



GALLANTRY  
*Decorations*



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A MESSAGE FROM  
HER EXCELLENCY, THE  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF AUSTRALIA,

*Ms Quentin Bryce AC*

Our Australian honours and awards celebrate our most cherished values. They help us to define and elevate what it means to be Australian, to be fully engaged in our democracy.

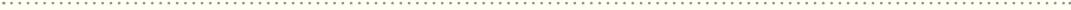
By recognising outstanding contribution and achievement, they show us the rewards of giving to others, of respect for one another, of responsibility and citizenship.

They emblazon our deeply held belief in the virtues of civility, compassion, dedication, courage and tenacity: the things that shape and strengthen our harmonious society.

Across a broad range of professional, public and community service, and through extraordinary acts of bravery and self-denial, the recipients of these accolades are our truest guides to what matters most, and our guarantee of ensuring its continuance through outward evolution and change.

I want to give my warm praise and sincere gratitude to all recipients of honours and awards, past and present, for your extraordinarily rich and generous offerings.

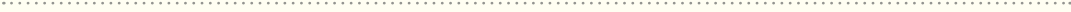
**ON BEHALF OF ALL AUSTRALIANS, I SAY THANK YOU AND WELL DONE.**



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## INTRODUCTION

Australia's highest-ranking military award is the Victoria Cross for Australia which was introduced into the Australian honours system by Letters Patent on 15 January 1991, along with the Gallantry Decorations and the Unit Citation for Gallantry.

The Victoria Cross for Australia is the pre-eminent award for acts of bravery in wartime and Australia's highest military honour. It is awarded for the most conspicuous gallantry, or daring or pre-eminent acts of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.

The Gallantry Decorations were instituted for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons who perform acts of gallantry in action.

There are three levels of gallantry awards for members of the country's armed forces, as well as an award to recognise a collective endeavour. The awards, commencing with the highest are:

- Star of Gallantry—awarded only for acts of great heroism or conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril
- Medal for Gallantry—awarded only for acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances
- Commendation for Gallantry—awarded for other acts of gallantry in action which are considered worthy of recognition

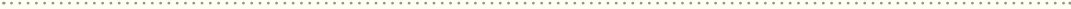
The award to recognise gallantry in action by units of the Defence Force and by units of the defence forces of other countries is known as the Unit Citation for Gallantry. This award shall be awarded to a unit only for acts of extraordinary gallantry in action.

The award of a Gallantry Decoration shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Defence ('the Minister'). The Governor-General may also make immediate awards of Gallantry Decorations on the recommendation of the Minister and may also delegate the authority to make immediate awards on the recommendation of the Minister. The award of the Victoria Cross for Australia shall be made, with the approval of the Sovereign, by Instrument signed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.

These awards are normally set for announcement on Australia Day (26 January) and The Queen's Birthday (June) each year.

Upon publication of their award, recipients are entitled to have the appropriate post nominals placed after their names on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary. This is not applicable to the award of the Unit Citation for Gallantry which does not confer post nominals. The awards mentioned above may also be made posthumously and presented to the next-of-kin.







# INSIGNIA DESIGN



IN DECEMBER 1986 THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, THE HONOURABLE KIM BEAZLEY ANNOUNCED THE WINNERS IN THE OPEN STAGE OF THE DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS DESIGN COMPETITION. AS A RESULT 11 NEW AWARDS WERE DESIGNED TO BE ADDED TO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM, INCLUDING THE AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY, THE VICTORIA CROSS FOR AUSTRALIA AND THE UNIT CITATION FOR GALLANTRY.

The Victoria Cross is a Maltese Cross cast in bronze from cannons captured during the Crimean War (1854 – 1856). The obverse of the Victoria Cross bears a crowned lion standing on a Royal Crown. The words 'for valour' are inscribed on a semi-circular scroll beneath the crown. It is suspended by a crimson ribbon.

The Star of Gallantry is a gold-plated silver federation star ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward. The obverse of the award displays a smaller Federation Star, which is surrounded by stylised flames. This image represents action under fire. The Medal for Gallantry is a gold-plated silver circular medal ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward. The obverse of the medal bears a Federation Star, which is superimposed on a circle of flames. This image represents action under fire. Each of these awards have ribbons of different combinations of light-orange and deep orange of the outback sand; the deep orange occurs when a drop of water, symbolic of life, strikes light orange sand and changes its character. The reverse chevron shape suggests the "A" of Australia. The Commendation for Gallantry is a Federation Star superimposed centrally on a gold-plated silver row of flames which is mounted on a ribbon of plain orange colour.

The Unit citation for Gallantry is a device which is a gilt sterling-silver rectangular frame surrounding a deep-green ribbon bar with a Federation Star in its centre. Flames emanate from the frame's outer edges to the centre.





**THE VICTORIA CROSS FOR AUSTRALIA**

Shall only be awarded for the most conspicuous gallantry, or a daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.



**THE STAR OF GALLANTRY**

Shall be awarded only for acts of great heroism or conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril.



#### THE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY

Shall be awarded only for acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances.



#### COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

May be awarded for other acts of gallantry in action which are considered worthy of recognition.



#### UNIT CITATION FOR GALLANTRY

Shall be awarded to a unit only for acts of extraordinary gallantry in action.





LETTERS PATENT  
*and*  
REGULATIONS

*for*

VICTORIA CROSS  
FOR AUSTRALIA,

GALLANTRY  
DECORATIONS

*and*

UNIT CITATION  
FOR GALLANTRY





*ELIZABETH R*

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

*ELIZABETH THE SECOND*, by the grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

*TO ALL* to whom these Presents shall come,

**GREETING:**

**KNOW YOU** that it is Our will and pleasure that the Victoria Cross for Australia be the highest decoration for according recognition to persons who, in the presence of the enemy, perform acts of the most conspicuous gallantry, or daring or pre-eminent acts of valour or self-sacrifice or display extreme devotion to duty:

**AND WE DO** ordain that the award of the Victoria Cross shall be governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

**IN WITNESS** whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great  
Seal of Australia at Our  
Court at St. James's on  
15 January 1991

By Her Majesty's Command,  
**R.J.L. HAWKE**  
Prime Minister

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## SCHEDULE

# VICTORIA CROSS REGULATIONS

### SHORT TITLE

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Victoria Cross Regulations.

### INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations, “decoration” means—  
(a) the Victoria Cross; or  
(b) a bar to the Victoria Cross.  
“Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*.  
“Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence.

### CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF THE DECORATION

- 3 The decoration shall only be awarded for the most conspicuous gallantry, or a daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy.
- 4 Each decoration may be awarded posthumously.
- 5 The persons to whom the decoration may be awarded are—  
(a) members of the Defence Force; and  
(b) other persons determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- 6 Any subsequent award of the Victoria Cross to the same person shall be made in the form of a bar to the Cross.

### MAKING OF AWARDS

- 7 Awards of the decoration shall be made, with the approval of The Sovereign, by Instrument signed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.



### DESIGNATIONS

- 8 (1) A person to whom the Victoria Cross has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “VC” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (2) Where a person has been awarded a bar to the Victoria Cross, the person is entitled to have placed after the letters prescribed by sub-regulation (1) the words “and Bar” or the words “and Bars”, as the case may be.

### DESIGN OF THE DECORATION

- 9 The design of the decoration shall be as prescribed.

### WEARING OF THE DECORATION

- 10 The manner of wearing the decoration shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

### REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

- 11 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards appointed by the Governor-General who shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the decoration has been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the decoration as the Governor-General directs.

### CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 12 (1) The Governor-General may cancel an award of the decoration and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the decoration is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register and the person shall return the decoration to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.

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*ELIZABETH R*

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

*ELIZABETH THE SECOND*, by the grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

*TO ALL* to whom these Presents shall come,

**GREETING:**

*WHEREAS* it is desirable that there be instituted certain decorations for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons who perform acts of gallantry in action:

*KNOW YOU* that We do by these Presents institute three Australian decorations to be designated and styled, respectively, the Star of Gallantry, the Medal for Gallantry and the Commendation for Gallantry:

*AND WE DO* ordain that the award of the decorations so instituted shall be governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

*IN WITNESS* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great  
Seal of Australia at Our  
Court at St. James's on  
15 January 1991

By Her Majesty's Command,  
**R.J.L. HAWKE**  
Prime Minister

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# GALLANTRY DECORATIONS REGULATIONS

AS AMENDED

made under

*LETTERS PATENT*

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## SHORT TITLE

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Gallantry Decorations Regulations.

## INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations, “decoration” means—
- (a) the Star of Gallantry;
  - (b) the Medal for Gallantry;
  - (c) the Commendation for Gallantry; or
  - (d) a bar to the Star or Medal.
- “Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*.  
“Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence.

## CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF DECORATIONS

- 3 (1) The Star of Gallantry shall be awarded only for acts of great heroism or conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril.
- (2) The Medal for Gallantry shall be awarded only for acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances.
- (3) The Commendation for Gallantry may be awarded for other acts of gallantry in action which are considered worthy of recognition.

## DECORATIONS MAY BE AWARDED IN CERTAIN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES

- 3A A decoration referred to in regulation 3 may be awarded for an act of a kind mentioned in relation to the particular decoration, although the act did not occur in action, if it occurred in circumstances similar to armed combat or actual operations and those concerned were deployed under military command.
- 4 Each decoration may be awarded posthumously
- 5 The persons to whom a decoration may be awarded are—
- (a) members of the Defence Force; and
  - (b) other persons determined by the Minister for the purposes of this regulation.
- 6 Any subsequent award of the Star of Gallantry or the Medal for Gallantry to the same person shall be made in the form of a bar to the Star or, the Medal, as the case may be.

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### MAKING OF AWARDS

7 Awards of a decoration shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.

### MAKING OF IMMEDIATE AWARDS

- 8 (1) An immediate award of a decoration may be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) The Governor-General may delegate the authority to make immediate awards on the recommendation of the Minister.

### DESIGNATIONS

- 9 (1) A person to whom the Star of Gallantry has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “SG” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (2) A person to whom the Medal for Gallantry has been awarded is entitled to have the letters “MG” placed after the person’s name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.
- (3) Where a person has been awarded a bar to a decoration, the person is entitled to have placed after the letters prescribed by the Regulation in respect of that decoration the words “and Bar” or the words “and Bars”, as the case may be.

### DESIGN OF DECORATIONS

10 The design of each decoration shall be as prescribed.

### WEARING OF DECORATIONS

11 The manner of wearing each decoration shall be as determined by the Governor-General.





### REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

- 12 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards appointed by the Governor-General who shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom decorations have been awarded.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of decorations as the Governor-General directs.

### CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 13 (1) The Governor-General may cancel an award of a decoration and may reinstate an award so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of a decoration is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register and the person shall return the decoration to the Registrar.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.

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## NOTES TO THE *GALLANTRY DECORATIONS* REGULATIONS

### NOTE 1

The *Gallantry Decorations Regulations* under *Letters Patent* as shown in this compilation are amended as indicated in the Tables below.

### TABLE OF INSTRUMENTS

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TITLE	DATE OF NOTIFICATION IN <i>GAZETTE</i>	DATE OF COMMENCEMENT	APPLICATION, SAVING OR TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS
Gallantry Decorations Regulations	4 Feb 1991 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1991, No. S25)	15 Jan 1991	—
Amendment of the Gallantry Decorations Regulations	6 Nov 1996 (see <i>Gazette</i> 1996, No. S420)	17 Oct 1996	—

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### TABLE OF AMENDMENTS

ad. = added or inserted | am. = amended | rep. = repealed | rs. = repealed and substituted

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PROVISION AFFECTED	HOW AFFECTED
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R. 3A	ad. 1996 No. S420
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*ELIZABETH R*

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

*ELIZABETH THE SECOND*, by the grace of God Queen of Australia and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

*TO ALL* to whom these Presents shall come,

**GREETING:**

*WHEREAS* it is desirable that there be instituted certain decorations for the purpose of recognising gallantry in action or outstanding service in warlike operations by units of the Defence Force and by units of the defence forces of other countries:

*KNOW YOU* that We do by these Presents institute two Australian decorations to be designated and styled, respectively, the Unit Citation for Gallantry and the Meritorious Unit Citation:

*AND WE DO* ordain that the award of the decorations so instituted shall be governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

*IN WITNESS* whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.



Given under the Great  
Seal of Australia at Our  
Court at St. James's on  
15 January 1991

By Her Majesty's Command,  
**R.J.L. HAWKE**  
Prime Minister

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## SCHEDULE

# UNIT CITATIONS REGULATIONS

### SHORT TITLE

- 1 These Regulations may be cited as the Unit Citations Regulations.

### INTERPRETATION

- 2 In these Regulations, “citation” means—
- (a) the Unit Citation for Gallantry; or
  - (b) the Meritorious Unit Citation:
- “Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*.  
“Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence.  
“unit” means a unit or sub-unit of the Defence Force or of a defence force of another country.

### CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF CITATIONS

- 3 (1) The Unit Citation for Gallantry shall be awarded to a unit only for acts of extraordinary gallantry in action.
- (2) The Meritorious Unit Citation shall be awarded to a unit only for sustained outstanding service in warlike operations.

### FORM OF CITATIONS

- 4 Each citation shall consist of—
- (a) a certificate of citation to the unit signed by the Governor-General;  
and
  - (b) insignia according to the prescribed design.



### WEARING OF INSIGNIA

- 5 (1) Each person who was a member of a unit to which a citation is awarded at the time of an action, or during the period to which that citation relates, is entitled to wear the insignia of the citation on all occasions on which the wearing of such insignia is customary.
- (2) A person, other than a person to whom sub-regulation (1) applies, who is at any time a member of a unit to which a citation has been awarded is entitled, while the person remains a member of the unit, to wear the insignia of the citation on all occasions on which the wearing of such insignia is customary.
- (3) The manner of wearing the insignia of a citation shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

### POSTHUMOUS AWARDS

- 6 Insignia of a citation may be awarded posthumously.

### APPLICATION OF REGULATIONS TO PERSONS OTHER THAN MEMBERS OF THE DEFENCE FORCE

- 7 Where—
- (a) a citation is awarded to the unit; and
- (b) a person other than a member of the Defence Force was engaged in the performance of services with that unit at the time of the action, or during the period to which that citation relates;
- these Regulations apply, on the determination of the Minister, to that person as if the person had been a member of the unit at that time or during the period, as the case may be.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS NOT AFFECTED

- 8 Award of a citation to a unit does not affect the making of awards to individual members of the unit in recognition of individual gallantry or service.

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## MAKING OF AWARDS

- 9 Awards of a citation shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.

## REGISTRAR OF AWARDS

- 10 (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards appointed by the Governor-General who shall maintain a Register of the names of the units to which citations have been awarded and of the persons to whom insignia of those citations have been issued in accordance with sub-regulation 5 (1).
- (2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of citations as the Governor-General directs.

## CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT

- 11 (1) The Governor-General may cancel the right of a person to wear the insignia of a citation and may reinstate a right so cancelled.
- (2) Where the right of a person to wear the insignia of a citation is cancelled, the name of the person shall be erased from the Register and the person shall return the insignia to the Registrar.
- (3) Where a right that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.



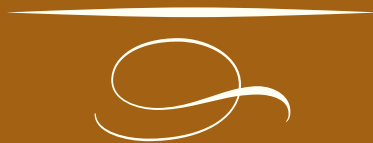


VICTORIA CROSS  
FOR AUSTRALIA,  
GALLANTRY DECORATIONS

*and*

UNIT CITATION  
FOR GALLANTRY

*Determinations*





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## VICTORIA CROSS DETERMINATIONS

I, **WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the design of the Victoria Cross, and acting under regulations 9 and 10 of the Victoria Cross Regulations, determine as follows:

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## VICTORIA CROSS

### MEDAL DESIGN

- 1 The Victoria Cross is a bronze cross with each axis measuring 35 millimetres. The arms of the Cross have raised edges. The obverse bears a Crowned Lion standing on the Royal Crown with the words “FOR VALOUR” inscribed on a semi-circular scroll below the Crown. The reverse bears raised edges on the arms of the cross and the date of the act for which the Cross is awarded is engraved within a circle in the centre.

### MEDAL RIBBON

- 2 The Cross is suspended from a crimson ribbon 38 millimetres in width.

### MEDAL DRESS

- 3 The Cross is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

### MEDAL MINIATURE

- 4 The miniature of the Victoria Cross is a half-size replica of the Cross suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Cross is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

### RIBBON BAR

- 5 The ribbon bar for the initial award has a representation of the Cross 9 millimetres across and 9 millimetres high at its centre.

### FURTHER AWARDS

- 6 Second and subsequent awards are recognised by the presentation of a bar which is attached to the ribbon of full-size and miniature medals, and the wearing of an additional emblem on the ribbon bar for each additional award.

### ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

- 7 The Victoria Cross is worn in accordance with the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated 11th November 1991

Original Signed by Bill Hayden

GOVERNOR - GENERAL



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## GALLANTRY DECORATIONS DETERMINATIONS

I, **PHILIP MICHAEL JEFFERY**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under regulations 10 and 11 of the Gallantry Decorations Regulations, revoke the Gallantry Decorations Determination made on the sixteenth day of December 1993 and determine as follows:

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## THE STAR OF GALLANTRY

### DESIGN

- 1 The Star of Gallantry is a gold-plated silver Federation Star, ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in gold-plated silver. Each axis of the star measures 37 millimetres. The star is surmounted by a gold-plated suspender bar of fixed configuration, with the raised words 'FOR GALLANTRY' running the width of the bar on the obverse. The obverse of the star bears a superimposed central device of a smaller Federation Star with each axis measuring 22 millimetres. The reverse of the star bears a central horizontal panel 25 millimetres across and 9 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipient's name. This central panel is superimposed on a stepped background.

### MINIATURE

- 2 The miniature of the Star of Gallantry is a half-size replica of the star suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

### RIBBON

- 3 The ribbon for the Star of Gallantry is 32 millimetres wide and has a design of chevrons of deep orange 3.25 millimetres wide alternating with chevrons of light orange 1.75 millimetres angled at 60 degrees. The ribbon should have the chevron pattern placed as a stylised 'A' with the points facing upwards when viewed with the obverse apparent. The apex of a deep orange chevron should coincide with the top of the ribbon when mounted for wearing.

### RIBBON BAR

- 4 The ribbon bar of the Star of Gallantry consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep, with no emblem.

### FURTHER AWARDS

- 5 Second and subsequent awards of the Star of Gallantry are recognised by the presentation of a gold-plated silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The bar has a superimposed central replica of the Federation Star 6 millimetres in diameter on a horizontal row of flames 32 millimetres wide. The bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the original star. A half-size replica of the bar is worn on the ribbon of the miniature star. A ribbon bar emblem in the form of a Federation Star of gold-plated silver 9 millimetres in diameter is worn on the ribbon bar.

### LAPEL BADGE

- 6 The lapel badge of the Star of Gallantry is a replica of the star 10 millimetres in diameter.





#### WEARING

- 7 The Star of Gallantry is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature star is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar may be worn at any time with service dress. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

#### THE MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY

##### DESIGN

- 8 The Medal for Gallantry is a circular medal 38 millimetres in diameter of gold-plated silver ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in gold-plated silver. The medal is surmounted by a gold-plated silver suspender bar of fixed configuration, with the raised words 'FOR GALLANTRY' running the width of the bar on the obverse. The obverse bears a central device of a Federation Star superimposed on a circle of flames representing action under fire. The reverse bears a horizontal panel 28 millimetres across and 8 millimetres high to allow for engraving of the recipients name. This panel is superimposed over a design of fluted rays of varying lengths.

##### MINIATURE

- 9 The miniature of the Medal for Gallantry is a half-size replica of the medal suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

##### RIBBON

- 10 The ribbon for the Medal for Gallantry has a design of chevrons of light orange 3.25 millimetres wide alternating with chevrons of deep orange 1.75 millimetres angled at 60 degrees. The ribbon should have the chevron pattern placed as a stylised 'A' with the points facing upwards when viewed with the obverse apparent. The apex of a light orange chevron should coincide with the top of the ribbon when mounted for wearing.

##### RIBBON BAR

- 11 The ribbon bar of the Medal for Gallantry consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep, with no emblem.

##### LAPEL BADGE

- 12 The lapel badge of the Medal for Gallantry is a replica of the medal 10 millimetres in diameter.

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#### FURTHER AWARDS

- 13 Second and subsequent awards are recognised by the presentation of a gold-plated silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The bar has a central replica of the Federation Star 6 millimetres in diameter superimposed on a horizontal row of flames 24 millimetres wide. The bar is worn attached to a ribbon of the original medal. A half-size replica of the bar is worn attached to the ribbon of the miniature medal. A ribbon bar emblem in the form of a Federation Star on a disc of gold-plated silver 9 millimetres in diameter is worn on the ribbon bar.

#### WEARING

- 14 The Medal for Gallantry is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar may be worn at any time with service dress. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

### THE COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

#### DESIGN

- 15 The insignia of the Commendation for Gallantry is a Federation Star 7 millimetres at each axis superimposed centrally on a gold-plated silver row of flames 22 millimetres long tapering to a height of 3 millimetres at each end. The insignia is attached to a plain orange ribbon 32 millimetres wide and 90 millimetres long. The centre of the Federation Star is 19 millimetres from the bottom of the ribbon and 16 millimetres from either edge.

#### MINIATURE

- 16 The miniature of the Commendation for Gallantry is a half-size replica of the Commendation for Gallantry attached to a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide.

#### RIBBON

- 17 The insignia of the Commendation for Gallantry is attached to a plain orange ribbon 32 millimetres wide and 90 millimetres long.

#### RIBBON BAR

- 18 The ribbon bar of the Commendation for Gallantry consists of a strip of full-size ribbon, 32 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep, with a miniature of the insignia of the Commendation for Gallantry attached to the ribbon, horizontally.



#### LAPEL BADGE

- 19 The lapel badge of the Commendation for Gallantry is a half-size replica of the insignia of the Commendation for Gallantry.

#### FURTHER AWARDS

- 20 Second and subsequent awards of the Commendation for Gallantry are made by Warrant describing the separate action being recognised. No additional insignia is received or worn.

#### WEARING

- 21 The insignia of the Commendation for Gallantry is worn on the left breast whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn. The miniature insignia is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn. The ribbon bar may be worn at any time with service dress. The lapel badge may be worn at any time with civilian dress.

#### ORDER OF WEAR

- 22 The Star of Gallantry, the Medal for Gallantry and the Commendation for Gallantry are worn in accordance with The Order of Wearing Australian Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated this First day of September 2008

Original signed by General Jeffery

**GOVERNOR - GENERAL**

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## UNIT CITATIONS DETERMINATION

I, **WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the designs of the Unit Citation for Gallantry and the Meritorious Unit Citation, and acting under regulations 4 and 5 of the Unit Citation Regulations, determine as follows:

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## A THE UNIT CITATION FOR GALLANTRY

### AWARD OF UNIT CITATION FOR GALLANTRY

- 1 The Unit Citation for Gallantry comprises an award of a Certificate of Citation to a Unit signed by the Governor-General and insignia of the Citation worn by members of the Unit.

### INSIGNIA DESIGN

- 2.1 The insignia of the Citation is a gilt sterling silver rectangular frame 32 millimetres wide and 15 millimetres deep surrounding a deep-green ribbon bar 28 millimetres wide and 10 millimetres deep with a design of flames emanating from the frame's outer edges to the centre.
- 2.2 A gilt sterling silver Federation Star 7 millimetres in diameter is placed at the centre of the ribbon bar in accordance with paragraph 3.1.

### ENTITLEMENT TO WEAR INSIGNIA

- 3.1 When a Unit is awarded a Citation, each person who was a member of the Unit at the time of the action for which a Citation is awarded, or during the period to which the Citation relates, is entitled to wear the Federation Star.
- 3.2 The insignia of the Citation and Federation Star may be worn by those members mentioned in paragraph 3.1 whenever full-size orders, decorations and medals are worn.
- 3.3 A person who joins the Unit after the time for which a Citation has been awarded may be entitled, while the person remains a member of the Unit, to wear the insignia of the Citation without the Federation Star according to the relevant Service dress regulations.

### WEARING OF INSIGNIA DRESS

- 4 The Chief of Staff or the delegate of the Chief of Staff of each arm of the Defence Force may determine eligibility to wear the insignia of the Citation and its manner of wearing in accordance with:
  - (a) the custom of wearing on the left breast honours and awards instituted by The Sovereign; and
  - (b) the relevant Service dress regulations.

### INSIGNIA MINIATURE

- 5.1 The insignia miniature is a two-thirds size replica of the insignia of the Citation surrounding a miniature ribbon bar 18 millimetres wide.
- 5.2 The miniature is worn in accordance with the appropriate Service dress regulations whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

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FURTHER AWARDS

- 6.1 Second and subsequent awards are recognised by the presentation of a further Certificate of Citation to the Unit signed by the Governor-General.
- 6.2 Only one insignia of the Citation may be worn by a member.

**B THE MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION**

The Meritorious Unit Citation Determination can be found in the Distinguished Service Decorations Booklet.

Dated 31st October 1991

Original Signed by Bill Hayden

**GOVERNOR - GENERAL**





# Contact INFORMATION

## ADMINISTERING AUSTRALIA'S HONOURS

There are three organisations with primary responsibility for administering Australia's system of honours. They are:

- Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat, Government House, Canberra
- Awards and Culture Branch, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Directorate of Honours and Awards, Department of Defence

## GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The Australian system of honours was introduced in 1975. At that time the Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat was established as part of the Governor-General's Office at Government House in Canberra.

The contact details for Government House Canberra are:

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Government House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600  
Toll-free phone: 1800 552 275

Email: [honours@gg.gov.au](mailto:honours@gg.gov.au)  
Website: [www.gg.gov.au](http://www.gg.gov.au)

## DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

The Awards and Culture Branch of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provides policy advice on the operation of the Australian Honours System.

It is also responsible for community awareness campaigns so that honours are more accessible and better known to all Australians.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

The Directorate of Honours and Awards of the Department of Defence provides policy advice on defence honours and awards. The Department is also responsible for administering defence awards.

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