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**Stephen Brady CVO  
Official Secretary to the Governor-General**



Government House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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THE AUSTRALIA DAY 2012 HONOURS

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following awards:

**MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)**

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Sergeant D**

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances.

**Private K**

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances.

**Private Paul Bjorn LANGER**

Qld

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances on 24 August 2010 while a rifleman with Mentoring Team Delta, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Derapet, Tangi Valley, Afghanistan.

**Sergeant Sean Anthony LANIGAN**

Vic

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances on 24 August 2010 while a platoon sergeant and mentor with Mentoring Team Delta, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Derapet, Tangi Valley, Afghanistan.

**COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY**

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Private A**

For acts of gallantry in action.

**Corporal C**

For acts of gallantry in action while a team commander.

**Corporal D**

For acts of gallantry in action while a team commander.

**Corporal Adam John HEEMSKERK**

Qld

For acts of gallantry in action on 20 August 2010 while a section commander with Mentoring Team Alpha, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Musazai, Mirabad Valley, Afghanistan.

**Lance Corporal Shaun Miller KOBER**

NT

For acts of gallantry in action during October 2010 and January 2011 while a sniper team second-in-command in Mentoring Team Four Three Bravo, Combat Team Delta, the 2nd Mentoring Task Force in Chora, Baluchi Valley, Afghanistan.

**Private Shaun Patrick PARKER**

Qld

For acts of gallantry in action on 24 August 2010 while a machine gunner with Mentoring Team Delta, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Derapet, Tangi Valley, Afghanistan.

**Private S**

For acts of gallantry in action.

**BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS**

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Lieutenant Colonel P DSC**

For distinguished command and leadership in action.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)**

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Colonel Jason Peter BLAIN CSC**

Vic

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commanding Officer, the 1st Mentoring Task Force, and Deputy Commander, Combined Team Uruzgan, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from January to October 2010.

**Lieutenant Colonel C**

For distinguished command and leadership in action.

**Major General John Patrick CANTWELL AO**

Qld

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operations SLIPPER and KRUGER.

**Lieutenant Colonel Mark Raymond JENNINGS**

Qld

For distinguished command and leadership in action as the Commander Officer, the 1st Mentoring Task Force on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from May to October 2010.

**BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Major P DSM**

For distinguished leadership in action.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)**

*ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY*

**Lieutenant Richard Eric BRICKACEK RAN**

NSW

For distinguished leadership in action on 20 and 21 August 2010 while leader of an explosive ordnance team in Kipto and in Shah Zafar in Afghanistan on Operation SLIPPER

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Major B**

For distinguished leadership in action.

**Lieutenant James Peter FANNING**

NSW

For distinguished leadership in action on 24 August 2010 while a platoon commander and a lead mentor with Mentoring Team Delta, the 1st Mentoring Task Force at Derapet, Tangi Valley, Afghanistan.

**Major G**

For distinguished leadership in action in warlike operations.

**Major R**

For distinguished leadership in action.

**Warrant Officer Class Two T**

For distinguished leadership in action.

**Sergeant Brett Mathew WOOD MG, deceased**

NSW

For distinguished leadership in action while deployed with Special Operations Task Group Rotation XV on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

**COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

*ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY*

**Commodore Roger Livingstone BOYCE RAN**

ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Deputy Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER in the Middle East Area of Operations from April to October 2010.

**Rear Admiral David Lance JOHNSTON RAN**

ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Deputy Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operations SLIPPER and KRUGER from October 2010 to March 2011.

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Major A**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations.

**Trooper A**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action.

**Sergeant A**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action.

**Captain C**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action.

**Sergeant K**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action.

**Sergeant M**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action.

**Corporal P**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations.

**Brigadier Simon ROACH AM**

Qld

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Assistant Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER in the Middle East Area of Operations from April 2010 to February 2011.

**Private Brenden Leigh ROBINS**

NT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action while a combat medic with the 2nd Mentoring Task Force on Operation SLIPPER in Chora Baluchi Valley, Afghanistan from October 2010 to February 2011.

**Colonel Nicholas David ROWNTREE**

NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Senior Military Adviser to the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq on Operation Riverbank.

**Sergeant S**

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action.

**Major Richard Shannon SIMSON**

Vic

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Staff Officer Grade Two – Afghan National Army Development, Headquarters Regional Command (South) on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from April to November 2010.

**Commendation for Distinguished Service** (continued)

*Australian Army (continued)*

**Lieutenant Colonel Richard Anthony VAGG**

NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer, Artillery Training Team Kabul on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from April to November 2010.

*ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE*

**Wing Commander Martin John SMITH**

Qld

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the inaugural Commanding Officer, Multi-National Base Command Tarin Kowt, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from June 2010 to January 2011.

**CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)**

*ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY*

**Commander Alan William REGAN RFD RANR**

NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Rapid Environmental Assessment, Joint Environment Centre, Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY*

**Colonel Brian James BAILEY**

NSW

For outstanding achievement as Colonel Joint Fires at Headquarters 6th Brigade Australia.

**Colonel Michael David BOND**

Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of 9th Battalion, the Royal Queensland Regiment.

**Colonel Andrew William CONSTANTINE**

ACT

For outstanding achievement in the field of Joint Military Logistics.

**Lieutenant Colonel Craig David DOBSON**

ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the 10th Force Support Battalion.

**Lieutenant Colonel Natasha Anne FOX**

ACT

For outstanding achievement as Chief Instructor of the Australian Defence Force Academy.

**Colonel Timothy Fidock GELLEL**

ACT

For outstanding achievement as Australia's Defence Attaché to Japan.

**Major Keirin John JOYCE**

NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Capability Implementation Team, Army Headquarters.

**Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Edward JUCHNIEWICZ DSC**

ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two – Combat Development, Army Headquarters.

**Brigadier Paul David McLACHLAN**

Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Commander Joint Task Force 637 on Operation QUEENSLAND FLOOD ASSIST in January and February 2011.

**Lieutenant Colonel Alan Martin MELLIER**

Vic

For outstanding achievement as the Chief Engineer of the Soldier Modernisation Systems Program Office.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Neil George PATRICK**

Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Training Warrant Officer of the Army Explosive Hazards Centre and 20th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron.

*ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE*

**Flight Sergeant Russell Leonard BECK**

NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Number 81 Wing Maintenance Coordinator in support of Hornet Fleet Planning.

**Sergeant Brendan John CHURCH**

NSW

For outstanding achievement as the C-130 Propulsion System Engineering Specialist at Air Lift Systems Program Office.

**Wing Commander Darren James GOLDIE**

United States of America

For outstanding achievement as Staff Officer Very Important Person Operations.

**Group Captain Matthew George HEGARTY**

ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of Number 37 Squadron.

**Squadron Leader Stephen Robert HOADLEY**

Qld

For outstanding achievement as Senior Engineering Officer of Number 1 Squadron.

**Squadron Leader Steven Charles PARSONS**

ACT

For outstanding achievement as Commander Air Component Coordination Element, Joint Task Force 639.

**CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)***ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY***Chief Petty Officer Dennis BENTLEY**

NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Operations Manager, Royal Australian Navy Relief Trust Fund.

**Commander Darren Greville GROGAN RAN**

ACT

For meritorious achievement in the field of Border Protection at Headquarters Northern Command and at the Royal Australian Navy Patrol Boat Group.

**Lieutenant Commander Micheal Leslie JACOBSON RAN**

WA

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Executive Officer of Submarine Crew Two in HMAS *Collins*.

**Chief Petty Officer Andrew William MASKELL**

NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Personnel Officer aboard HMAS *Manoora* and for services to the wider naval community.

**Commander Paul James O'GRADY RAN**

ACT

For meritorious achievement as Commanding Officer of the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School.

*AUSTRALIAN ARMY***Warrant Officer Class One Brian James BUSKELL**

NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Regimental Sergeant Major, Combined Task Force 635 on Operation ANODE in the Solomon Islands in 2010.

**Captain D**

For meritorious achievement in logistic support and management.

**Major Ian Thomas DODD**

NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Three, Facilities at Headquarters 17th Combat Service Support Brigade.

**Major Daniel Scott FARRANDS**

Malaysia

For meritorious achievement as Second-in-Command of the North West Mobile Force and Joint Task Force 641, Operation OUTREACH.

**Warrant Officer Class One Andrew Charles GRUBB**

Vic

For meritorious achievement in the field of soldier career management.

**Warrant Officer Class One Ian Douglas HANCOCK**

NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in support of the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program and the Defence Co-operation Program.

**Warrant Officer Class One Christopher Raymond HODDER**

ACT

For meritorious achievement as Defence Administrative Assistant, Defence Section, Australian Embassy Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

**Major Jason Timothy KERR**

ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Project Officer with the Australian Fromelles Project Group.

**Warrant Officer Class Two Joanne Maria NOVAK**

Vic

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of logistic training development and employment category management.

*ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE***Squadron Leader Daryl Allan BOSSERT**

ACT

For meritorious achievement as a Personnel Manager in the Directorate of Personnel – Air Force.

**Flight Sergeant Mathew James BUTLER**

Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Targets at Number 82 Tactical Intelligence Flight, Number 87 Squadron.

**Wing Commander Stewart Clay FREEMAN OAM**

Tas

For meritorious achievement as the Deputy Director Business Management and Development, Directorate of Supply Chain Support within the Joint Logistics Command.

**Squadron Leader Lara Jayne GUNN**

ACT

For meritorious achievement as the Health Logistics Staff Officer at Headquarters Health Services Wing.

**Warrant Officer Trevor Allen SCHOLL**

ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Warrant Officer Engineer, Joint Task Force 639 Air Component Coordination Element.

**Squadron Leader Jason Gregory TAYLOR**

NT

For meritorious achievement as the Officer-in-Charge of Logistics Support Flight and Executive Officer at Number 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron.

**Squadron Leader Wendy Anne WALKER**

Vic

For meritorious achievement as the Principal Staff Officer Logistics and the Service Delivery Manager on Operation ASTUTE in East Timor from August 2010 to April 2011.

**Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)** (continued)

*Royal Australian Air Force (continued)*

**Flight Sergeant Gavin Keith WILLMETT**

NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Air Operations Clerk,  
Australian Defence Staff Papua New Guinea.

**By Her Excellency's Command**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Brady". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Stephen Brady CVO**

Official Secretary to the Governor-General