

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

Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Darron John KAVANAGH CSC RAN, ACT

For exceptional performance of duty in the field of Navy Capability Management.

Commodore Kavanagh has excelled in a number of complex acquisition project roles where he implemented organisational change which will have significant, long term and positive benefits for Navy. He applied his exceptional intellect, initiative and drive in order to deliver policy documentation and guidance to new Navy capability projects. His lasting legacy will be robust Seaworthiness Management and Assurance Plans to guide these new capabilities throughout their periods in service.

Rear Admiral the Honourable Justice Michael John SLATTERY RAN, NSW

For exceptional service in the field of military law, particularly as Judge Advocate General of the Australian Defence Force.

While serving as the Judge Advocate General, Rear Admiral the Honourable Justice Michael Slattery has shown indefatigable support to command and military lawyers. He has balanced the unique requirements of military service with the need to ensure that military law keeps step with improvements to equivalent civilian legal regimes. His dedication to ensuring that Australia has a robust military discipline system has achieved ongoing Government, judicial and public confidence in Australia's military discipline system.

Warrant Officer Gary William WIGHT, ACT

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Navy People leadership and management.

Warrant Officer Wight demonstrated exceptional leadership, professionalism and devotion to Navy personnel through advocacy for greater opportunities and recognition of their professional skills. In particular, he led the redesign of the Warrant Officer Career Management policy and promotion assessment criteria. His contribution to the delivery of improved transparency and accountability practices will enable best practice workforce management outcomes to be achieved despite increasing challenges and complexities in the defence environment.

Commodore Malcolm Kenneth WISE OAM RAN, NSW

For exceptional service as the Commander Combined Task Force 150 while deployed on Operation MANITOU from November 2017 to May 2018.

Commodore Wise's outstanding leadership and dedication significantly impacted the flow of narcotics across the Middle East and western Indian Ocean region. The total seizure of 36.8 tonnes of hashish and 3.1 tonnes of heroin worth approximately \$2.8 billion earned his deployed Task Force international acclaim. His contribution to regional counter-narcotics and maritime security capacity for developing states in concert with the United Nations was exceptional, enhancing the professional reputation of the Australian Defence Force.

Australian Army

Colonel James Bruce BROWN, ACT

For exceptional service and leadership in the field of Rotary Wing operations and capability management.

Colonel Brown delivered distinguished leadership and extraordinary management to guide the Australian Army aviation capability through an unprecedented period of operational liability and major platform acquisitions. He successfully commanded numerous operational task groups and disaster relief contingents which have progressed Government policy and rescued Australians in many vulnerable communities. His remarkable foresight and sustained devotion to duty have advanced the Australian Defence Force's modern battlefield helicopter capability on land and sea.

Major General Justin Frederick ELLWOOD DSC, QLD

For exceptional service as Deputy Chief of Army, Director General Career Management - Army and Chief of Staff Headquarters Forces Command, and for contributions to the management of Army's people capability.

Major General Ellwood demonstrated remarkable capacity and exceptional leadership and management skills consistently across a number of roles that have been crucial to delivering Army's outcomes and enhancing Army's people capability. His values based leadership, and drive and commitment to advancing Army for Australia's interests, and encouragement of the same approach from all Australian Defence Force members he commands will have lasting benefits for Army's workforce and the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Michael Robert KENNEDY, ACT

For exceptional service as Deputy Chief of Staff Army Headquarters, Director of Personnel Policy, Director of Workforce Strategy and the Director of Career Management Integration.

Colonel Kennedy's remarkable work reformed Army's approach to its People Capability System. He oversaw the complex consolidation of the Army Personnel Support Centre and the resultant successful delivery of payroll, personnel administration and support to over 38,000 Army personnel. Through Colonel Kennedy's tireless work ethic he has driven a capability review to consider improvements in the generation of Army's workforce, a renewed cultural reform agenda and the integration of a systems approach to generating a sustainable and adaptive workforce.

Brigadier Michael Charles READE, QLD

For exceptional performance of duty as the Director of Clinical Services of the 2nd General Health Battalion and Professor for Military Medicine and Surgery.

Brigadier Reade demonstrated exceptional vision, drive and professional skill in developing Army's operational trauma capability. His internationally recognised research enhanced the care of military personnel globally and has made a substantial positive contribution to the Australian Defence Force's reputation. His clinical leadership was pivotal to the 2nd General Health Battalion becoming the first deployable military hospital in the world to be externally accredited at the standard of a civilian trauma centre.

Colonel Paul Justin ROSENBERGER, VIC

For exceptional service in logistics reform and development for the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Rosenberger's exceptional dedication to improving logistics in the Australian Army and wider Australian Defence Force has been superb. His outstanding leadership, superior foresight, and exceptional skill have delivered a number of significant advances in joint logistics preparedness, through introduction of the Defence Logistics Transformation Program in Darwin; and in improved capability outcomes and financial savings across the Defence Supply Chain. His remarkable achievements and devoted service have left a most positive legacy that will endure for decades.

Colonel Katherine Susan SOWRY, ACT

For exceptional service to the Directorate of Personnel-Army, Project Suakin and as the Chief of Staff of Joint Health Command.

Colonel Sowry has demonstrated exceptional dedication and professional excellence to deliver significant improvements in workforce related policy, governance and reputation management that have positively impacted both Army and Joint Health Command. Her exceptional work ethic and inspirational leadership have delivered lasting improvements to both organisations, particularly in the management of sensitive issues, reputation, and workforce diversity.

Brigadier V, ACT

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in the field of Special Operations and Counter Terrorism.

Brigadier V significantly enhanced Australian and Regional Special Operations and Counter Terrorism capabilities through exceptional leadership, dedication to service and strategic intuition. He is the epitome of professionalism who displayed superior initiative and adaptability over an extensive career. The command's operational successes and organisational reform are a direct result of Brigadier V's exceptional performance of duty and have produced enduring benefits to the Australian Defence Force and wider government community.

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Vice-Marshal Robert Timothy CHIPMAN CSC,

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in coalition air operations, air combat capability preparedness, and strategic capability development and sustainment.

Air Vice-Marshal Chipman displayed inspirational leadership and extraordinary expertise in several highly demanding roles crucial to Australia's interests since 2012. His superb contributions over years of devoted service significantly enhanced coalition air operations; improved sustainment and preparedness of the F/A-18 Hornet air combat capability in support of Operation OKRA; and advanced development and implementation of several new major acquisitions, whilst providing key input into addressing the significant pressure on the Defence capability sustainment budget.

Group Captain Patrick Joseph COOPER CSC, NSW

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in battlefield airspace control training, aviation coordination and operations, and air traffic control capability regeneration.

Group Captain Cooper's inspirational leadership, conspicuous devotion to duty, and superb professionalism delivered major advancements in training, in particular the creation of the Joint Battlefield Airspace Control Course; in development of the Civil-Military Air Traffic System; and in air traffic control capability regeneration. His extraordinary accomplishments have significantly improved air traffic management safety and reliability for the benefit of both the Australian Defence Force and wider Australian aviation industry that will endure for decades to come.

Group Captain Scott Matthew PARRY, QLD

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in E-7A Wedgetail aircraft capability development; Aviation Safety Regulations implementation; and E/A-18G Growler and F/A-18F Super Hornet aircraft sustainment.

Wing Commander Parry is an engineer of rare skill who delivered exceptional results over several years of most devoted service. He made an extraordinary contribution in sustainment of the E-7A Wedgetail capability; demonstrated outstanding leadership introducing new Aviation Safety Regulations; and provided exceptional support for in E/A-18G Growler and F/A-18F Super Hornet combat capabilities in highly challenging circumstances. His dedication and superb contributions have left the Australian Defence Force with a positive legacy to that will endure for decades.

Wing Commander Brent Cameron TAYLOR, QLD

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in air mobility capability development.

Wing Commander Taylor is an outstanding officer of rare ability who has been key to establishing and improving the heavy airlift capabilities of the Royal Australian Air Force. Through superior skill, leadership, remarkable professionalism and unflagging devotion to duty over several demanding posts, he has overcome significant organisational challenges and constraints to deliver enduring advances in Air Mobility Group capability to meet key strategic and operational obligations for the Australian Defence Force and its international allies.