



# *Honours & Recognition*

for the Men and Women of the Canadian Armed Forces

2015



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

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# Introduction

The purpose of this publication is to celebrate the outstanding achievements of members of Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). While the granting of the honour or award itself constitutes the appropriate recognition of their actions from Crown and Country, this is only the beginning. Their stories and achievements must be communicated to other CAF members and all Canadians for the true meaning of 'honouring' to be achieved. Their service epitomizes the highest standards of devotion to duty, courage and leadership in the military profession. Beyond the presentation of their insignia, these individuals become role models and their actions inspire others to emulate their behaviour, and instil pride in our country. This publication will allow everyone to understand the array and number of honours and awards granted to CAF members in 2015 and share the amazing stories of these outstanding Canadians.

The scope of this publication is limited to the honours and awards publicly announced during the year 2015 as opposed to the date of approval or presentation of the award. The announcement date is determined either by the Rideau Hall press release, the publication of the CANFORGEN or the publication of the award in *The Canada Gazette*, whichever comes first.

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

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

This publication does not include the full history and criteria for the honours and awards concerned but only a brief outline with the focus being on the 2015 recipients and their achievements. Details of the honours and awards themselves can be found in the references provided at the end of this publication.

*“We honour those we value and through them, as mediators, we reach out for models to follow so that our hopes and our aims may be joined.”*

— Maxwell Cohen, OC, QC, 1978

# Orders

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

Summary of the appointments to and promotions in orders announced in 2015:

Commanders of the Order of Military Merit:	5
Officers of the Order of Military Merit:	21
Members of the Order of Military Merit:	80
<hr/> Total for the Order of Military Merit:	<hr/> 106
Serving Members of the Order of St. John:	2
<hr/> Total for the Order of St. John:	<hr/> 2
<hr/> Total appointments and promotions in orders:	<hr/> 108



## The Order of Military Merit

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

The Governor General presented insignia to members at three investitures held at Rideau Hall on 26 February, 8 June and the 10 November 2015. While these appointments were announced in 2014 and therefore included in last year's report, some photographs of the investitures are included in the following pages.

The 66th list was announced in CANFORGEN 211/15 on 30 November 2015 and contained the appointment or promotion of 106 distinguished CAF members into the Order including five Commanders, 21 Officers and 80 Members. These individuals will receive their insignia at investitures to be held in 2016.

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

### *To be Commanders of the said Order:*

Lieutenant-General Michael John HOOD, CD  
 Major-General Christian JUNEAU, OMM, MSM, CD  
 Rear-Admiral John Frederick NEWTON, OMM, MSM, CD  
 Rear-Admiral William TRUELOVE, OMM, CD  
 Lieutenant-General Christine Theresa WHITECROSS,  
 OMM, MSM, CD

### *To be Officers of the said Order:*

Lieutenant-Colonel Roy ARMSTRONG, CD  
 Colonel Timothy James BISHOP, MSM, CD  
 Colonel Marie Annabelle Jennie CARIGNAN, MSM, CD  
 Colonel Peter Samson DAWE, MSM, CD  
 Brigadier-General Luis Alberto Botelho DE SOUSA, CD  
 Lieutenant-Colonel George Heber GILLAM, CD  
 Lieutenant-Colonel Carla HARDING, CD  
 Captain(N) Joseph Jeannot Hervé  
 Richard JEAN, CD  
 Major Joseph Fernand Phillippe LECLERC, MSM, CD  
 Major John Allison LEWIS, CD  
 Colonel David William LOWTHIAN, MSM, CD  
 Colonel Derek Alan MACAULAY, CD  
 Colonel Scott Andrew MCLEOD, MSM, CD  
 Captain(N) Marta Beattie MULKINS, CD  
 Brigadier-General Joseph Paul Alain PELLETIER, MSM, CD  
 Brigadier-General Neville Edward RUSSELL, CD  
 Colonel Érick David SIMONEAU, MSM, CD  
 Colonel Michel-Henri ST-LOUIS, MSM, CD  
 Colonel Robert Daren Keith WALKER, MSC, CD  
 Lieutenant-Commander John Aubrey WILLISTON, MSM, CD  
 Captain(N) Jeffery Blair ZWICK, CD

### *To be Members of the said Order:*

Chief Petty Officer 1st Class David Ronald ARSENAULT, CD  
 Sergeant Stephen Claude Joseph BATES, CD  
 Chief Warrant Officer Robert Joseph BEAUDRY, CD  
 Warrant Officer Timothee David BÉRUBÉ, MMV, CD  
 Warrant Officer Morgan Frans BIDERMAN, CD  
 Chief Warrant Officer Mario Paul BIZIER, CD  
 Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Colin Philip BOND, CD  
 Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Jacques BOUCHER, CD  
 Warrant Officer Joseph Serge François BRUNET, CD  
 Master Warrant Officer Todd Barry BUCHANAN, MSM, CD  
 Chief Warrant Officer Willard John BUCHANAN, CD



Major Lucie Marie Françoise BURELLE, CD  
Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Norman William  
CAWTHRA, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Marc André CORRIVEAU, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Edward Joseph John CURTIS, CD  
Warrant Officer Scott Alexander DAIGLE, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Mary Elizabeth DEMETRUK, CD  
Captain Joseph Robert Alain DESLAURIERS, CD  
Warrant Officer Joseph Gaetan Philippe  
DESSUREAULT, Jr., CD  
Warrant Officer Stephen Gerald DEVEAU, CD  
Warrant Officer Winston Wade DOMINIE, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Dianne Margaret DOYLE, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Andrew Jack DURNFORD, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Dana Robert EAGLES, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Michael Patrick FOREST, MSM, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Michael FUENTESPINA, CD  
Ranger Donald GOURLAY, CD  
Petty Officer 2nd Class John Vincent Cotter GOUTHRO, CD  
Warrant Officer Tracy Leigh Shyan GRAHAM, CD  
Captain Kevin Wayne GREGORY, CD  
Warrant Officer Renee HANSEN, CD  
Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephen Harold HAUGHN, CD  
Warrant Officer Jonathan Douglas HAWTIN, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Darren John HESSELL, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Garth Edward HOEGI, CD  
Captain Carl HOMER, CD  
Warrant Officer Kimberlee JONES, CD  
Warrant Officer Cory Grant KAVANAGH, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Réal Luc LACOMBE, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Robert Bernard  
LAFONTAINE, CD  
Master Warrant Officer William Edward LANG, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Gary Steven LEBLANC, CD  
Major Line Michele LEBOEUF, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Germain Daniel LEGAULT, CD  
Warrant Officer Patrick André LEMIEUX, CD

Master Warrant Officer Grant Clarence LEWIS, CD  
Petty Officer 1st Class Marie Stephanie Dawn MACKAY, CD  
Warrant Officer Karen Margaret MacLEAN, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Nadia MacQUEEN, CD  
Warrant Officer Joseph James William Lorne McADAM, CD  
Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class David Kenneth McALPINE, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Mark Douglas MCLENNAN, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Patrick William MORAN, CD  
Lieutenant Karen Deborah MULLEN, CD  
Major David Arthur MURALT, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Thomas Kincaid NEILL, CD  
Warrant Officer Robert Harold John PELDJAK, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Gerald Donald PELLETIER, CD  
Warrant Officer Alessandro Pacifico PELLIZZARI, CD  
Major Jaime PHILLIPS, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Didier Jean-Paul Louis  
PIGNATEL, CD  
Sergeant Jeremy PINCHIN, SMV, CD  
Warrant Officer Claude Pierre PROVOST, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Wallace RIDEOUT, CD  
Major Mark William ROSIN, CD  
Warrant Officer Stuart John Dalton RUSSELLE, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey Harold SAUNDERS, CD  
Ranger Martin SCOTT, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Keith Alan SEXSTONE, CD  
Ranger Stanley Robert STEPHENS, CD  
Captain Thomas Henry SUTTON, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Robert Peter Michael TALACH, CD  
Major Douglas Michael THORLAKSON, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Todd TUCKER, CD  
Warrant Officer Kirby Graham VINCENT, CD  
Petty Officer 2nd Class Jody Patrick WATERFIELD, CD  
Captain Patrick Joseph WHITE, CD  
Chief Warrant Officer Michael James WHITMAN, CD  
Master Warrant Officer Grace Lydia WILLE, CD  
Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class David WILSON, CD



Honours and Awards are not a right but a privilege conferred by the Crown upon those who are honourable, based on set criteria. Orders are societies of merit and those admitted to them have demonstrated a high degree of professionalism and become role models for others to emulate. If a member of such an order breaks the principle of honour or brings disrepute to the order in question, the person may be excluded from this fraternity of merit in order to protect the integrity and respect of the honour. 2015 saw the very first termination of an appointment in the Order of Military Merit since its establishment in 1972. In accordance with the Constitution of the Order, the termination was made through an ordinance signed by

the Governor General further to a recommendation from the Advisory Council of the Order. This was carried out in light of six guilty pleas entered by the individual in two distinct Court Martials in 2012 and 2014 respectively. The termination was approved by the Governor General on 22 December 2014 and was announced by a Rideau Hall press release on 6 February 2015, by CANFORGEN 021/15 of the same day and published in the *Canada Gazette* the following day.

On behalf of THE QUEEN, the Governor General signed an ordinance to terminate the membership of the following in the Order of Military Merit:

Lieutenant-Colonel Deborah Lynn MILLER, OMM, CD

#### OFFICIUM ANTE COMMODO







Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Rear-Admiral Patrick Terence Finn, OMM, CD, receives his insignia of Commander of the Order of Military Merit from His Excellency the Right Honourable David Lloyd Johnston, CC, CMM, COM, CD, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, Rideau Hall, 8 June 2015.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Colonel Russell Barry Mann, CD, receives his insignia of Officer of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 February 2015.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Captain(N) Stephen Alexander Virgin, MSM, CD, receives his insignia of Officer of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 February 2015.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Sergeant (now Warrant Officer) Nicole Lynn Barrett, CD, receives her insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 June 2015.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Brent Garrett Bethell, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 June 2015.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Chief Warrant Officer Claude Dallaire, MSM, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 8 June 2015.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Charles Philippe Chevalier, CD, receives his insignia of Member of the Order of Military Merit from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 February 2015.



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

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

Only those appointments and promotions in the Order which have been made on the recommendation of the Department of National Defence are included hereunder. The same applies for the other awards of the Order. Several other CAF members have been honoured through the Order on the recommendation of other bodies such as St. John Ambulance. The DND appointments were announced through CANFORGEN 190/15 on 22 October 2015.

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

## ***To be Serving Members of the said Most Venerable Order:***

Chief Warrant Officer John William HALLDORSON,  
CD (Retired)

Master Corporal Joseph Roger Ulderic Erick ROBERGE, CD

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

## ***Priory Vote of Thanks***

Captain John David BROUGHTON, CD

## ***St. John's Provincial/Territorial Commendation***

Master Warrant Officer Rudy Alex SCHMIDTKE, CD

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

2 Service Medals and 1 bar

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# Decorations

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

## Summary of decorations announced in 2015:

Medal of Bravery:	5
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Total for Canadian Bravery Decorations:	5
Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division):	11
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division):	36
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Total for Meritorious Service Decorations (Military Division):	47
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Total for decorations:	52



## Canadian Bravery Decorations

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

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

### **Medal of Bravery:**

#### **Corporal Gareth AVERY**



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

On 6 February 2013, Corporal Avery and Ordinary Seaman Wiebe put their lives at risk to prevent a man from setting himself on fire in Kingston, Ontario. They slowly approached the distraught man and pinned him to the ground before he could set fire to his gasoline-soaked clothing, thus saving him from tragedy.

#### **Leading Seaman Evan BEATON, CD**



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

On 19 June 2013, Leading Seaman Beaton rescued a fellow diver who had become tangled in his lifeline during a deep-diving operation in the Bedford Basin, in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Leading Seaman Beaton was forced to disregard the normal safe rate of descent to reach the victim, whose air supply was severely limited. At great personal risk, Leading Seaman Beaton then skipped decompression protocol to bring the victim quickly to the surface, thus saving his life.



***Warrant Officer Stanley Dwayne Mercredi, CD***



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

On 13 January 2013, Warrant Officer Mercredi disarmed a soldier who was threatening to kill himself, in Kabul, Afghanistan. As the distraught man drew his service pistol from its holster, Warrant Officer Mercredi tackled him to the floor, wrestled the weapon from his hand and restrained him until help arrived.

***Ordinary Seaman Naeusteter Benne WIEBE***



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

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***Corporal Richard Joseph Bryan Yvan Jean Louis ROYER***



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

On 2 May 2013, Corporal Royer rescued a fellow shipmate while on patrol in the Indian Ocean. Corporal Royer's colleague had fallen from the ship into the rough waters. Lowered from a helicopter, Corporal Royer dove under the surface to retrieve the victim. Struggling against the strong pull of the

waves and the panicking man, Corporal Royer managed to get him into a rescue harness. They were then both hoisted up onto the deck of the ship.



## *Meritorious Service Decorations (Military Division)*

The **Meritorious Service Decorations** (Military Division) recognize individuals for outstanding professionalism and for bringing honour to the CAF. The **Meritorious Service Cross** (MSC) (Military Division) recognizes a military deed or activity that has been performed in an outstandingly professional manner, according to a rare high standard that brings considerable benefit or great honour to the CAF. The **Meritorious Service Medal** (MSM) (Military Division) recognizes a military deed or activity that has been performed in a highly professional manner or of a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to the CAF. The list below includes the 11 MSCs and 36 MSMs announced in 2015.

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

### ***Meritorious Service Cross***

*(Military Division):*

***Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Michel Steve BOIVIN, OMM, MSM, CD***

Lieutenant-Colonel Boivin led the first deployment and integration of the special operations task forces from September 2014 to February 2015. His experience proved crucial to forging specific partnerships and establishing operational methods on the ground in Kurdistan. Lieutenant-Colonel Boivin's exceptional skills and leadership helped support the Kurdish forces in their efforts to halt the advancement of the Islamic State, further strengthening security in Iraq.

***Colonel Joseph Yves Steve CHARPENTIER, CD***

From July 2011 to July 2012, Colonel Charpentier did an outstanding job as chief of staff of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti. As the head of a multinational headquarters, he calmly and with great wisdom rose to every challenge before him, even in such complex situations as civil unrest and tropical storms. Colonel Charpentier's leadership, diplomacy and work ethic were tremendously beneficial to the mission and brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Colonel Charpentier receives the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.



**Colonel Pierre Frédéric André DEMERS, CD**  
From June 2013 to July 2014, Colonel Demers did an exemplary job as part of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Of particular note, he developed and implemented a successful campaign against illegal armed groups that had been terrorizing the population of North Kivu. Colonel Demers excelled in this complex multinational environment and his outstanding leadership helped to restore peace to the region.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Colonel Demers receives the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.

**Lieutenant-Colonel Marie Hélène Gisèle FONTAINE, CD**  
While deployed with the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Science in Afghanistan, from July 2012 to July 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Fontaine distinguished herself by her expertise and excellent work. Her efforts to develop and advance training programs for health care providers have greatly improved the quality of care offered to the Afghan National Security Forces. Lieutenant-Colonel Fontaine's dedication has brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Lieutenant-Colonel Fontaine receives the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.





***Sergeant Terrence Gregory GRANDY, CD***

On 20 September 2011, search and rescue technician Sergeant Grandy successfully evacuated three Belgian sailors from a damaged vessel during a severe storm in the Atlantic Ocean. Lowered from the Rescue 908 helicopter onto the vessel, Sergeant Grady was able to keep the rescue basket under control during the hoisting operation despite the gusting winds and high sea swells. Sergeant Grandy's tenacity as well as his professionalism under difficult environmental conditions brought great credit to himself, to the Royal Canadian Air Force and to Canada.

***General Charles JACOBY, Jr., of the United States of America***

From 2011 to 2014, as the commander of the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), General Jacoby has contributed to the defence and security of North America in an exemplary fashion. His advice to Canadian and United States government officials, as well as to the military senior leadership in both countries, was invaluable. On many occasions, he has identified significant issues of mutual interest requiring resolution by both governments. His devotion to duty has inspired NORAD personnel and has greatly enhanced the defence relationship between Canada and the United States.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Sergeant Grandy receives the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 10 May 2015.

***Brigadier-General Charles Adrien LAMARRE, OMM, CD***

Brigadier-General Lamarre deployed to Afghanistan from July to December 2011, as commander of the Mission Transition Task Force. With inspired leadership and strategic acumen, he successfully accomplished the daunting task of closing out the Canadian combat mission and repatriating massive stockpiles of materiel and equipment, all while ensuring there was no disruption of support to personnel at Regional Command South and Kandahar Airfield. Brigadier-General Lamarre's efforts, diplomacy and outstanding professional knowledge ensured the flawless execution of this important mission.



***Admiral William Harry McRAVEN of the United States of America***

As commander of the United States Special Operations Command from August 2011 to July 2014, Admiral McRaven demonstrated unequivocal support to Canadian Special Operations Forces Command (CANSOFCOM). Through his vision and guidance in framing the Global Special Operations Force Network, he has enabled CANSOFCOM to take a leading role in global special force operations supporting the government of Canada. Admiral McRaven's commitment to shared bi-national interests greatly improved the global special force network and strengthened strategic military Canadian-American relations.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Admiral McRaven receives the Meritorious Service Cross from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.

***Captain(N) Stuart Ross MOORS, CD***

While deployed to the Canadian Embassy in Egypt as the Canadian defence attaché for North Africa from August 2011 to August 2014, Captain Moors enabled key regional and Canadian decision makers to effectively manage a myriad of crises during frequent periods of instability, uncertainty and civil unrest. Captain Moors' advice and leadership in support of Canada's diplomatic corps and deployed task forces during difficult times were invaluable, and brought great honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.

***Lieutenant-Colonel Walter Andrew TAYLOR, CD***

From 13 November to 19 December 2013, Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor deployed to the Philippines as the commanding officer of the Disaster Assistance Response Team that provided humanitarian assistance in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Haiyan. Notwithstanding the enormity of the situation and immense time pressures for deployment, his team's response time was remarkable. Moreover, Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor was integral in the establishment of the civil-military co-operation model, which resulted in organized exchanges of expertise between Canada and the Philippines. Lieutenant-Colonel Taylor's leadership contributed greatly to a successful mission.

***One member from within Vice Chief of the Defence Staff organization was awarded a Meritorious Service Cross. For security and operational reasons, the name and citation of the recipient is not released.***



## ***Bar to the Meritorious Service Medal***

*(Military Division):*

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

Chief Warrant Officer Jeans deployed to Afghanistan from July to December 2011, as sergeant major of the 1,600 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.

## ***Meritorious Service Medal***

*(Military Division):*

***Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Phillippe Mario  
ALBERT, CD***

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 the Junior Canadian Ranger Program.

***Second Lieutenant Robert Archie ALLISTON, CD***

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.

***Chief Petty Officer Douglas BEAUREGARD of the  
United States of America***

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.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Chief Petty Officer Beauregard receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.



***Lieutenant-Colonel Abderrahim  
BELLAHNID, CD***

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.

***Major Patrick Lynn BONNEVILLE, MMM, CD***

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.

***Commander Jason Robert BOYD, CD***

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.

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

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 Aaron David BYGROVE, CD***

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.

***Commander Daniel Alan CHARLEBOIS, CD***

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.



***Major William Michael CHURCH, CD***

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 General Michael David DUBIE  
of the United States of America***

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.

***Lieutenant-Colonel David Michael  
FERGUSON, CD***

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.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Lieutenant-Colonel Ferguson receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.



***Major Jason Mathew FEYKO, CD***

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.

***Commodore Patrick Terence FINN, CMM, CD***

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.

***Lieutenant-Colonel Robert FOSTER, CD***

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.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Lieutenant-Colonel Foster receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.



***Major Joseph Claude Stéphann GRÉGOIRE, CD***

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.

***Master Corporal Mélanie GRENIER***

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.

***Commander Jeffrey Michael HAMILTON, CD***

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.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Commander (now Captain(N)) Hamilton receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.



***Sergeant Brian HARDING, CD***

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.

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

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.

***Master Corporal Jordan IRVINE***

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.

***Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Luc LAVOIE***

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 22<sup>e</sup> 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 Paul Alexander LUCAS, CD***

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.

***Colonel Russell Barry MANN, OMM, CD***

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.





***Major Richard Patrick MANSOUR, CD***

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.

***Honorary Colonel John Buckingham  
NEWMAN, CD***

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) James Douglas O'REILLY, CD***

Captain 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 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.

***Master Corporal Bruno ROBITAILLE***

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 David Alan RUNDLE, OMM, CD***

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.

***Sergeant Russell Scott SHORT, CD***

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.



***Chief Warrant Officer Edward Patrick SMITH, CD***

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.

***Colonel Jeffery STEWART of the United States of America***

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.

***Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard VOYER, OC, CQ***

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.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Voyer receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, La Citadelle, 10 May 2015.



**Major-General Christine Theresa  
WHITECROSS, OMM, CD**

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.

**Commander David Russell WILCOX, CD**

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.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Major-General Whitecross receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Commander Wilcox receives the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General, Rideau Hall, 26 June 2015.

# Medals

**Medals** recognize participation in a campaign or operation, service under exceptional circumstances, commemorate royal or national anniversaries or recognize long and loyal service to Her Majesty. While it is not possible to provide a list of all the recipients of medals, the number of awards made in 2015 for each medal is included hereunder. These numbers include all medals awarded to serving, retired and deceased CAF members as well as to eligible police and civilian personnel where appropriate.



Photo: Cpl Christopher Ringius

Commander Lawrence Jones, CD, receives a second clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration from Rear Admiral John Newton, OMM, MSM, CD, Commander Maritime Atlantic / Joint Task Force Atlantic, Halifax, 26 November 2015.

Sacrifice Medal	41
Somalia Medal	1
South-West Asia Service Medal with AFGHANISTAN bar	10
First Rotation Bar to the South-West Asia Service Medal with AFGHANISTAN bar	22
Third Rotation Bar to the South-West Asia Service Medal with AFGHANISTAN bar	1
General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	254
First Rotation Bar to the General Campaign Star – SOUTH WEST-ASIA	203
Second Rotation Bar to the General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	52
Third Rotation Bar to the General Campaign Star – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	12
General Campaign Star – EXPEDITION	208
General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	59
First Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	16
Second Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	3
Fourth Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1
Fifth Rotation Bar to the General	



Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1	Special Service Medal with RANGER bar	1
Sixth Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1	Special Service Medal with EXPEDITION bar	147
Seventh Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1	Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal	236
Eight Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1	United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus Medal	1
Ninth Rotation Bar to the General Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	1	United Nations Disengagement Observation Force Medal	1
General Service Medal – EXPEDITION	440	United Nations Military Observation Group in Iran – Iraq Medal	1
Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	170	United Nations Protection Force (Yugoslavia) Medal	6
First Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	58	United Nations Operation in Somalia Medal	1
Second Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	12	United Nations Headquarters Medal	1
Third Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	11	NATO Medal for the Former Yugoslavia	2
Fourth Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – SOUTH-WEST ASIA	2	Non-Article 5 NATO Medal for Operations in the Balkans	2
Operational Service Medal – HAITI	8	Canadian Forces' Decoration	4,972
Operational Service Medal – SUDAN	11	First clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration	1,789
Operational Service Medal – HUMANITAS	141	Second clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration	1,130
Operational Service Medal – EXPEDITION	706	Third clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration	87
First Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – EXPEDITION	41	Fourth clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration	1
Second Rotation Bar to the Operational Service Medal – EXPEDITION	5	Memorial Cross	24
Special Service Medal with ALERT bar	46	Memorial Ribbon	137
Special Service Medal with NATO+OTAN bar	89		
Special Service Medal with PEACE bar	6		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>11,173</b>

Sergent James Sinnett, CD, receives a second clasp to the Canadian Forces' Decoration from Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Joudrey, CD, Base Commander, in the presence of Chief Warrant Officer James Michael Doppler, MMM, CD, Regimental Sergeant Major, Canadian Forces Base Shilo, 26 March 2015.

Photo: Jules Xavier



Photo: Sgt Colin Kelly

His Royal Highness The Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, KG, GCVO, SOM, ADC, receives his Canadian Forces' Decoration from the Commanding Officer of The Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Shawn Darric McKinstry, OMM, CD, during a private ceremony held in Toronto on 29 October 2015. His Royal Highness has held various appointments in the Canadian Armed Forces since 2002 and is currently Colonel-in-Chief of three Canadian regiments.

Corporal Daisy Carrier receives a Sacrifice Medal from General Jonathan Holbert Vance, CMM, MSC, CD, Chief of Defence Staff, in the presence of the Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Charles West, MMM, MSM, CD, Canadian Armed Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Valcartier, 7 October 2015.

Photo: Cpl Nicolas Tremblay



# Departmental Awards

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

## Summary of Departmental awards announced in 2015:

Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation:	133
Command Commendation:	346
Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service:	21
Total:	500





## Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation

The **Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation** is awarded by the Chief of the Defence Staff to recognize deeds or activities beyond the demand of normal duty. The following 133 awards of the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation have been announced in 2015:

*Major Leslie Deanne ADAIR, CD* – for outstanding leadership and dedication as an analyst with Director General Canadian Forces Grievance Authority in Ottawa, Ontario, March 2013 to June 2014.

*Corporal Michelle Leah ALDERSON* – for outstanding professionalism and compassion in locating a CAF member with health issues who was absent without leave outside of Canada, September to October 2013.

*Captain Ross Alexander APPLETON, CD* – for outstanding dedication and professionalism as The Royal Canadian Regiment regimental adjutant in Petawawa, Ontario, 2010 to 2015.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Roy ARMSTRONG, CD* – for his extraordinary achievements as senior advisor to the Defence Deputy Minister – Intelligence and Director of the Intelligence Capabilities Integration and Coordination Cell of the Afghan National Security Forces in Afghanistan, July 2013 to March 2014.

*Major James David ARMSTRONG, CD* – for extraordinary leadership, professionalism and dedication as the assistant Canadian defence attaché to Jordan, March to June 2014.

*Major Joseph Léo Cédric ASPIRAULT, CD* – for his pivotal role, foresight and tact as executive assistant to the Chief of the Defence Staff designate during the seamless transition to the new Chief of the Defence Staff, 22 June to 17 July 2015.

*Sergeant Joseph Jean Marc ASSELIN, CD* – for his actions and remarkable sense of initiative in applying first-aid to a seriously injured student at 2nd Canadian Division Training Centre in Valcartier, Quebec, 16 July 2013.



Photo: Cpl Geneviève Lapointe

Sergeant Asselin, CD, receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Commander of the Canadian Army in the presence of the Army Sergeant Major, Valcartier, 14 August 2015.

*Colonel Michael Craig ATKINS, CD* – for exceptional performance and superb leadership as chief of plans and chief of staff within the Ministry of Interior Affairs Ministerial Advisory Group in Afghanistan, January 2013 to January 2014.



*Major Dwayne William ATKINSON, MMM, CD* – for outstanding professionalism as the leader of the Advanced Planning Team and Operations Officer of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan Mission Closure Team, June 2013 to March 2014.

*Captain Charles BAILEY, CD* – for outstanding professionalism and dedication while serving with the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command during the Iraq crisis of 2014.

*Lieutenant Michael BAIN* – for unwavering professionalism and exceptional leadership as the leader of a team of infantry and military police tasked with mentoring the Afghan Uniform Police in the Dand district, Afghanistan, October 2009 to April 2010.

*Captain Joey Allin BAKER, CD* – for innovative leadership and dedication as the director of the Canadian Forces Museum of Aerospace Defence in North Bay, Ontario, June 2014 to March 2015.

*Colonel Keith BARCLAY of the United States of America* – for outstanding leadership and exceptional performance as senior advisor to the Chief of the General Staff of the Afghan National Army in Afghanistan, July 2013 to March 2014.

*Master Warrant Officer Joseph Roland Michel BERGERON, CD* – for an invaluable contribution as Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Division and A2, at 1st Canadian Air Division, since July 2011.

*Chief Warrant Officer Gary Bradley BIGGAR, MMM, CD* – for exceptional performance as the force sergeant major within the Multinational Force and Observers (Sinai), Egypt, July 2013 to July 2014.

*Master Corporal Mason Allan BIRT* – for selfless actions in rescuing two men from a capsized canoe near Cedar Island on Lake Ontario, 18 June 2014.

*Chief Warrant Officer Gerald BLAIS, MSM, CD* – for remarkable selflessness in coming to the aid of canoeists in two separate incidents near Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, on 22 and 23 June 2014.

*Captain Joseph Maurice Jocelyn BORDELEAU, MMV, CD* – for dedication, determination and outstanding work on the mental resilience of soldiers in the CAF, at Courcellette, Quebec, since 2011.

*Warrant Officer Barry John Artur BORTON, CD* – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as a Canadian Ranger Instructor and for the development of the 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group's Ground Search and Rescue capability in Northern Ontario, 2012 to 2013.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Denis Pierre Gerard Guy BOUCHER, CD* – for his leadership and professionalism as director of the Afghan National Security Forces Operations in Afghanistan, June 2013 to January 2014.

*Colonel Louis Hector Pierre Stéphane BOUCHER, CD* – for his leadership and professionalism as head of the operations and plans section and in his role as senior advisor to Afghan National Army G3 in Afghanistan, June 2013 to March 2014.

*Major Krista BOUCKAERT, CD* – for exceptional leadership and dedication while serving within the Regional Plans Directorate of the Strategic Joint Staff, Ottawa, Ontario, July 2013 to July 2015.



**Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Émile Paul Claude BOURGEOIS, CD** – for outstanding leadership as assistant co-advisor for the occupation of Mobile Support Equipment Operator in the Logistics Branch, April 2011 to June 2014.

**Commander John BROOKS of the United States of America** – for professionalism and swift actions in performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a CAF member who had suffered a heart attack at NORAD Headquarters, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America, 19 December 2013.

**Master Seaman Andrew BROWN, CD** – for outstanding dedication and actions during a major engine room fire while at sea onboard HMCS *Protecteur*, 27 February 2014.

**Chief Warrant Officer Joseph John Raymond BUTLER, MMM, MSM, CD** – for outstanding leadership and superb professionalism as senior coalition enlisted advisor within Regional Command – East, in Afghanistan, April 2013 to February 2014.

**Major Jeffrey George CHAPPEL, CD** – for outstanding dedication and performance as a member of 1 Canadian Air Division Directorate of Fleet Readiness Transport Section, May 2013 to August 2014.

**Captain Donald Neil CHRETIEN, CD** – for exemplary vision and uncompromising professionalism as the on-site technical expert for the inaugural Cyber Challenges executed within the CAF, October 2010 and March 2011.

**Lieutenant-Colonel Gino CHRETIEN, CD** – for his remarkable work and sound advice, which contributed to the success of many initiatives during his tour in ISAF Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan, July to December 2013.

**Corporal Marc-Antoine Joseph Rock CÔTÉ** – for providing first-aid to a colleague and for his actions after the bus in which he was riding flipped onto its side near Beauceville, Quebec, 11 November 2012.



Photo: Cpl Geneviève Lapointe

Corporal Côté receives his the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Commander of the Canadian Army in the presence of the Army Sergeant Major, Valcartier, 14 August 2015.

**Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Raymond CÔTÉ, MSM, CD (Retired)** – for professionalism, dedication and invaluable support to the Directorate of Honours and Recognition as the Investiture Officer, 2010 to 2015.

**Major Sean CURLEY** – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as the executive assistant to the commanding general of the NATO Training Mission and commander of the Canadian Contribution in Afghanistan, May 2013 to March 2014.



*Lieutenant Jesse Gordon Floyd DAVIS* – for outstanding actions by providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a man who had collapsed unconscious at the Toronto Dominion Bank in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, 4 February 2013.

*Master Warrant Officer Edward Allen DAWE, CD* – for providing invaluable contribution to the development, implementation and sustainment of the CAF Conduct After Capture Program in Kingston, Ontario, since 2008.

*Captain(N) Craig Patrick DONOVAN, CD* – for outstanding leadership and exceptional performance as chief of staff of the Deputy Commander – Police organization within the NATO Training Mission–Afghanistan, June 2012 to April 2013.

*Corporal Dominic DROLET* – for his intervention and knowledge of towing and first aid following an incident during a Light Armoured Vehicle III driving course in Valcartier, Quebec, 28 June 2010.

*Major John Joseph EDELMAN, CD* – for courage and decisiveness in the pursuit and apprehension of a dangerous suspect in Crystal City, Virginia, United States of America, 21 July 2014.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Douglas Lynn ERLANDSON, CD* – for exceptional planning, meticulous management and sage leadership related to the Canadian Forces College Distance Learning Joint Command and Staff Programme, since February 2003.

*Captain Konrad Anthony EYVINDSON, CD* – for exceptional insight and dedication as a project control officer with Project Polar Epsilon 2, since October 2012.

*Second Lieutenant Julien Raymond FERLAND* – for his actions in providing assistance to a burning man who was crying out in pain in the parking lot of a Québec City restaurant, Quebec, on 29 March 2014.

*Major Jo-Anne FLAWN-LAFORGE, CD* – for outstanding dedication and professionalism in the development and stewardship of the CAF Transition Programs, 2011 to 2014.

*Captain Caryl John FLETCHER, CD* – for outstanding dedication, remarkable vision and innovative planning as the officer in charge within the 3rd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group in Borden, Ontario, since 2009.

*Mr. Sébastien FOURNIER* – for contributing to the success of the regional workshop in Halifax in 2013 and the national workshop in Ottawa in 2014, as technical co-chair of the committee organizing the Federal Contaminated Sites Workshops of the Real Property Institute of Canada.

*Corporal Jason FUNNELL, MMV, CD* – for exceptional teaching skills, expert mentorship and serving as a role model to Aboriginal youth in Ontario, 2012 to 2013.

*Major Joseph Jean Gustave GARANT, CD* – for leadership as deputy operations officer with Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa) and for playing a key role in the success of the National Day of Honour, 9 May 2014.

*Brigadier-General Philip Frederick Charles GARBUTT, OMM, MSM, CD* – for remarkable leadership and professionalism as the Director General Air Force Development at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, since July 2014.



*Major Jeffrey Michael HALL, CD* – for outstanding leadership as J3C within 438 Air Expeditionary Wing while deployed to the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, June to December 2013.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Stephan Mark HANDEREK, CD* – for outstanding leadership and selfless dedication in organizing a highly successful community outreach program in Cartagena, Colombia, during his deployment on Operation CARIBBE aboard HMCS *Iroquois*, October 2012.

*Commander Alistair Rutherford HARRIGAN, CD* – for exceptional determination, innovation and leadership as commanding officer of the Personnel Control Centre in Esquimalt, British Columbia, in 2011.

*Ms. Susan HARRISON* – for outstanding leadership and dedication as Director General Workplace Management in Ottawa, Ontario, 1974 to 2015.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Alexandra HEBER* – for outstanding commitment and tireless dedication as a psychiatrist within the Canadian Forces Health Services Centre in Ottawa, Ontario, since 2006.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Christopher HERON, CD* – for exceptional leadership as Director Ammunition and Explosives Regulations in Ottawa, Ontario, January to December 2014.

*Senior Master Sergeant Laura HERRING of the United States of America* – for outstanding professionalism as director of the Advanced Leadership Programme of the CAF in Saint-Jean, Quebec, 2011 to 2014.

*Sergeant Richard Douglas HOSKINS, CD* – for selfless decisive actions in providing first aid to a severely injured baby following a car accident on Highway 416 near Ottawa, Ontario, 5 June 2014.

*Major-General Paul HUSSEY, OMM, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding professionalism, vision and dedication as colonel commandant of the Cadet Instructor Cadre Branch in Ottawa, Ontario, May 2009 to April 2015.

*Major Quentin Malcolm INNIS, CD* – for outstanding performance and leadership as chief of staff of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, June 2013 to March 2014.

*Major Timothy James ISBERG, CD* – for outstanding leadership and exceptional performance as chief of the Literacy and Language Division within the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, June to December 2013.

*Major David Neil JANE, CD* – for quick and decisive actions by taking charge of the scene and administering cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to a man who had collapsed at a bus stop in Ottawa, Ontario, 11 May 2015.

*Master Corporal Cynthia Irene JOYCEY* – for selfless and decisive actions in providing life-saving first aid to a man who had collapsed out of his car near the Montfort Hospital in Ottawa, Ontario, 28 June 2013.

*Corporal Howard KACK, CD* – for selfless and decisive actions when administering first aid to an elderly man who was struck by a vehicle along Lakeshore Road in Mississauga, Ontario, 26 December 2013.



*Sergeant Timothy Peter KIRK, CD* – for exceptional work ethic, trade knowledge and experience as a J2 analyst within the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, June 2013 to March 2014.

*Corporal Joseph Irénée Franco LACHANCE* – for providing first-aid to a colleague and for his actions after the bus in which he was riding flipped onto its side near Beauceville, Quebec, 11 November 2012.



Photo: Cpl Geneviève Lapointe

Corporal Lachance receives his the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Commander of the Canadian Army in the presence of the Army Sergeant Major, Valcartier, 14 August 2015.

*Colonel Normand LALONDE, OMM, CD* – for outstanding professionalism and organizational and communications skills as vice-chair of the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment 100th Anniversary Committee, March 2013 to October 2014.

*Petty Officer 1st Class Corey Arnold LANGE, CD* – for swift actions in performing the Heimlich procedure on a choking elderly woman at a restaurant in Kelowna, British Columbia, 9 March 2014.

*Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Raymond Guy Pierre LANGLOIS, MMM, CD* – for outstanding leadership, remarkable work ethic and a mastery of ceremonial in planning the parade for the National Day of Honour, held in Ottawa, Ontario, 9 May 2014.

*Corporal Dominic LAROCQUE* – for his perseverance, his participation in the Sochi 2014 Paralympic Games and his interactions with the media which reflected well on the CAF, since 2007.



Photo: Cpl Nicolas Tremblay

Corporal Larocque receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Armed Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Valcartier, 7 October 2015.



*Sergeant Curtis LEBLANC, CD* – for selfless actions in rescuing two men from a capsized canoe near Cedar Island on Lake Ontario, 18 June 2014.

*Master Corporal Christian LEJEUNE* – for his intervention and knowledge of towing and first aid following an incident during a Light Armoured Vehicle III driving course in Valcartier, Quebec, 28 June 2010.



Photo: Cpl Nicolas Tremblay

Master-Corporal (now Sergeant) Lejeune receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from the Chief of Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Armed Forces Chief Warrant Officer, Valcartier, 7 October 2015.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Benoit Ghislain LÉTOURNEAU, CD* – for outstanding leadership as the sole NATO representative on the Joint Host Nation Support Coordination Committee for NATO mission ACTIVE FENCE, 2013.

*Sergeant Steeve LEVERT, CD* – for efforts to increase community awareness of the Soldier On Program and for creating the Adaptive Diving Program for the disabled at the Toronto Garrison, since 2011.

*Colonel Ian LIGHTBODY, CD* – for outstanding leadership as Director Air Requirements and in leading a highly effective team to acquire a fifth CC-177 Globemaster III and implementing an interim Beyond Line of Sight capability for the CP-140 Aurora, August to December 2014.

*Major Michel LITALIEN, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding dedication to the military and civilian community in commemorative activities marking the start of the First World War and the 100th anniversary of the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment, 2012 to 2014.

*Corporal Jessica LOVE* – for professionalism and leadership during the complex air evacuation of a seriously injured member at Canadian Forces Base Wainwright, Alberta, 20 May 2014.

*Captain Brandon MacDONALD* – for exceptional performance as the S3 fielding officer within the Consolidated Fielding Center and Logistics Mentor to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, June to December 2013.

*Warrant Officer Andrew MACE* – for outstanding professionalism as the J2X-2 within the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, April to December 2013.

*Major Douglas MACNAIR, CD* – for outstanding professionalism as public affairs officer to the commander of the Canadian Contribution to the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, June 2013 to March 2014.



*Corporal Trevor MADGE* – for invaluable technical and operational expertise in resolving critical air defence software issues while posted at Canadian Forces Base North Bay, Ontario, throughout 2014.

*Captain Benjamin James MAHAR* – for exceptional technical abilities as a systems engineer while employed at the MERCURY GLOBAL Project Management Office at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, 2013 to 2014.

*Captain Christian MARANDA, CD* – for efforts to heighten awareness in the military and civilian community of the challenges facing seriously injured military personnel, at Courcellette, Quebec, since 2012.



Photo: Cpl Geneviève Lapointe

Captain Maranda receives his Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation from Lieutenant-General Joseph Marcel Marquis Hainse, CMM, MSC, CD, Commander of the Canadian Army, in the presence of Chief Warrant Officer Alain Guimond, MMM, CD, Army Sergeant Major, Valcatier, 14 August 2015.

*Sergeant Sophie Micheline Cécile Édith MARTEL* – for her actions in providing assistance to a burning man who was crying out in pain in the parking lot of a Québec City restaurant, Quebec, on 29 March 2014.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Jon McCOOMBS* – for outstanding professionalism as a member of the intelligence team while deployed on Operation ARTEMIS aboard HMCS *Regina*, February to May 2014.

*Colonel Steven MERKEL of the United States of America* – for exceptional performance and outstanding leadership as chief of staff of the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, June 2013 to June 2014.

*Colonel Ivars Arnis MIEZITIS, CD* – for outstanding professionalism as senior advisor to the Afghan National Army's Director of General Staff in Afghanistan, April 2013 to March 2014.

*Colonel Ivars Arnis MIEZITIS, CD* – for remarkable leadership and unwavering dedication in bringing the Families of the Fallen to Ottawa, Ontario, for the National Day of Honour, 9 May 2014.

*Warrant Officer Scott Bentley MILLER, CD* – for outstanding dedication and professionalism as leader of the Military Police Security Service Detachment in Cairo, Egypt, August 2011 to July 2014.

*Major Mark Alexander MOMBOURQUETTE, CD* – for outstanding leadership as advisor to the deputy director of the Afghan Air Force Air Command and Control Centre in Afghanistan, July 2013 to March 2014.





*Warrant Officer Michael MORRISON, CD* – for outstanding leadership and professionalism in providing medical care and initiating cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the driver involved in a motor vehicle accident in Aldergrove, British Columbia, 15 March 2013.

*Mr. Reza MORTAZAVI* – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as a technology officer with Director General Information Management Operations in Ottawa, Ontario, 2012 to 2015.

*Colonel Shawn Paul MYERS, CD* – for exceptional leadership and dedication as the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Branch advisor in Ottawa, Ontario, July 2011 to April 2014.

*Mr. Brian NAUD* – for outstanding dedication and remarkable professionalism as public affairs manager for activities associated with the 100th anniversary of Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment, October 2013 to October 2014.

*Private Heather Kent NICHOLSON* – for her calm demeanour and swift actions when performing the Heimlich procedure on her co-worker at the Joint Meteorological Centre in Oromocto, New Brunswick, 26 March 2013.

*Warrant Officer Trevor John NIELSEN, CD* – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as the Tactical Air Transport Coordinator at the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre in Trenton, Ontario, since July 2012.

*Sergeant Eric NORMANDIN, CD* – for his leadership and remarkable work ethic as S4 maintenance advisor at the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan from June to December 2013.

*Captain Robert Scott OIKLE, CD* – for selfless and decisive actions after witnessing a multiple vehicle accident on Highway 401, near Napanee, Ontario, and directing bystanders to call 911 and rendering first aid to the victims, 27 May 2014.

*Sergeant Walter Anthony PARSONS, CD* – for exceptional leadership as a member of the Atlantic Defence Aboriginal Advisory Group, since 2004.

*Major Albert Mario PELLETIER, MMM, CD* – for exemplary leadership and dedication as regimental major of the Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Régiment during execution of the commemoration program marking the Regiment's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, 2014.

*Master Corporal Carl PORTMAN* – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as the team leader of Rescue 314 in the extraction of a severely injured casualty of a boating accident on the Athabasca River, near Fort McMurray, Alberta, 29 September 2013.

*Master Warrant Officer Jean-Louis PROTEAU, CD* – for tireless dedication in developing the Advanced Leadership Program designed for non-commissioned members at Royal Military College Saint-Jean, Quebec, July 2012 to January 2014.

*Chief Warrant Officer Joseph André Michel PROVENCHER, CD* – for his exceptional leadership and professionalism as regimental sergeant major of the Consolidated Fielding Centre in Afghanistan, June 2013 to March 2014.



*Colonel Darlene Olga QUINN, OMM, CD* – for outstanding leadership and perseverance in overseeing the Transformation Initiative to centralize the management of the DND Real Property under the Assistant Deputy Minister (Infrastructure and Environment), May 2013 to June 2015.

*Corporal Dustin RENZ* – for quick and decisive actions when performing the Heimlich procedure on a choking woman in a local restaurant in Barrie, Ontario, 18 July 2013.

*Commander Darren RICH, CD* – for exceptional professionalism and distinctive accomplishments as the first Canadian Joint Operations Command liaison officer to NORAD, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America, August 2011 to June 2014.

*Sergeant Shane RINGER, CD* – for outstanding leadership and performance in support of air force capital projects while serving as an air analyst with Chief of Force Development in Ottawa, Ontario, July 2013 to May 2015.

*Master Corporal Geoffrey ROWAN* – for exceptional leadership, skill and courage in preserving the life of a teammate who was gravely injured during a training parachute jump, 9 January 2013.

*Master Corporal David Joseph Philippe ROY-LAMONTAGNE* – for his actions and remarkable sense of initiative in applying first-aid to a seriously injured student at 2nd Canadian Division Training Centre in Valcartier, Quebec, 16 July 2013.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Randolph Boyd RUSSELL, CD* – for exceptional leadership, ingenuity and tenacity in resolving the medical officer shortfall issue within the Canadian Forces Health Services, 2001 to 2012.

*Lieutenant Colonel Travis RUSSELL of the United States of America* – for professionalism and swift actions in performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a CAF member who had suffered a heart attack at NORAD Headquarters, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America, 19 December 2013.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Jean Luc SABOURIN, CD* – for his leadership and remarkable efforts as deputy director of the Combined Air Operations Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 2013.

*Major Yvonne Doreen SEVERS, CD* – for outstanding dedication as the senior staff officer in support of Medical Countermeasures Research and Development in Ottawa, Ontario, July 2012 to May 2014.

*Honorary Colonel David SMITH, CM, OOnt* – for providing exceptional work ethic, steadfast support and commitment to the men and women of the CAF as Honorary Colonel of Canadian Forces Support Unit in Ottawa, Ontario, since 2012.

*Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Colin SMITH, CD* – for selfless and decisive actions following an accident involving a motor vehicle and cyclist on Highway 207, near Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia, 16 October 2013.

*Major Ryan STIMPSON* – for outstanding efforts as the J3 of the National Command and Support Element in Afghanistan, June 2013 to March 2014.

*Master Corporal Joseph Frédérick Maxime ST-PIERRE, CD* – for selfless actions in saving the life of a woman suffering respiratory distress in Chicoutimi, Quebec, 8 February 2013, and for preventing a child from drowning in the 3 Wing Bagotville swimming pool, 20 April 2013.



*Major Daniel TANGUAY, CD* – for consummate leadership, vision and professionalism in implementing the innovative Canadian Forces Recruiting Group 2016 recruiting strategy born of the Chief of Military Personnel operational redesign, November 2013 to January 2015.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Ernest Daniel THÉRIAULT, CD* – for outstanding leadership and vast knowledge as senior assistant advisor to the G3 of the Afghan National Army, November 2012 to July 2013.

*Captain Candice THOMPSON* – for outstanding leadership as Task Force Movements officer for Operation NUNALIVUT, March to August 2014.

*Master Corporal Satraj TOOR* – for outstanding professionalism, remarkable trade knowledge and dedication as the lead analyst and team leader for the Land Force Intelligence Center's contribution to the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command led Virtual Response Team UKRAINE, February to June 2014.

*Lieutenant-Colonel John Michael Christian VALTONEN, CD* – for outstanding leadership and performance as deputy chief of staff for the NATO Training Mission – Afghanistan, January to December 2013.

*Corporal Seth VAN LOON* – for selfless and decisive actions when he triaged ten casualties and began life saving treatment following a serious accident involving a school bus and a truck near Carstairs, Alberta, 25 October 2013.

*Warrant Officer Joseph Maxime Bernard VEILLEUX, CD* – for his swift actions in administering first aid to a man suffering serious heart failure in Gatineau, Quebec, on 24 September 2013.

*Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Philippe Alain VEILLEUX, CD* – for leadership, initiative and work ethic as the senior liaison officer with the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, July 2013 to August 2014.

*Corporal René VILLENEUVE* – for selfless and decisive actions when he took control of the scene of a multiple vehicle accident on Highway 17 near Petawawa, Ontario, entered the vehicle, extricated the injured passengers and rendered first aid, 3 August 2014.

*Commodore Mark Bradley WATSON, CD* – for outstanding professionalism as the director general of the newly named Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services in Ottawa, Ontario, since July 2012.

*Master Corporal Christopher Jerry Cecil WELLS, CD* – for outstanding integrity and personal initiative by identifying a potentially catastrophic flaw in the C4 gas mask and contributing to the implementation of an effective solution, in 2014.

*Sergeant Bradley WESTERMAN, CD* – for outstanding leadership and tactical acumen as the Task Force Tripoli Diplomatic Armed Escort team leader in Libya, November 2012 to March 2013.

*Colonel Kevin Gordon WHALE, CD* – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as the Director General Air Readiness in Ottawa, Ontario, January to July 2015.

*Corporal David Anthony WISEMAN* – for selfless and decisive actions in giving chase to an armed assailant after hearing gunfire and witnessing the individual with a rifle in hand run away from the National War Memorial in Ottawa, Ontario, 22 October 2014.



*Captain Andrea WOOKEY* – for outstanding professionalism and selfless actions in providing medical care following a car accident near Laurentian Hills, Ontario, 22 January 2013.

*Warrant Officer Stephen YERGEAU, CD* – for outstanding professionalism and dedication while serving as an intelligence officer under the Canadian defence attaché in Kiev, Ukraine, April to August 2014.

*Major Shane Adam ZIMA, CD* – for exceptional performance as commanding officer of the National Command and Support Element in Afghanistan, June to December 2013.

*Three members from Canadian Special Operations Forces Command were awarded the Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation. For security and operational reasons, the names and citations are not released.*



# Command Commendation

The **Command Commendation** is awarded by a command to recognize a contribution affecting or reflecting well on the command. While names and citations for these awards are not included, the following numbers of awards have been made by the authorized commands in 2015:

Vice Chief of the Defence Staff:	70
Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy:	33
Commander of the Canadian Army:	32
Commander of the Royal Canadian Air Force:	44
Commander of Military Personnel Command:	39
Commander of Canadian Joint Operational Command:	87
Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command:	31
Commander of Canadian Forces Intelligence Command:	8
Deputy Commander NORAD:	10
<hr/> Total:	<hr/> 354



Sergeant Joseph Yvon Éric Bélanger, CD, receives his Command Commendation from the Commander of the Canadian Army, in the presence of the Army Sergeant Major, Valcartier, 14 August 2015.



Photo: Cpl Geneviève Lapointe



Photo: Cpl Geneviève Lapointe

Sergeant Martin Simard, CD, receives his Canadian Joint Operation Command Commendation from the Commander of the Army, in the presence of the Army Sergeant Major, Valcartier, 14 August 2015.

Major Bethany White, CD, receives her Command Commendation from Lieutenant-General Christine Theresa Whitecross, OMM, MSM, CD, Commander of Military Personnel Command, in the presence of Chief Warrant Officer Bill Leahy, CD, 1 Health Services Group Chief Warrant Officer, Master Warrant Officer Jake Meek, CD, and Captain(N) Rebecca Patterson, CD, Edmonton, 28 August 2015.



Photo: DND



Photo: 11 CF H Svcs C

Corporal Lorin Sellyeh and Corporal Melanie Kibsey receive their Commander of Military Personnel Command Commendations from Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Joudrey, CD, Canadian Forces Base Shilo Commanding Officer, in the presence of Master Warrant Officer Sean Davis, CD, Canadian Forces Base Shilo Acting Regimental Sergeant Major, Shilo, 20 May 2015.

Warrant Officer Cheryl Dawn Jardine, CD receives her Commander of Military Personnel Command Commendation from Colonel Dan Farris, OMM, CD, Commander 4 Health Services Group, Halifax, 29 September 2015.



Photo: Mr. Damien Scott



Lieutenant-Colonel Aaron Spott, CD, receives his Command Commendation from Lieutenant-General Michael John Hood, CD, Commander Royal Canadian Air Force, during a ceremony at 1 Canadian Air Division Headquarters, Winnipeg, 24 August 2015.



Photo: MCp Rick Ayer



Photo: Sgt Pascal Quille

Major Gordon Mintz receives his Command Commendation from the Commander Royal Canadian Air Force, in the presence of his wife, Margret Mintz, and Chief Warrant Officer Gérard Poitras, MMM, MSM, CD, the Royal Canadian Air Force Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 26 October 2015.





Photo: MCpl Michael Bastien

Master Warrant Officer Paul Brown, CD, receives his Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy Command Commendation from Rear Admiral Gilles Couturier, OMM, CD, Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, in the presence of Major Dale Ardnt, CD, and Chief Petty Officer 1st class Todd Kelly, CD, Chief and Petty Officer's Mess, Esquimalt, 20 October 2015.

Master Seaman Matthew Garis, CD, receives his Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy Command Commendation from the Commander Maritime Forces Pacific, in the presence of Chief Petty Officer 2nd Class Jean-Paul Ayotte, CD, during a ceremony at the Chief & Petty Officer's Mess, Esquimalt, 20 October 2015.



Photo: MCpl Michael Bastien



Photo: Cpl Julie Fougères

Mr. David Leach receives his Command Commendation from Brigadier-General Michael Rouleau, OMM, MSC, CD, Commander of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command, in the presence of Chief Warrant Officer Dan Legault, CD, CANSOFCOM Chief Warrant Officer, Ottawa, 12 March 2015.



Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Vadon, CD, receives his Command Commendation from Lieutenant-General Guy Robert Thibault, CMM, MSC, CD, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, during a ceremony at the Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess, Ottawa, 23 June 2015.



Photo: Cpl Anthony Laviolette



Photo: Cpl Anthony Laviolette

Major Marie Jacinthe Valérie Bouffard, CD, receives her Command Commendation from the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, during a ceremony at the Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess, Ottawa, 23 June 2015.



## Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service

The **Canadian Forces Medallion for Distinguished Service** is awarded by the Chief of the Defence Staff on behalf of the CAF to recognize outstanding service performed by persons other than active military personnel. The following 21 awards have been announced in 2015:

*Mr. Michel AUBIN, CD* – for professionalism and dedication as vice president Promotion and Marketing of the Bagotville International Air Show, since 1983.



Photo: LS Alex Roy

Mr. Aubin receives his Canadian Forces Medallion of Distinguished Service from the Chief of Defence Staff, in the presence of the Canadian Armed Forces Chief Warrant Officer, CFB Bagotville, 7 October 2015.

*Lieutenant-Commander David Clarke BEDFORD, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as project director for the CF Weather and Oceanographic Service Transformation Initiative at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, 2007 to 2015.

*Dr. Lorne William BENTLEY, MSM, CD* – for providing a generation of CAF leaders with inspirational and visionary doctrine as a member of the Canadian Defence Academy Defence Team in Kingston, Ontario, since 2005.

*CANADIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION* – for supporting the CAF within the National and International oral health communities and in joining the CAF to assist in creating the Afghan Dental Association in 2013.

*Chief Warrant Officer John William CLARKE, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding professionalism and dedication as a volunteer curator at the Cape Breton Highlanders Museum, since 1995.

*Ms. Laurel CLEGG* – for exceptional professionalism and dedication as the casualty identification coordinator at the Directorate of History and Heritage, Ottawa, Ontario, since 2007.



*Mr. Thomas COLEMAN of the United States of America* – for outstanding dedication and professionalism while serving as the NORAD J2 Engagements, Directorate of Intelligence, at Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America, July 2012 to October 2014.

*Master Warrant Officer Michael Glenn CORNECT, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding dedication and professionalism as chief of production for all geospatial foundation data produced by the Mapping and Charting Establishment in Ottawa, Ontario, 2001 to 2015.

*Mr. Charles COX of the United States of America* – for outstanding actions by performing artificial respiration and cardiopulmonary resuscitation to a CAF member who suffered a heart attack at NORAD Headquarters, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America, 19 December 2013.

*Mr. Troy CROWDER* – for providing instrumental support for the Enforcers for the Forces fundraising initiative, benefitting the Military Families Fund and the Soldier On program.

*Mr. Richard FADDEN* – for outstanding professionalism and skillful leadership as deputy minister of National Defence in Ottawa, Ontario, May 2013 to January 2015.

*Mr. Jean FOURNIER, CM, CQ* – for the dedication and support he has given the CAF as Provincial (Quebec) Chair of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council, since 2008.

*Colonel Marielle Sylvie GAGNÉ, CD (Retired)* – for strong work ethic and invaluable leadership while working for Director Health Services Personnel, since 2004.

*Mr. Gregory GALLANT* – for outstanding professionalism, dedication and exemplary volunteer service as the Prince Edward Island Regimental Museum curator, since March 1991.

*Major-General Joseph Paul Yvon Daniel GOSSELIN, CMM, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding leadership and professionalism as Chair of the Chief of Defence Staff Advisory Group in Ottawa, Ontario, August 2012 to July 2015.

*Major-General Douglas Wilfred LANGTON, CMM, CD (Retired)* – for exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication as the Associate Director General Morale and Welfare Services in Ottawa, Ontario, since 2011.

*Mr. Kevin LINDSEY* – for outstanding leadership and financial expertise as the Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance and Corporate Services) and chief financial officer and Departmental lead for Defence renewal at National Defence Headquarters, Ottawa, Ontario, June 2009 to December 2014.

*Warrant Officer Craig McPHEE, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding dedication and perseverance in establishing the first annual wreath laying ceremony at Beechwood Cemetery in Ottawa, Ontario, 2011.

*Mr. Martin PEDNEAULT* – for exemplary leadership and professionalism as programmer analyst in the development of essential software at 3 Wing Bagotville, Quebec, since 1997.

*Chief Warrant Officer Robert POLLITT, CD (Retired)* – for outstanding leadership and dedication as a volunteer curator for the Princess of Wales' Own Regimental Museum in Kingston, Ontario, 2000 to 2012.

*Mr. Gary WATTS of the United States of America* – for unwavering commitment and support to the Canadian Army as the operations manager of the Blackstone Army Airfield in Virginia, United States of America, since 2001.

# *Unit Awards*



## Canadian Forces Unit Commendation

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

The following six awards have been announced in 2015:

*408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron – Edmonton* – for outstanding leadership, airmanship and dedication in the development and sustainment of a tactical unmanned aerial vehicle capability in Afghanistan, May 2005 to December 2011.

*The Calgary Highlanders – Calgary* – for outstanding dedication and sustained commitment towards the war in Afghanistan, from 2001 to 2011.

*United States Ship Chosin* – for rendering invaluable assistance to HMCS *Protecteur* after a catastrophic engine room fire while at sea, 1 to 6 March 2014.

*United States Ship Michael Murphy* – for outstanding actions, commendable seamanship and technical acumen while attempting to take HMCS *Protecteur* under tow following an engine room fire, 28 February to 1 March 2014.

*United States Naval Ship Sioux* – for exceptional technical expertise and incredible seamanship when successfully taking the crippled HMCS *Protecteur* under tow to Pearl Harbor, following an engine room fire, 1 to 6 March 2014.

*United States Navy (Hawaii)* – for exemplary commitment in ensuring the safe return of HMCS *Protecteur* to Pearl Harbor and then to Canada, following an engine room fire, 28 February to May 2014.



Photo: MCpl Melanie Ferguson

The Chief of the Defence Staff presents the Canadian Forces Unit Commendation to The Calgary Highlanders, during a ceremony at Mewata Armoury, Calgary, on 9 January 2015. From left to right: General Thomas James Lawson, CMM, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, Lieutenant-Colonel Kyle Clapperton, CD, Commanding Officer of The Calgary Highlanders, Chief Warrant Officer Chris Tucker, CD, Regimental Sergeant-Major, and Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Charles West, MMM, MSM, CD, Canadian Forces Chief Warrant Officer.



Photo: United States Navy Photo Services

Rear Admiral Bill Truelove, Commander of Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force Pacific, presents the Canadian Forces Unit Commendation to the crew of USS *Chosin* on June 6, 2015, at a reception onboard HMCS *Calgary* while the ship was participating in Fleet Week at the Portland Rose Festival in Portland, Oregon.

# Honorary Distinctions

In November 2014, the Canadian Forces Honours Policy Committee, acting as the Canadian Forces Battle Honours Committee, concluded that five units of the Canadian army which contributed to the joint mobilization of specific composite units during the Second World War were not recognized for their contributions in a fashion similar to other units of the Canadian Army.

In keeping with Canadian military tradition and precedent set in the Battle Honours process and on the unanimous recommendation of the Battle Honours Committee, the allocations of the emblazonable honorary distinctions are as follows:

- The wartime badge of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders with the year dates "1944-45" to the Prince Edward Island Regiment (RCAC) in recognition of the role played by the Prince Edward Island Highlanders in the mobilization of the Canadian Active Service Force (CASF) unit of the North Nova Scotia Highlanders, and
- The wartime badge of the Regina Rifle Regiment with the year dates "1944-45" to the North Saskatchewan Regiment in recognition of the role played by The Prince Albert and Battleford Volunteers in the mobilization of the CASF unit of the Regina Rifle Regiment.

The award of honorary distinctions to the following units, if and when they are ever activated from the supplementary order of battle and converted to armour or infantry units is authorized:

- The wartime badge of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders with the year dates "1944-45" to the Prince of Wales Rangers (Peterborough Regiment) in recognition of the role played by that regiment in the mobilization of the CASF unit of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders,
- The wartime badge of the 12th Manitoba Dragoons with the year dates "1944-45" to the Manitoba Mounted Rifles in recognition of the role played by that regiment in the mobilization of the CASF unit of the 12th Manitoba Dragoons, and
- The wartime badge of the 12th Manitoba Dragoons with the year dates "1944-45" to the 2nd Armoured Car Regiment in recognition of the role played by that regiment in the mobilization of the CASF unit of the 12th Manitoba Dragoons.



# Commonwealth & Foreign Awards

When the acceptance and wear of a Commonwealth or foreign award is approved by Her Majesty's Canadian Government following the usual diplomatic process, the award is published in *The Canada Gazette* or in a CANFORGEN. The list hereunder includes all such publications regarding CAF members for 2015 with the related publication date indicated.



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

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY HER MAJESTY  
IN RIGHT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

*Operational Service  
Medal – Afghanistan*

Captain Timothy Shanti HOLMES-MITRA ..... 28 February 2015  
Sergeant Jonathon McCALLUM, CD ..... 29 August 2015  
Captain Graham Alexander MORGAN ..... 25 July 2015

*Ebola Medal for Service  
in West Africa*

Captain Raymond Francis HARTERY, CD ..... 26 September 2015  
Major Ian Craig SCHOONBAERT, CD ..... 31 October 2015

DECORATION CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

*Baryaal Darajaah Yak  
(Successfulness 1st Grade)*

Colonel Brock MILLMAN, CD ..... 21 December 2015

DECORATION CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL

*Grand Officer of the Order  
of Merit Military*

Lieutenant-General Joseph Marcel Marquis  
HAINSE, CMM, MSC, CD ..... 21 December 2015

DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

*Faith in the Cause Military Medal*

Captain Gary Bradley BIGGAR,  
MMM, CD ..... 21 December 2015  
Lieutenant-General Joseph Marcel Marquis  
HAINSE, CMM, MSC, CD ..... 21 December 2015



DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

*Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honour*

Lieutenant-General Peter John DEVLIN, CMM, MSC, CD (Retired) ..... 28 February 2015

*Knight of the National Order of Merit*

Major Joseph Aimé Marcel CLOUTIER, CD.... 31 January 2015

*National Defence Medal, Bronze Echelon*

Major Christian Johann GLAUNINGER, CD ..... 28 February 2015  
 Major Charles Marc Andras MANGLIAR, CD .... 4 April 2015  
 Captain Pierre-Luc NICOLAS ..... 26 December 2015

DECORATION CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN

*Grand Officer of the Al-Hussein Order of Military Merit*

Lieutenant-Colonel Lawrence James ZAPORZAN, OMM, CD..... 21 December 2015



Photo: The Zaporzan Family Collection

Lieutenant-Colonel Zaporzan receives the insignia of Grand Officer of the Al-Hussein Order of Military Merit from a representative of the Jordanian Armed Forces.



DECORATIONS CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Legion of Merit – Degree of  
Commander*

General Thomas James LAWSON,  
CMM, CD ..... 31 October 2015  
Vice-Admiral Mark Arnold Gordon NORMAN,  
CMM, CD ..... 26 September 2015

*Legion of Merit – Degree of Officer*

Commodore Joseph Pierre Gilles  
COUTURIER, OMM, CD ..... 28 February 2015  
Brigadier-General Wayne Donald EYRE,  
MSC, CD ..... 4 April 2015  
Lieutenant-General Alain PARENT,  
CMM, CD ..... 26 December 2015

*Bronze Star Medal*

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph Claude Martin  
ARCAND, CD ..... 25 April 2015  
Chief Warrant Officer Joseph John Raymond  
BUTLER, MMM, CD ..... 30 May 2015  
Major-General James Robert FERRON,  
OMM, MSC, CD ..... 25 July 2015  
Major Stephen Joseph KUERVERS, CD ..... 28 February 2015

*Defense Meritorious  
Service Medal*

Major Joseph Jean Luc Charles CÔTÉ,  
OMM, CD ..... 28 November 2015  
Lieutenant-Colonel Paul Gregory  
YOUNG, CD ..... 26 September 2015  
Lieutenant-Colonel James Patrick  
FOLLWELL, CD ..... 30 May 2015

*Meritorious Service Medal – Second  
Oak Leaf Cluster*

Lieutenant-Colonel Patrick Harry  
McADAM, CD ..... 27 June 2015



### *Meritorious Service Medal*

- Major Kevin Lee CIESIELSKI, CD ..... 28 February 2015
- Major Michael Auguste CLEMENT, CD..... 31 January 2015
- Master Corporal Paul James CLOWE ..... 26 September 2015
- Warrant Officer Gary CUNNINGHAM, CD ..... 31 October 2015
- Major Sean CURLEY, CD ..... 29 August 2015
- Master Warrant Officer David Connor DALY, CD..... 29 August 2015
- Lieutenant-Colonel Shane Warran GIFFORD, CD..... 28 November 2015
- Lieutenant-Colonel Matthew Philip HAUSSMANN, CD ..... 30 May 2015
- Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Lowell HAVERSTOCK, CD ..... 28 February 2015
- Major Michael Joseph LEMIRE, CD ..... 4 April 2015
- Major Charles Marc Andras MANGLIAR, CD..... 28 February 2015
- Warrant Officer Robert Brant McKENDRY, CD ..... 28 February 2015
- Colonel Brock MILLMAN, CD..... 26 December 2015
- Warrant Officer Kelly Andrew MULLAGH, CD ..... 4 April 2015
- Captain Neeraj PANDEY ..... 25 April 2015
- Captain Annie SHEINK, CD ..... 30 May 2015

### *Air Medal*

- Warrant Officer Mark KEOWN, CD ..... 26 December 2015

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

### *Meritorious Service Medal*

- Chief Warrant Officer Herbert Alan SULLY, CD ..... 28 November 2015

*In Memoriam*



The following 4 members of Her Majesty's Canadian Armed Forces died in the service of Canada in 2015.

Petty Officer 1st Class Howard Noel Richard DYKE, CD	Cuba	31 January 2015
Sergeant Joseph Mark Anthony SALESSE, CD	Canada	11 February 2015
Sergeant Andrew Joseph DOIRON, CD	Iraq	7 March 2015
Private Kirby Alexander TOTT	Canada	25 July 2015



The 2015 Silver Cross Mother is Mrs. Sheila Anderson, mother of the late Corporal Jordan Anderson who was killed by a roadside bomb along with five other Canadian soldiers as well as an Afghan interpreter, in the Panjwaii district southwest of Kandahar City, Afghanistan, on 4 July 2007.

Photo: The Royal Canadian Legion



Photo: Cpl Tina Gillies

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is to remind all Canadians of the human cost of our country's commitment to the cause of peace and freedom in the past, in the present, and in the future. This sarcophagus was built at the front of Canada's National War Memorial in Ottawa to contain the remains of an unknown Canadian soldier who died in France sometime during the First World War (1914-1918). We do not know his age, or the unit he fought with, or the date of his death; no one does. The Remains were exhumed from Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Plot 8, Row E, Grave 7. A marker, resembling the other Commission headstones in the cemetery, sits on the now empty grave. It is inscribed as follows:

**"THE FORMER GRAVE OF AN UNKNOWN CANADIAN SOLDIER OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR. HIS REMAINS WERE REMOVED ON 25 MAY 2000 AND NOW LIE INTERRED AT THE NATIONAL WAR MEMORIAL IN OTTAWA CANADA"**



*2015 Honours and  
Recognition Highlights*

## January

- 13 CANFORGEN 011/15 is released announcing that the Armed Forces Council has approved the addition of qualifying service to the eligibility lists of certain campaign and service medals.

## February

- 6 CANFORGEN 012/15 is released announcing the termination of appointment of a member of the CAF in the Order of Military Merit.
- 11 CANFORGEN 014/15 is released announcing the allocation of Honorary Distinctions to five units of the Canadian Army.
- 26 The Governor General presents the insignia of membership in the Order of Military Merit to 50 CAF members (two Commanders, 11 Officers and 37 Members) during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

## March

- 6 The Governor General presents Canadian Bravery Decorations, including two Medals of Bravery to members of the CAF, during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

## April

- 7 CANFORGEN 034/15 is released announcing that the Armed Forces Council has approved revisions to the criteria for the award of the CDS Commendation, the Command Commendations and the CF Medallion for Distinguished Service.

## May

- 25 The Minister of National Defence and Warrant Officer Patrick Tower, SMV, CD (Retired) unveiled a commemorative plaque at the Valour Building in Ottawa to honour the 20 recipients of the Star of Military Valour – the highest decoration awarded during Canada’s 12-year mission in Afghanistan – for their courage, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty.



Photo: Cpl Carbe Orellana

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP, Minister of National Defence and Warrant Officer Patrick Tower, SMV, CD (Retired) unveiled the commemorative plaque at the Valour Building in Ottawa on 25 May 2015. The building was renamed during the National Day of Honour commemoration in May 2014, following the end of Canada’s mission in Afghanistan.



## June

8 During a private ceremony at Rideau Hall, the Governor General, as Chancellor of the Order, presented an Order of Military Merit paperweight to the outgoing Chief of the Defence Staff in recognition of his service as Principal Commander of the Order and Chair of its Advisory Council. The tradition of presenting a paperweight to outgoing members of the Council of the Order was re-instituted as part of the 40th anniversary of the Order in 2012.

8 The Governor General presents the insignia of membership in the Order of Military Merit to 48 CAF members (two Commanders, eight Officers and 38 Members) during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.



23 The Governor General announces that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has approved the creation of the Polar Medal. This new medal will celebrate Canada's Northern heritage and give recognition to persons who render extraordinary services in the polar regions and Canada's North.

26 The Governor General presents Canadian Bravery Decorations and Meritorious Service Decorations (Military Division) to members of the CAF and allied forces, including eight Medals of Bravery, five Meritorious Service Crosses (Military Division), and 25 Meritorious Service Medals (Military Division) during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

30 CANFORGEN 118/15 is released announcing that the Armed Forces Council has approved the addition of qualifying service to the eligibility lists of certain campaign and service medals.

## July

7 CANFORGEN 123/15 is released announcing that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II approved the creation of the Polar Medal. The Program will incorporate and replace the Governor General's Northern Medal. The Polar Medal will celebrate Canada's northern heritage and recognize persons who render extraordinary services in the polar regions and Canada's North. It will recognize those who have contributed to or endeavoured to promote a greater understanding of Canada's northern communities and its people and honour those individuals who have withstood the rigours of the polar climate to make significant contributions to polar exploration and knowledge, scientific research, and the securement of Canada's northern sovereignty.

8 The Governor General presides over the inaugural presentation ceremony of the newly created Polar Medal, at the MacBride Museum of Yukon History in Whitehorse, Yukon. During the ceremony, the governor general presented Second Lieutenant Dorothy Tootoo, the first CAF member to receive this honour, with the Polar Medal. Second Lieutenant Tootoo of Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, is the officer responsible for sustaining the cadet program in Rankin Inlet. Demonstrating unwavering commitment to the program, she has enlisted the support of Elders within the community to establish a mentoring program. In addition, as the residence manager at Arctic College, she seeks out every opportunity to help students persist in their studies and achieve their goals.



Photo: Sgt Ronald Duchesne

Second Lieutenant Dorothy Tootoo receives the Polar Medal from the Governor General, at the MacBride Museum of Yukon History in Whitehorse, Yukon, 8 July 2015.



- 15 The Governor General announces that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has approved the creation of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers. This new medal will recognize volunteers who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contribution to their community, in Canada or abroad. It will replace the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award as of Spring 2016.
- 17 The Governor General presides over the ceremony marking the Change of Command of the Canadian Armed Forces. During the ceremony at the Shaw Centre in Ottawa, Ontario, the Governor General, as Commander-in-Chief, signed the Change of Command certificates and presented the pennant to the newly appointed Chief of the Defence Staff, General Jonathan Holbert Vance, CMM, MSC, CD, who also becomes the Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit in accordance with the Order's Constitution.



Photo: Cpl Darcy Lefebvre

The Principal Commander's chain of office is displayed on the table where the Governor General, General Lawson and General Vance sign the Change of Appointment Certificates, Ottawa, 17 July 2015.

## September

- 11 CANFORGEN 168/15 is released to announce an amendment to CANFORGEN 118/15 regarding the addition of qualifying service to the eligibility lists of certain campaign and service medals.
- 24 CANFORGEN 176/15 is released announcing that the Armed Forces Council has approved the addition of qualifying service to the eligibility lists of certain campaign and service medals.



General Jonathan Holbert Vance, CMM, MSC, CD, Chief of the Defence Staff, wearing his chain of office as the Principal Commander of the Order of Military Merit, Rideau Hall, 25 September 2015.

Photo: Corporal Michael MacIssac

## October

- 5 The Governor General presents two Meritorious Service Medals (military division) to members of the CAF, during a ceremony at La Citadelle of Québec.

## November

- 10 The Governor General presents the insignia of membership in the Order of Military Merit to 39 CAF members (two Commanders, 8 Officers and 29 Members) during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

*2015 Honours and  
Recognition Changes*

## Addition of eligible service for campaign and service medals

Announcements were made on 13 January, 30 June, 11 September and 24 September 2015 regarding the addition of service to the eligibility lists for certain campaign and service medals as follows:

### *General Campaign Star with SOUTH-WEST ASIA ribbon (GCS-SWA):*

- Service in the theatre of operations consisting of the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Red Sea, the Suez Canal and those parts of the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea that are west of sixty-eight degrees East longitude and north of five degrees South latitude, as well as the airspace above those areas for at least 30 cumulative days commencing on 1 August 2009 and ending 14 May 2014, provided that the service has not been recognized by another service medal. The end date for the Naval Theatre has been approved



### *General Campaign Star with EXPEDITION ribbon (GCS-EXP):*

- Service by CAF members inside the theatre of operations consisting of the political boundaries of Syria, its airspace and territorial waters, since 20 April 2015 (Op IMPACT)



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

- Eligibility shall be suspended for CAF members deployed to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, on 4 October 2014 until the day following the conclusion of Op IMPACT. Eligibility in that location will be restored at the conclusion of Op IMPACT
- Service of CAF members deployed to forward logistics sites (FLS) in direct support to Canadian ships attached to the combined task force (CTF) 150, 151 or 152 (Op ARTEMIS), while conducting activities in the ports located in the following countries: Republic of Djibouti, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, India, Egypt, Tanzania, Bahrain and Pakistan, and any other ports contiguous to the naval theatre consisting of the Persian gulf, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Red Sea, the Suez Canal and those parts of the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea that are west of sixty-eight degrees East longitude and north of five degrees South latitude, from 22 April 2012 to 14 May 2014



**General Service Medal**  
with EXPEDITION ribbon  
(GSM-EXP):

- Service by members of the Defence Team deployed to Kuwait or Qatar since 5 October 2014 (during Op IMPACT). This includes but is not limited to the following locations: Ali Al Salam Air Base, Ahmed Al Jabar Air Base, Al Mubarak Air Base, Camp Arifjan, the Strategic Lines of Communications (SLOC) Detachment Kuwait or Operational Support Hub Kuwait, and Al Udeid Air Base



the Red Sea, the Suez Canal and those parts of the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea that are west of seventy-five degrees East longitude and north of thirty degrees South latitude, since 15 May 2014

- Service of CAF members deployed to forward logistics sites (FLS) in direct support to Canadian ships attached to the combined task force (CTF) 150, 151 or 152 (Op ARTEMIS), while conducting activities in the ports located in the following countries: Republic of Djibouti, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Kenya, India, Egypt, Tanzania, Bahrain and Pakistan, and any future ports contiguous to the naval theatre consisting of the Persian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the Red Sea, the Suez Canal and those parts of the Indian Ocean and the Arabian Sea that are west of seventy-five degrees East longitude and north of thirty degrees South latitude, since 15 May 2014

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

- Defence team members who served in Nepal following the devastating earthquakes (Op RENAISSANCE 15-01), including but not limited to members of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART), from 28 April to 5 June 2015



**Special Service Medal** with NATO bar (SSM-NATO):

- Service of CAF personnel serving under the NATO Standing Defence Plan while forward deployed to Turkey in direct support of Op ACTIVE FENCE, since 4 December 2012
- Service of CAF members who deployed to Campia Turzii, Romania, Lithuania and Spangdahlem airbase in Germany as part of the air task force (ATF), or who deployed to eastern and central Europe as part of the land task force (LTF), since 29 April 2014 (Op REASSURANCE)
- Service of CAF members on board ships deployed under the Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG 2) since 29 April 2014 provided the service is not recognized by a NATO medal. Only time spent under NATO command is eligible – transit time does not count



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

- Service of Canadian personnel participating in US CENTCOM-led multinational combined maritime force (CMF) operations (Op ARTEMIS) under the command and control of combined task forces (CTF) 150, 151 or 152, in the theatre of operations consisting of the boundaries of the Arabian Gulf, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden,





## Special Service Medal with EXPEDITION bar (SSM-EXP):

- Service of CAF Personnel deployed as part of a Multinational Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) Clearance Operation in the Baltic Sea led by either Latvia, Lithuania or Estonia, such as Task Force Latvia (TFL) led by the Latvian Naval Flotilla (CTG 360.01), Op OPEN SPIRIT14 since 7 May 2014
- Eligibility shall be suspended for CAF members deployed to Kuwait in the Strategic Lines of Communications (SLOC) detachment Kuwait or the Operational Support Hub Kuwait on 4 October 2014 until the day following the conclusion of Op IMPACT. Eligibility in that location will be restored at the conclusion of Op IMPACT
- Service of CAF members deployed to forward logistics sites (FLS) in direct support to Canadian ships attached to the combined task force (CTF) 150, 151 or 152 (Op ARTEMIS), to the Operational Support Hub Kuwait, and while conducting activities in the port of Shuwaikh in Kuwait since 22 April 2012 (except Op IMPACT period which qualifies for GSM-EXP)
- Service of CAF personnel deployed to Task Force Solomon Islands led by the Australian Defence Force Combined Joint Task Force 663 (CJTFF663) to clear unexploded explosive ordnance (UXO) contaminating jungles and shorelines of countries in the south pacific plagued by explosive remnants of war from the Second World War, in the central province of the Solomon Islands, the Islands of Guadalcanal and the Russell Islands (Op RENDER SAFE) from 5 november 2013. The end date has been removed from this ongoing operation



## CDS Commendation, Command Commendation and CF Medallion for Distinguished Service

An announcement was made on 7 April 2015 advising that the Armed Forces Council had approved revised criteria for the subject awards in order to clarify eligibility, expand eligibility of the CDS Commendation for civilians and create a lapel pin to accompany individual awards of the CF Medallion for Distinguished Service (CFMDS). The amended criteria are as follows:

### 1. The CDS Commendation may be awarded to:

- Members of the CAF (including members of the Regular Force, Primary Reserve, COATS, Canadian Rangers) and holders of honorary appointments, for a deed or activity beyond the demands of normal duty
- Members of the armed forces of a country other than Canada for an achievement or for meritorious service that is of benefit to the CAF or Canada
- Canadian civilians who are members of a uniformed Canadian government service or organization (such as but not limited to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Canadian Border Services Agency, Correctional Service of Canada, etc.) working in conjunction with the CAF, for a deed or activity beyond the demands of normal duty that is of benefit to the CAF
- Other civilians for a specific deed or activity, beyond the demands of normal duty and limited in time, that is of benefit to the CAF



### 2. Further to sub-section D, in all other circumstances the appropriate award for other civilians, such as the recognition of long-term distinguished service or support to the CAF, is the CFMDS

3. The Command Commendation may be awarded to:



- a. Members of the CAF (including members of the Regular Force, Primary Reserve, COATS, Canadian Rangers) and holders of honorary appointments, for a contribution affecting or reflecting well on the Command
- b. Members of the armed forces of a country other than Canada for an achievement or for meritorious service that is of benefit to the Command, the CAF or Canada
- c. Civilians for a deed or activity beyond the demands of normal duty that is of benefit to the Command or the CAF

4. The CDS grants the authority to specific commanders to award the Command Commendation. The CDS has directed that only commanders of an official command IAW the relevant ministerial organization order, and reporting directly to the CDS, may be granted this authority in the future. The list of commanders who can currently award the Command Commendation is as follows:

- A. VCDS
- B. COMD RCN
- C. COMD CA
- D. COMD RCAF
- E. COMD MILPERSCOM
- F. COMD CJOC
- G. COMD CANSOFCOM
- H. COMD CFINTCOM
- I. DCINC NORAD

5. The CF Medallion for Distinguished Service is awarded by the CDS on behalf of the CAF to recognize distinguished or outstanding service performed by persons other than active military personnel or by civilian groups. It is awarded for service of a rare and exceptionally high standard, usually over a long period of time, which accrues great benefit to the CAF as a whole. The performance, by civilian individuals, of a specific deed or activity, beyond the demands of normal duty and limited in time, may instead be recognized by the CDS Commendation. Note that the other parts of the criteria for this award remain unaltered



6. A lapel badge shall henceforth accompany individual awards of the CFMDS. Those persons who have been awarded a CFMDS since its design was changed on 1 January 2010 may contact DH&R 5-2 by email at [DHR-DDHR@forces.gc.ca](mailto:DHR-DDHR@forces.gc.ca) to obtain a lapel pin



# Addendum

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

**p. 109 of the printed version and p. 66 of the electronic version of the 2014 edition** – The names of the following regiments were misspelled and should have read “The Governor General’s Foot Guard” and “The Queen’s Own Rifles of Canada.”

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This image shows the Minister of National Defence, the Chief of the Defence Staff, as well as recipients of the Star of Military Valour and family members of fallen recipients after the plaque was unveiled.

On 25 May 2015, the Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP, then Minister of National Defence, and Warrant Officer Patrick Tower, SMV, CD (Retired), unveiled a commemorative plaque at the Valour Building in Ottawa to honour 20 recipients of the Star of Military Valour – the highest decoration awarded during Canada’s 12-year mission in Afghanistan – for their courage, self-sacrifice and devotion to duty. Warrant Officer (then Sergeant) Tower was the first CAF member to be awarded the Star of Military Valour for his valiant actions taken on 3 August 2006, in the Pashmul region of Afghanistan.



