

STAR OF GALLANTRY (SG)

Australian Army

Private B

For conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril while on operations on Operation SLIPPER.

Private B repeatedly exposed himself to sustained heavy fire in order to support his team during operations in Uruzgan. On seeing his team under enemy fire, he rendered assistance without regard for his own safety, which undoubtedly saved lives. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

Australian Army

Private M

For acts of gallantry in action on Operation SLIPPER.

Private M's display of gallantry and exemplary composure in complex circumstances undoubtedly assisted in saving the life of a team member. Despite Private M himself being wounded, he remained by his team member's side, treating him and demonstrating a fine example of composure and mateship. His acts of gallantry were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Special Operations Task Group, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Corporal W

For acts of gallantry in action on Operation SLIPPER.

Corporal W's gallantry in the face of a confusing and dangerous situation undoubtedly saved the life of a seriously wounded comrade and contributed to the safe evacuation of other wounded Australians and their Afghan partners. With complete disregard for his own safety, he calmly moved forward to relieve a less experienced first-aider and rendered lifesaving intervention. His actions were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

The BAR to the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC and Bar)

Australian Army

Major General Michael Peter CRANE DSC AM, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander of Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER from October 2012 to September 2013.

Major General Crane commanded Joint Task Force 633 during a critical juncture in the Middle East campaign as lead security authority transferred to Afghan National Security Forces in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan. He oversaw task force operations conducted outside Afghanistan while working to advance Australia's national interests by vigorously engaging the senior leadership of the International Security Assistance Force, Coalition Forces, and the military organisations of regional nations. Under his distinguished leadership, Joint Task Force 633 has made a major contribution to the stability and security of the Middle East while enhancing Australia's reputation with our coalition allies and the nations of the region.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

Brigadier John William SHANAHAN AM, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander of the 205th Corps Advisory Team on Operation SLIPPER from September 2012 to August 2013.

Brigadier Shanahan commanded the 205th Corps Advisory Team during a critical stage of the development of the Afghan National Army in southern Afghanistan. He distinguished himself through his outstanding capacity to develop effective working relationships leading to superior operational outcomes, and through his unfailingly positive leadership. His efforts significantly developed the capacity of the Commander and key headquarters staff of 205 Corps and enhanced Australia's reputation.

Colonel Simon Andrew STUART AM, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander Combined Team Uruzgan on Operation SLIPPER from October 2012 to August 2013.

Colonel Stuart commanded Combined Team Uruzgan at a critical stage of the International Security Assistance Force campaign in Uruzgan Province. He distinguished himself through his outstanding capacity to develop highly effective working relationships, superior intellect in orchestrating the Team's design for battle, and exemplary leadership of a disparate formation. His efforts significantly enhanced security, governance and development in the Province and positioned Combined Team Uruzgan for a timely withdrawal.

Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Lieutenant Colonel Malcolm Dalziel WELLS, SA

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of the 7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment Task Group on Operation SLIPPER from November 2012 to June 2013.

Lieutenant Colonel Wells commanded the Australian Task Force at a critical stage of Australia's campaign in Afghanistan. He consolidated gains with the 4th Brigade of the Afghan National Army's 205th Corps, enabled critical Australian engagement activities and led efforts to draw down equipment and stores from the Australian base at Tarin Kowt. He orchestrated his Task Force's efforts with skill and dexterity, and his achievements advanced Coalition and Australian objectives measurably.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Paul James O'GRADY CSM RAN, ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Newcastle* on Operation SLIPPER from May to September 2013.

Commander O'Grady distinguished himself through the superior application of technical skill, skilful diplomacy and outstanding leadership. In a highly complex environment under conditions that were frequently very trying, he executed a spectrum of maritime operations with precision, enhancing the reputation of the Coalition Maritime Forces and advancing Australia's national interests. His achievements were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Captain Robert Bruce SLAVEN RAN, NSW

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Director of Operations, Coalition Maritime Forces, and Maritime Operations Adviser, Joint Task Force 633, on Operation SLIPPER from November 2012 to November 2013.

Captain Slaven managed the day-to-day activity of a naval coalition conducting maritime security operations in an area of more than 2.5 million square miles and provided maritime advice to the Australian Commander in the Middle East Area of Operations. He distinguished himself by his capacity to balance competing operational imperatives; his measured advice; and his superior diplomatic skills. His achievements were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Australian Army

Brigadier Andrew William BOTTRELL CSC and Bar, NSW

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as Director General Transition and Redeployment on Operation SLIPPER from December 2012 to November 2013.

Brigadier Bottrell led planning and execution of the drawdown of Australian forces from Afghanistan through the peak period of activity associated with redeployment from Uruzgan Province. In a complex and dynamic environment, he distinguished himself through superior leadership, foresight and a tireless focus on stakeholder relationships. His leadership positioned Joint Task Force 633 for redeployment within the stringent mandated timelines, while protecting Australia's reputation.

Captain C

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations on Operation SLIPPER.

Captain C is an inspirational leader whose results made a measureable difference to security on Operation SLIPPER. He distinguished himself in numerous complex network operations against a determined enemy, and by his commitment to partner force development. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Corporal Michael James CALLAGHAN, NSW

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as an infantry section commander in support of the 205th Corps Advisory Team on Operation SLIPPER from November 2012 to June 2013.

Corporal Callaghan distinguished himself as a highly capable junior leader who made a superior contribution to the capability of the 205th Corps Advisory Team. Charged with the force protection of senior Australian officers, he established a robust operating framework which met their requirements without threatening their Afghan partners, and his team became the model for such operations. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Dean Gregory FRANKLIN CSC, United States of America

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Deputy Chief Future Operations, Headquarters International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, Operation SLIPPER, from November 2012 to December 2013.

As Deputy Chief of Future Operations, Headquarters International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, Colonel Franklin displayed exceptional leadership and performance of duty in the day-to-day planning and control of combat operations throughout Afghanistan. His consummate professionalism, exceptional leadership and exemplary dedication to duty during a period of great complexity ensured the success of the ongoing Coalition mission and directly contributed to the long-term security and stability of Afghanistan.

United States Army

Colonel Douglas C CARDINALE, United States of America

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Deputy Commander Combined Team-Uruzgan from October 2012 to July 2013.

Colonel Cardinale distinguished himself as an exemplary leader and outstanding Coalition partner. His diligence, energy and determination set the standard for all ranks in the Combined Team. As the first United States Deputy Commander in Uruzgan Province, he made a superb contribution to unity of effort and management of United States national issues. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army and the spirit of the Australia New Zealand United States Alliance.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Jay Barton BANNISTER RAN, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Joint Task Force 633, on Operation SLIPPER from January to July 2013.

Captain Bannister distinguished himself through superior judgment, commitment and leadership in a demanding, high tempo appointment. He managed numerous operational incidents skilfully, shaped planning thoughtfully, and sustained the staff through many challenging situations. Under his guidance, the Headquarters built measurably on its reputation for responsiveness and high quality output. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Commodore Martin Andrew BROOKER CSC RAN, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Deputy Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER from November 2012 to May 2013.

Commodore Brooker gave a distinguished performance as Deputy Commander in a diverse, widely dispersed Joint Task Force. His sophisticated understanding of the strategic context of the operation made him a trusted adviser and enabled him, when necessary, to exercise command with authority. He provided valuable support to subordinate commanders and staff, and oversaw measurable improvement in the capacity of the Joint Task Force Headquarters.

Commendation for Distinguished Service (continued)

Royal Australian Navy (continued)

Commodore Charles Neville McHARDIE AM RAN, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Commander Combined Task Force 150 on Operation SLIPPER from December 2012 to April 2013.

Commodore McHardie distinguished himself through exceptional leadership, skilful diplomacy and outstanding devotion to duty. He conducted highly effective interdiction operations against drug smugglers, denying terrorist organisations critical financial resources. His comprehensive regional engagement program enhanced both Coalition and Australian interests. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Commander Brendon Michael ZILKO RAN, NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Commanding Officer HMAS *Toowoomba* on Operation SLIPPER from January to May 2013.

Commander Zilko gave a distinguished performance as Commanding Officer of Australia's major fleet unit in the Middle East Area of Operations. He delivered highly effective maritime capability to the Combined Maritime Forces and in support of Australian tasking, significantly enhancing regional maritime security and Australia's national interests. His achievements were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Australian Army

Major Charmaine Sylvia BENFIELD, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Operations Officer of the Force Support Unit on Operation SLIPPER from October 2012 to June 2013.

Major Benfield distinguished herself as an officer of outstanding ability in planning, implementation and ongoing coordination of logistic support to operations across six bases in four countries. She skilfully balanced the delivery of logistic effects in support of ongoing operations with the commencement of redeployment and remediation activities, without detriment to either. Her performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel C

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations on Operation SLIPPER.

Lieutenant Colonel C distinguished himself as an outstanding manager and exemplary leader. He supported the execution of more than 350 operations, including managing both operational and administrative requirements across multiple chains of command. His resilience under sustained pressure was an inspiration to peers, subordinates and superiors alike. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Commendation for Distinguished Service (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Lieutenant Colonel Dean Robert COMMONS, WA

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Senior Intelligence Analyst in Headquarters International Security Assistance Force Joint Command on Operation SLIPPER from October 2012 to August 2013.

Lieutenant Colonel Commons distinguished himself as a resilient leader and a superb intelligence professional. He drew together a multinational staff of disparate background and experience to establish a coherent, effective intelligence team. His assessments and analyses invariably provided commanders with superior situational awareness, enabling scarce resources to be appropriately focused. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major Geoffrey Andrew ELFORD CSM, NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Chief Engineer for Combined Team - Uruzgan on Operation SLIPPER from October 2012 to June 2013.

Major Elford distinguished himself as an exemplary leader, displaying innovation and excellent judgement in the development and execution of an extremely complex retrograde plan across Uruzgan Province. His diligence and planning acumen resulted in the transition of eleven Coalition bases, saving more than \$10 million dollars and ensuring economy of force effort. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Sergeant J

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations on Operation SLIPPER.

Sergeant J distinguished himself as an outstanding leader, significantly contributing to the mission success and protection of Coalition forces. He excelled in integrating special technical capabilities with organic unit resources to provide commanders at all levels with outstanding situational awareness. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major Michael John KEARNS CSM, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Officer Commanding the Brigade Adviser Team, 7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, on Operation SLIPPER, from October 2012 to June 2013.

Major Kearns gave a distinguished performance as senior adviser to the Afghan National Army 4th Brigade Headquarters. His obvious expertise instilled confidence in his Afghan National Army partners, leading to greatly improved outcomes. He was directly responsible for moving the Afghan Army to the fore at a crucial juncture in the campaign in Uruzgan. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Commendation for Distinguished Service (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Captain M

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations on Operation SLIPPER.

Captain M distinguished himself as an outstanding manager in very challenging circumstances. In particular, he excelled in consistently delivering resourceful solutions for the tactical resupply and contingency sustainment of force elements. His performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Brigadier Peter John SHORT DSC, NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Assistant Commander - Afghanistan, Joint Task Force 633, on Operation SLIPPER from August 2012 to August 2013.

Brigadier Short is a resilient, determined leader who distinguished himself through the relentless pursuit of Australian interests in Afghanistan across a number of complex lines of operation. He was an outstanding senior national representative in Kabul, managing sensitive issues superbly while maintaining a diligent focus on sustainment, including force protection. His actions were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Kevin James MURRAY CSM, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Commander of the Joint Task Force 633 Air Component on Operation SLIPPER from October 2012 to April 2013.

Group Captain Murray commanded the Air Component of Joint Task Force 633 during a challenging period of continuous change. He distinguished himself through his robust command presence, his willingness to challenge conventional positions and his determination to provide high quality air support. His efforts had a profound impact on Joint Task Force 633 operations. His distinguished performance was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Simon John BATEMAN RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Director General Navy Communications and Coordination.

Captain Bateman is an exceptional officer displaying consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership, outstanding initiative and dedication to duty. He has led the Navy Strategic Command Communications and Coordination team in demanding circumstances to uncompromisingly high standards in support of the Navy Senior Leadership group and Defence Ministers. His achievements are of the highest order and bring great credit upon himself, the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Commander Phillipa HAY RAN, NT

For outstanding devotion to duty as Staff Officer Grade Two Maritime Planner, Headquarters Joint Task Force 639 - Operation RESOLUTE in support of Border Protection Operations.

Lieutenant Commander Hay displayed exceptional devotion to duty, completing complex maritime planning within extremely tight timelines and resource constraints for the Australian Defence Force's contribution to Border Protection Operations. Her outstanding achievements in maritime planning have directly contributed to the effectiveness of border surveillance and enforcement operations.

Commander Michael John HICKING RANR, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Deputy Director Operations for the Royal Australian Navy International Fleet Review 2013.

Commander Hicking was instrumental in the planning, implementation and execution of the Royal Australian Navy's International Fleet Review 2013. He achieved outstanding results in all aspects of Fleet Review operational planning and, in particular, the event's Pyrotechnic and Lightshow Spectacular. Commander Hicking's dedication to duty has made an absolutely outstanding contribution to the Royal Australian Navy's international reputation.

Captain Katherine Anne RICHARDS RAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement in the performance of duties as the Commanding Officer HMAS *Cerberus* and Director Training Authority – Engineering.

Captain Richards' high level of professionalism, tireless work ethic and unwavering devotion to her duties in command of HMAS *Cerberus* and as the Director Training Authority - Engineering has ensured the delivery of effective and efficient recruit and initial training of almost 3,000 sailors. Additionally, she has made certain that the local and broader Victorian community, including the retired naval community, has been engaged with the latest developments both within HMAS *Cerberus* and the wider Royal Australian Navy.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)

Royal Australian Navy (continued)

Captain Sarah Edith SHARKEY RAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Director of Clinical Governance and Projects and Australian Defence Force Health Services Project Transition Lead.

Captain Sharkey's dedication and outstanding leadership have resulted in the successful implementation of the Australian Defence Force Health Services Project and led to substantial improvements in health care delivery to Australian Defence Force personnel. Her contribution to the success of the Joint Health Command reform program has been pivotal and provides a solid platform of excellence from which to build further system improvements into the future.

Commander Andrew Craig WRIGHT OAM RAN, Vic

For outstanding achievement as the Engineering Officer in HMAS *Choules* during commissioning and acceptance of the ship into Navy service.

Commander Wright's performance during HMAS *Choules*' entry into Royal Australian Navy service has been outstanding. His exceptional leadership and commitment to understanding and maintaining the technical integrity of such a sophisticated and unique warship reflects his vast experience, expertise and diligence in engineering, seaworthiness principles, sustainment and planning, and demonstrated his personal drive and character to bring this important capability to realisation.

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel James Andrew DAVIS, Qld

For outstanding achievement as Staff Officer Grade One, The Army Plan in Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Davis' dedication, drive and superior professional mastery have delivered outstanding results in support of the Australian Army's modernisation and force structure initiatives. He has consistently demonstrated outstanding judgment, leadership, and communication skills in the area of planning and capability development. His contribution has been vital to the success of Army's Plan BEERSHEBA and to the development and enhancement of both the Australian Army's current and future force.

Colonel Anthony Gerard HAMBLETON AM, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Director Personnel Policy and Director General Personnel - Army within Personnel Branch - Army, Army Headquarters.

Colonel Hambleton led significant and lasting change which has improved the Australian Army's personnel administration and support. His outstanding leadership, strategic acumen and networking skills delivered reforms that have simplified and improved personnel management, while realising capability efficiencies. As Director General Personnel - Army, he led priority initiatives to improve Army's diversity, recruitment and retention, and support to wounded, injured and ill soldiers. His performance is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Frederick HILLS, United States of America
For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One, Career Adviser Group in the Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Hills' innovative leadership and exemplary performance of duty have been instrumental in supporting soldiers and implementing significant changes in soldier career management to enhance capability to the Australian Army. His service is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Andrew John HOCKING, ACT
For outstanding achievement as Branch Chief for Functional Contingency Plans and Policy while on exchange within the Headquarters of United States Pacific Command.

Colonel Hocking's outstanding professional skill, knowledge, and leadership significantly improved the overall effectiveness and preparedness of the United States Pacific Command's Strategic Planning and Policy Directorate, considerably enhancing the international reputation of the Australian Army.

Corporal Benjamin James KATZ, NSW
For outstanding achievement as a Section Commander and Reconnaissance Patrol Commander with the 2nd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Corporal Katz is an outstanding soldier and junior leader whose performance has been recognised within his Battalion and Corps, as well as internationally. He has demonstrated his exceptional leadership and mentoring skills as Section Commander, and led his section successfully in the Duke of Gloucester Cup. His continued leadership and training as the Patrol Commander have built strength and confidence within his fellow soldiers, and have been pivotal to the development of the Amphibious Warfare Capability.

Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Scott KILPATRICK, ACT
For outstanding achievement as the Chief Instructor in the Undergraduate Branch of the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Lieutenant Colonel Kilpatrick has been instrumental in the significant enhancement of the Academy's military education and training program. He has ably led the implementation of numerous new training elements emanating from Defence culture reviews, while simultaneously reinvigorating the Academy's leadership development training continuum. The outstanding success of Lieutenant Colonel Kilpatrick's numerous innovations during his appointment are attributable to his meticulous planning, inspirational leadership, impeccable management attributes and pronounced acumen in officer training.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Lieutenant Colonel Damien John McLACHLAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement as a Staff Officer Grade One - Equipment Management in the Directorate of Logistics - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel McLachlan has demonstrated the highest levels of logistic and maintenance knowledge to ensure that the Australian Defence Force's land materiel has been managed effectively. He has achieved this through the implementation of significant reform initiatives that have reduced the cost of maintenance without detriment to capability, while at the same time streamlining a range of management processes. Lieutenant Colonel McLachlan's commitment and motivation are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Niall Joseph O'TOOLE, Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Brigade Aviation Maintenance Officer for the 16th Aviation Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel O'Toole has displayed professional excellence and outstanding dedication to duty in maintaining the Australian Army's helicopter capability. His self-certifying tradesmen initiative has produced outstanding efficiencies in Aviation maintenance and serviceability, ensuring fewer tradesmen are required to rectify aircraft faults and placing fewer tradesmen in high risk situations.

Lieutenant Colonel S

For outstanding achievement as a Staff Officer Grade One on Operation SLIPPER.

Lieutenant Colonel S led his Cell to an exceptional level in direct support of Australian forces in Afghanistan as part of Operation SLIPPER. His outstanding skills and leadership ability were instrumental in the successful conduct of operations. His exemplary performance has brought great credit upon himself and his team and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Brigadier Nagy Maher SORIAL, Vic

For outstanding achievement as Director General Land Vehicle Systems Branch, Defence Materiel Organisation.

Brigadier Sorial has consistently demonstrated outstanding commercial acumen, superior judgment and selfless dedication in the management of complex military vehicle acquisition projects. An exceptional officer who unfailingly displays inspirational leadership and the highest levels of professionalism, his ability to manage multiple and concurrent large scale and highly complex projects to achieve successful key outcomes in support of Defence capability will positively impact current and future generations of Australian soldiers.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Chaplain Robert Geoffrey SUTHERLAND, NSW
For outstanding achievement as Chaplain of the 1st Intelligence Battalion.

Chaplain Sutherland's dedication to the members of the 1st Intelligence Battalion has been exceptional. Demonstrating his professionalism and initiative, he developed resilience and measures to heal the spiritual wounds of combat soldiers, sailors and airmen of the unit during a period of unprecedented operational tempo and pressure. His ground-breaking and exceptional efforts in developing and enhancing the ability of personnel to deal with the adversity faced on operations have directly contributed to the success of Australian operations overseas.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Ian William BROWNING, ACT
For outstanding achievement in expeditionary airbase capability development.

Group Captain (then Wing Commander) Browning demonstrated outstanding leadership and exceptional skill in the development of an enduring, efficient expeditionary airbase support capability. His comprehensive analysis and meticulous implementation plans have ensured scarce resources now align to meet complex expeditionary airbase support requirements efficiently and effectively. Group Captain Browning is the epitome of professionalism and his outstanding achievements reflect great credit upon himself and the Royal Australian Air Force.

Group Captain Deanne Margaret GIBBON, ACT
For outstanding devotion to duty as Director Review into the Treatment of Women in the Australian Defence Force Project in the Defence People Group.

Group Captain Gibbon's tireless efforts to facilitate implementation of the Review into the Treatment of Women in the Australian Defence Force, while also seeking out innovative, evidence-based approaches to advancing diversity, have contributed significantly to cultural change in Defence. Her selfless outstanding devotion to duty, professionalism, contributions to advancing diversity, and support provided to women in the Australian Defence Force are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Gregory Alan HOFFMANN, Vic
For outstanding achievement as Officer Commanding the Training Aircraft Systems Program Office.

Group Captain Hoffmann is the epitome of professionalism whose innovative and energetic leadership of the Training Aircraft Systems Program Office has substantially improved delivery of Air Force Pilot Training. Through inspirational leadership and exceptional dedication to duty, Group Captain Hoffmann created an enduring culture of continuous improvement and excellence focused on Pilot Training outcomes that should endure well beyond his command.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)

Royal Australian Air Force (continued)

Group Captain Keith Francis JOINER, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty in test and evaluation for the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Joiner has demonstrated outstanding dedication to duty, inspirational leadership and remarkable vision in a highly demanding and dynamic environment as the Director General Test and Evaluation in Capability Development Group. He is an exceptional officer who has transformed the Australian Defence Test and Evaluation Office into a key enabler for maximising the operational effectiveness of major new Defence capabilities entering the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Brendan James ROGERS, NSW

For outstanding achievement in airborne electronic warfare capability development and delivery for the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Rogers has developed and delivered an important electronic warfare system for the Australian Defence Force and a unique operational capability for Australia. He is the epitome of professionalism, as demonstrated by his outstanding leadership, exceptional skill, and conspicuous dedication. His outstanding devotion to duty and achievements have brought great credit upon himself, Number 92 Wing and the Royal Australian Air Force.

The BAR to the CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM and Bar)

Australian Army

Major Dean Alexander CLARK CSM, NT

For meritorious achievement as the Operations Officer of Observer Group Golan - Damascus (Syria) United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation.

Major Clark displayed consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership and initiative, and outstanding dedication to duty in an extremely challenging and demanding situation. These qualities and his ability to identify and rectify system flaws greatly enhanced the security and safety of unarmed United Nations Military Observers within Observer Group Golan - Damascus (Syria). These achievements were realised during a civil war within Syria. His dedication to duty accords with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Defence Force.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Diane Mary (Di) JENSEN CSM, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as an Assistant Inspector General Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Jensen has consistently delivered exceptional results as an Assistant Inspector General Australian Defence Force inquiry officer. Her precision and attention to detail in all aspects of the most difficult inquiries, her compassionate and empathetic attitude, and selfless approach reflect the highest levels of professionalism and have significantly enhanced Defence's management of sensitive matters. Her performance is of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Rodney Sean BRENNAN, Qld

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duties as the Chief Physical Trainer of HMAS Cairns.

Chief Petty Officer Brennan's dedication to the HMAS Cairns ship's company, 17 fleet units, visiting warships and the Defence Indigenous Development Program, has been realised through well organised and planned fitness classes, recreational sporting events and quality training to Defence and civilian personnel. His efforts have culminated in long-term improvements in health, rehabilitation, morale and fitness standards, and improved levels of Individual Readiness for personnel assigned to boarding parties, transit security tasks and operations.

Leading Seaman Martyn Gijs HANCOCK, NSW

For meritorious achievement as a Leading Seaman in the Royal Australian Navy Band in the area of composing and music arrangement.

Leading Seaman Hancock is an exceptional musician who has composed and arranged much music to commemorate significant occasions in the history of the Royal Australian Navy, and his works are of the highest order. He was commissioned by the Director of Music Navy to compose a symphony for Wind Orchestra for the International Fleet Review. This major work took six months to complete. Leading Seaman Hancock dedicated 200 hours per month to write the symphony, with the majority of that time being outside normal working hours.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Royal Australian Navy (continued)

Commander David Philip LANDON RAN, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty as the Fleet Executive Officer at Fleet Headquarters Australia.

An exceptional officer who displays outstanding dedication and inspirational leadership in extremely challenging circumstances, Commander Landon's professionalism and unstinting commitment to achieving excellence in sea training have been pivotal during a period of extremely high operational readiness of the Fleet.

Chief Petty Officer Jason Damien LITTLE, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Naval Explosive Ordnance Inspector within the Directorate of Explosive Ordnance Services, Joint Logistics Command.

Chief Petty Officer Little demonstrated outstanding technical acumen, dedication and application as the Naval Explosive Ordnance Inspector within the Directorate of Explosive Ordnance Services, Joint Logistics Command. His tireless efforts and dedication to duty have directly contributed to explosive ordnance safety and Royal Australian Navy capability. His innovation, determination and professionalism have been outstanding and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australia Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Chief Petty Officer Samantha Leonie ROBSON, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty on the staff of Commander Australian Surface Force.

Chief Petty Officer Robson's devotion to duty and meritorious achievement in a wide range of senior staff responsibilities beyond her core role as a Communications Information Systems specialist, have had a direct and enduring impact and have been instrumental in supporting the broad range of operational command and support activities within the Royal Australian Navy's Surface Force Command.

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Heike Christa BROWN, Vic

For meritorious devotion to duty in providing welfare support to Army's wounded, injured and ill personnel as the Member Support Coordinator for Victoria.

Warrant Officer Brown's contribution to Army's Support to Wounded, Injured and Ill Program has had a direct and positive effect on the recovery, rehabilitation and welfare of soldiers. The empathy, compassion and understanding she has shown soldiers and their families have been exceptional. Her efforts have significantly enhanced the quality of life and morale of Australian soldiers. Warrant Officer Brown's devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Sergeant C

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty while posted to the 2nd Commando Regiment.

Sergeant Cs' proactive efforts and dedication in the support of wounded personnel, Legacy and the Commando Welfare Trust are far above and beyond the expectations of his rank. His loyalty, work ethic, professionalism and application of skills, knowledge and experience are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Special Operations Command, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Grant GIBSON, ACT

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Career Management Support, Directorate of Reserve Soldier Career Management - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Gibson is an outstanding officer whose exemplary leadership, corporate knowledge and professional dedication to duty have significantly aided in the effective delivery of Army Reserve soldier career management and Army capability outcomes. His tireless efforts have seen him introduce new systems and operating procedures which have exponentially aided Reserve soldier career management nationally. His performance under extremely challenging circumstances is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel David Graham JENKINS, ACT

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Communication, Information Systems and Electronic Warfare, within the Directorate of Logistics - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Jenkins' professionalism, technical aptitude and leadership have ensured the highest quality information systems have been provided to the Australian Army in times of significant financial pressure. His achievements have required considerable staff work, consultation and perseverance to realise desired outcomes. In doing so, he has achieved significant savings for Defence without detriment to capability. His performance is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Captain M

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty in Special Operations Command.

Captain M's superior performance in logistic management and pursuit of excellence has significantly enhanced the unit's capability. His initiatives have directly resulted in financial efficiencies for the Australian Defence Force. His performance within the field of logistics is of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Special Operations Command, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Paul MOSS, ACT

For meritorious achievement as a Career Adviser at the Directorate of Officer Career Management - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Moss is an exceptional staff officer whose outstanding performance and professional devotion to duty as a Career Adviser for the Royal Australian Armoured Corps, Australian Army Legal Corps and, for most of 2013, Royal Australian Signals Corps Officers have significantly aided the effective delivery of officer career management. His outcomes are testament to his excellent advice and strategic insight and, overall, he has made a meritorious contribution to the Australian Army's personnel capability.

Major Emmet O'MAHONEY, ACT

For meritorious achievement as Staff Officer Grade Two Personnel Policy Conditions of Service in Army Headquarters.

Major O'Mahoney has been instrumental in the realisation of conditions of service in support of the Chief of Army's strategic personnel initiatives. His exemplary knowledge, application and interpretation of legislation and personnel policy are matched by his professionalism and dedication to the service of the Australian Army's personnel.

Sergeant Belinda Carmel TOTTLE, Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Chef Supervising Sergeant at the 1st Signal Regiment during the period 2012 to 2013.

Sergeant Tottle has demonstrated consistent meritorious achievement as the Chef Supervising Sergeant for the 1st Signal Regiment. Her outstanding service and commitment to mentoring junior soldiers, providing catering support to demanding combined joint exercises, and coordination of high profile formal dining events have identified her as an exceptionally professional soldier. Her achievements have been of the highest order and brought great credit upon herself, the Australian Army Catering Corps and the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Class Two Glen Andrew WHITE, NSW

For meritorious achievement as a Company Sergeant Major in the 1st Recruit Training Battalion.

Warrant Officer White's initiative, planning and leadership while serving within the 1st Recruit Training Battalion have been exceptional. His improvements to the quality of training delivered to over 4,000 recruits each year have ensured that the unit's training outcomes have been of the highest order and have enhanced the knowledge and skills retention of the recruits. His accomplishments and outstanding dedication have been of the highest order and should have an enduring impact on Army's Foundation Warfighting capability.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Australian Army (continued)

Major Anthony George WOOLASTON, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two, Force Modernisation, Communications Information Systems and Electronic Warfare, Headquarters Forces Command.

Major Woolaston has displayed professional excellence, initiative and outstanding dedication in the area of communications force modernisation. In particular, his attention to detail and commitment have ensured that the major land digitisation projects have been introduced into Forces Command in the most effective and efficient manner possible. His accomplishments over a sustained period have made a substantial contribution to the modernisation of Forces Command and the Australian Army.

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader Adam James BOWLER, SA

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Officer-in-Charge of Servicing and Structural Integrity Flight in the Maritime Patrol Systems Program Office.

Squadron Leader Bowler's exemplary leadership and devotion to duty have been critical to sustaining and enhancing AP-3C capability. His drive, vision and leadership have resulted in improved capability support from the Maritime Patrol Systems Program Office, generating an enhanced AP-3C operational capability for Number 92 Wing. Squadron Leader Bowler's exceptional professionalism and leadership reflect great credit upon himself and are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

Flight Lieutenant Nadia Justine HARRISON, ACT

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade 3 Satellite Communications for the Directorate of Information and Communications Technology Capability Coordination, Chief Information Officer Group.

Flight Lieutenant Harrison's leadership and achievements as the Staff Officer Grade 3 Satellite Communications were consistently above the level of her peer group and have been crucial in the development and improvement of the Defence narrowband satellite communications capability. Her achievements and dedication to building Defence capability have brought great credit upon herself and the Chief Information Officer Group, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Sam LACEY, NSW

For meritorious achievement as Capability Development Operations One at Headquarters Air Mobility Group.

Warrant Officer Lacey has made an exceptional contribution to the sustainment of air mobility for the Royal Australian Air Force. Warrant Officer Lacey has demonstrated extraordinary dedication and professional excellence in the introduction of capability enhancements to improve the efficiency of personnel in both operational and peacetime environments.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Royal Australian Air Force (continued)

Warrant Officer Sean Patrick O'TOOLE, Qld

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Road Movements Officer at Number 22 (City of Sydney) Squadron.

Warrant Officer O'Toole developed, produced and implemented a training and sustainment system for the management and operation of Base Aviation and Ground Fuel Installations at Royal Australian Air Force Base Richmond. His efforts were instrumental in the rectification of several major training, competency and fuel supply issues. His dedication to duty is of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Nicholas James ROBERTSON, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Logistics and Engineering at Headquarters Number 81 Wing.

Wing Commander Robertson's outstanding leadership, dedication and professional mastery have driven major cultural and organisational change across Number 81 Wing resulting in cost savings, increased skills and establishment of a sustainable system to provide F/A-18 aircraft to enhance the air combat capability of the Royal Australian Air Force. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Squadron Leader Phillip SYDNEY-JONES, SA

For meritorious devotion to duty in AP-3C Orion aircraft operations.

Squadron Leader Sydney-Jones has demonstrated outstanding leadership, initiative and exceptional dedication to duty in ensuring the highest possible readiness of Number 92 Wing aircrew and support staff in meeting the challenges and demands of continuous war-like operations. His extraordinary efforts during an extended period of high tempo have directly contributed to the successful tactical integration and employment of AP-3C Orion aircraft and crews in support of Australia's national interests over the last decade.

Wing Commander Paul Stephen WHITE, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the field of engineering management for the Air Defence Ground Environment.

Wing Commander White has worked tirelessly for many years to deliver exceptional engineering and logistic support to the Air Defence Ground Environment. His efforts to professionalise maintenance activities within Number 41 Wing, to support the Wing through an operational deployment and as mastermind of the Wing's improvement program have been outstanding. His leadership and dedication to duty are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)

Royal Australian Air Force (continued)

Squadron Leader Brett Robert WILLIAMS, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as Commander Joint Task Force 639 Air Component Coordination Element supporting Operation RESOLUTE.

Squadron Leader Williams made an outstanding contribution to border protection and the defence of Australia on Operation RESOLUTE. His leadership directly contributed to saving many lives during an extremely high tempo operation. He balanced operational requirements and unit morale over an extended period in an extremely demanding operational environment. His professionalism and relentless devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and Australian Defence Force.