

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Captain Vincenzo Emilio DI PIETRO RAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Director General Navy Certification Safety and Acceptance.

Captain Di Pietro is an exceptional officer who has reinvigorated Navy Safety through the development and introduction of Safety Management System – Navy. His dedication and commitment to Navy Safety has ensured that safety is accorded the highest priority within the Royal Australian Navy and that individuals and units who achieve excellence in workplace safety management are recognised through the newly introduced Navy Safety Awards. Captain Di Pietro's achievements in promoting a broader understanding of safety and a safety culture within Navy are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Commander Lee John GODDARD RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Commander Operations in the Maritime Component, Joint Operations Command.

Commander Goddard has demonstrated outstanding dedication, initiative and determination as Commander Operations. He has implemented protocols that have significantly improved the operational effectiveness of the Maritime Command and that have had a direct impact on the stability of plans, to the benefit of those serving at sea and their families.

Captain Adam Lloyd GRUNSELL RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Director General Navy Communications and Coordination, Navy Headquarters.

Captain Grunsell's ability to provide consistent professional advice, planning, and preparation in the execution of his duties has been outstanding. He has shown a sensitivity to the array of complicating issues faced by Navy Headquarters, ensuring that all are dealt with in an appropriate manner. In particular, his performance in the coordination and support of *Operation PERINGATAN* and other commemorative services conducted between 31 March and 4 April 2006 was outstanding and a credit to his dedication and to the dedication of his staff.

Captain Peter Michael QUINN RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of HMAS SYDNEY.

Captain (then Commander) Quinn commanded HMAS SYDNEY with distinction. His superb professionalism and strong leadership were keys to progressing the first ship through the Royal Australian Navy's FFG Upgrade program, and his untiring efforts were a significant factor in the re-invigoration of the FFG Upgrade project. Captain Quinn's achievements were instrumental in returning HMAS SYDNEY to operational availability after more than two years in maintenance, and he led his ship's company by example.

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Petty Officer Benjamin John ROBSON, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Guided Missile Launcher System Course Implementation Officer at the Combat Systems Maintenance School.

Petty Officer Robson is an exceptional sailor who represents the excellence, spirit and professional dedication of a model career person. The technical skill and sound management practices he has displayed in planning, coordinating and implementing the diverse requirements of repatriating Guided Missile Launcher training from the United States far exceed that normally expected of someone of more experience and seniority.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Colonel Michael Herbert ANNETT, Vic

For outstanding achievement as the Deputy Command and Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force 636 for *Operation ACOLYTE*.

Colonel Annett demonstrated an outstanding level of judgement, innovation and leadership as the Commander, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff of Joint Task Force 636. His diligent planning and careful management of relationships with key Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games stakeholders were largely responsible for the successful execution of *Operation ACOLYTE*, the largest Australian Defence Force operation undertaken during the period of the Commonwealth Games. His achievements have significantly improved the Australian Defence Force's future capability to mount domestic event support operations.

Brigadier Christopher George APPLETON, ACT

For outstanding achievement as a Company Commander, Director of Military Art and Commandant of the Royal Military College of Australia.

In his appointments as a Company Commander, Director of Military Art and Commandant of the Royal Military College of Australia, Brigadier Appleton has been a role model to cadets and staff. His uncompromising commitment to training standards and to the military ethic has shaped thousands of officers, and helped to build a foundation for the future leadership of the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Peter BLAIN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as a Career Adviser at the Directorate of Officer Career Management – Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Blain has balanced the competing imperatives of achieving the collective capability needs of the Australian Army whilst ensuring individual officer's career aspirations and personal circumstances are met. His performance has been characterised by an untiring dedication to the officer careers he manages through his strong work ethic and professional knowledge, combined with his highly developed interpersonal skills and compassionate manner. His energy is evident in the retention and ongoing career development of a highly skilled and valuable Officer Corps and future investment for the Australian Army.

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Lieutenant Colonel Bernadette Carmel BOSS, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer, Sydney University Regiment.

An exceptional officer displaying professional excellence and commitment to duty, Lieutenant Colonel Boss has achieved outstanding results in her efforts to increase the number and quality of Sydney University Regiment Officer Cadets graduating as officers from the Royal Military College. She has also introduced significant business and procedural improvements to the administration of her unit, and has developed a highly flexible program of training for Officers of Cadets, substantially increasing trainee throughput and retention rates.

Captain Benjamin David PASSMORE, WA

For outstanding achievement as the Regimental Technical Adjutant of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

Captain Passmore has consistently displayed professional excellence and outstanding dedication to duty in supporting the Australian Light Armoured Vehicle Fleet in Australia and Iraq. He has coordinated a range of survivability enhancements to the Australian Light Armoured Vehicle, including the fitting of spall liners, Bar Armour Systems and the Kongsberg remote weapons station, whilst simultaneously maintaining directed capability and preparing for the deployment of the Al Muthanna Task Group.

Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Aidan RICHARDS, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Staff Officer Combat (Heavy) and Deputy Director Combat, Land Development Branch, Capability Systems Division, Capability Development Group.

Lieutenant Colonel Richards is an exceptional officer who has provided superior service over a sustained period to contribute substantially to the Australian Army's goal of achieving the Hardened and Networked Army, to advancing Australian land force manoeuvre capability, to enhancing international engagement on Land Force Capability Modernisation, and to laying a firm intellectual and analytical foundation for the next generation of land combat vehicles. His efforts will yield tangible benefits to the Australian Army for many years to come.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Squadron Leader Kevin John BEAULNE, SA

For outstanding achievement as Staff Officer Maritime Patrol and Response.

Squadron Leader Beaulne, through exceptional ingenuity and extraordinary dedication to duty, has defined and delivered highly effective management of several complex capability projects concurrently. He is an exemplary officer whose outstanding achievement has assured and sustained the critical Royal Australian Air Force maritime patrol and response capability.

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Group Captain Graham George BOND, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer for Protocol, Air Force.

Group Captain Bond has taken a leading role in the ongoing provision of protocol, visit and event management support to the Royal Australian Air Force and to the Chief of Air Force for over nine years. He is an outstanding officer, displaying selfless dedication, inspirational leadership, and boundless energy and enthusiasm. His exceptional efforts have materially contributed to the development and enhancement of the Royal Australian Air Force's reputation as a professional world-class military air force.

Air Vice Marshal Christopher Lawrence DEEBLE AM, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Director General Aerospace Development, Capability Systems Division, Capability Development Group.

Air Vice Marshal Deeble has played a critical role in the development of future aerospace capabilities for the Australian Defence Force. He has consistently demonstrated innovation and creativity in developing proposals for complex projects such as the Multi-Role Tanker Transport and C-17 Strategic Lift Aircraft. His drive and determination have helped to ensure that the Australian Defence Force's future aerospace capabilities will be at the forefront of regional and world capabilities.

Squadron Leader Ruth Patricia ELSLEY, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the first Commander Australian Contingent for the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the United Nations Mission in Sudan.

Squadron Leader Elsley consistently displayed superior leadership and outstanding dedication to duty as the first Commander of the Australian Contingent on *Operation AZURE* and as the Aviation Safety Officer for United Nations Mission in Sudan during her deployment. Her efforts in developing effective processes and procedures for *Operation AZURE* have ensured subsequent contingents continue to make an effective contribution to the United Nations Mission in Sudan.

Warrant Officer Stewart Michael GARTH, SA

For outstanding achievement as Manager Technical Analysis Section of the Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit.

Warrant Officer Garth has been instrumental in the development and implementation of electronic intelligence analysis policy and associated training and education within the intelligence community. He is an exemplary airman who has displayed selfless dedication, inspirational leadership, and boundless energy and enthusiasm in developing a world-class electronic intelligence analysis capability in support of Australian Defence Force operations.