

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Australian Army

Sergeant D, WA

For distinguished leadership in action as a patrol commander in Afghanistan in 2008.

Sergeant G, NSW

For distinguished leadership in action in Afghanistan in 2008.

Captain Paul William GRAHAM, NT

For distinguished leadership in action as Officer Commanding Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team 1 on Cemetery Hill West, Chora, Afghanistan between 23 and 25 November 2008.

With his combined Australian and Afghan patrol heavily engaged by small-arms and rocket fire from a large and well coordinated insurgent force, Captain Graham, through strong leadership, highly effective tactical command and personal example consolidated his patrol and immediately launched a counter attack. His patrol recaptured the high ground and went on to successfully achieve their original mission. Captain Graham's leadership and personal example were an inspiration to his troops.

Corporal Leon David GRAY, Vic

For distinguished leadership in action while a section commander in 2 Platoon, Combat Team TUSK, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1, in action in the Chora Valley, Afghanistan on 29 December 2008.

Corporal Gray is an outstanding junior non-commissioned officer, whose command and leadership in action against enemy forces whilst under heavy fire and with total disregard to his personal safety, contributed to the platoon inflicting significant casualties on the enemy, safely withdrawing their own casualty and breaking out of the attempted encirclement by the enemy.

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Corporal J, WA

For distinguished leadership in action as second-in-command of a patrol in Afghanistan in 2008.

Major J, ACT

For distinguished leadership in action as a troop commander in Afghanistan in 2008.

Lieutenant Jacob Alexander KLEINMAN, NT

For distinguished leadership in action as Officer Commanding Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team 3 in Kakarak, Afghanistan on 16 and 18 March 2009.

On the 16 March 2009 Lieutenant Kleinman led a combined Australian and Afghan patrol which was engaged by a numerically superior enemy force. Lieutenant Kleinman provided exemplary leadership and direction, including the control of suppressive fire and coordination of close air support, to extricate an Australian casualty and securely withdraw his patrol. On 18 March, during a similar incident, Lieutenant Kleinman's expert assessment and clear direction to the patrol was again critical to success.

Major David William McCAMMON, NT

For distinguished leadership in action while Officer Commanding the Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1 from October 2008 to June 2009.

Major McCammon commanded the initial Australian Army Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team on active service in Afghanistan. The team, developed the operational capability of their assigned Afghan battalion, and was often involved in high tempo offensive and security operations in arduous conditions, against a difficult and dangerous enemy. Major McCammon's detailed preparation of the team and his inspirational leadership, active presence and constant encouragement ensured they were highly successful.

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Captain P, NSW

For distinguished leadership in action as a platoon commander in Afghanistan in 2008.

Captain T, NSW

For distinguished leadership in action as a platoon commander in Afghanistan in 2008.

Warrant Officer Class Two Adam John WEST, ACT

For distinguished leadership in action as a platoon mentor on Operation SLIPPER with Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 1 in southern Afghanistan.

Warrant Officer (then Sergeant) West, as a member of a joint Afghan and Australian patrol, was engaged on two separate occasions with significant automatic small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire by insurgent fighters. On both occasions Warrant Officer West's professionalism, courage and leadership were instrumental in his patrols' regaining the initiative and successfully concluding their engagements.