

OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Australian Army

Major General Simone Louise WILKIE AM, ACT

For distinguished service to Defence Education and Training as Director General Training - Army and Commander Australian Defence College

Major General Wilkie has been fundamental to the reform of education and training across Defence. Her leadership of reforms within Army have ensured that excellence at individual training continued to be the bedrock of Army's operational performance. Her vision, energy, stewardship and clear desire to improve organisational outcomes and sense of duty, are hallmarks of her distinguished service and bring great credit upon herself, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Vice-Marshal Christopher Lawrence DEEBLE AM CSC, ACT

For distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force in senior materiel appointments.

Air Vice-Marshal Deeble has rendered most distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force in several highly demanding senior materiel appointments since 2006. His professionalism, incisiveness and vision were critical to the success of \$3.8 billion Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control program. Moreover, he played a crucial role in the remediation of the Collins Submarine Program and the KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport aircraft capability; and made a most conspicuous contribution to advancing global support for the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircraft.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Vincenzo Emilio DI PIETRO CSC RAN, NSW

For exceptional service as Commander of the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Air Arm from January 2013 to January 2016, and as Australia's Naval Attaché to the United States, from June 2007 to June 2010.

Commodore Di Pietro's passion, drive and performance has distinguished him as an astute and highly strategic thinker. His commitment and diplomatic skills as Naval Attaché provided extraordinary access to United States cooperation and assistance. As Commander of the Fleet Air Arm, he has exerted constructive influence to inspire commitment and accomplishment. His achievements offer substantial benefit to Australia's defence capability and will resonate long into the future.

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Rear Admiral Mark Steven PURCELL RAN, ACT

For exceptional service as Head of the Rizzo Reform Program and Head of Defence Maritime Systems.

Rear Admiral Purcell has reinvigorated Navy's engineering and maintenance practices through the disciplined introduction of significant changes to Navy's Engineering regulatory framework. As Head of Maritime Systems, he has distinguished himself by his adroit and efficient stewardship of resources across a complex and demanding portfolio. Rear Admiral Purcell's drive, innovation and leadership are of the highest order and in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Australian Army

Colonel Craig David DOBSON CSC, ACT

For exceptional service as Staff Officer Grade One Military Strategic Commitments, and for contributions to Career Management - Army.

Colonel Dobson has consistently demonstrated strong leadership, professionalism, and commitment to duty in key strategic and career management appointments. His dedication to career management has delivered significant change to policy and procedures for the betterment of all Army officers. His contribution has, and will continue to, enhance Army's personnel capability.

Brigadier Christopher Antony FIELD CSC, Qld

For exceptional service to the Australian Army as the Chief Operations and Plans, Queensland Reconstruction Authority in 2011, and as the Chief of Staff of Headquarters Forces Command from 2012.

Brigadier Field has consistently and without compromise contributed to the Australian Army as the Chief of Operations and Plans, Queensland Reconstruction Authority; and as the Chief of Staff, Headquarters Forces Command. His exceptional planning, communication and leadership skills ensured the establishment of extensive networks that have enhanced the success of the organisations he has worked within. He has had a significant impact on the transformation and modernisation of Forces Command.

Colonel Stephen John GLIDDON, NSW

For exceptional service to the Corps of Royal Australian Engineers as the Commanding Officer 6th Engineer Support Regiment and the Force Engineer.

Colonel Stephen Gliddon has demonstrated exceptional leadership and drive through ten years of appointments in engineering command roles. Colonel Gliddon designed and managed the critical Explosive Ordnance Disposal capability that has protected Australian, Coalition and civilian lives on operations. Further, he led the Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program and delivered high quality construction, health and training outcomes to improve health and living standards for remote indigenous communities.

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Brigadier Matthew William HALL CSC, ACT

For exceptional service as the Commander Career Management Agency - Army and the Director General Operational Intelligence, Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Brigadier Hall has consistently demonstrated exceptional acumen, judgment, leadership and devotion to duty in the areas of career management and intelligence both in Australia and whilst deployed on operations. His outstanding achievements are as a result of his exceptional leadership qualities, tireless work ethic and pragmatic approach to strategic challenges. Brigadier Hall's efforts have brought great credit upon himself, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Brigadier Roger John NOBLE DSC CSC, NSW

For exceptional service to the Australian Army as Director General Land Development and Commander of the 3rd Brigade.

Brigadier Noble has contributed extensively to capability generation within Army as the Director General Land Development, Capability Development Group, and as the Commander 3rd Brigade. His foresight, leadership and commitment have facilitated the transition of the 3rd Brigade from a predominantly light fighting force to a Combat Brigade adept at combat arms teaming within a battle group construct.

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Vice-Marshal John Michael McGARRY CSC, ACT

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in diverse strategic appointments.

Air Vice Marshal McGarry's extraordinary leadership, deft diplomacy and conspicuous devotion to duty in several strategic appointments since 2007 have advanced Australia's relationship with the United States of America; improved signals intelligence support to military operations; and elevated Australia's reputation within the wider global community through Defence's effective responses to international and domestic natural disasters and crises. He is an officer of impeccable character whose exceptional service has been in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Stefano PESCE, Qld

For exceptional performance of duty as Executive Officer Aircraft Research and Development Unit, Executive Officer Number 86 Wing, and Commanding Officer of Number 36 Squadron.

Wing Commander Pesce is an officer of extraordinary skill whose exceptional leadership and devotion to duty have been critical to complex aircraft flight test programs, the development of acclaimed safety systems, and the delivery of a greatly enhanced heavy air mobility capability for the Australian Defence Force. He has continuously displayed conspicuous dedication to his mission and an unwavering commitment to his staff over a prolonged period; whilst maintaining the highest levels of airmanship and professional mastery for the Royal Australian Air Force.

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Air Vice-Marshal Catherine Jane ROBERTS CSC, ACT

For exceptional service in the fields of aerospace acquisition and sustainment.

Air Vice-Marshal Roberts has made a most remarkable, lasting contribution to the Australian Defence Force through the provision of an interim battlefield airlift capability for Number 38 Squadron; her extraordinary support of the new aircraft combat capability; and her masterful sustainment of the BAE Hawk 127, F/A-18 Hornet, F/A-18F Super Hornet, and EA-18G Growler air combat fleets. Her outstanding professionalism, superior engineering prowess, and dedication reflect great credit upon her and have been in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Commodore Philip Theodoor TAMMEN, ACT

For exceptional service in the fields of technical management, acquisition and sustainment.

Air Commodore Tammen has made a most exceptional and enduring contribution to the Australian Defence Force through his extraordinary support of the E-7A Wedgetail aircraft; his outstanding management and stewardship of Air Force's technical workforce; and his conspicuous support of the AIRBUS KC-30A aircraft. Air Commodore Tammen's remarkable fortitude, utmost professionalism, superior engineering prowess, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon him and have been in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Commodore V

For exceptional service in air combat capability development and military operations.

Air Commodore V has provided exceptional service to Australia in the development of air combat capability and during military operations through conspicuous leadership, extraordinary planning, remarkable incisiveness, and contemporary operational experience in several demanding appointments since 2009. His superb contribution over years of devoted service has left a most positive legacy that has enhanced Australia's reputation amongst its allies, while his outstanding accomplishments reflect great credit upon him and the Australian Defence Force.

MEDAL (OAM) OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Andrew Michael BERTONCIN, WA

For meritorious performance of duty in the field of Communication Information Systems and as the Ship's Warrant Officer in HMAS *Sirius*.

Warrant Officer Bertoncin's distinguished career has been marked by exceptional devotion to duty, outstanding professionalism and a commitment to achieve extraordinary results. His service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of communications and personnel management has enabled the introduction into service of critical communications capability across Fleet Command, and the cultural change through personal example.

Chief Petty Officer Timothy David CUMMINS, WA

For meritorious service as the Submarine Escape Equipment Inspector, and Deputy Marine Engineer Officer of HMA Submarines *Farncomb* and *Rankin*

Chief Petty Officer Cummins' exceptional leadership and commitment through a 16 year career in Submarines has led to improvements in the Submarine Training and Rescue capability and sustained high levels of Submarine availability. His extraordinary dedication to the Submarine Service epitomises Navy's core values and signature behaviours, and are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Commander Dina Caroline KINSMAN RAN, ACT

For meritorious service as the Navy People Career Management Agency's Operations Manager and as Chairperson of the Navy Medical Employment Category Review Board.

Commander Kinsman's performance has been outstanding during a period of complex and challenging organisational change management over a number of years. She has made a significant and lasting contribution to improving Navy's career management effectiveness, and implementing better management process to assist Navy's injured and ill people.

Warrant Officer Jari Juhani SAARENPAA, NSW

For meritorious performance of duty in the field of Guided Missile Frigate Fire Control Systems support.

Warrant Officer Saarenpaa has distinguished himself over a number of years through a range of technical postings. Through the consistent application of strong leadership, technical mastery and personal energy, he has made a significant ongoing contribution to the delivery of an essential operational capability by ensuring that Guided Missile Frigates have fully capable Fire Control Systems.

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Australian Army

Major Wayne Joseph GIDDINGS, ACT

For meritorious service as the Staff Officer Grade 2 Soldier Combat Ensemble and Engagement, Land Systems Division and as the Staff Officer Grade 2 Separations, Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army.

Major Giddings deep professional knowledge, ethical decision making and dedication to duty have seen him achieve outstanding outcomes for Army in the development of enhanced soldier combat systems, and in the management of Army's most complex and sensitive soldier separation cases. Major Giddings' exceptional leadership, his embodiment of Army's values and dedication to duty represent the very best traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major Peter Edward GRANT, Vic

For meritorious service as the Officer Commanding and Music Director of the Australian Army Band - Kapooka and the Australian Army Band - Melbourne, and as the Staff Officer Grade Two Reserve Training at the Defence Force School of Music.

Major Grant has displayed outstanding leadership, and professional commitment as the Officer Commanding and Music Director of the Australian Army Bands Kapooka and Melbourne. He has made a significant and enduring contribution to the advancement of music training at the Defence Force School of Music. His efforts are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Class One Michael Ian JOHNSON, Vic

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the School of Artillery, the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, 4th Brigade and the Combined Arms Training Centre.

Warrant Officer Johnson has consistently provided meritorious service as a Regimental Sergeant Major. Since 2006, Warrant Officer Johnson has made a significant contribution to individual training for recruits and combat arms soldiers through his professionalism, high standards, and superior trade knowledge. Warrant Officer Johnson's dedication to duty has provided an enduring benefit to the units in which he has served, and for Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Andrew Leonard PLATT, NT

For meritorious service as the Regimental Quarter Master Sergeant of the 2nd Commando Regiment, 1st Commando Regiment and the 5th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class One Platt's unwavering professionalism, outstanding work ethic, meticulous attention to detail and exceptional leadership have enhanced every unit to which he has been posted. He has developed systems and introduced mechanisms to enhance equipment management and maintenance across multiple units and on operations. He has made a direct and lasting contribution to maintaining Army capability and instigated cultural change through exceptional equipment management procedures and firm leadership.

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Warrant Officer Class One Colin Francis WATEGO, NSW

For meritorious service to Indigenous Affairs in the Australian Defence Force

Warrant Officer Class One Watego is a highly valued and dedicated Defence member, with professional standards of the highest order, who has worked tirelessly to promote Indigenous recruitment and retention in the Australian Defence Force through the development and conduct of the Australian Defence Force Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course. Warrant Officer Class One Watego has been inspirational in his leadership, displaying selfless devotion to duty.