

## **MEMBER (AM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

### ***ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY***

#### **Commodore Stephen Richard GILMORE CSC RAN, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force, particularly in very complex and dynamic maritime environments, and as the Commander of coalition maritime forces in the Northern Arabian Gulf from April to August 2005.

Commodore Gilmore's achievements – at a level of command and tactical responsibility that the Royal Australian Navy has rarely undertaken since World War II – have produced considerable benefits to the Australian Defence Force. Commodore Gilmore commanded an international coalition of naval forces responsible for maritime security across the Northern Arabian Gulf. This included the interdiction of illegal maritime trade and protection of Iraq's vital offshore oil platforms. His outstanding leadership and professionalism demonstrated Australia's capabilities for high quality operational command and significantly contributed to Iraq's advancement in establishing sovereignty over their offshore resources and maritime approaches.

#### **Rear Admiral Ronald Maxwell HANCOCK RAN, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy as Director-General Coastwatch and Deputy Chief of Navy.

Rear Admiral Hancock has made an exceptional contribution to the safety and security of Australia in his roles as Director-General Coastwatch and as Deputy Chief of Navy. Rear Admiral Hancock has provided flexible, yet stable, leadership that has given the Royal Australian Navy a solid and enduring basis upon which it is well positioned to face any future challenges with confidence.

### ***AUSTRALIAN ARMY***

#### **Colonel Anthony James COTTON, ACT**

For exceptional performance in the role of the Director of Mental Health where he established and implemented the Australian Defence Force Mental Health Strategy.

The establishment of a world class Mental Health Strategy in the Australian Defence Force is a direct result of Colonel Cotton's vision, professionalism, tenacity and commitment. This strategy has improved the mental wellbeing of personnel, enhanced the reputation of Defence and initiated a major cultural change in the way that mental health issues are addressed in the Australian Defence Force. Colonel Cotton's performance is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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### **Lieutenant Colonel Adam George FINDLAY, NSW**

For exceptional performance as the Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Parachute).

Lieutenant Colonel Findlay carried out his duties as Brigade Major 3rd Brigade, SO1 Development at Army Headquarters, and as Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Parachute) in an outstanding manner. His contribution to the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force has been readily evident in staff and command appointments where his leadership, personal determination, compassion and wisdom have achieved excellent results that have represented the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

### **Colonel Dougall McMILLAN CSC, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in the area of international policy, particularly as Head of the Australian Defence Staff, Papua New Guinea.

Colonel McMillan's performance as an advocate of Australia's international defence interests has been exceptional. His dedication and superior abilities have been instrumental in achieving the strategic goals of the Australian Defence Force in both Cambodia and Papua New Guinea. His commitment to Australia's interests has immeasurably contributed to the key relationship with Papua New Guinea and has greatly enhanced Defence's reputation and standing. His performance is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and Australian Defence Force.

### **Major General Brian Ashley POWER CSC, Qld**

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force as Defence Attaché Thailand, Commander 1st Brigade, and as Director United States Central Command Combined Planning Group, Tampa.

Major General Power carried out his duties as Defence Attaché Thailand, Commander 1st Brigade, and as Director United States Central Command Combined Planning Group, Tampa; in an exemplary manner. He has provided strong leadership to subordinates and excellent support to superiors. His overall contribution to the Army and the Australian Defence Force has been outstanding. Major General Power has proved to be a highly motivated, determined and capable commander and his conduct as a leader and representative of the Australian Defence Force has been of the highest order and in the best traditions of the Australian Army.

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### **Lieutenant Colonel Georgeina Mary WHELAN CSC, NSW**

For exceptional performance of duty to the Australian Defence Force in the area of health support, particularly as the Commanding Officer of the ANZAC Field Hospital, Operation SUMATRA ASSIST.

Lieutenant Colonel Whelan's calm and practical leadership in appalling conditions saw the rapid integration of medical staff from the 1st Health Support Battalion and the New Zealand Defence Force into one team, the ANZAC Field Hospital, in Banda Aceh. The field hospital treated an average of 90 patients (including 10 surgical cases) per day and was able to provide emergency medical support almost immediately. Lieutenant Colonel Whelan recognised that integration of Indonesian nursing staff was essential to the restoration of the hospital, and took a personal interest in a skills transfer program. She established excellent co-operation with civil medical teams from AUSAID, eventually enabling successful transfer of the hospital from military to civil control.

### **Brigadier Nicholas Allan WILLIAMS RFD, SA**

For exceptional service to the Australian Army, performing the duties of Commander 9th Brigade and Director Army Personnel Agency Adelaide.

As Director Army Personnel Agency Adelaide, Brigadier Williams managed the transition to Personnel Management Key Solution System and prepared the Agency for the new Australian Defence Force performance appraisal reports. As Commander 9th Brigade and as Army Area Representative Central Region, Brigadier Williams has been instrumental in the employment of Reserve soldiers at Butterworth, on *Operation RELEX*, in provision of Support to the Civil Community on *Operation EYRE PHOENIX*, and in enhancing the Australian Army's standing with business and government. Through his superior interpersonal skills and innovative training methods, the 9th Brigade Reserve Response Force have been the forerunner for the successful integration of Reserve domestic security forces with state domestic agencies.

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### ***ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE***

#### **Group Captain Calvert Loch MITCHELL, SA**

For exceptional service to Air Force Personnel and as Deputy Commandant, Australian Defence Force Academy.

Group Captain Mitchell is a dedicated officer who has made a profound contribution to the development and well-being of the most important capability of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force as a whole – the men and women who serve in and lead the Australian Defence Force. Group Captain Mitchell's personal example and his warm humanity, combined with his insistence that the highest standards are aimed for and achieved in all areas of endeavour, have served as an inspiration to all with whom he has served.

#### **Air Commodore Kevin John PAULE, ACT**

For exceptional performance of duty as the Director General Joint Operations and Plans in Strategic Operations Division.

Air Commodore Paule has performed outstandingly in providing sound and carefully considered military advice to the Chief of the Defence Force and to the Chief of Joint Operations on all current and proposed Australian Defence Force Operations. He has devoted long hours of tireless effort and provided faultless staff support, often out of hours, as crises have developed around the world that have required Defence reaction. In particular, he was instrumental in planning and managing all aspects of *Operation CATALYST*, Australia's contribution to Iraq.