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The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following honorary appointment within the Military Division of the Order of Australia:

ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Honorary Officer (AO) in the Military Division

General John P ABIZAID, United States Army Headquarters
US Central Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida,
United States of America

For distinguished service to the International Coalition Against Terrorism as
Commander of US Central Command.

By His Excellency's Command

Malcolm Hazell
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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General Abizaid oversaw the establishment of Australian forces in Iraq under *Operation CATALYST* in 2003 and the reinsertion of Australian ground forces to Afghanistan as part of *Operation SLIPPER* in 2005. General Abizaid's distinguished leadership has promoted security and stability in an area that is key to Australia's national interest and long-term security.