

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

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Michael James ROTHWELL RAN, NSW

For exceptional performance of duty as Director Information, Communication and Technology Capability Coordination in the Chief Information Officer Group, and as Amphibious and Afloat Support Group Capability Manager.

Captain Rothwell is a dedicated and intelligent leader who has displayed exceptional commitment and ability in the field of capability management and coordination within both the Chief Information Officer Group and the Amphibious and Afloat Support Group. He has successfully guided small teams to achieve outstanding results in demanding circumstances.

Commodore Andrew John SMITH RAN, NSW

For exceptional service as a senior logistics officer in Navy, Joint Operations Command, United States Joint Staff and the Defence Materiel Organisation, between 2002 and 2012.

Commodore Smith has demonstrated consistent exemplary leadership and superior logistics knowledge, with strategic vision and refined diplomacy, for the Australian Defence Force over many years. He is an exceptional officer whose dedication is in accordance with the highest ideals and finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Australian Army

Brigadier Paul Thomas BLOOD, NSW

For exceptional service as Commander of the 5th Brigade.

Brigadier Blood's significant contributions to the operational capability of the Army Reserve have been exceptional. Through his foresight, leadership and commitment, he drove operational capability and readiness within the 5th Brigade to achieve outstanding results. An exceptional leader, he demonstrated his outstanding command and management abilities to underpin the 5th Brigade's successful contributions to both off-shore operations and domestic disaster relief missions.

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Colonel Leonard Basil BRENNAN, ACT

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in the field of health support as Director Health, Headquarters Joint Operations Command; Director Army Health; and Senior Medical Officer, Combined Team Uruzgan.

Colonel Brennan has provided exceptional service to the nation through his selfless leadership and practical implementation of contemporary and lifesaving health support to operations. His integral role in the Australian Army's Support to Wounded, Injured and Ill Program and his tireless efforts to improve the health and well-being of service personnel reflect great credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

Colonel Natasha Anne FOX CSC, ACT

For exceptional performance of duty as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER from June 2012 to January 2013.

Colonel Fox made an exceptional contribution to Australian Defence Force operations in the Middle East. In a highly complex environment, she managed numerous operational incidents skilfully ensuring appropriate support to units and timely engagement with higher headquarters. She shaped planning dextrously to position Joint Task Force 633 to advantage for the future. Her inspirational leadership sustained the Headquarters staff in difficult periods and built an unprecedented reputation for responsiveness and high quality output.

Lieutenant Colonel Jason Mitchell LOGUE, ACT

For exceptional service in the areas of Military Public Affairs and Information Operations for the Australian Defence Force, particularly as Senior Military Public Affairs Officer in Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Logue's exceptional dedication to duty as the Senior Military Public Affairs Officer in Headquarters Joint Operations Command and his sustained and notable contribution to the Australian Defence Forces' Military Public Affairs and Information Operations requirements across all operations and joint exercises have reflected favourably on the Australian Defence Force's reputation and have ensured that these capabilities have been developed and enhanced.

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Colonel Kevin Charles PACKHAM CSM, ACT

For exceptional performance of duty in the field of Defence Logistics and as Director of Operations and Training Area Management.

Colonel Packham has, since 2004, served in three separate Joint Logistics Command appointments, as well as undertaking the role of Director of Operations and Training Area Management. Throughout, he has made an exceptional contribution to Joint Logistics Command and the Defence Support and Reform Group. A highly professional, dedicated and selfless officer, Colonel Packham brings great credit to the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major General the Honourable Justice Richard Ross TRACEY RFD, Vic

For exceptional service in the field of military law, as a consultant for the Director of Army Legal Services, and as Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force.

Major General Tracey has served in the most senior and demanding roles within the military justice system and has actively promoted the fairness and integrity of the system. His dedication to ensuring that Australia has a robust and appropriate military discipline system has been an inspiration to all military lawyers, and has maintained ongoing Government, judicial and public confidence in Australia's military discipline system.

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Commodore Anthony Patrick GRADY, NSW

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in Air Combat Development.

Air Commodore Grady has demonstrated outstanding resourcefulness, exceptional leadership, astute management, honed political acumen, and conspicuous dedication to duty over several postings in difficult and demanding roles that have significantly contributed to Australia's air combat development under operational pressure; whilst also contributing to coalition combat successes in Afghanistan and a likely reduction in Australian Defence Force casualties.

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Air Vice-Marshal Neil Campbell HART, ACT

For exceptional service as Commander Air Combat Group and Head Joint Capability Coordination Division.

Air Vice-Marshal Hart has continuously demonstrated exceptional service and inspirational leadership over an extended period that have delivered lasting reform in the Royal Australian Air Force air combat capability; and conspicuous advances in the Australian Defence Force's understanding of, and contribution to, emerging areas of joint capability. His outstanding dedication to duty, remarkable initiative and thorough professionalism have positioned Defence well to address future joint capability and air combat challenges.

Air Commodore Terrence John SAUNDER, Vic

For exceptional service in the fields of commercial contracting and technical airworthiness regulatory reform.

Air Commodore Saunder's exceptional achievements have saved Defence tens of millions of dollars through innovative commercial contracting; while his regulatory reforms of technical airworthiness have delivered significant cost reductions that will continue well into the future. He is the epitome of professionalism, consistently demonstrating inspirational leadership, exceptional commercial acumen, outstanding perseverance and unswerving dedication to duty over several postings in highly complex and challenging roles.