

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

Royal Australian Navy

Rear Admiral David Lance JOHNSTON RAN, ACT

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in senior Naval and Joint operational staff appointments.

Rear Admiral Johnston's exceptional professionalism, strategic vision, leadership, enthusiasm and devotion to duty have directly contributed to the success of deployed Naval and Joint Forces across a diverse range of operations during a sustained period of high operational tempo. His outstanding achievements represent the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Captain Colin John LAWRENCE RAN, NSW

For exceptional service in the field of Aerospace Engineering in the Royal Australian Navy.

Captain Lawrence has made a profoundly positive and enduring contribution to the Royal Australian Navy's aviation capability. His leadership and vision were pivotal in restoring trust and confidence in the service's aviation capability, defining the way aerospace engineering is now practiced across the Royal Australian Navy. Through his outstanding efforts, Captain Lawrence has contributed directly to a safer and more effective aviation capability.

Commodore Richard Temple MENHINICK CSC RAN, ACT

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy as Director General Navy Transformation and Innovation and Commandant of the Australian Command and Staff College.

Commodore Menhinick's exceptional commitment to reform the Royal Australian Navy's culture, leadership and structure as the inaugural Director General Navy Transformation and Innovation has had a determinative influence in the success of New Generation Navy reforms. As Commandant of the Australian Command and Staff College, his inspirational innovation and tireless energy will have lasting, positive influences on the next generation of Australian Defence Force senior leaders.

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Australian Army

Brigadier Phillip Keith BRIDIE, NSW

For exceptional service to the Australian Army as Senior Project Officer at Headquarters Training Command and the Commander of the 8th Brigade.

Brigadier Bridie has made significant contributions to the operational capability of the Reserves as Senior Project Officer at Headquarters Training Command – Army and as Commander 8th Brigade. His vision, personal drive and leadership have significantly developed operational capability within the Australian Army. Under his command, the 8th Brigade has made a valuable contribution to off-shore operations conducted by the Australian Defence Force, and improved the capability for support to domestic operations.

Brigadier Damian Michael CANTWELL, ACT

For exceptional service in the fields of support to Army operations and Army's future concepts and development.

Brigadier Cantwell has consistently demonstrated insight and passion in driving a number of the Australian Army's key reform agendas over recent years. He has been responsible for overseeing the development of some of the Army's most important concept documents and directives. This work has, and will continue to, shape Army's thinking, force design and force development well into the future.

Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Gerard McGREGOR, ACT

For exceptional service to the Australian Army as the Director of the Land Warfare Studies Centre.

As the Director of the Land Warfare Studies Centre, Lieutenant Colonel McGregor made an exceptional contribution to the field of advanced military thinking and analysis that has enabled an enduring academic and philosophical development of Australian Army education, doctrine and future force design, and has been seminal to the development of the Australian Army's advanced international standing.

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew Richard PEARSE, NT

For exceptional service as the Staff Officer Grade One Doctrine, Land Warfare Development Centre, Commanding Officer of the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment and Commanding Officer of Australian Task Force Rotation 8 (Rear).

Lieutenant Colonel Pearse's innovation in developing 'iArmy' while Staff Officer Grade One Doctrine, and his command and leadership of the 1st Combat Engineer Regiment, were fundamental in preparing troops for operational service. As Commanding Officer of Australian Task Force Rotation 8 (Rear), his command of the 1st Brigade welfare program had a significant and positive effect on the morale of deployed troops and their families; thereby, contributing significantly to operational capability.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Kathryn Grace DUNN, NSW

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of education and training.

Group Captain Dunn is an exemplary officer whose consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership and initiative, exceptional perseverance and sustained dedication to duty in extremely challenging and demanding situations, set her apart from her peers. Her outstanding performance has resulted in a significant enhancement in the quality of education and training within the Royal Australian Air Force. Her outstanding efforts have been instrumental to the increased professionalism of education and training of personnel in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Group Captain Steven Peter ROBERTON, Qld

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the fields of command, capability development and acquisition, and capability introduction and management.

Group Captain Roberton has demonstrated exceptional capability, capacity and devotion to duty over an extended period of service to the Royal Australian Air Force. His motivational leadership, clear strategic vision and foresight and fostering of close and effective stakeholder relationships have directly contributed to sustainment of effective Air Combat Group capability during a tour in command and, subsequently, to the introduction of the Super Hornet capability to Air Combat Group ahead of schedule and below budget.