mentor teams, he distinguished himself as a first-rate soldier and leader, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Corporal Robert James MONDEVILLE, CD**14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Master Corporal Mondeville and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Master Warrant Officer Robert Joseph MONTAGUE, MMM, CD**15 March 2010*

From August 2006 to February 2007, Master Warrant Officer Montague's efforts as the artillery battery Sergeant-major contributed to the operational success of Joint Task Force Afghanistan. His leadership skills were key to the successful handling of many stressful situations, such as the extraction of a trapped vehicle while engaged with the enemy or the coordination of the delivery of thousands of rounds of artillery and mortar fire by Canadian and coalition gunners. He was instrumental in the success of enemy engagements during major Canadian and NATO-led operations.

*Master Warrant Officer Bradley William John MONTGOMERY, CD**10 July 2007*

Master Warrant Officer Montgomery was deployed as the sergeant-major of 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from 1 August 2006 to 15 February 2007. His professionalism, leadership and experience were critical to the development of roads and forward operating bases during intense combat situations. The selfless commitment he demonstrated to his fellow troops was an inspiration. During four separate incidents, he readily placed himself in harm's way to aid soldiers who had been targeted by enemy attacks. Respected by many, Master Warrant Officer Montgomery is the embodiment of a soldier: professional, selfless, loyal, relentless and dedicated.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Julien André MOREAU, CD**4 April 2008*

Master Warrant Officer Moreau was deployed as the camp sergeant-major of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. His tenacity enabled him to overcome the challenges associated with operating in a vast multi-national camp. His rapid response to changing priorities ensured efficient camp operations for both Canadian and coalition soldiers in Afghanistan.

*Corporal Joseph Claude Daniel MORIN**14 January 1993*

Between 9 and 17 May 1992, Corporal Morin served with the 1st Battalion, Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment Battle Group of the Canadian contingent of the United Nations Protection Force in Sarajevo. At that time, he volunteered for various evacuation and humanitarian assistance missions. In particular, he led several teams from shelters to the upper floors of a hotel where the Force's headquarters were located in order to recover documents and equipment, although the building was the continual target of mortar and small arms fire. His remarkable conduct and professionalism made it possible to stabilize a dangerous situation.

*Major Joseph Serge Raynald MORIN, CD**2 February 2011*

As the senior mentor to the commander of an Afghan National Army battalion from April to October 2009, Major Morin was instrumental in improving the battalion's operational success. Applying his vast experience and knowledge, his mentorship of Afghan soldiers on vital issues, such as the occupation of a forward operating base, resulted in effective partnered combat operations with the Canadian battle group. Major Morin's outstanding leadership and dedication allowed the Afghan National Army to greatly improve its combat capabilities and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Sergeant Gordon Dewart MORRISON**14 June 1994*

In March 1993, Sergeant Morrison consistently displayed the highest standards of leadership and bravery as a section commander serving with the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia. Among many outstanding examples is his initiation of clean-up efforts in the area in front of the Srebrenica hospital where a demoralized staff and populace had left scattered body parts. On another occasion, he risked his life by leaving an armoured personnel carrier during a mortar attack to save two members of his crew. His outstanding performance under these difficult and dangerous circumstances was in keeping with the finest traditions of his Regiment and of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Chief Warrant Officer Gordon William Floyd MORRISON, MMM, CD*

*28 February 2014*

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.

*Commander Derek John MOSS, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Major Lee James MOSSOP, CD*

*26 April 2011*

Major Mossop served as the battle group operations officer in Afghanistan from September 2009 to May 2010. His comprehensive understanding of counter-insurgency operations and battle group capabilities led to greater stability in the Panjwayi district. His dynamic and aggressive leadership forged a proficient tactical operations centre and planning cell, empowering his subordinates to excel beyond all expectations. Major Mossop ensured that critical guidance was provided to all battle group operations, which was essential to their success.

*Lieutenant-Colonel David Christopher MURPHY, CD*

*9 February 2011*

In February 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Murphy rose to the challenge of leading 8 Wing Trenton through what was probably the most difficult period of its history. He successfully led his team under trying conditions, where confidence in the Wing leadership had been compromised. During a period of high operational tempo, imposed by numerous concurrent foreign and domestic operations, Lieutenant-Colonel Murphy's strength and leadership were instrumental in ensuring that the Wing and local communities rebuilt and maintained trust in the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Private Marc MURRAY*

*29 May 2009*

Private Murray was deployed with C Company, Joint Task Force Afghanistan Battle Group, from February to September 2008. During combat operations, he did not hesitate to take charge. His outstanding leadership and decisive direction of his fellow soldiers inspired their confidence and provided his section commander with additional freedom to coordinate the entire section. Private Murray's dynamic spirit, composure under fire and unwavering dedication enhanced the operational effectiveness of his infantry section.

*Vice Admiral Robert MURRETT, of the United States of America*

*11 December 2009*

Since 2006, Vice Admiral Murrett has been director of the United States National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, and functional manager for geospatial intelligence. His outstanding leadership and vision have been instrumental in improving access to and sharing of geospatial intelligence, which has had a profound impact on safety and security both in Canada and in the United States. His continued advocacy towards a synergistic approach to interoperability among Allied nations has greatly contributed to the success of many Canadian Armed Forces missions, both domestically and internationally.

*Lieutenant(N) Jonathan Alexander MYERS, CD*

*23 January 2003*

Lieutenant(N) Myers has distinguished himself through his performance as Boarding Officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Winnipeg* during Operation AUGMENTATION 2001-2002. Setting new Canadian records and standards for boarding operations, Lieutenant(N) Myers and his crew executed 64 boardings and inspections of vessels, 162 health and comfort boardings and dispatched 77 security teams to locate illegal oil in seven vessels. In July 2001, with utmost vigilance and professionalism and under the most severe environmental conditions, he led the daring takedown of a heavily fortified ship carrying 7,000 tons of smuggled oil. As a result of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Winnipeg*'s achievements under Lieutenant(N) Myers' leadership and dedication to duty, the United States Navy decided to rewrite its doctrine for naval boarding parties.

*Lieutenant(N) Joseph Jocelyn NADEAU, CD*

*1 May 2014*

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 tonnes of school supplies. Lieutenant(N) Nadeau's generous actions, which went beyond his military responsibilities, brought great credit to Canada.

*Colonel Philip NAPIER, of the United Kingdom*

*7 October 2009*

Colonel Napier, of the British Army, was deployed to Afghanistan as chief of staff for the Afghan Regional Security Integration Command (South) Headquarters from January to October 2008. His competence in synchronizing the efforts of multinational headquarters staff ensured the development of a comprehensive regional action plan that enabled subordinate task forces to develop their own plans of action within the framework of a sustainable regional peace perspective. Colonel Napier's firm management of resources and outstanding leadership made possible unprecedented operational momentum and enhanced operations in southern Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Jonathan James NELLES, CD*

*25 January 2016*

As Air Expeditionary Wing Commander from April to June 2014, Lieutenant-Colonel Nelles was instrumental in the development of the first Air Expeditionary Wing of the Royal Canadian Air Force Managed Readiness Plan. As a result of his outstanding leadership, the newly created deployable force has enhanced delivery of air power at the operational level for domestic and international operations. Maintaining his professional acumen while under enormous pressure, Lieutenant-Colonel Nelles has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Ulrich NEUGEBAUER, CD*

*21 May 1993*

During his appointment as executive assistant to the Chief of the Defence Staff, Colonel Neugebauer's performance has been exceptional. He has handled every issue with outstanding skill and diplomacy. In the preparation and handling of numerous important events, his experience, decisiveness and judgement have been crucial. The contribution he has made to the reputation and operation of the Department of National Defence has been consistently outstanding.

*Chief Warrant Officer Kirk NEWHOOK, CD*

*18 September 2011*

While deployed to Kandahar Airfield from July 2010 to January 2011, Chief Warrant Officer Newhook distinguished himself as an innovative and decisive leader who represented Canada with distinction during NATO operations. Under the most trying of circumstances and despite significant manpower shortages, he facilitated innumerable complicated air cargo missions without injury to personnel or damage to valuable air assets. Chief Warrant Officer Newhook's leadership was critical to operational success at the busiest single runway in the world.

*Honorary Colonel John Buckingham NEWMAN, CD*

*29 June 2015*

Honorary Colonel Newman was an outstanding ambassador for the Canadian Armed Forces during his tenure with the 48th Highlanders of Canada, from July 2011 to December 2014. Among the many philanthropic activities he oversaw, he spearheaded the creation of nine monuments to both World Wars across the battlefields of Europe. His personal efforts have touched hundreds of serving personnel and veterans alike.

*Captain(N) John Frederick NEWTON, CD*

*14 July 2011*

Captain(N) Newton was the base commander for Canadian Armed Forces Base Halifax from July 2008 to July 2010. During his tenure, he displayed exceptional leadership in guiding the planning and execution of two extremely high-profile ceremonial events: the consecration and presentation of a new Queen's Colour to Maritime Command in 2009, and the international fleet review by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2010. Through his success, Canadians were inspired anew by their navy as a treasured national institution, and sailors were filled with pride in their naval service to Canada.

*Major Robin Kent NICKERSON, CD*

*1 May 2014*

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.

*Major Wayne Kenneth NIVEN, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As officer commanding Delta Company from October 2009 to May 2010, Major Niven distinguished himself as a first-rate combat leader. Tasked with securing the volatile Nakhonay village, he worked with his Afghan counterpart to clear and hold the area. His ability to work effectively with Afghan officials influenced village elders who were initially resistant to security initiatives. An astute and skilful officer who fully embraced counter-insurgency doctrine, Major Niven and his superb leadership were critical to the battle group's operational success.

*Captain Aaron NOBLE*

*9 July 2013*

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.

*Major Stephen NOEL, CD*

*18 September 2011*

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

*Major Steven John Vincent NOLAN, CD*

*15 March 2010*

Major Nolan was deployed to Afghanistan as a mentor to the commanding officer of an Afghan National Army infantry battalion from September 2008 to April 2009. During multiple combat operations, he provided front line mentorship to his Afghan counterpart, enabling him to succeed in a chaotic environment while under fire. Whether operating independently or with coalition units, his mentorship promoted the development of sound operational plans and successful schemes of manoeuvre. Major Nolan's outstanding leadership and professionalism were instrumental to the Afghan battalion's operational success.

*Captain Joseph Guy NOURY, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As senior mentor for 1 Brigade, 205 Corps Headquarters of the Afghan National Army from November 2010 to July 2011, Captain Noury distinguished himself by his hard work, vision and dedication. His mentorship of the Brigade facilitated the joint operations of the Canadian, Afghan and American forces, illustrated by five large-scale combat interventions. Through his professionalism and leadership, Captain Noury helped to ensure the operational success of the coalition forces.

*Lieutenant Andrew Richard NUTTALL (Posthumous)*

*26 April 2011*

As a platoon commander from October 2009 until 23 December 2009, Lieutenant Nuttall moulded his soldiers into a cohesive team that excelled in Afghanistan's demanding environment. His professionalism while working and living with his Afghan comrades created a common understanding and enabled seamless integration during counter-insurgency operations. While the loss of Lieutenant Nuttall was devastating, the culture and esprit de corps forged under his leadership were instrumental in enabling his soldiers to successfully continue their mission.

*Colonel Michael George O'BRIEN, CD*

*30 August 1991*

Colonel O'Brien, was the assistant chief of staff to the Operational Section during the Gulf Crisis. He was both the architect and developer of the National Defence Headquarters Crisis Management System, and in large part was responsible for the structure and content of the plan detailing the organization and procedures to be used during a crisis. Throughout the Gulf crisis, he provided focus and leadership for the successful functioning of the Crisis Action Team.

*Captain James Alan O'NEILL, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As a platoon commander from October 2009 to May 2010, Captain O'Neill enhanced security in Haji Baba and Nakhonay, Afghanistan. Living within the local community and partnered with an Afghan platoon, Captain O'Neill established strong ties with local leaders, creating an atmosphere of trust within the community. He took great pride in mentoring his Afghan counterpart, providing leadership that enabled the platoons to synchronize operations and disrupt insurgent activities. Captain O'Neill's dedication brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain(N) James Douglas O'REILLY, CD*

*29 June 2015*

Captain(N) O'Reilly demonstrated a high degree of leadership and professionalism while serving as the project director for the Maritime Equipment Program Management Strategic Initiative from 2009 to 2014. He delivered a robust naval material assurance program to ensure that the fleets were fit for their purpose and that they met material safety and environmental requirements. Captain(N) O'Reilly's vision and efforts were the key to the delivery of improved material safety and operationally effective engineering support to the Royal Canadian Navy.

*Corporal Ronald Joseph William O'REILLY*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Corporal O'Reilly and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Colonel Paul ORMSBY, OMM, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Major Jeffrey Russell ORR, CD*

*24 February 2011*

Major Orr demonstrated leadership and commitment to mission success in the development of Canada's first deployed Special Operations Aviation Detachment. Prior to his unit's arrival in Afghanistan, there had been minimal airlift options available to the Special Operations Task Force and Joint Task Force Afghanistan. Under Major Orr's leadership, the Special Operations Aviation Detachment became an integral part of these task forces and, as a result, greatly enhanced them. His actions were instrumental in Canada's participation as an equal partner in gaining peace and security for the people of Afghanistan.

*Colonel Theodore OSOWSKI, of the United States of America*

*19 November 2009*

Lieutenant Colonel Miller and Colonel Osowski of the United States Air Force, commanded the 62nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron and the 451st Air Expeditionary Group, respectively, in Afghanistan, from September 2008 to April 2009. Their units' seamless integration with the Canadian Battle Group ensured uninterrupted access to dedicated close air support, resulting in successful operations against insurgents across Kandahar province. Whether personally flying missions, providing advice to the Battle Group commander or ensuring their units' technical and tactical excellence, Lieutenant Colonel Miller's and Colonel Osowski's efforts diminished insurgent fighting ability, saved Canadian lives and enhanced the Task Force's operational effectiveness.

*Lieutenant-Colonel James Robert OSTLER, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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 to the Middle East peace process.

*Warrant Officer Steeve OUELLET, CD*

*9 February 2011*

As second-in-command of an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team from April to October 2009, Warrant Officer Ouellet was instrumental in improving the operational success of the Afghan National Army soldiers stationed at Strongpoint Lakokhel. His skilled coordination of artillery and air support during numerous insurgent attacks greatly enhanced the strongpoint's ability to repel insurgent actions. Warrant Officer Ouellet's leadership and tactical acumen enabled Afghan soldiers to improve their soldiering skills and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Kevin Charles OWENS, of the United States of America*

*18 October 2006*

Colonel Owens, a citizen of the United States, was instrumental to the success of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), during Operation ARCHER / ENDURING FREEDOM from July 2005 to February 2006. As commander of Task Force Bayonet, Colonel Owens' inspirational leadership, stellar support and exemplary dedication enabled the PRT to effectively execute security, development and stabilization operations in support of the campaign against terrorism. His steadfast resolve and outstanding leadership in a hostile, unpredictable counter-insurgency environment brought great credit to him, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to the United States Army.

*Lieutenant-Colonel John PAGANINI, of the United States of America*

*17 May 2012*

Lieutenant-Colonel Paganini, of the United States Army, performed exceptionally well as commanding officer of the 1-71 Cavalry Squadron, in Afghanistan from April 2010 to March 2011. Under his front line leadership, the squadron earned a reputation for its effectiveness and professionalism, and established itself as a critical component of Task Force Kandahar. Lieutenant-Colonel Paganini's tactical acumen and drive to succeed set an example for soldiers of all nations and were critical to the Canadian Armed Forces' operational success in Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant(N) Kent Arthur PAGE, CD*

*20 December 1996*

On 20 April 1995, Lieutenant(N) Page was the military spokesperson for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda. While covering the resettlement of displaced persons following the 1994 genocide, Lieutenant(N) Page visited a Kibeyo camp and found himself in the area cordoned off by the Rwanda Patriotic Army when firing broke out. Although caught in the crossfire, Lieutenant(N) Page remained calm and continued to record events as they unfolded. The results of his work have been compiled in a pictorial journal of the events for use as evidence by the International Tribunal investigating the atrocities in Rwanda. His dedication to duty and perseverance under threat of injury or death have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Commander Steven PAGET, CD*

*6 April 2009*

Commander Paget was deployed as the chief of staff of Task Force Arabian Sea and Combined Task Force 150 aboard Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Iroquois*, from April to September 2008. His coordination skills, tireless energy and diplomatic approach ensured situational awareness and operational readiness of all coalition units, which were vital to the success of the Task Force. His initiative and dedication reinforced Canada's international reputation as an effective leader of coalition forces.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Gérard Sylvain PARENT, CD*

*4 April 2008*

Master Warrant Officer Parent was deployed as a company sergeant-major with Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from August 2007 to March 2008. Under extremely adverse conditions, he led his troops through many difficult events. His leadership, devotion to duty, and fortitude were critical to the effective evacuation of hundreds of wounded and to saving the lives of Canadian, coalition and Afghan soldiers.

*Major Robin Patrick PARKER, CD*

*30 November 2000*

Major Parker served on Task Force Aviano from 20 March 1999 to 15 June 1999. During 31 combat missions that he flew as part of Operation ALLIED FORCE, he was frequently selected to plan, brief and lead NATO formations comprising over 40 aircraft from several nations. As the Weapons officer, he played a crucial role in the training and qualification of Task Force Aviano personnel in the use of a new weapon, in the midst of an intense, round-the-clock effort. Major Parker's flying, supervisory and leadership skills were a source of inspiration to all. His exemplary performance brought credit to his unit, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Warrant Officer George Nelson PARROTT, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As sergeant-major of Kandak Mentor Team 3 from September 2009 to April 2010, Warrant Officer Parrott provided exceptional mentorship to his Afghan counterpart and ensured that widely dispersed mentoring teams received the operational support they required. Leading from the front during joint combat operations, he set an example emulated by Afghan soldiers and created the conditions for successful interoperability between Canadian, coalition and Afghan units. Warrant Officer Parrott's leadership contributed to enhancing the capabilities of the Afghan National Army and brought great credit to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Commander Ian Archibald PATERSON, CD*

*10 March 1995*

Lieutenant-Commander Paterson was an operational and intelligence staff officer with the Standing Naval Force Atlantic for over a year, beginning in 1993, mostly in support of the maritime embargo against the former Yugoslavia in the Adriatic Sea. In a sophisticated and technically complex environment, where numerous shore and carrier-based aircraft were continually present, his performance was critical to the overall success of the mission. His superb evaluations and predictions of the operating patterns of the Serbian-Montenegrin forces were crucial to the effective positioning of allied forces at sea. He excelled in all of his responsibilities, making a significant personal contribution to the success of the United Nations embargo.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Brian PATRICK, CD*

*14 July 2011*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel David Anthony PATTERSON, CD*

*18 June 2007*

Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson was deployed to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 2006, as the strategic plans advisor to the Darfur Integrated Task Force. During a period of volatile activity and uncertainty, he was instrumental in creating a multi-national transition planning team charged with the creation of contingency plans for the African Union Forces. His expertise, his oversight and his vision were key to enabling the creation of the United Nations' phased support packages, which have since formed the cornerstone for all transition planning within the Integrated Task Force. Lieutenant-Colonel Patterson's outstanding leadership and dedication brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Captain(N) Rebecca Louise PATTERSON, CD*

*5 November 2013*

From July 2011 to July 2012, Captain(N) Patterson deployed to Afghanistan as the team leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences (AFAMS). 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.

*Commander Gary Alfred PAULSON, CD*

*20 December 1996*

On 1 December 1995, under the direction of Commander Paulson, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Calgary* was tasked to assist the sinking Motor Vessel *Mount Olympus*, which had sustained severe damage during an Atlantic storm. Aware that his own ship was low on fuel and that the distress vessel was over 700 kilometres away, Commander Paulson immediately cancelled plans to refuel, proceeded towards the vessel at high speed through heavy seas and established comprehensive rescue plans to cover all eventualities. With the ship still 100 kilometres away from the *Mount Olympus*, the *Calgary*'s helicopter crew flew to the stricken vessel and over a period of three hours, hoisted all 30 shipmates to a nearby freighter. The dramatic rescue operation was handled throughout with exceptional skill and professionalism, and brought credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Sergeant David Michael PAWULSKI, SC, CD*

*2 February 2011*

On the morning of 9 June 2008, the aircrew of Cormorant Helicopter Rescue 913 successfully evacuated a critically injured sailor from the MV Maersk Dunedin, near Halifax. Aircraft commander Lieutenant-Colonel Thibault made critical command decisions as he piloted the aircraft under exceptionally demanding circumstances. He was assisted by first officer Captain Mercer, who helped fly the aircraft for nearly 10 hours, twice landing on Sable Island for fuel as the aircraft's endurance was pushed to its limits. In conditions where visibility was so poor that they could not even see the vessel in distress, flight engineer Sergeant Pawulski was instrumental in providing advice to help guide the aircraft into position over the deck in order to facilitate the hoist operation. Search and rescue technicians Warrant Officer Mitchell and Sergeant Kelland were then lowered onto the heaving deck, where they rendered life-saving medical aid to the injured sailor and coordinated his removal to the rescue helicopter. The team's conduct, dedication and professionalism in the planning and execution of this daring rescue brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Sergeant David Claude PAYNE, CD*

*6 July 2006*

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

*Commander Bradley Alan PEATS, CD*

*28 January 2013*

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

*Captain Trevor Mark PELLERIN, CD*

*22 October 2013*

On 27 March 2012, despite gale-force winds, 400-foot altitude ceilings, snow squalls, and five to eight metre waves, the crew of Rescue 908 was involved in a perilous night mission to recover survivors from the *S/V Tabasco II*, foundering in the stormy North Atlantic, south of Nova Scotia. First officer Lieutenant-Colonel Leblanc took charge of all flight functions, including aircraft navigation and survivor spotting, allowing his aircraft commander to concentrate on managing crew resources while flying in the abysmal conditions. Aircraft commander Captain Pellerin placed the helicopter in a 70-foot hover in order for his crew to investigate the life raft, and subsequently moved the aircraft to the sail boat to affect the rescue. Flight engineer Corporal Lewis, previously injured during hoist operations, identified an unconventional method to keep the helicopter in position over the vessel, which proved instrumental in the safe completion of the mission. As replacement flight engineer following Corporal Lewis' injury, Warrant Officer Mar immediately stepped in to operate the safe hoist by placing the SAR technicians on board the raft and sailing vessel, and safely recovering five persons, all while battling gale-force winds. The crew of Rescue 908 demonstrated exemplary teamwork, bringing great honour to themselves and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Joseph Paul Alain PELLETIER, CD*

*28 January 2013*

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

*Master Corporal Martin Joseph André PELLETIER*

*17 May 2012*

From December 2010 to July 2011, Master Corporal Pelletier, infantryman and tactical information operator, markedly improved the quality of combat information in numerous areas of operations in Afghanistan. He updated the list of principal insurgents active in networks manufacturing improvised

explosive devices and, during reconnaissance and operations patrols, identified, questioned and detained them. Master Corporal Pelletier's dedication and astute judgment helped him to provide a safer environment for Canadian soldiers and the local population.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Roch PELLETIER, CD*

*28 February 2014*

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.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Carla May PENNEY, CD*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Sergeant Mark Wayne PENNIE, CD*

*23 January 2003*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Kenneth PENNY*

*23 June 2010*

Starting in 2007, Lieutenant-Colonel Penny was a member of and military legal advisor to the Canadian delegation that negotiated the Convention on Cluster Munitions. He played a principal and critical role in the development and inclusion of a provision in the Convention protecting the interoperability between States Parties and non-States Parties. His leadership has greatly contributed to Canada's ability to conduct and command future combined military operations with non-States Parties that are also key allies.

*Chief Warrant Officer Ambrose PENTON, CD*

*28 February 2014*

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.

*Major Yannick PÉPIN, CD (Posthumous)*

*2 February 2011*

Major Pépin deployed to Afghanistan in April 2009 as commander of a squadron of combat engineers supporting the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment Battle Group. His leadership and technical expertise enabled those under his command to successfully clear roadways that were vital to the movement of Canadian, Afghan and coalition soldiers. Tragically, he was killed in action by an improvised explosive device while commanding a mounted patrol on 6 September 2009. Major Pépin's unwavering dedication to Canada's mission in Afghanistan saved lives and brought great credit to the Canada.

*Major Eric Jean PEREY, CD*

*7 October 2009*

Major Perey was deployed to Afghanistan as the deputy commanding officer of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team, from August 2007 to September 2008. He was instrumental in maintaining continuity between different rotations and expanding the unit's civilian component. His team building approach and strong commitment to unity of effort allowed increased focus on Canada's

governance and development objectives. Major Perey's leadership and unwavering dedication enhanced Canadian-Afghan relations and directly contributed to the success of development projects in the Kandahar province.

*Master Corporal Donald David PETERS, CD*

*27 January 1997*

On 26 January 1995, Corporal Holoshka and Master Corporal Peters, search and rescue technicians, overcame numerous obstacles to provide assistance to five victims of a plane crash, near Ram River Falls, Alberta. Hampered by high winds, they successfully executed a dangerous night parachute jump in an area of 3,000-metre peaks in the Rocky Mountains, managing to steer their chutes to land near the crash site. With limited equipment, Corporal Holoshka administered emergency medical treatment to the severely injured casualties while Master Corporal Peters, without any safety gear, climbed a steep rock face to recover the scattered provisions. A proper camp was set up to prevent hypothermia and the casualties were cared for until their evacuation the following morning. Throughout, Corporal Holoshka and Master Corporal Peters demonstrated sound judgement and outstanding dedication in order to effect this life-saving rescue mission.

*Lieutenant-Colonel George James PETROLEKAS, CD*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Corporal Jacob PETTEN*

*29 May 2009*

Corporal Petten was deployed to a remote strong point in Afghanistan with an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, from January to August 2008. By proactively leading efforts to enhance fighting positions, he improved force protection at the strong point. He further enhanced the capacity of Afghan soldiers by mentoring them in equipment maintenance, tactical decision making and the use of Canadian support weapons. In combat, he provided life-saving treatment during mass casualty incidents. Corporal Petten's outstanding leadership and medical skill ensured the success of the operations at the strong point.

*Master Warrant Officer Anthony Carl PETTIPAS, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Paul James PEYTON, CD*

*30 November 2011*

While deployed as deputy commander of Task Force Jerusalem from August 2010 to August 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Peyton played a key role in Canada's contribution to the United States Security Coordinator's mission to support Palestinian Authority security sector reform. From training and logistics to command and control, his influence was profound. In particular, his personal intervention was critical to securing funding for key infrastructure improvements. Lieutenant-Colonel Peyton's leadership and hard work set conditions for major transformational changes within the Palestinian National Security Forces and brought great credit to Canada.

*Sergeant Joseph François Colin PICHÉ, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As a mentor to an Afghan National Army infantry company from April to October 2009, Sergeant Piché demonstrated front line leadership that led the unit to excel during numerous joint operations. Often under fire and facing fierce resistance, he inspired the Afghans to persevere and consistently defeat the enemy. His exceptional awareness and tactical acumen prevented an imminent friendly

fire incident on one occasion, when his company was being attacked from multiple directions. His soldiering abilities and mentorship skills greatly improved the capacity of the company and ensured its operational success.

*Warrant Officer Jason Guy PICKARD, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Warrant Officer Pickard deployed to Afghanistan with the Canadian Battle Group, from February to September 2008. As a rifle platoon second-in-command, he skillfully balanced his soldiers' emotional needs with the requirements of intense combat during multiple battle group operations. With a focus on continuous training, he used every operation as a mechanism for teaching and mentoring his subordinates. Warrant Officer Pickard's inspirational and by-example combat leadership forged his soldiers into a cohesive combat unit, ensuring their operational success.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Gregory PICKELL, CD*

*28 June 2013*

Lieutenant-Colonel Pickell was deployed to Sierra Leone from October 2011 to June 2012 as commander of Canada's military force contribution to the International Military Training and Advisory Training Team. His leadership, forethought and insight were critical to preparing the country's armed forces for deployments on peacekeeping missions and the conduct of security operations in support of national elections. Lieutenant-Colonel Pickell's performance enhanced the capacity of the Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces, as well as Canada's reputation in the country.

*Captain(N) Kenneth John PICKFORD, CD*

*14 July 2011*

From 2005 through 2010, Captain(N) Pickford displayed leadership and vision during the planning and execution of the Canadian Naval Centennial celebrations. With him at the helm, the centennial team drove a comprehensive program from coast to coast, with a mandate to bring the Navy to Canadians. In all respects, the celebrations were an unparalleled success and well-received by both national and international audiences, bringing considerable credit to the Navy and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Corporal Emelie PILON*

*30 June 2010*

In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Captain Desjardins, Corporal Beauclair and Corporal Pilon were sent as part of the inaugural deployment of the Canadian Armed Forces Urban Search and Rescue team, from January to March 2010. Tasked with locating, extracting and recovering Canadian and foreign human remains, these three individuals helped to ease the suffering of many families through their unrelenting and compassionate efforts, and were an inspiration to their team and international partners. Despite the mental and physical demands of this horrific and complex operation, they maintained an unwavering dedication that brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major Joseph Arthur Jean Guy PLANTE, MMM, CD*

*26 July 1995*

Major Plante was the military spokesman for the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda during the civil war in 1994. As the massacres rapidly caught the attention of the international media, he escorted media representatives across fighting lines on a daily basis. Danger was commonplace. On 20 April 1994, he led a team that rescued a number of Canadian citizens from roaming bands of militiamen. During his assignment, he was an effective spokesperson for the United Nations and a visible symbol of the military professionalism of Canadians.

*Colonel John Bruce PLOUGHMAN, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As commander of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing from May to November 2009, Colonel Ploughman ensured the flawless conduct of Canadian air operations in Afghanistan. Whether transporting critical equipment and VIPs, executing air assault operations, or supporting counter-improvised explosive device efforts, his direction enabled his team to perform all tasks to perfection and provide exceptional support to ground forces. Colonel Ploughman's leadership and tactical insight contributed to operational success in Afghanistan and brought great credit to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Stephan Marcel PLOURDE, CD*

*1 May 2014*

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.

*Master Warrant Officer Dean Edward POFFLEY, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As sergeant-major of Delta Company from September 2009 to May 2010, Master Warrant Officer Poffley provided steadfast leadership to all ranks during intense counter-insurgency operations in Afghanistan. With his Company stationed within the local community, Master Warrant Officer Poffley maintained professional interactions with local leaders while simultaneously applying relentless pressure on insurgents to help secure key villages. He offered unwavering support and advice to the entire company, ensuring their operational success and that of the battle group.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Gérard Gilbert POIRIER, MMM, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As regimental sergeant-major of the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan from February 2009 to February 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Poirier fulfilled his duties with the utmost professionalism. He played a pivotal role in implementing a new policy for interaction with the local population, which greatly enhanced the perception of Canadian soldiers in the community. He also worked tirelessly to reinforce a spirit of co-operation between the military and civilian elements of the unit, and sought to enhance everyone's quality of life through the advancement of morale-building projects. His advice to senior leadership coupled with his outstanding mentorship of all members of the unit was critical to its operational success and brought great credit to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Raynald Yan POIRIER, CD*

*18 September 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from April to December 2010, Lieutenant-Colonel Poirier contributed significantly to the development of the Afghan National Army. His leadership and innovative problem solving contributed directly to fielding an incredible number of Afghan soldiers, which helped them meet coalition goals sooner than expected. In addition, he worked relentlessly to improve the soldiers' equipment, infrastructure and quality of life. Through his efforts, Lieutenant-Colonel Poirier made a significant contribution towards bringing stability to the country.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Michael POISSON, CD*

*11 April 2016*

Lieutenant-Colonel Poisson has demonstrated excellent initiative and dedication in the development and implementation of the Surgeon General's Health Research Program since 2008. His efforts have been critical to the successful start-up and growth of the Canadian Institute of Military and Veterans' Health Research. Internationally, his leadership has advanced the health research agenda and has fostered strong collaboration among partners. Lieutenant-Colonel Poisson's knowledge and vision have garnered him recognition and praise from strategic partners, and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Chief Warrant Officer Ernest Gérard Joseph POITRAS, CD*

*2 February 2011*

Chief Warrant Officer Poitras was part of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing from May to November 2009. He was faced with a number of challenges, including the introduction of a new aircraft to the mission and limited operational experience within the air wing. Nevertheless, his leadership was instrumental in forging a cohesive and operationally focused team. His devotion and professionalism ensured his team was equipped to face the challenges associated with providing the best possible aviation support to ground forces in Afghanistan. His unwavering mission focus contributed to the operational success of the air wing and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Leading Seaman David William POOLE, CD*

*29 April 1999*

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and

life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Major Catherine Enid POTTS, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Major Potts was deployed to Afghanistan as the officer commanding the Air Capability Activation Team, from June 2008 to January 2009. Through tireless liaison and meticulous planning, she oversaw the introduction of unmanned aerial vehicle detachments, new civilian and military helicopter capabilities, and the establishment of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing without compromising ongoing operations at Kandahar Airfield. Major Potts's leadership, knowledge and exemplary dedication ensured the integration of enhanced air capabilities into Task Force operations.

*Colonel Joseph Armand Marc POULIOT, CD*

*26 March 2004*

Colonel Pouliot was commander of the Theatre Activation Team for Operation ATHENA – the Canadian contribution to the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul, Afghanistan, from April to August 2003. He was responsible for commanding the advance headquarters, negotiating and setting up all logistical arrangements, planning and overseeing the contribution of a 1,900-person camp in a remote area of Kabul, and organizing the reception of all equipment and personnel. Colonel Pouliot's strong leadership, resourcefulness and dedication were exemplary and greatly influenced the successful outcome of the Operation.

*Captain Jeffrey POWELL*

*23 June 2010*

On 19 November 2008, the aircrew of Rescue 903, a Cormorant Search and Rescue helicopter, rescued three stranded sailors from their rapidly sinking dredging barge off the coast of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The aircrew consisted of aircraft commander, Captain Powell; first officer Major Bouchard; flight engineer Master Corporal Arsenault; and Master Corporal Spence, a search and rescue technician under training. Flying through hazardous, icy conditions, with winds of up to 40 knots and six-metre seas, the aircraft arrived on scene with minimal fuel to spare. Over the next hour, the crew proceeded to hoist the three sailors onboard the aircraft, one by one, as darkness approached. Shortly after the successful rescue, while the aircraft was proceeding to shore, the barge was reported sunk. Tremendous effort, focus on the mission and the utmost in aircrew coordination resulted in three lives being saved that day.

*Colonel Jacques Paul Robert PRÉVOST, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As commander of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing, from August 2010 to March 2011, Colonel Prévost worked to improve the air capabilities of the Canadian Armed Forces. Working in a complex and dynamic environment, he had a positive impact on combat operations by bringing out the best in his staff while making effective use of the limited equipment available. Through his leadership and organizational talents, Colonel Prévost effectively contributed to the operational success of the coalition forces.

*Corporal John Clifton PRIOR*

*29 May 2009*

Corporal Prior was deployed to Afghanistan with an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, from January to August 2008. His initiative and understanding of logistical requirements expedited the deployment of a Canadian mentoring team to an isolated Afghan National Army outpost, and ensured they were well prepared for an intense, two-month operation. Despite increasingly determined insurgent attacks, his mentoring of Afghan soldiers ensured their composure and discipline under fire. Corporal Prior's decisive leadership ensured the operational success at the strong point.

*Major Derek PROHAR, MMV*

*26 April 2011*

As Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team operations officer and headquarters company commander in Afghanistan from September 2009 to May 2010, Major Prohar planned and influenced operations, guaranteeing the necessary support to mentor teams operating in isolated and high-threat locations. His coordination with Canadian, American and Afghan units, his detailed knowledge of unit capabilities

and his outstanding situational awareness reduced the level of risk and facilitated task force success. Major Prohar's leadership and professionalism were critical to the success of operations and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain(N) Ronald Gerald PUMPHREY, CD*

*1 May 2014*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Ernest PUTT, CD*

*25 October 2006*

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

*Master Corporal Jeffrey QUESNELLE*

*18 September 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan as an explosive ordnance disposal operator from April 2010 to December 2010, Master Corporal Quesnelle displayed courage, leadership and insight. In addition to dismantling over 65 improvised explosive devices, he provided in-depth analysis on insurgent tactics and suggested initiatives that made disposal operations safer for the local population and for Canadian soldiers. Master Corporal Quesnelle's thorough understanding of the threat, in addition to his willingness to expose himself to great danger, was critical in the search for and removal of improvised explosive devices.

*Colonel Michael Matthew Lawrence Rafter, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Lieutenant-Commander Robert John READ, CD*

*26 July 1995*

Lieutenant-Commander Read was the staff officer to the force commander of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda during the civil war in 1994. Shortly after the withdrawal of the Belgian contingent, the overall situation became explosive. Lieutenant-Commander Read was sent to rescue Canadians of Rwandese birth. On two occasions, he was surrounded by armed and hostile civilian crowds and belligerent forces, but conducted his charges to safety. Later, he was appointed commander of the developing logistics support base and ensured it was defensible, organized and controlled under these tense and unpredictable conditions.

*Master Corporal Marques Aubrey REEVES, CD*

*30 July 1992*

On 28 December 1990 a climber became stranded approximately 800 feet up a frozen waterfall in the Whistler-Pemberton area, British Columbia, hanging precariously from an ice wall for more than eight hours. All ground-based rescue efforts failed. Late at night, with the help of flares from an overhead aircraft, Master Corporal Reeves approached the victim cautiously, suspended 150 feet under a Labrador helicopter. Unable to reach the climber directly due to an ice overhang, Master Corporal Reeves directed the aircraft to place him adjacent to the victim. He attempted to climb horizontally under the overhang and lost his hold and fell away. Nearing exhaustion, he approached from the front and managed to extend a rope to the victim. Master Corporal Reeves then assisted the climber into the rescue collar. The pair then swung away, spinning violently, until clear of the cliff. Once hoisted aboard, Master Corporal Reeves collapsed from exhaustion and exposure. The victim's life had been saved.

*Corporal Benoit RHEAULT, CD**8 October 1999*

Flight Engineer Rheault was a crew member aboard a CH-146 Griffon when an incident occurred in Montreal on 12 January 1999. The Griffon set down on an ice floe measuring about 18 by 25 metres in the St. Lawrence River in order to carry out a rescue mission. After tying a rope to his waist, Corporal Rheault quickly came to the aid of a man who had fallen off the Victoria Bridge and was holding onto the ice floe. He crawled toward the victim and held out a length of rope, which he then used to pull the man to him. Corporal Rheault's calm professionalism contributed to the success of this mission and brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Paul Jacques RICARD, CD**24 April 2007*

Lieutenant-Colonel Ricard is commended for the outstanding levels of competence, dedication and leadership he displayed while deployed as the surgeon for Task Force Afghanistan, from February to November 2006. He was responsible for establishing all medical support to operations, including a Patient Evacuation Coordination Centre that, amongst other accomplishments, efficiently evacuated the wounded soldiers following two mass casualty events during combat operations. The exceptional manner in which he conducted himself, both in ensuring highly effective life-saving support to operations and in providing treatment to Afghan citizens, brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Petty Officer 1st Class Aubrey Augustus RICE, CD**18 January 2006*

During the afternoon of 5 October 2004, a major fire broke out on board Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Chicoutimi*. The submarine quickly filled with black, acrid smoke and was left without power. Petty Officer 1st Class Rice's ingenuity and outstanding technical knowledge started and kept one diesel engine running manually, providing the required ventilation for the ship. The engine was kept running for 145 consecutive hours, without the benefit of any established procedures or control systems, a feat later deemed to have been technically unachievable. Petty Officer 1st Class Rice's professional experience and sheer determination gave those in command options and ensured that the crew would not have to abandon their submarine.

*Master Corporal Joseph Michel Stéphane RICHARD, CD**15 November 2010*

During the night of 9 August 2008, rescue team leader Sergeant Bibby and rescue team member Master Corporal Richard came to the aid of a woman with severe head injuries acquired while hiking along the ridge of a 400-foot rock face, in Ontario's Killarney Provincial Park. A rescue helicopter was unable to reach the victim due to poor weather conditions. Upon hearing that the victim's condition was worsening, the two search and rescue technicians travelled to the scene and ascended a steep and slippery rock face in heavy rain and darkness, while carrying full medical gear. They then stabilized the patient and remained with her until they were extracted by helicopter the following morning. Their perseverance through adversity brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Warrant Officer William Alan RICHARDS, CD**18 January 2008*

Master Warrant Officer Richards was deployed as the sergeant-major of the Reconnaissance Squadron, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from January to August 2007. The leadership and dedication he displayed in mentoring officers and soldiers from several different units created a squadron able to successfully conduct combat operations against insurgent forces.

*Colonel Colin RICHARDSON, from New Zealand**7 October 2009*

Colonel Richardson has consistently exhibited a rare standard of professionalism, skill and initiative in his duties as the defence advisor for New Zealand, in Canada, from July 2006 to August 2009. He has worked tirelessly to ensure the closest co-ordination and co-operation between Canadian and New Zealand armed forces in Afghanistan. Under his stewardship, the Canada-New Zealand Exchange Programme has provided an optimal contribution to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Raoul Normand James RICHARDSON, CD**7 October 2010*

Lieutenant-Colonel Richardson is recognized for his extraordinary leadership and professionalism as commander of the Personnel Support Service of 5 Area Support Group, from 2006 to 2009. Among other things, he encouraged the integration of the Valcartier Family Centre and the Deployment

Support Group, and oversaw the creation of the Regional Casualty Support Cell. This initiative became a national reference for military personnel support and has brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Jean François RIFFOU, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Colonel Riffou was deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding officer of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, from February to September 2008. His outstanding mentorship of the Afghan National Army's 1 Brigade, 205 Corps brought them to the top capability milestone, and empowered the unit and its leadership to independently conduct increasingly complex operations. Colonel Riffou's patience, leadership and commanding presence inspired his subordinates, enhanced Afghan National Army operational effectiveness, and brought great credit to Canada's reputation in theatre.

*Warrant Officer Fredrick RITCHIE, CD*

*14 January 1993*

On 30 October 1991, Warrant Officer Ritchie led an overland rescue party from Canadian Forces Station Alert to the crash site of a Hercules aircraft. In white-out conditions and total darkness, navigation was extremely difficult. The party was forced to return to their base after eight hours. After refuelling their vehicles and taking additional survival equipment, the team made a second attempt. After forty-eight hours of stress and fatigue, the mission was accomplished. Its success is attributable to the outstanding leadership, professional knowledge and perseverance of Warrant Officer Ritchie.

*Major Robert Tenant RITCHIE, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Major Ritchie was deployed to the Zharey district, in Afghanistan, with an Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, from March to September 2008. His interpersonal skills and mentorship abilities culminated in the Afghan Battalion – for which he was responsible – achieving the highest level of recognized proficiency. During operations, his analytical approach, decisive actions and ability to synchronize the management of Afghan and Canadian combat assets saved Afghan lives and successfully disrupted insurgent activities. Major Ritchie's outstanding front line leadership enhanced the capability of Afghan National Army forces in the region.

*Warrant Officer Pasqualino RIZZO, CD*

*19 December 2013*

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.

*Lieutenant Anthony ROBB*

*10 July 2007*

Lieutenant Robb was deployed as a troop commander with 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, during Operation ATHENA, from 1 August 2006 to 15 February 2007. He courageously led his troop of field engineers through extremely challenging conditions to develop forward operating bases and transportation routes in support of the advancing battle group. He remained calm and focused under enemy fire, providing encouragement and inspiration for his troops. Lieutenant Robb's professionalism and exceptional dedication greatly contributed to the success of operations in the Pashmul region.

*Captain(N) Drew ROBERTSON, OMM, CD*

*4 June 2001*

As commander of a task unit from 27 July to 12 August 2000, Captain(N) Robertson led the Canadian Armed Forces' coordinated effort to track, board and seize Merchant Vessel *GTS Katie*. He organized flawlessly the boarding of the vessel, regaining control of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of Canadian Armed Forces' army equipment and ammunition, which were being held aboard. His actions reflected exceptional planning in this operation against an uncooperative target conducted under intense worldwide media scrutiny. Captain(N) Robertson's outstanding leadership contributed to the success of a particularly challenging mission, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Camille ROBICHAUD, CD**26 April 2011*

As regimental sergeant-major of the National Support Element in Afghanistan from October 2009 to May 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Robichaud forged, into a single cohesive unit, soldiers and civilian contract personnel from across Canada. His focus on developing professionalism and strengthening the combat effectiveness of his soldiers increased their confidence and their ability to excel. When the unit began training its Afghan counterparts, he rose to the occasion and effectively coordinated the task. Chief Warrant Officer Robichaud's efforts provided exceptional support to all members of Joint Task Force Afghanistan.

*Major Patrick Henri Gérard Hubert ROBICHAUD, CD**4 April 2008*

Major Robichaud was deployed as the officer commanding C Company of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from July 2007 to March 2008. Despite heavy casualties, complex terrain and difficult conditions, he successfully led his company through seven major operations and hundreds of patrols. His involvement contributed to increased security and improved conditions in a previously unstable and volatile sector.

*Master Corporal Bruno Joseph Simon Jacques Guy ROBITAILLE**29 March 2015*

On 9 January 2013, Sergeant Bygrove and Master Corporal Robitaille rescued two Inuit hunters and a civilian pilot whose aircraft had crashed through the ice on Hudson Bay, near Arviat, Nunavut. Working in bitterly cold weather conditions, they performed a perilous parachute jump onto an extremely thin ice floe. Displaying skill and professionalism, Sergeant Bygrove and Master Corporal Robitaille successfully rescued both the hunters and the pilot.

*Master Corporal Montgomery Patrick ROBSON, CD**22 August 2012*

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

*Major Joseph Armand Pierre ROCHEFORT, CD**30 August 1991*

As the Canadian Armed Forces prepared for the Gulf War, Major Rochefort accomplished three critically important projects for the wartime success of Canadian and American fighter forces. As a result of his determination, initiative, and professionalism, each project was accomplished rapidly. Together, they significantly contributed to the protection of coalition aircraft during the war.

*Major Jeffery Alan RODGER, CD**30 November 2012*

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

*Master Warrant Officer Eric John ROLFE, CD**19 November 2009*

Master Warrant Officer Rolfe was deployed to Afghanistan as the November Company sergeant-major, from September 2008 to April 2009. He provided insight into the combat planning process and ensured tactically sound operations. In the face of horrific improvised explosive device attacks, he effectively managed casualty extraction while simultaneously encouraging his soldiers to persevere. Master Warrant Officer Rolfe's courage and leadership under fire ensured his company's operational success.

*Major Paul Anthony RONKSLEY, CD**22 April 1994*

As a United Nations observer, Major Ronksley displayed great leadership and courage in some of the most difficult and dangerous locations in the former Yugoslavia. His diplomacy, maturity and tact produced results which made a significant difference to those whose lives relied on tense negotiations. Throughout, Major Ronksley helped save hundreds of civilians from harm, set a standard for other Military Observers to achieve and brought great credit to himself and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel David Donald ROSS, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Commodore Joseph Alphonse Denis ROULEAU, OMM, CD*

*23 November 2007*

As commander of NATO's highest readiness maritime force, Standing NATO Maritime Group One, from January 2006 to January 2007, Commodore Rouleau provided innovative leadership to the maritime force consisting of fourteen ships from eight countries. His task group was integral to maintaining NATO's maritime surveillance and response, including the successful participation in Operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR.

*Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel William ROWE, CD*

*22 October 2013*

On December 28 and 29, 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.

*Corporal Joseph Armand Jean ROY*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Corporal Roy and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Major Joseph Roland Maurice Gaetan ROYER, CD*

*10 March 1995*

As a Force's constructor officer and then member of the Office of the Special Coordinator for Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1993-1994, Major Royer played an indispensable role in the development and restoration of the infrastructure of that war-devastated region. Politically astute and determined, he was the driving force behind the establishment of professional co-operation between the military and civilian engineers. He was also responsible for training this staff of various backgrounds, to become one of the Force's most productive and cohesive units. His actions made a vital contribution to the United Nations' efforts in this sector.

*Captain(N) Alexander Franz Georg RUEBEN, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As commander of the Fleet Maintenance Facility Cape Breton from 2004 to 2009, Captain(N) Rueben made invaluable contributions to the future of the Royal Canadian Navy, and of the Canadian shipbuilding and repair industry. His visionary efforts to forge strategic partnerships connecting the Canadian Armed Forces, government and industry enabled the success of the National Shipbuilding and Procurement Strategy and the establishment of the Marine Training and Applied Research Centre. Captain(N) Rueben's personal engagement and perseverance in achieving broad co-operation brought strategic benefits to Canada.

*Colonel David Alan RUNDLE, OMM, CD*

*6 October 2014*

As the Canadian Armed Forces military attaché from July 2011 to August 2014 at Canadian Defence Liaison Staff (Washington), Colonel Rundle served as a critical information conduit between the United States Army and the Canadian Armed Forces. His professionalism and leadership ensured unprecedented Canadian access and influence during critical operations in Afghanistan, while his contribution to the Canadian-United States Engagement Strategy Agreement was instrumental in the management of exchange and liaison positions. Colonel Rundle's diplomatic efforts contributed to strengthening relations with the U.S., which brought great credit to Canada.

*Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Paul RUSK, MMM, CD**19 April 2013*

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

*Major Liam Wade RUTLAND, CD**26 April 2011*

As the commanding officer of the Charlie Company Combat Team from October 2009 to May 2010, Major Rutland forged a first-rate combat unit through his knowledge of combat operations, his understanding of counter-insurgency warfare and his firm grasp of the battlespace. From complex air assaults to supporting operations, he inspired both Canadian and Afghan soldiers. Major Rutland's leadership and remarkable efforts led to increased stability in the Panjwayi district, where he gained the respect of the population and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain(N) Brendan RYAN, CD**6 April 2009*

Captain(N) Ryan was deployed as commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Iroquois* and deputy commander of Task Force Arabian Sea, from April to October 2008. His command presence ensured the ship and the Task Force's success throughout the deployment. With his previous experience in the region, he was able to provide expert advice and guidance to our allies and ensured that the ship stood out in this rare international leadership role.

*Corporal James Michael RYAN**18 January 2008*

While deployed as field engineer with 2nd Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, Joint Task Force Afghanistan, from February to August 2007, Corporal Ryan is recognized for demonstrating a reassuring demeanour and composure on the battlefield in a harsh environment. His immediate actions in the aftermath of devastating improvised explosive device attacks contributed to saving the lives of numerous Canadian soldiers.

*Corporal Corey SAGSTUEN, CD**18 September 2011*

As a mentor to Afghan medics from September 2009 to April 2010, Corporal Sagstuen was an outstanding medic, soldier and instructor. His personal commitment improved the medical capacity of the Afghan National Army and contributed to the welfare of Afghan soldiers. He repeatedly provided exceptional care, laudable medical instruction and leadership in traumatic situations. Corporal Sagstuen's medical skills, composed leadership and professionalism directly contributed to better battlefield care.

*Major Harjit Singh SAJJAN, CD**22 August 2012*

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

*Corporal John Tommy SALOIS**26 April 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from November 2009 to April 2010, Corporal Salois was critical to the implementation and ongoing maintenance of the Persistent Surveillance System. He provided field commanders with enhanced situational awareness, and his exceptional repair work, troubleshooting of systems and development of standard operating procedures augmented protection for all soldiers. His dedication, intellect and technical ability were essential to operational success in Afghanistan and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Daniel Maurice SANTERRE, CD**20 December 1996*

From July 1995 to January 1996, Master Warrant Officer Santerre was assigned to the 95th Multidisciplinary Support Group of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda. Master Warrant Officer Santerre displayed a high degree of professionalism in discharging his duties as the unit maintenance officer, among other things, by helping to clean up the site of a disastrous accident between a tanker and a mini-

van in which 24 people were killed. In addition to serving as co-chair of the unit's orphanage committee, he worked tirelessly to coordinate the assistance provided to some 20 orphanages throughout Rwanda. His compassion and courage earned him deep respect, as an individual and as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Marie Céline Danielle SAVARD, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As commanding officer of the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit in Afghanistan from April to October 2009, Colonel Savard ensured the provision of world-class care to Canadian, coalition and Afghan personnel. In addition to ensuring her multinational team had the necessary equipment and training to treat patients under any circumstance, she helped develop mentoring programs that improved the capacity and capability of the Afghan National Army Medical Corps. Colonel Savard's outstanding leadership, professionalism and medical skills were critical to preserving the fighting strength of coalition forces in Afghanistan and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain Mark SAVARD*

*18 September 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan from April to December 2010, Captain Savard demonstrated leadership and diplomacy, which enhanced the ability and willingness of Afghan National Police organizations to share intelligence with each other and their coalition allies. He worked relentlessly to create an atmosphere of trust among Afghan intelligence operators, enabling the timely passage of critical information to ground forces. Captain Savard's efforts improved the intelligence capabilities of several coalition forces and had a direct impact on the success of operations.

*Major Carol Diane SAWATZKY, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Major Paul SCANNELL, of the United Kingdom*

*7 October 2010*

Major Scannell distinguished himself while serving as a British Army exchange officer with Canadian Operational Support Command Headquarters, in Ottawa, from July 2008 to July 2010, where he led the creation of the Movement Control Multi-National Integrated Logistics Unit. Responsible for coordinating all aspects of the unit's development, Major Scannell planned and executed two field training exercises, followed by a successful validation exercise, which allowed the unit to be declared operational. His tenacity in seeing this project through to a successful completion has earned him praise from NATO, and his efforts have brought great credit to Canada and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Andrew SCHEIDL, CD*

*31 May 2011*

While working within Canadian Expeditionary Force Command Headquarters from July 2008 to March 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Scheidl provided exceptional support and leadership to Canada's international security commitments. Whether working with American allies to understand the situation in Southwest Asia, supporting humanitarian relief in Haiti, or helping transition the Canadian combat mission in Afghanistan to a training mission, Lieutenant-Colonel Scheidl proved to be a dedicated officer. His efforts have brought considerable credit to the Command, the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Sergeant Jessie David SCHELLER*

*19 April 2013*

While deployed to the Consolidated Fielding Centre from May 2011 to February 2012, Sergeant Scheller significantly improved the efficiency of equipping newly formed Afghan National Army units. Working directly with Afghan commanders and coalition mentors from 10 different nations, he overcame language and cultural barriers and completely overhauled the equipment and vehicle fielding process. Sergeant Scheller's leadership and innovative ideas greatly facilitated the deployment of over 11,000 Afghan soldiers and their equipment.

*Corporal Scott SCHOLTEN, CD*

*17 May 2012*

Deployed as a firefighter during Operation NANOOK 2011, Corporal Scholten demonstrated the highest standards of professionalism throughout the crash response to First Air Flight 6560 on 20 August 2011. Arriving at the scene as a first responder, he hiked approximately 800 metres over adverse terrain while carrying his breathing apparatus, tools and extinguishers in order to rescue victims of the accident. His personal actions, speed and endurance led to three severely injured passengers being promptly rescued from the scene. Corporal Scholten's exceptional contribution enhanced civil-military co-operation and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Shane Bruce SCHREIBER, CD*

*25 October 2006*

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

*Captain Robert SCOTT, CD*

*26 April 2011*

As unit chaplain of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, and of the Military Police Company in Afghanistan from September 2009 to April 2010, Captain Scott was a pillar of spiritual and moral strength. During the mission's most difficult times, his compassion and sage advice helped soldiers to cope with the realities of war. With a deep understanding of human nature and genuine concern for the well-being of his fellow Canadians, Captain Scott provided critical support to the units as they continued their mission.

*Colonel Thomas SEAY, of the United States of America*

*4 April 2008*

When the Multi-National Medical Unit in Kandahar was left without a radiologist, Colonel Seay volunteered to serve from September 2007 to January 2008. The services he provided to Canadian and coalition soldiers greatly impacted on the quality of medical care they received, and directly contributed to saving numerous lives.

*Major Donald James SENFT, CD*

*8 May 2011*

Major Senft was a key participant in planning for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. He led the Joint Task Force Games and acted as the senior liaison with a multitude of inter-agency partners from both Canada and the United States. His exemplary leadership was essential to the successful contingency planning for chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threats. Major Senft's impressive national and international achievements brought great credit to himself and to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Joseph Réginald Jacques SERVAIS, CD*

*30 July 1992*

Major Servais was an unarmed monitor with the European Community Monitor Mission in Eastern Slavonia, Croatia and Northern Bosnia from September 1991 to May 1992. Because of his experience in peacekeeping operations, he was appointed Officer-in-charge of the Regional coordination centre, responsible for eight monitoring teams. He deployed the teams most effectively, conducting the most dangerous missions himself. Leading by example, he often exposed himself to considerable danger. His outstanding performance was an inspiration for his subordinates and led to an uncommonly high standard of efficiency achieved by the teams under his command.

*Master Corporal James Robert SHARP, CD*

*27 August 2004*

In 2003, Master Corporal Sharp was instrumental in the establishment of a new intelligence group within the Canadian Armed Forces, and worked with senior officers in developing the concept of operations for the deployment of a team to Operation ATHENA in Kabul, Afghanistan. Once in theatre, he took on the duties of operations warrant officer for the team and managed the Intelligence Collection plan. He routinely liaised with leaders of the International Security Assistance Force, the Kabul Multi-National Brigade, and the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff in Washington and Ottawa

to foster a more efficient intelligence collection and coalition effort among the numerous nations in theatre. The operability of our Canadian Intelligence capability was an invaluable contribution to the success of this mission, thanks to Master Corporal Sharp's dedication and professionalism.

*Lieutenant Gordon Franklin SHARPE*

*26 June 1996*

On 2 December 1995, Lieutenant Erhardt of the United States Navy, Lieutenant Sharpe and Sergeant Vallis were part of the Sea King helicopter rescue team that saved thirty people from the sinking Motor Vessel *Mount Olympus*. The vessel had been caught in a severe Atlantic storm almost 2,000 km southeast of Nova Scotia. Hampered by the early morning darkness and severe weather conditions, Lieutenant Erhardt, the co-pilot, assisted in keeping the helicopter steady while Lieutenant Sharpe and Sergeant Vallis operated the rescue hoist. Their professionalism and skill were critical to this life-saving mission.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart SHARPE, CD*

*26 March 2004*

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

*Sergeant Chadwick Jack SHAW, CD*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Colonel Eugene SHEARER, of the United States of America*

*22 August 2012*

From May 2010 to June 2011, Colonel Shearer, of the United States Army, was a true champion for Canada as sustainment enterprise director and chief of the Combined Joint Logistics Branch with Regional Command (South) Headquarters in Afghanistan. Consistently employing our soldiers in key positions, he was crucial to the Canadian contingent's integration into Headquarters, and ensured Canada received essential support during a critical period of mission transition. Colonel Shearer's leadership was vital to operational success and helped preserve Canada's legacy in Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Stephen SHIPLEY, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Lieutenant-Colonel Shipley was deployed as the commanding officer of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team (OMLT) in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, from September 2008 to April 2009. His understanding of Afghan culture and firm grasp of existing Afghan capabilities enabled him to greatly increase the Afghan National Army's capacity to take a lead role in the struggle against insurgents in the province. Lieutenant-Colonel Shipley's operational focus and commanding presence not only brought an Afghan brigade to competency, but also provided inspiration to the entire OMLT.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Timothy William SHOPA, CD*

*19 June 2014*

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.

*Sergeant Russell Scott SHORT, CD*

*8 October 2015*

On 22 September 2013, Sergeant Short was instrumental in the rescue of a seriously injured hiker on Mount Arrowsmith, in British Columbia. He led over 100 rescue volunteers from five different ground search and rescue organizations, and utilized his expertise as a rope rescue specialist to lower the

victim 1,100 metres safely down the mountain. Sergeant Short's exceptional contribution was critical to this successful extrication, which constitutes one of the longest rope rescue operations in British Columbia's history.

**Lieutenant-Colonel David William SHUSTER, CD**

**1 May 2014**

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-corp 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.

**Lieutenant Marc-Antoine SIGOUIN**

**4 April 2008**

Lieutenant Sigouin's leadership and tactical acumen were an inspiration to his soldiers, during two combat operations in Afghanistan, between August and October 2007. With soldiers withdrawing from combat due to exhaustion and heatstroke, Lieutenant Sigouin kept the remainder of his troops focused on the mission, and effectively led additional troops through intense enemy engagements. His determination greatly contributed to the platoon's operational efficiency and success.

**Colonel James Baxter SIMMS, OMM, CD**

**30 November 2012**

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

**Lieutenant-Colonel Érick David SIMONEAU, CD**

**17 May 2012**

Lieutenant-Colonel Simoneau, commanding officer of the Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) from July 2010 to April 2011, distinguished himself by his leadership and dedication. He optimized air support effectiveness by supporting a high number of deliberate operations and air assaults, transporting more passengers and cargo, and ensuring an uninterrupted combat supply. Following an aircraft crash, he developed a plan that would minimize the effects of such a loss. Lieutenant-Colonel Simoneau's leadership and initiatives greatly contributed to operational success.

**Sergeant Pascal Michel SIMONEAU, CD**

**18 September 2011**

While deployed to Afghanistan as second-in-command of an infantry platoon from April to October 2009, Sergeant Simoneau played a key role in his platoon's success during high-intensity combat operations. On numerous occasions, he exposed himself to insurgent fire to coordinate the actions of Canadian and Afghan soldiers under his command. Sergeant Simoneau's tactical acumen, soldiering skills and front line leadership inspired his comrades and contributed greatly to the battle group's operational success.

**Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Peter SINDEN, CD**

**18 September 2011**

While deployed to Afghanistan from April 2010 to November 2010, Chief Warrant Officer Sinden displayed the ability to foster and maintain multinational partnerships. Working with Canadian, American and Afghan units, he coordinated complexities among high-profile organizations, both military and civilian, within the Kandahar City area of operations. He developed a strong partnership with the local Afghan army, which enabled productive mentorship with notable results. Chief Warrant Officer Sinden's professionalism brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

**Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Alistair SKINNER, CD**

**28 January 2013**

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

*Commander Craig Troy SKJERPEN, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Chief Warrant Officer Anthony James SLACK, MMM, CD*

*19 April 2013*

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

*Warrant Officer Gregory Allan SMIT, SC, CD*

*28 January 2013*

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

*Chief Warrant Officer Edward Patrick SMITH, CD*

*31 January 2015*

From June 2013 to March 2014, Chief Warrant Officer Smith excelled as task force sergeant-major of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission in Afghanistan. His tireless efforts to engender goodwill with allied nations ensured Canada retained its influential role and its well-earned credibility during mission withdrawal. Chief Warrant Officer Smith's presence enhanced the Canadian Armed Forces' international reputation and helped to solidify Canada's legacy in Afghanistan.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Lindsay SMITH, CD*

*12 November 2003*

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

*Colonel Gregory Ronald SMITH, CD*

*5 November 2013*

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.

*Warrant Officer Michael Bradley SMITH, CD*

*24 April 2007*

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

*Captain Shane Alexander SMITH, CD*

*5 November 2013*

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.

*Corporal Cameron SMITHERS*

*29 May 2009*

Corporal Smithers was deployed to Afghanistan with the Kandahar Provincial Reconstruction Team's Force Protection Unit, from February to September 2008. Throughout multiple combat operations, he directly engaged the enemy and distinguished himself as a medic capable of performing under the most adverse conditions. His sound judgment and decisive actions ensured that life-saving treatment was provided to Afghan soldiers and civilians. Corporal Smithers' exceptional skill, focus and dedication saved Afghan lives and helped repel insurgent attacks.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Jeffrey Douglas SMYTH, CD*

*26 April 2011*

With keen insight, Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth advanced Canadian tactical aviation as commanding officer of the Canadian Helicopter Force (Afghanistan) from September 2009 to August 2010. He was committed to taking troops off the dangerous Afghan road networks, and led the maintenance staff in their efforts to ensure aircraft serviceability was never a limiting factor. Mastering the employment of new equipment, he enhanced support provided to ground forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth's remarkable efforts were critical to the success of operations, including the largest airmobile operation in the history of Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

*Honorary Colonel Glengarry Christopher SOLAR, CD*

*24 February 2011*

Honorary Colonel Solar demonstrated exceptional dedication, professionalism and vision as the honorary colonel of the Fort Garry Horse from 2003 through 2009. His commitment to the military community and his civic leadership in a variety of public circles significantly enhanced public awareness of the Canadian Armed Forces, particularly in Manitoba. His personal efforts in promoting public support for soldiers and their families have been of great benefit to all concerned.

*Master Corporal Jean-Paul SOMERSET*

*18 June 2007*

Master Corporal Somerset served as a medic with the 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, during the intense battles of Operation MEDUSA in Afghanistan. On 3 September 2006, he worked selflessly, ignoring personal danger, to provide life-saving medical care to his wounded comrades. During an attack against the company's position the following day, he was one of 30 casualties. Despite his wounds, he provided first aid to the remainder of the casualties. Master Corporal Somerset has distinguished himself as a dedicated medic and member of the Canadian Armed Forces whose courage and devotion under fire saved the lives of many soldiers.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Barry Marshall SOUTHERN, CD*

*22 May 2007*

Lieutenant-Colonel Southern served as the first commander of Task Force Jerusalem from 16 May 2005 to 11 August 2006. His confidence, knowledge, and exceptional ability to translate strategic intent into operational effects were essential to advising the United States Security Coordinator (USSC) and senior Palestinian authorities on security sector reform. He managed complex and sensitive Middle East Peace Process issues with senior Palestinians, the Egyptian envoy for security sector concerns, and members of the international community on behalf of the USSC. Lieutenant-Colonel Southern's success in quickly establishing a functioning and extremely effective advisory team has reinforced Canada's credibility within the international community.

*Master Corporal Jeffrey SPENCE, CD*

*23 June 2010*

On 19 November 2008, the aircrew of Rescue 903, a Cormorant Search and Rescue helicopter, rescued three stranded sailors from their rapidly sinking dredging barge off the coast of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. The aircrew consisted of aircraft commander, Captain Powell; first officer Major Bouchard; flight engineer Master Corporal Arsenault; and Master Corporal Spence, a search and rescue technician under training. Flying through hazardous, icy conditions, with winds of up to 40 knots and six-metre seas, the aircraft arrived on scene with minimal fuel to spare. Over the next hour, the crew

proceeded to hoist the three sailors onboard the aircraft, one by one, as darkness approached. Shortly after the successful rescue, while the aircraft was proceeding to shore, the barge was reported sunk. Tremendous effort, focus on the mission and the utmost in aircrew coordination resulted in three lives being saved that day.

*Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Robert Stephen SPINELLI, MMM, CD*

*28 January 2013*

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

*Major Matthew Bruce SPRAGUE, CD*

*10 July 2007*

Major Sprague was deployed as officer commanding Charles Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from 1 August 2006 to 15 February 2007. His outstanding leadership from the front and his courageous and calm demeanour were instrumental in keeping his company effective and mission-focused throughout numerous hard-fought battles with the enemy. Severely wounded early in his tour and repatriated to Canada, Major Sprague insisted on returning to lead Charles Company and continued as their leader until the completion of the rotation. His devotion to duty and expertise in combat operations has left a lasting legacy in Kandahar Province.

*Major Leonard Kerry ST. GEORGE, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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.

*Colonel Richard ST. JOHN, CD*

*23 November 2007*

Colonel St. John is commended for his extraordinary support to the Canadian government and the Canadian Armed Forces during the Israel-Hezbollah conflict in 2006. He was a tremendous asset for Canada in the Middle East where he worked tirelessly to allow Canadian air, ground, and sea movements in the conflict zone proceed unimpeded. His actions contributed directly to the protection of Canadian citizens and ensured their safe evacuation from Lebanon.

*Major Mason James STALKER, CD*

*25 October 2006*

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

*Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Peter STAPLEFORD, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As Joint Task Force Afghanistan regimental sergeant-major from February to November 2009, Chief Warrant Officer Stapleford drew on his vast experience and in-depth understanding of the mission to lead a diverse team engaged in operations across the country. The example he set encouraged all soldiers in the task force to conform to the protection measures in place, thus helping to save lives and prevent serious injury. His unwavering dedication ensured the task force's operational success and enhanced Canada's reputation within the international community.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Albert Paul Pierre ST-CYR, CD*

*5 April 2006*

Lieutenant-Colonel St-Cyr is recognized for his outstanding leadership as the commander of the Task Force Haiti Tactical Helicopter Detachment from March to August 2004. With great efficiency, he quickly brought together the members of 430 and 438 Tactical Helicopter Squadrons, ensuring that his detachment reached its full operational capability barely two weeks after deployment. He

supported Canadian troops and the commander of the United Nations Multinational Interim Force despite the many challenges and frantic pace of the helicopter operations. Without question, his drive and extraordinary efforts ensured the success of this aviation mission, bringing credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada during stabilization efforts in Haiti.

*Commander Joseph Honoré Patrick ST-DENIS, CD*

*22 January 2009*

As commander of Task Force Arabian Sea from November 2007 to May 2008, Commander St-Denis demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication. While commanding Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Charlottetown*, he conducted maritime interdiction operations that successfully reduced terrorist activities in the area, bringing great honour to Canada.

*Honorary Captain(N) Cedric STEELE, CD*

*7 October 2010*

In the 13 years since 1997, Honorary Captain(N) Steele's unflagging service to Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt, Maritime Forces Pacific and to the Canadian Armed Forces in general, has inspired and connected the Navy with prominent Canadians and various business groups, as well as the local community. Through his extraordinary energy, vision and tireless efforts, the Esquimalt-based Navy has become linked to the identity of Greater Victoria as further demonstrated by Captain(N) Steele's commitment to create the Naval Centennial Homecoming statue on the Victoria waterfront.

*Lieutenant(N) Jeffrey David STEELE*

*10 March 1995*

Lieutenant(N) Steele was the boarding party officer during Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Algonquin*'s participation in embargo operations off the coast of the former Yugoslavia in 1993. He led a team tasked with boarding, searching and, if necessary, diverting merchant ships plying the Strait of Otranto, to enforce United Nations Security Council resolutions against the importation of war material into the former republic. His attention to detail, exceptional leadership and personal performance during numerous confrontations ensured the success of the mission.

*Corporal Curtis STEPHENS*

*15 March 2010*

On 16 May 2008, Corporal Stephens' patrol was attacked by a suicide bomber in Zhari district, Afghanistan. With his sergeant among the wounded, he assumed command and led his section through a successful engagement and eventual return to its post. While still in charge six days later, his tactical skill and command presence were instrumental in another engagement with insurgents. Working at a level well above that expected of his rank, Corporal Stephens' exemplary combat leadership inspired his section and enabled their operational success.

*Corporal John Spencer STENNING*

*6 April 2009*

Corporal Stenning was deployed as the Task Force local purchase officer and supply technician for the Special Operations Forward Operating Base. With his exceptional technical expertise, strong work ethic and ingenuity, he implemented innovative methods for goods procurement and delivery to the task force. This enhanced the force's effectiveness and increased its ability to support Canadian Expeditionary Force Command's mission.

*Master Warrant Officer Shawn Douglas STEVENS, CD*

*25 October 2006*

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

*Colonel Jeffery STEWART, of the United States of America*

*29 June 2015*

From 2013 to 2015, Colonel Stewart consistently demonstrated exemplary leadership and outstanding professionalism as deputy chief of staff operations at the Canadian Joint Operations Command in Ottawa, Ontario. Moreover, his work ethic, planning and organizational skills enabled him to make a direct and meaningful contribution to Canadian Armed Forces' domestic and expeditionary operational success. Colonel Stewart's dedication and commitment has brought great honour and recognition to Canada.

*Captain(N) Kenneth Robert STEWART, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Michel-Henri ST-LOUIS, CD*

*17 May 2012*

Commanding officer of the Battle Group deployed to Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel St-Louis distinguished himself by his leadership and tactical acumen. A confident and innovative leader, he orchestrated and led numerous focused and aggressive operations in partnership with Afghan kandaks and, in so doing, halted the annual spring surge of insurgents in the Horn of Panjwayi. Lieutenant-Colonel St-Louis' dedication and infectious enthusiasm enabled the battle group to make tremendous progress in security and governance in this vast and complex battlespace.

*Petty Officer 1st Class Peter Ronald John STORIE, CD*

*11 March 2016*

Petty Officer 1st Class Storie demonstrated outstanding professionalism under difficult conditions while restoring power to Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur* following a catastrophic engine room fire on 27 February 2014. He ingeniously resolved problems with emergency generators to restore temporary electrical power to the ship. These complex repairs were made possible due to his selfless actions in returning to the fire zone to retrieve parts and equipment. Petty Officer 1st Class Storie was instrumental in extinguishing the fire and supporting the crew during the subsequent towing operation to port.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Martha Anne Paule STOUFFER, CD*

*6 April 2009*

From 2006 to 2008, Lieutenant-Colonel Stouffer's leadership transformed strategic airlift provided to the Canadian Armed Forces operations, greatly enhancing operational support, and the reputation of the Canadian Armed Forces throughout the air transport community. She established a highly responsive, operationally focused logistics operation, and shaped strategic airlift contracting capability that included a full-time charter ship resulting in major cost savings.

*Sergeant Cameron Macrae STOUT, CD*

*9 June 2005*

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

*Lieutenant General Jack Calvin STULTZ, of United States of America*

*30 November 2011*

In his role as commanding general, United States Army Reserve, Lieutenant General Stultz was instrumental in enhancing the working relationship between the army reserves of both Canada and the United States. From the beginning of his appointment in 2006, he orchestrated the creation of training and employment opportunities for Canadian Army reservists. In so doing, Lieutenant General Stultz further enhanced the unique relationship between Canada and the United States, delivering considerable benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Peter Richard SULLIVAN, CD*

*12 March 2008*

Major Sullivan deployed to Afghanistan as the deputy commanding officer of the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, and as mentor to the 1st Brigade operations officer of the Afghan National Army, from February to August 2007. His planning and teaching skills were pivotal to expanding Canada's contribution to the team and in enhancing credibility with both the Afghan National Army and coalition partners. His leadership enabled a strategic shift in focus from combat operations to capacity development, and has established the conditions for the long-term success of the Afghan National Army.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Wayne SWANN*

*23 January 2003*

On 23 July 2001, as second-in-command of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Winnipeg*'s boarding party during Operation AUGMENTATION 2001-2002, Petty Officer 2nd Class Swann displayed exemplary performance and initiative while his ship's boarding party conducted the non-compliant boarding of an oil tanker. Under the searing heat of the Arabian Gulf, Petty Officer 2nd Class Swann personally led the four-man team that breached passive countermeasures and entered the unfamiliar and heavily fortified vessel. Once inside, the team was confronted at close quarters by angry, aggressive and determined smugglers. Petty Officer 2nd Class Swann displayed sound judgment and impressive composure under considerable stress, quickly taking charge and defusing the volatile situation. As a result, the vessel carrying 7,000 tons of smuggled oil was successfully apprehended.

*Corporal Rory SWANSON*

*29 May 2009*

On 21 April 2008, insurgents attacked a police substation, in Spin Pir, Afghanistan. In the absence of the detachment commander and second-in-command, Corporal Swanson was the senior Canadian at the substation. Given his rank and limited experience at that time, he coordinated an exceptional response to the attack. In the presence of enemy fire, he confidently directed Canadian and Afghan forces in the defence of the detachment, making effective use of all available surveillance and direct-fire assets. His leadership and devotion to duty prevented the loss of the detachment.

*Major Walter Charles SWEETMAN, CD (Posthumous)*

*10 March 1995*

On 28 April 1994, a Sea King helicopter experienced an engine explosion and mechanical failure over the north shore of the Bay of Fundy. Major Sweetman, the aircraft captain, and Major Henderson, the co-pilot, immediately initiated a difficult forced landing procedure while Captain Hanam, the navigator, tried to extinguish the on-board fire, which had spread quickly to the cockpit. Despite restricted visibility from heavy smoke and a total loss of power, Majors Henderson and Sweetman displayed great skill and professionalism in maintaining control of the aircraft throughout the descent. Upon impact, Captain Hanam verified the condition of the pilots and, unable to help, assisted the flight engineer through the exit, suffering serious burns and respiratory injury from smoke inhalation. Tragically, both Major Henderson and Major Sweetman perished.

*Brigadier-General Dennis Charles TABBERNOR, OMM, CD*

*7 October 2009*

Brigadier-General Tabbernor was deployed as the deputy commanding general responsible for the development of the Afghan National Army (ANA) from June 2007 to June 2008. His mentorship of senior Afghans officers and his willingness to share the risk with ANA soldiers opened lines of communication and established relationships that fostered the continued development and professionalism of the ANA. Brigadier-General Tabbernor's dedication and commitment to responding to the needs of Afghans ensured the delivery of programs and initiatives that have positioned this essential national institution for success.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Maxime TALBOT*

*22 August 2012*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Brigitte Ann-Marie TARDIF, CD*

*2 February 2011*

Lieutenant-Colonel Tardif was the commanding officer of the National Support Element from April to October 2009. With her in-depth understanding of Afghanistan's complex operational environment, she ensured the delivery of the necessary logistical support for successful Canadian and coalition counter-insurgency operations. Under her leadership, the unit provided the commander with the operational flexibility required to address the ever-changing battle conditions. Her professionalism greatly contributed to the Canadian Armed Forces' efforts in Afghanistan.

*Major Eleanor Frances TAYLOR, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As officer commanding Charles Company in Afghanistan from April to December 2010, Major Taylor distinguished herself as an exceptional combat leader. With her company holding the coalition's volatile frontier in western Panjwayi against a determined and well-established enemy, her front line leadership, tactical acumen and determination were critical to her soldiers' operational success. Whether engaged in intense combat, partnering with Afghan units or interacting with the local population, Major Taylor was an exemplary representative of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Lieutenant Chad THAIN*

*18 September 2011*

While deployed to Afghanistan, Lieutenant Thain worked tirelessly to improve the communications capability of the Afghan Uniform Police, in Arghanbad District, from April to July 2010. Working with Afghan and coalition units, he established a system that allowed the police to communicate effectively throughout the area and enabled their full integration into coalition operations. Lieutenant Thain's outstanding leadership and superb professionalism led to more efficient and better synchronized security operations, bringing stability to the local population.

*Chief Warrant Officer Robert Joseph THOMPSON, CD*

*28 February 2014*

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.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher Calvin THURROTT, CD*

*27 August 2004*

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

*Lieutenant-Commander Richard Brian TILLEY, CD*

*26 March 2004*

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

*Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class David Sidney TOBIAS, CD*

*12 August 2011*

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Tobias' professionalism, technical expertise and leadership were instrumental in developing the Tactical Data Link Common Operating Picture for Operation PODIUM, the Canadian Forces' contribution to supporting the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver. From 2008 to 2010, he successfully integrated Canadian and American platform data links to produce the common operating picture for both Joint Task Force Games and the Canadian NORAD Region. This framework greatly helped to facilitate information transfer and improved communications throughout this important operation.

*Captain(N) Angus Ian TOPSHEE, CD*

*19 December 2013*

Captain 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 Topshee's performance in this high-profile position brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Commander Richard Robbin TOWN, CD*

*29 April 1999*

On 2 September 1998, Swissair Flight 111 crashed in the North Atlantic Ocean, near Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia, killing all 229 passengers. The aircraft was completely destroyed on impact and came to rest at a depth of 55 meters, settling into an unstable mound composed of razor-sharp metal and webs of wiring. Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* arrived within an hour of the crash and, under intense international media attention, search and rescue Operation PERSISTENCE began. As *Preserver*'s commanding officer, Commander Town's unique leadership and sensitivity enabled him to motivate and sustain the commitment of more than 1,500 people to the gruesome recovery task. Leading Seaman Clément, Petty Officer 1st Class Ford, Leading Seaman Leith, Master Seaman Maynard, Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class McNamara and Leading Seaman Poole, members of the Yard Diving Tender Sechelt, were the first six divers at the crash site. With the ever-present danger of entrapment and life-threatening damage to their equipment, these divers were directly responsible for the recovery of the Flight Data Recorder and of human remains from the seabed. Working with senior military, RCMP personnel and the federal and provincial governments, and in a dynamic, unpredictable and unprecedented environment, Captain Jain coordinated the set-up of the identification facility, which included the morgue and the radiology and dental departments. Through their extraordinary performances, these men brought great credit to themselves, the Canadian Armed Forces, and to Canada both nationally and internationally.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Duart Paul TOWNSEND, CD*

*15 March 2010*

As project director, Lieutenant-Colonel Townsend led the team responsible for fielding the interim medium lift capability for operations in Afghanistan, the goal of which was to reduce reliance upon ground movements and their inherent risk from ambush. A proactive leader with unequalled mission focus, he overcame many obstacles and unexpected challenges, enabling the successful and timely delivery of Chinook helicopters to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Major Dean Dwayne TREMBLAY, CD*

*19 November 2009*

Major Tremblay was deployed to Afghanistan as the officer commanding a reconnaissance squadron, from September 2008 to February 2009. He expertly led numerous successful operations while simultaneously mentoring an Afghan reconnaissance company and coordinating security, governance and development of infrastructures in Arghandab District. His ability to gain the co-operation of Afghan leaders, civilian partners and allied forces enabled the precise targeting of insurgent networks throughout this dangerous and complex region. Major Tremblay's leadership of his squadron directly contributed to the Task Force's operational success.

*Master Corporal Joseph Louis Jean-Marie TREMBLAY, MB, CD*

*14 January 1993*

On 1 November 1991, Master Corporal Tremblay and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

*Lieutenant Colonel John TRINGALI, of the United States of America*

*7 October 2010*

Serving as a United States Air Force exchange officer with the Canadian Armed Forces from 2007 to 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Tringali was employed as the Globemaster III aircraft subject matter expert. His efforts were pivotal to the development of continuation training of first and second-cadre pilots. He has consistently exhibited a high standard of professionalism and initiative in his duties, and his leadership and dedication have established a solid strategic airlift capability, which brings great benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Captain(N) Thomas Charles TULLOCH, CD*

*23 June 2010*

While deployed at sea on 5 February 2010, Captain(N) Tulloch was acting commander of NATO's Standing Naval Maritime Group 1 in the absence of its commodore. At midmorning, he was alerted that Antigua and Barbuda-flagged Motor Vessel *Ariella* had been boarded by pirates. Hampered by communications problems and unable to contact his commander, he took immediate action and led the multinational coalition of ships and helicopters to the rescue. Under Captain(N) Tulloch's leadership, Standing Naval Maritime Group 1 was able to combat and apprehend the pirate vessel without injury or loss of life, bringing great credit to NATO and to Canada.

*Colonel Luther TURNER III, of the United States of America*

*26 June 2008*

Colonel Turner of the United States Air Force deployed as the commander of 451st Air Expeditionary Group, in Afghanistan, from January 2008 to April 2008. His dynamic leadership and innovation greatly assisted ground forces. This timely assistance resulted in a reduction of the enemy's capability, which ultimately saved Canadian lives and improved the operational effectiveness of Joint Task Force Afghanistan.

*Major Richard Cimon TURNER, CD*

*8 June 2012*

As a battle group deputy commanding officer in Afghanistan from October 2009 to May 2010, Major Turner played a critical role in executing a fundamental change in the coalition's approach to counter-insurgency operations. As additional forces and aid agencies surged into Afghanistan, he led the development and implementation of collaborative military-civilian district stabilization plans that, for the first time, fully synchronized security, governance, reconstruction and development operations. Major Turner's leadership united an array of multinational partners, which ensured the success of this critical process and brought great credit to Canada.

*Captain Kristian UDESEN*

*26 April 2011*

From 20 to 23 November 2009, Captain Udesen displayed courage and front line leadership in the aftermath of two improvised explosive device attacks and ensuing enemy ambushes in the Panjwayi district of Afghanistan. Remaining calm, he organized and led two successful counterattacks, winning the firefights and clearing the enemy positions. Captain Udesen's tactical acumen, composure under fire and remarkable abilities as a soldier were critical to the defeat of the enemy and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Warrant Officer Allan Roy UPSHALL, CD*

*9 July 2013*

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.

*Colonel Siegfried USAL, of the French Republic*

*8 June 2012*

The binational co-operation efforts of Colonel Usal, defence attaché to the Embassy of France in Ottawa since 2010, were vital to the Royal Canadian Air Force's operations. They also helped to ensure stronger ties between French and Canadian armed forces during Canadian operations in Libya. Colonel Usal's expertise has been indispensable for Canada and manifestly aided in strengthening the coalition forces, of which Canada was an essential participant.

*Sergeant Frederick VALLIS, CD*

*26 June 1996*

On 2 December 1995, Lieutenant Erhardt of the United States Navy, Lieutenant Sharpe and Sergeant Vallis were part of the Sea King helicopter rescue team that saved thirty people from the sinking Motor Vessel *Mount Olympus*. The vessel had been caught in a severe Atlantic storm almost 2,000 km southeast of Nova Scotia. Hampered by the early morning darkness and severe weather conditions, Lieutenant Erhardt, the co-pilot, assisted in keeping the helicopter steady while Lieutenant Sharpe and Sergeant Vallis operated the rescue hoist. Their professionalism and skill were critical to this life-saving mission.

*Honorary Colonel Bernardus Antonius VAN RUITEN, CD*

*14 March 2007*

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

*Colonel Jean-Michel Désiré VERNEY, of the French Republic*

*20 May 2010*

Colonel Verney demonstrated exceptional devotion and professionalism in his duties as defence attaché to the Embassy of France in Ottawa, from 2006 to 2010. Canada benefited greatly from his vast experience and knowledge, thereby increasing military cooperation between our two countries. By organizing a wide range of educational projects for a number of Canadian students, as well as commemorative activities for past and present Canadian soldiers, he undeniably contributed to strengthening the ties of friendship between France and Canada.

*Colonel Christopher Hilary VERNON, of the United Kingdom*

*18 December 2006*

Colonel Vernon, of the British Army, served as chief of staff of the Multinational Brigade – Regional Command South in Afghanistan from February to October 2006. A strategic thinker and master organizer, he established a multinational headquarters that began effective operations immediately upon entry into theatre. The success of combat operations was largely attributed to his planning abilities and knowledge of tactics and operations. He made an invaluable contribution to information operations, interacting with Afghan National Army Corps personnel and coordinating British resources. Through his actions supporting the strategic goals of the Canadian mission in Afghanistan, Colonel Vernon has brought great credit to the United Kingdom, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major Joseph Richard Marc VERRET, CD*

*2 February 2011*

As commander of Stabilization Company B, in Afghanistan, from March to October 2009, Major Verret led several widely dispersed teams with his flawless application of counter-insurgency doctrine, contributing to stabilization efforts in three districts of Afghanistan. After completing a survey of population centres, he instituted numerous infrastructure projects that were tailored to the specific needs of Afghan communities and which provided employment opportunities for the local population. Major Verret's remarkable efforts contributed to the undermining of insurgents and brought great credit to Canada.

*Captain Dean Harvey VEY, CD*

*19 June 2014*

On 27 October 2011, Sergeant Hiscock and Captain Vey were respectively the flight engineer and the first officer onboard Rescue 915, a Cormorant helicopter, when they were tasked to rescue two hunters stranded in the Arctic waters, near Igloolik, Nunavut. Facing high winds and rough seas, Sergeant Hiscock skilfully operated the hoist, while Captain Vey used his expert flying skills to recover the two hunters, as well as three search and rescue technicians who had previously parachuted in to assist them. Through their commendable efforts and actions, Sergeant Hiscock and Captain Vey contributed to the mission success and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Commander Stephen Alexander VIRGIN, CD*

*26 June 2008*

Commander Virgin, commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Toronto*, deployed as the commander of Operation SEXTANT, from 25 July to 15 December 2007. His exceptional skills and initiative were useful during sometimes tense and potentially hostile international negotiations, and in search and rescue operations. His diplomatic tact enhanced Canada's reputation in the eyes of Allied partners and the international community.

*Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard VOYER, OC, CQ*

*29 June 2015*

Since his appointment to 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group in June 2008, Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Voyer has been an outstanding ambassador for the Canadian Armed Forces. He has demonstrated tireless support for and dedication to the Canadian Rangers and Junior Canadian Rangers, taking every opportunity to promote youth development in northern communities and organizing a number of large-scale expeditions.

***Commander Steven Michael WADDELL, CD******24 February 2011***

Commander Waddell served with distinction from October 2009 to May 2010, as commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Fredericton* and commander of Task Force Saiph, deployed to the Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea in support of international counter-piracy and counter-terror efforts. Commander Waddell demonstrated tactical awareness, leadership, operational focus and a humanitarian approach to operations, allowing him to successfully lead his team through challenging missions, which brought great credit to the Royal Canadian Navy and to Canada.

***Master Corporal Robert David WALKER, CD******14 January 1993***

On 1 November 1991, Master Corporal Walker and fifteen search and rescue technicians demonstrated outstanding professional skills, determination and courage in the face of considerable risk. Following the crash of a Hercules aircraft near Canadian Forces Station Alert in the Northwest Territories, they successfully parachuted in dangerous blizzard conditions. Darkness and severe weather obscured the ground and forced them to parachute into unknown surface conditions, using an untried night procedure. They were able to locate the survivors, carry out triage and provide emergency medical treatment, thus saving many lives.

***Captain(N) Craig WALKINGTON, CD******14 July 2011***

In the two years leading up to the Canadian Naval Centennial, in 2010, Captain(N) Walkington provided commendable leadership in Atlantic Canada. This included bringing the Navy to Canadians, in order to honour its past, showcase its present and reinforce its future. Captain(N) Walkington's actions had significant impact on the eastern component of the Royal Tour to Canada in 2010, which included an international fleet review by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. His meritorious contribution brought great credit to the Navy, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

***Lieutenant(N) Andrew Eric WALSH, CD******21 December 1998***

On 8 December 1995, Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh were tasked to provide assistance to the B.C. Provincial Emergency Program Emergency Coordination Centre. They were dispatched to a hospital in Terrace, British Columbia, where they were exposed to a highly sensitive and unstable explosive chemical that could detonate due to any shock or friction. Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh determined that the risk to patients was high and that the hazard would have to be removed manually to a suitable disposal site. Hampered by extreme weather conditions which greatly increased the chance of detonation, they removed the contaminated material and explosive chemical from the hospital onto a transport vehicle. Arriving at the disposal site, Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan handed the volatile material to Lieutenant(N) Walsh who carried it to a safe detonation point. Both Petty Officer 1st Class McMillan and Lieutenant(N) Walsh placed their lives at grave risk to ensure the safety of patients who could not be moved. Their actions clearly exceeded the normal call of duty, and their courage and professionalism were in the highest tradition of the principles upon which the Canadian Armed Forces prides itself.

***Major Russell Neal WASHBURN, CD******19 November 2009***

From September 2008 to April 2009, Major Washburn's outstanding mentorship of and excellent rapport with the commanding officers of two Afghan National Army infantry brigades enabled him to significantly progress their professional leadership qualities. With the brigades dispersed across Zhari district, he developed ingenious methods to ensure the optimal placement of his mentoring resources. Major Washburn's diplomatic and leadership skills enhanced the officers' capacities and abilities to effectively lead their soldiers, which earned him their respect as a combat leader and trusted advisor.

***Captain Connie Noreen WATSON, CD******30 June 2010***

In response to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010, Captain Watson was deployed as a nursing officer, from January to March of that year. Her coordination with the Canadian Embassy, with medical professionals and with other key stakeholders ensured that as many earthquake victims as possible received thorough medical treatment, despite having only basic medical equipment at her disposal and lacking normal shelter facilities. Her unwavering determination, medical expertise, leadership and professionalism were critical to the successful and expeditious evacuation of over 4,000 Canadians, including those with life-threatening illnesses and injuries. Her efforts brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Charles WEST, CD*

*17 May 2012*

Chief Warrant Officer West played a critical role in optimizing morale and maintaining mission focus as Chief Warrant Officer of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing from March to August 2011. He mentored senior personnel, provided sage advice to command, and developed robust plans to resolve identified deficiencies in force protection and personnel recognition. Chief Warrant Officer West's efforts contributed directly to the unit's effectiveness and to overall operational success in Afghanistan; his leadership and professionalism brought great credit to both the air wing and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Sergeant Christopher Stuart WHALEN, CD*

*15 March 2010*

Sergeant Whalen showed leadership and devotion to duty in his capacity as commander of the Care of the Wounded Soldier Cell for the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, from July 2006 to 31 January 2010. As a wounded soldier himself, he was an effective advocate for the rights, entitlements and medical needs of the injured. In addition, he made valued contributions to numerous national level advisory groups on the subject. Sergeant Whalen's efforts have brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Colonel Steven Joseph Russell WHELAN, CD*

*30 November 2012*

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

*Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Arnold WHITE, MMM, CD*

*7 October 2009*

Chief Warrant Officer White was deployed to Afghanistan as the Joint Task Force Afghanistan regimental sergeant-major from May 2008 to February 2009. His interactions with task force members reinforced rigorous force protection standards; ensuring command intent was fully understood. With an expanding civilian mandate, he was instrumental in the adaptation of civilians to military culture and to the high-threat environment. Chief Warrant Officer White's outstanding command team presence across two rotations ensured the operational success of the Task Force in a complex, multinational environment.

*Sergeant Kevin Donald Scott WHITE, CD*

*18 September 2011*

As headquarters element patrol lead from April to November 2010, Sergeant White displayed a thorough grasp of Afghan culture and an unwavering commitment to his soldiers. He provided exceptional leadership to Canadians and Afghans during numerous counter-insurgency operations, best exemplified by two separate improvised explosive device attacks. He forged a bond of trust with the local population that facilitated patrols and enabled the uncovering of critical intelligence. Sergeant White's combat leadership brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major-General Christine Theresa WHITECROSS, OMM, CD*

*31 January 2015*

In May 2013, Major-General Whitecross was elected as the International Military Sport Council (CISM) secretary general. In this position, she combined the arduous work of overseeing the 66-year-old military sporting organization with her Canadian Armed Forces responsibilities. Not only did she succeed in doing both roles exceptionally well, but she also crafted new strategic and business plans, which effectively transformed CISM into a modern organization shaped by shared Canadian values.

*Lieutenant Colonel Michael WHITED, of the United States of America*

*7 October 2010*

From 2007 to 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Whited distinguished himself as the United States Northern Command liaison officer to Canada Command. His professionalism, leadership and integrity in developing the foundation for improvements in continental defence, security and stability went far beyond the duties of a liaison officer. He fostered the development of Canada-United States Combined Defence and Civil Assistance Plans, and facilitated cross-border military collaboration in the buildup to the 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver (Operation Podium). Lieutenant Colonel Whited's contributions brought great credit to Canada and to the United States.

*Colonel Francis John WIERCINSKI, of the United States of America*

*23 June 2003*

Colonel Wiercinski, an American citizen, was instrumental to the success of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group, which was subordinate to a formation of the United States Army during the war on terrorism in 2002. As Commander of Task Force Rakkasan, Colonel Wiercinski inspired the Battle Group to perform to their fullest potential during Operation APOLLO/ENDURING FREEDOM. Under Colonel Wiercinski's leadership and strong support, the Battle Group and its sub-units conducted numerous complex combat missions upon which the credibility of the entire coalition hinged. His outstanding performance brought great honour to Canada.

*Master Corporal Jeffrey Carl WIGHT*

*10 June 1993*

Master Corporal Wight was employed in the Kuwait Theatre of Operations from 9 to 26 April 1991 during Operation AXE. His superior professionalism, dedication and technical knowledge were instrumental in ensuring the safety of all team members and the successful completion of the team's mission. His dedication and meticulousness in fulfilling the arduous explosive ordnance disposal clearance requirements were of a rare high standard and were a source of inspiration to those with whom he worked. Master Corporal Wight's outstanding performance as a member of the Joint Intelligence Survey Team during Operation AXE has reflected great credit on the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Commander David Russell WILCOX, CD*

*6 October 2014*

As the Canadian Armed Forces Health Services attaché to the United States from August 2011 to July 2014, Commander Wilcox was devoted to the development and progression of international medical agreements and policy. In particular, he was integral in the negotiation of a reciprocal health care agreement that ensures Forces personnel are well positioned to work in a combined health services environment, and that members stationed in the United States will receive proper medical care.

*Sergeant Austin Kane WILLIAMS*

*26 April 2011*

From October 2009 to May 2010, Sergeant Williams ensured the best possible surveillance coverage was provided to ground forces in Afghanistan. He forged the Tactical Operations Centre into a cohesive team and implemented new capabilities to provide uninterrupted surveillance coverage, gaining the highest confidence of senior leadership. Sergeant Williams' personal commitment in this regard contributed directly to operational success and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Commander Kelly Edward WILLIAMS, CD*

*12 November 2003*

With outstanding leadership as commanding officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Winnipeg* during Operation AUGMENTATION from March to September 2001, Commander Williams enabled the ship and her crew to excel in all facets of her involvement as part of the USS *Constellation* Battle Group operations in the Arabian Gulf. He led his ship's company as the Maritime Interception Commander during 64 armed boardings, which resulted in the seizure of 14,000 metric tons of contraband Iraqi oil, a first for a Canadian ship. Commander Williams' professionalism and dedication to duty contributed significantly to the excellent relationship that continues between the Canadian and United States navies. His focus on the mission reflected highly on our military traditions, bringing great credit to himself, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Colonel Peter Joseph WILLIAMS, CD*

*28 February 2014*

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.

*Commander Richard Malcolm WILLIAMS, CD*

*27 December 1993*

Commander Williams was the executive officer of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Preserver* during its deployment off Somalia during UN emergency operations between December 1992 and March 1993. He effectively balanced his primary responsibilities in this appointment with a variety of humanitarian and other initiatives. In spite of hazardous circumstances, he voluntarily went ashore each day to attend daily meetings of non-government organizations and drove through the city to coordinate the

work of technicians and other volunteers from the ship's company. His outstanding and dedicated efforts in providing humanitarian assistance to the stricken people of Somalia were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Canadian Armed Forces peacekeepers.

*Colonel Richard Stephen WILLIAMS, of the United States of America*

*18 December 2006*

From May to November 2006, Colonel Williams, of the United States Army, applied dogged determination, as well as outstanding leadership to ensure that Task Force Grizzly performed to exceptional standards. As deputy commander of the Multinational Brigade – Regional Command South, in Afghanistan, he coordinated combat enablers and implemented quick impact reconstruction projects in the battle space. His combined experience in the area of operations, his knowledge of resources and his well-established relations with high-ranking officials and key leaders of Afghanistan served to directly support the strategic goals of the Canadian mission in Afghanistan. A tireless advocate for the region, Colonel Williams has brought great credit to the United States, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Schuman WILLIAMS, CD*

*13 May 2005*

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

*Lieutenant-Commander John Aubrey WILLISTON, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Lieutenant-Commander Williston was deployed to Afghanistan with the Strategic Advisory Team, from August 2007 to August 2008. While working in direct support of the Afghan government, he was single-handedly responsible for several high-profile initiatives that enhanced the Afghan government's communications capability. His leadership turned a group of untrained, ministry of education workers into the most sophisticated communications department in Afghanistan. Lieutenant-Commander Williston's Afghan first mentality endeared him to his Afghan colleagues and enhanced the credibility of the Canadian Armed Forces.

*Master Seaman David WILSON, CD*

*8 October 1999*

On the evening of 11 January 1999, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Algonquin* was conducting sea trials in the Strait of Juan de Fuca when a fire broke out in the diesel generator enclosure. With fire extinguishers, Master Seaman Wilson attacked the fire on the portside while Leading Seaman Coombs did the same on the starboard side. The generator turbo chargers and their exhausts were glowing red and the melted crankcase breather line was spraying oil onto the exhaust lagging which, in turn, was igniting into fireballs. Both engineers alternated between cutting away the smoldering lagging and putting out flash fires. Leading Seaman Coombs and Master Seaman Wilson's quick actions and professionalism helped to avert a disastrous situation, in which the potential for loss of life and equipment was extremely high.

*Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Mary Annette WILSON, CD*

*30 August 1991*

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Wilson served on Her Majesty's Canadian Ship *Protecteur* during the Gulf war. Under her leadership, her team excelled at its responsibilities. In situations of high stress, her self-confidence and sense of responsibility motivated her subordinates. Her outstanding leadership and dedication to duty greatly contributed to the impressive logistic support provided by *Protecteur*.

*Warrant Officer Terence Charles WOLANIUK, CD*

*29 May 2009*

Warrant Officer Wolaniuk was deployed with 12 Field Squadron to Patrol Base Sperwan Ghar, Afghanistan, from February to September 2008. He proactively planned and carried out infrastructure improvements that significantly enhanced force protection and soldiers' quality of life. He also improved relations with locals by seeking every opportunity to employ Afghan workers. In the troop commander's absence, he took over the leadership and successfully executed multiple complex combat operations. Warrant Officer Wolaniuk's dedication greatly contributed to operational success.

*Major Michael Charles WRIGHT, MMV, CD*

*10 July 2007*

Major Wright was deployed as officer commanding Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan from August 2006 to February 2007. He responded to the leadership challenge of being in constant contact with the enemy, and successfully planned and executed many company and combat team-level operations. Extremely adaptable, he effortlessly changed his warrior role to that of a humanitarian when working with senior Afghan politicians and the Afghan National Army. Major Wright's professionalism and devotion to duty has significantly contributed to the success of the mission and has left a lasting legacy in Kandahar province.

*Major Mark Gert WUENNENBERG, CD*

*7 October 2009*

From October 2004 to July 2009, Major Wuennenberg provided an outstanding contribution to the acquisition, development and employment of unmanned aerial vehicles within the Canadian Armed Forces. He is recognized as the Canadian Armed Forces expert in the field, providing crucial force employment, force generation and operational airworthiness input for all activities of this fleet. As an expert representing Canada at NATO working groups and at international conferences, Major Wuennenberg has brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Major Sean WYATT, CD*

*11 June 2002*

Major Wyatt was the senior liaison officer of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Battle Group from March to August 2000. He was in charge of civil/military cooperation with local authorities, as well as with the other heads and principals of the international community in Bosnia-Herzegovina. His performance throughout this period was extraordinary. He was responsible for the equitable distribution of humanitarian and reconstruction aid to several communities of displaced persons and refugees who were otherwise without assistance or hope. Major Wyatt's unflagging determination and selfless pursuit to improve the plight of the people of Bosnia earned him their respect and trust, as well as that of the associated embassies and non-governmental organizations. His accomplishments have brought great credit to himself, to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Brigadier-General Paul Francis WYNNYK, OMM, CD*

*26 April 2011*

Brigadier-General Wynnyk deployed to Afghanistan as the assistant commanding general for Afghan National Army Development within the NATO Training Mission, in Kabul, from March 2009 to March 2010. Working with and mentoring the country's most senior leaders, he exerted strategic influence that shaped and developed the Afghan National Security Forces. Brigadier-General Wynnyk's commanding presence and diplomacy furthered international efforts in Afghanistan and brought great credit to Canada.

*Brigadier-General Achilles Gregory YOUNG, OMM, CD*

*14 July 2011*

As deputy commanding general of the Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan from November 2006 to May 2007, Brigadier-General Young worked with the President of Afghanistan and his Minister of the Interior to establish a legitimate and professional national police force. His dedicated efforts were instrumental in establishing the rule of law, extending the government's legitimacy and transitioning the nation to democracy. Brigadier-General Young's leadership tremendously increased the country's policing capabilities, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*Captain(N) Douglas Michael Charles YOUNG, CD*

*22 October 2013*

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.

*Major Geoffrey YOUNG, of the United States of America*

*30 November 2012*

During his short time in Canada, Major Young championed the development of two scholarships at the University of Manitoba. The Selfless Soldier endowment fund supports wounded soldiers or their immediate family members. The On the Ramp – Corporal Jordan Anderson Scholarship was established for its namesake, who had been working on his degree when he was killed by an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan. Both scholarships will continue to serve our community long after Major Young's return to the United States.

*Major Glen Talis ZILKALNS, CD*

*18 October 2006*

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

*Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher John ZIMMER, CD*

*17 May 2012*

As headquarters commanding officer and wing chief of staff of the Joint Task Force Afghanistan Air Wing at Kandahar Airfield from March to September 2011, Lieutenant-Colonel Zimmer demonstrated the highest calibre of initiative, leadership and support. Whether streamlining processes, instituting morale and welfare programs, or establishing relationships with other headquarters, he ensured that all staff executed their tasks to a consistently high standard. In addition, his planning effectively positioned the unit for successful mission transition as the Canadian Armed Forces left Kandahar. Lieutenant-Colonel Zimmer's efforts contributed directly to the success of the air wing and brought great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

The following members from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM) were awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. For security and operational reasons, the names of the recipients are not released.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*23 June 2003*

During combat operations in Afghanistan, a member of CANSOFCOM distinguished himself through valorous and highly professional conduct while commanding a troop. He provided outstanding and dynamic leadership in combat and operational situations under stressful conditions. His actions have brought great credit and honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*23 October 2006*

A member of CANSOFCOM deployed to Afghanistan in advance of his parent Special Operations Task Force where he independently prepared for the arrival of the main body by securing accommodations, workspace and establishing an operations centre under austere conditions. He succeeded in fostering excellent and enduring relationships with the local community, relations that continue to bring great benefit to the Canadian Armed Forces.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*14 January 2007*

A member of CANSOFCOM was deployed to Afghanistan on two occasions as the Canadian Special Operations Forces team leader of a support team. This person was the driving force behind evolving existing capabilities to become Task Force enablers and established the team as the most respected in the area of operations. The member's performance was instrumental to the successes of the Task Force and a reflection of outstanding service to this country.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*14 January 2007*

A member of CANSOFCOM deployed as a part of the Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. He was exceptionally effective in consolidating information into a cohesive and accurate picture which provided critical situational awareness. He is an extremely determined, tireless leader, whose outstanding service and ground-breaking work in Special Operations is deserving of recognition.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*14 January 2007*

A member of CANSOFCOM deployed with the Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. He led the development of tactics, techniques and procedures and conducted numerous operations in a hostile environment. His outstanding professionalism on this mission has brought great credit to Canada.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*14 March 2007*

A member of CANSOFCOM was deployed twice to the Canadian Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan as a cook. His sound judgement, flawless sense of initiative, meticulous organisation and shrewd negotiating skills allowed for the development of a first-rate kitchen. Displaying outstanding leadership qualities, exceptional work ethic and infectious enthusiasm, his unrelenting efforts made a powerful impact on the health and morale of the troops and his personally trained local staff. His dedicated commitment to the well-being of the men and women of the Task Force earned him the unanimous respect and gratitude of all those he served.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*14 March 2007*

A member of CANSOFCOM was deployed twice to the Canadian Special Operations Task Force as a cook. He was instrumental in the planning, set-up and functioning of the Forward Operating Base dining facilities. Creating this dining facility from nothing required outstanding technical proficiency and management skills. Moreover, he was instrumental in the development of work standards and the formation of a comprehensive training regime for the locally hired untrained staff. His dedicated commitment to the well-being of the men and women of the Task Force earned him the unanimous respect and gratitude of all those he served.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*21 August 2007*

A member of CANSOFCOM deployed multiple times with the Canadian Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. He enhanced operational effectiveness and made invaluable contributions to the protection of the Task Force when under enemy fire during tactical deployments. His commitment to the mission and his determination are to be commended.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*21 August 2007*

A member of CANSOFCOM deployed multiple times with the Canadian Special Operations Task Force in Afghanistan. He enhanced operational effectiveness and made invaluable contributions to the protection of the Task Force while under enemy fire during tactical deployments. His commitment to the mission and his determination are to be commended.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*28 May 2008*

A member of CANSOFCOM is recognized for his outstanding professionalism while working within a severe-threat environment in Afghanistan. He participated in numerous operations and protected the lives of many members of the Canadian and Allied Forces.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*22 January 2009*

A member of CANSOFCOM was deployed as the ground force commander of the Canadian Special Operations Task Force. He consistently demonstrated strong leadership under demanding circumstances. His personal effort, tactical acumen and commitment to the success of the mission have contributed to providing a safer environment for all coalition forces.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*22 January 2009*

A CANSOFCOM member was deployed with the Canadian Special Operations Task Force. His innovative operating procedures demonstrated a remarkable level of adaptability to a number of combat operations. He was instrumental in the success of the mission.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*15 November 2010*

A member of CANSOFCOM demonstrated exemplary dedication to duty while supporting combat operations. After the initial contact, insurgents from inside an enemy compound flooded out and engaged the force from multiple directions. Despite being under enemy fire, he held his position and led his team in the protection of the ground force and his comrades, bringing great honour to his Task Force and to Canada.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*15 November 2010*

As a detachment commander in Afghanistan, a member of CANSOFCOM demonstrated extraordinary leadership during combat operations. He repeatedly stepped into harm's way in order to lead his troops from the front, directly contributing to the success of the mission.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*15 November 2010*

As a detachment commander in Afghanistan, a member of CANSOFCOM demonstrated exceptional leadership during intense combat operations. His leadership under fire quickly gained tactical superiority and saved the lives of numerous soldiers, while contributing to the success of the mission.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*18 September 2011*

A member of CANSOFCOM served as the sergeant-major of a Special Operations Task Force. His intuitive understanding of Afghanistan's complex environment was instrumental to his Task Force's success. His leadership and commitment contributed to the success of counter-insurgency operations, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*18 September 2011*

A CANSOFCOM member of a special operations task force he demonstrated exceptional leadership, soldiering ability and wisdom, ensuring his unit's success in Afghanistan. He contributed to the success of counter-insurgency efforts, bringing great credit to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*19 December 2013*

A member of CANSOFCOM demonstrated outstanding professionalism. His operational leadership significantly enhanced the overall credibility and viability of his team's mission. His actions and determination greatly enhanced Canadian Special Operations Forces Command and Canadian Armed Forces strategic relationships.

*A member of CANSOFCOM*

*11 March 2016*

While under constant threat of attack, a member from CANSOFCOM demonstrated exemplary leadership and professionalism as the Special Operations Task Force Commander. He identified the political and strategic risks of decisive engagement outside of his mandate, conducted a complex withdrawal operation along the contested region, and led his men through a dangerous tactical operation. His actions truly embodied the Special Forces' ideal of the warrior-diplomat, ensuring Canada's strategic goals were met and solidifying the stature of the Canadian Armed Forces.

One member from the Canadian Forces National Counter-Intelligence Unit, five members from the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command and three members from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command were also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. For security and operational reasons, the names and citations of the recipients are not released.

## Glossary of Post-nominals

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| AOE  | Alberta Order of Excellence                              |
| CC   | Companion of the Order of Canada                         |
| CD   | Canadian Forces' Decoration                              |
| 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   | <i>Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Québec</i>           |
| CV   | Cross of Valour  |
| MB   | Medal of Bravery   |
| MBE  | Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire |
| MMM  | Member of the Order of Military Merit                    |
| MMV  | Medal of Military Valour                                 |
| MSC  | Meritorious Service Cross                                |
| MSM  | Meritorious Service Medal                                |
| OC   | Officer of the Order of Canada                           |
| OMM  | Officer of the Order of Military Merit                   |
| ONS  | Order of Nova Scotia                                     |
| OOnt | Order of Ontario   |
| PC   | Member of The Queen's Privy Council for Canada           |
| SC   | Star of Courage  |

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