

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

Colonel Robert Kent CALHOUN, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations while deployed as the Commander of Task Group Taji VI in Iraq from December 2017 to June 2018.

Colonel Calhoun's distinguished command and leadership of Task Group Taji VI improved the operational effectiveness of Iraqi Security Forces and contributed to the denial of operational freedom of manoeuvre of Da'esh forces in the North Baghdad area of operations. The centralised training facility concept and coalition partner force arrangements consolidated by Colonel Calhoun is a significant achievement. His efforts enabled the Baghdad Fighting School to assume broader responsibility for training and his leadership has improved the overall effectiveness of the Iraqi security forces.

Member P,

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of a deployed Task Group during Operation OKRA, from December 2017 to June 2018.

Member P displayed exemplary leadership, exceptional drive and extraordinary devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer of a deployed Task Group. His command presence, tactical acumen and superior relationship building skills allowed him to quickly develop rapport, respect and trust with senior Iraqi and Coalition leadership, providing the foundation for success. His commitment to re-building the counter terrorism capacity of the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service made a significant contribution to the campaign to defeat Da'esh in Iraq.

Royal Australian Air Force

Member J,

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as Commander of a Strike Element on Operation OKRA between April and December 2017.

Member J displayed distinguished command and leadership as a commander of strike element in the Middle East Region. Under his command, the strike element employed over 500 weapons against enemy targets in Iraq and Syria. Member J's exceptional leadership, highly effective approach to operations, and superior airmanship enabled his strike element to sustain a highly effective presence in theatre, delivering ongoing support to international objectives.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Australian Army

Member A,

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as a sub-unit commander during Operation OKRA from December 2017 to June 2018.

Member A displayed distinguished leadership and application of professional mastery while serving as a sub-unit commander in Iraq. His contribution to the campaign to degrade and defeat Da'esh in Iraq and to build indigenous counter terrorism capacity was of the highest order and enhanced Australia's reputation among coalition and Iraqi partners.

Colonel Mark Christopher ASCOUGH CSC, ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Commander of the Kabul Garrison Command Advisory Team and Senior Mentor to the Kabul Garrison Commander, whilst deployed on Operation HIGHROAD in Afghanistan from June 2017 to February 2018.

Colonel Ascough's outstanding leadership and mentorship skills elicited the very best from his Afghan partners and made an exceptional contribution to the successful performance of the Kabul Garrison Command and Advisor Team 3. His efforts have led to enhanced physical security throughout the Kabul capital precinct, directly protecting all coalition forces and the population of Kabul.

Lieutenant Colonel Grant Arthur CHAMBERS CSM and Bar, ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of the Training Task Unit as part of Task Group Taji in Iraq from November 2017 to May 2018.

Lieutenant Colonel Chambers' exceptional leadership, innovation and cultural awareness enabled his unit to accelerate the progression of Iraqi-led advanced combat training. His distinguished leadership of Australian and New Zealand trainers set a new benchmark for building Iraqi self-sufficiency. His unit's achievements made a lasting contribution to three training institutions for the benefit of future Iraqi Army junior leaders and three operational Iraqi Army formations actively employed in the fight against Da'esh.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Australian Army

Member A,

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as second-in-command of a deployed team during Operation OKRA from December 2017 to June 2018.

Member A displayed distinguished performance of duties while serving as the second-in-command of an advisory team. His tactical acumen and exemplary professionalism significantly enhanced the capacity of the Iraqi Al Anbar Battalion to conduct successful counter-terrorism operations that contributed to the defeat of Da'esh in Iraq.

Corporal George BARSOUM, QLD

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as a Linguist on Task Group Taji IV and VI, Iraq in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

Corporal Barsoum's operational service as a linguist was superior. His dedicated and composed support to the North Baghdad Operations Command in their conduct of security and combat operations against Da'esh over two rotations was outstanding. His protracted service made an important contribution to enable the Iraqi Army to degrade Da'esh in the North Baghdad Area of Operations which directly enhanced the force protection of Task Group and coalition personnel at Taji Military Complex.

Major Timothy John HURLEY, ACT

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as a Squadron Commander in Task Group Taji VI supporting the Iraqi Army Non-Commissioned Officer Academy from November 2017 to May 2018.

Major Hurley's exceptional assimilation of the culture and language of his Iraqi Army partners enabled him to build the trust and confidence necessary to foster innovation and accelerate the progression of Iraqi-led advanced combat training. His distinguished leadership of Australian and New Zealand trainers set a new benchmark for building Iraqi instructor capacity. His Squadron's achievements made a lasting contribution to Iraqi Army training institutions for the benefit of future Iraqi Army junior leaders.

Major David PHILLIPS, QLD

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Plans Fusion Officer for Information Operations within the Information Operations Directorate of Combined Joint Task Force - Operation Inherent Resolve in Kuwait from August 2017 to February 2018.

Major Phillips demonstrated distinguished performance in developing processes for the planning and execution of Information Operations across the Operation Inherent Resolve Combined Joint Operations Area. His work in developing Information Effects to discredit the Da'esh narrative contributed to the operational success of the Combined Joint Task Force and Coalition partner forces in liberating large areas of Iraq and Syria from brutal occupation by the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.

Lieutenant Colonel Simon Martin VELLA BONAVIDA, ACT

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Chief of Future Operations for Train Advise Assist Command - South, Kandahar, Afghanistan while force assigned to Operation HIGHROAD from July 2017 to May 2018.

Lieutenant Colonel Vella-Bonavita's tenure as the Chief of Future Operations for the United States Army led Train Advise Assist Command - South Headquarters was characterised by his innovative problem solving to ensure the Command was supported to meet its mission and by his exemplary leadership of his small team. His actions made a direct contribution of an increased advisory footprint in Southern Afghanistan and greatly improved the operational performance of the 205 Corps, Afghan National Army.

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader Simon Frederick LONGLEY, ACT

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Senior Offensive Duty Officer of the 609th Air Operations Centre on Operation OKRA from October 2017 to April 2018.

Squadron Leader Longley displayed outstanding leadership and superior air combat mastery in the direction of deliberate strike and close air support operations whilst deployed in the Combined Air Operations Centre on Operation OKRA. His actions during rapid development of coalition air responses to enemy ground attack on numerous occasions delivered effective air power in support of friendly ground forces. His distinguished performance enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Dugald Wallace CLELLAND RAN, USA

For outstanding achievement, leadership and tactical employment while in Command of HMAS *Warramunga* supporting Operation MANITOU, during the period November 2017 to June 2018.

Commander Clelland demonstrated outstanding leadership, drive and determination to achieve unprecedented operational outcomes as the Commanding Officer of HMAS Warramunga, including a record narcotics seizure with a street value of \$2.17 billion. His leadership in a crisis was exemplified in the ability of Warramunga to recover from the total loss of combat systems due to a near catastrophic flooding, returning the ship to operational capability within twenty four hours.

Commander Jason John CUPPLES RAN, USA

For outstanding devotion to duty in the Royal Australian Navy Submarine Force.

Commander Cupples demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication to the Submarine Force through his service ashore and operationally in Command of four submarines. His tenure at Sea Training Group saw an overhaul of submarine Standard Operating Procedures and Emergency Operating Procedures, essential to continuous improvement of the Submarine Force. His training and mentoring attributes have been central during a resurgence of the Submarine Force operational tempo and the associated redevelopment and growth of the submarine workforce.

Captain James Riley LYBRAND RAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Director Submarine Operations and Commander Task Group 627.0 in the planning and execution of submarine operations from December 2014 to August 2018.

Captain Lybrand has been instrumental in leading the planning and execution of complex submarine theatre deployments. His pivotal role in the delivery of a highly successful submarine operational program to the Theatre Commander has improved allied understanding of the regional undersea environment and enhanced Australia's contribution to regional undersea warfare. Captain Lybrand's exceptional skill and leadership in driving the conduct of a contemporary theatre deployment program has assured the effective employment of Australian submarines.

Commander Viktor PILICIC RAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer HMAS *Coonawarra* and Senior Australian Defence Force Officer Larrakeyah Defence Precinct.

Commander Pilicic achieved outstanding results through his leadership in command to support Patrol Boats capability, crews and their families. His significant care of and a deep empathy with the crews have been exceptional and he is highly regarded for his support. His initiative, dedication and professional excellence enhanced the effectiveness of support to Operation RESOLUTE in addition to achieving many capability and lifestyle improvements in the joint Larrakeyah Defence Precinct.

Captain John STAVRIDIS RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Hobart*.

Captain Stavridis's efforts in Command of HMAS Hobart have been fundamental to introducing the Hobart Class destroyer into service. Through his outstanding achievement and devotion to duty the ship has met its operational commitments and first of class milestones. Under his leadership the crew developed a culture and capability in utilising the ship and its systems to achieve a significant improvement in the Royal Australian Navy and Australian Defence Force maritime and joint warfighting capability.

Australian Army

Colonel Christopher Kenneth ALDER, ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer Defence Force School of Intelligence, Defence Command Support Training Centre.

Colonel Alder displayed outstanding leadership, professional commitment and acute strategic awareness as the Commanding Officer Defence Force School of Intelligence. His pursuit of excellence and tireless dedication has resulted in the modernisation and unprecedented delivery of intelligence training across the Australian Defence Force, government organisations and Australia's allies. His efforts have aligned Defence intelligence training and enhanced Defence's international reputation in the intelligence domain.

Lieutenant Colonel Nicholas BROWN, ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as Staff Officer Grade One Strategic Engagements, Australian Army Research Centre.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown's outstanding leadership and tireless pursuit of excellence in the design, coordination and management of Land Forces 2018 elevated the forums' strategic significance. Lieutenant Colonel Brown's capacity as a newly promoted Officer to embrace this role, which evolved significantly over time, anticipate strategic reorientation, through to his personal orchestration of over twenty combined Defence events within a highly demanding and strategically complex portfolio appreciably enhanced Army's international and domestic reputation.

Colonel Jennifer Lillian COTTON, QLD

For outstanding achievement as the Director Support within Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 on Operation ACCORDION from March 2017 to March 2018.

Colonel Cotton's extraordinary capacity for work, leadership, and exceptional devotion to duty allowed her to provide outstanding logistic support to the Joint Task Force 633. She developed enduring and effective solutions to complex visa issues during a period of high and intense operational tempo, managed contracts and developed infrastructure which has benefited Australian servicemen and women serving in the Middle East Region since her deployment.

Colonel Kim Barbet GILFILLAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the 5th Aviation Regiment.

Colonel Gilfillan is an exceptional officer who employed extraordinary leadership and judgement to successfully reform the management of the MRH-90 Taipan in operational service with the Australian Defence Force. He went on to develop, implement and lead highly evolved multi-national combat aviation groupings on land and at sea that have significantly enhanced capability and reputation for the Australian Defence Force and Government of Australia.

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Alex GOLDER, NSW

For outstanding achievement as a Joint Operations Command Counter-Terrorism planner from January 2017 to August 2018.

Lieutenant Colonel Golder's innovation, determination and devotion to duty were critical to the successful development and implementation of Plan MAGPIE and Defence support to the Philippines following the Islamic State attack on Marawi. His vision, tireless work and tremendous ability to rapidly and accurately develop detailed staff work under pressure were essential to the timely and successful delivery of these two major Defence initiatives.

Lieutenant Colonel Trent Ashley GROVES, QLD

For outstanding devotion to duty as Staff Officer Grade Two Postings within the Directorate of Officer Career Management - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Groves' outstanding devotion to duty and initiative transformed systems and processes within the Directorate of Officer Career Management - Army. His exceptional planning and leadership was germane to delivery of the largest and fastest posting cycle in Directorate of Officer Career Management - Army history, with more than 3500 officers receiving posting orders on time, and 92% issued up to four weeks early. His development of data fusion tools and definition of system requirements also contributed to new and enduring enterprise capability.

Colonel Andrew Mark HAEBICH, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty in the establishment of the Joint Experimentation Directorate and Joint Experimentation Framework within Defence.

Colonel Haebich's dedication, initiative and leadership have been instrumental in establishing the Joint Experimentation capabilities within the Australian Defence Force Headquarters. In undertaking this work he demonstrated piercing insight and strategic acumen in a challenging environment of fluid organisational restructure and policy modification. His design and establishment of the Joint Experimentation Framework, laid the foundation for rigorous, robust, timely and incontestable force design evidence to support the Department's objective.

Colonel M,

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer 2nd Commando Regiment, 2016 to 2017.

Colonel M demonstrated outstanding resolve and professionalism as Commanding Officer of the 2nd Commando Regiment. Faced with a large number of uniquely complex individual welfare cases following a long period of operational commitment, he worked tirelessly and selflessly to promote the best outcomes for his personnel and their families. Colonel M concurrently ensured the exceptionally high readiness of contingency and deploying force elements.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Robson McDERMOTT, NSW

For outstanding achievement in establishing The Cove - a professional development network and resource for the Australian Profession of Arms.

Lieutenant Colonel McDermott's exemplary achievement in establishing a professional development network and resource for the Australian Profession of Arms provided an outstanding opportunity for the Australian Army's soldiers and officers to enhance their professional military education. Since the initial launch, Lieutenant Colonel McDermott worked tirelessly to ensure content for The Cove remains current, relevant and accessible for a broad range of users and established a robust governance structure that mitigates risks to Army's reputation.

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Ronald STOKES, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two Logistics, Headquarters 1st Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Stokes' leadership and breadth of vision consistently delivered outstanding results in implementing Army level reform and restructuring initiatives with 1st Brigade. He has consistently harnessed the widest array of resources to effectively and efficiently relocate the 1st Armoured Regiment from Darwin to Adelaide and to deliver on the impressive structural and procedural changes associated with the Combat Brigade Restructure. Through his mentoring and leadership, he has developed Army's next generation of logistics leaders.

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Carlos Alfonso ALMENARA, NSW

For outstanding achievement in the development and implementation of the fighter aircrew muscular skeletal injury prevention and treatment program for the Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Almenara is an exceptional Royal Australian Air Force officer whose outstanding professionalism, extraordinary energy and determination have ensured the Australian Defence Force maintains a robust and effective fighter attack capability through improved aircrew health. He is an officer of remarkable drive and energy whose ability to integrate disparate areas of knowledge, lead diverse multi-disciplinary teams, and devotion to professional excellence have produced a lasting contribution to the combat capability of the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Timothy Charles CHURCHILL, NSW

For outstanding achievement in electronic warfare capability development and in the introduction of the EA-18G Growler airborne electronic attack aircraft for the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Churchill applied superb leadership, extensive specialist knowledge, and superior professional skill in developing an airborne electronic warfare capability for Australia; whilst his broad perspective and vision enabled the rapid establishment of the Boeing EA-18G Growler airborne electronic attack capability for the Royal Australian Air Force in highly demanding circumstances and operational need. His extraordinary achievements over several years of most devoted service have left a positive legacy that will endure for many decades to come.

Wing Commander Grant James FIFIELD, QLD

For outstanding achievement in the development of the EA-18G Growler airborne electronic attack capability for the Australian Defence Force as Commanding Officer of Number 6 Squadron.

Wing Commander Fifield demonstrated superior leadership, outstanding professionalism, and conspicuous dedication in building-up the operational aspects of the EA-18G Growler airborne electronic attack capability for the Royal Australian Air Force; leading up to and including the declaration of initial operating capability. A commander of rare skill whose extraordinary contributions in two continents and superb management of his staff has left a most positive legacy for the Australian Defence Force in the form of a leading edge operational air warfare capability.

Wing Commander Warren Andrew HAYNES, USA

For outstanding achievement in development of the E-7A Wedgetail integrated security framework and the establishment of the Directorate of Advanced Capabilities - Air Force for the Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Haynes made an outstanding contribution in the development of the security framework for the E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control capability, and in establishing the Directorate of Advanced Capabilities - Air Force. An officer of impeccable character whose superb judgement, exceptional skill, and most conspicuous devotion to duty have delivered a range of operational benefits for the Australian Defence Force; whilst simultaneously fostering exceptional levels of engagement and integration with our Coalition partners.

Group Captain Nicholas Alexander HOGAN, ACT

For outstanding achievement in the delivery of operational and humanitarian support for the Australian Defence Force as the Director of Current Military Commitments.

Group Captain Hogan's outstanding professional competence and initiative have positively influenced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force, domestically and internationally, during a high tempo of ongoing and emergent operations. His exceptional personal capacity enabled him to maintain concurrent complex military activities including counter-terrorist effects across the Middle East, planning and monitoring of global and regional operations, and the delivery of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance across the Pacific and South East Asia regions.

Group Captain Kaarin Nina KOOIJ, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty in military recruiting for the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Kooij displayed conspicuous dedication and inspirational leadership to achieve extraordinary recruiting results as the Director of Military Recruiting in Headquarters Defence Force Recruiting. Through her superior communication skills, effective stakeholder engagement, and exceptional drive; she significantly enhanced opportunities for Australians to serve their country whilst significantly improving the gender balance. Moreover, her resilience and superb contribution had a positive impact on the operational capability of the Australian Defence Force.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Johansel AVERY, ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Catering Manager and Logistics Departmental Regulator in HMAS Adelaide.

Warrant Officer Avery improved the provision of catering services in the Canberra Class Landing Helicopter Dock through implementation of innovative practices related to victuals selection and application of practical storage and refrigeration techniques. Whilst catering for high profile international engagement events, including hosting of distinguished foreign visitors and Heads of State, the procedures and processes that he introduced significantly improved the overall level of catering for the ship's company.

Lieutenant Lachlan James BLAIR RAN, ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Operational Intelligence Analyst whilst deployed in the Middle East for Combined Task Force 150 as part of Operation MANITOU from November 2017 to May 2018.

Lieutenant Blair consistently demonstrated initiative, professional excellence and dedication to duty in this role. His exceptional efforts to deliver actionable intelligence to the command and subordinate units led to unprecedented narcotics interdictions in the Western Indian Ocean for the Combined Maritime Forces. Lieutenant Blair was an integral part of the success of Combined Task Force 150 and the intelligence outcomes that he delivered substantially disrupted terrorist funding sources in the Western Indian Ocean.

Petty Officer Lauren Rachel CARRUTHERS, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the field of aviation technician training.

Petty Officer Carruthers consistently demonstrated superior knowledge and skills in the development and delivery of the MH-60R Seahawk Helicopter technical training. She has been integral to the efforts of creating a training system that increases the competency and operational proficiency of the Fleet Air Arm's Maritime Combat Helicopter force. Her contribution assisted in developing the Training Authority - Aviation to be one of the foremost technical training systems in Australia.

Lieutenant Commander Laurence Earl CHOATE RAN, NT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Regional Manager Fleet Support Unit - North East.

Lieutenant Commander Choate's dedication to duty enabled Fleet Support Unit-North East to upskill its workforce, rebuild local engineering capability, and foster the talent of junior sailors. His unwavering commitment and resolve in leadership ensured the Unit has the capacity and capability to increase its service to the Fleet through numerous initiatives while maintaining adherence to a generative safety culture and a National Quality System. His efforts have ensured improved outcomes while reducing costs to the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Commander Nicholas Robert FIELD RAN, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy Cyber.

Commander Nicholas Field's extraordinary drive and professionalism, delivered a significant capability enhancement to Navy through the establishment of Cyber capability. His efforts in the areas of Cyber policy and strategic capability development, system assessment and training provided Navy a capability to protect its ships, systems and people from malignant Cyber threats. The new processes will assure that mission systems provide the confidentiality, integrity and availability of information required for the safe and successful conduct of the mission.

Lieutenant Commander Belinda Ann FINLAY RAN, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the First Lieutenant, HMAS *Albatross*.

Lieutenant Commander Finlay's commitment to duties has been outstanding. She has been instrumental in enhancing security arrangements, expertly coordinated high profile visits and ceremonial activities; developed constructive relationships across the base and with the local community, and compassionately supported members under her command. She demonstrates exceptional leadership and her commitment to duties has been inspirational; and ensuring that *Albatross* is held in the highest regard.

Commander Steven James McCRACKEN RAN, NSW

For meritorious achievement as Deputy Director Maritime Commitments in Maritime Operations Branch.

Commander McCracken demonstrated commitment and excellence in the scheduling of the Australian Fleet to meet the operational and strategic objectives of the Australian Defence Force and of Government. His dedication, innovation and professionalism were forefront in his instrumental involvement in planning the activities of the Fleet, and the planning of the Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2017 deployment of a six ship Task Group through our region.

Chief Petty Officer Lyndon Montgomery QUIRKE, QLD

For meritorious achievement as a senior technician and his efforts to prevent further significant damage to Australian Border Force Cutter *Roebuck Bay* in 2017.

Chief Petty Officer Quirke executed his duties as Senior Technical Officer of both Cape Byron and Cape Inscription with outstanding dedication and leadership. His incorporation of Naval engineering management into essentially civilian vessels ensured a rapid transition to the platforms and their achievement of operational capability. His voluntary efforts to assist the grounded Border Force Cutter *Roebuck Bay* and her crew were selfless and helped prevent further significant damage to the vessel and averted a potential ecological disaster.

Lieutenant Commander Sarah Susan RHYS-JONES RAN, NSW

For meritorious achievement as a Principal Warfare Officer in HMAS *Warramunga* during Operation MANITOU Rotation 66 from October 2017 to July 2018.

Lieutenant Commander Rhys-Jones' performance in HMAS *Warramunga* was exemplary. Her outstanding leadership and commitment were crucial to *Warramunga*'s success in Maritime Interdiction Operations and to the United States Navy's Fifth Fleet operations. Her tactical and operational understanding, expert intelligence analysis and collaborative planning approach ensured that *Warramunga* was primed for the successful detection, interdiction and boarding of suspect vessels across a wide area of operations.

Captain Damien Lyle SCULLY-O'SHEA RAN, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as Executive Officer of HMAS *Canberra*.

As Executive Officer and Second in Command of the Flagship HMAS *Canberra*, Captain (then Commander) Scully-O'Shea has been a pillar of leadership and professionalism, directly enabling the delivery of significant reputation and operational effects for the nation. He invested vast time, expertise and effort in professional and personal development of officers, and senior and junior non-commissioned officers. He consistently demonstrated a superior grasp of personnel management, tactical and operational maritime planning and execution, and appreciation of national interests.

Chief Petty Officer Anthony John SHERBURD, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Navy Information Warfare.

Chief Petty Officer Sherburd provided outstanding service to Navy in the field of tactical electronic warfare where his devotion and outstanding leadership appreciably enhanced electronic warfare operational support. His professional expertise assisted in the planning for system commonality across two major ship projects. He was integral in the training modernisation process and assisted in the setting of a strong foundation for Navy's future electronic warfare capability, thereby preparing the workforce to meet complex future war fighting demands.

Commander Samuel Robert WOOLRYCH RAN, ACT

For meritorious achievement as Deputy Director Maritime Plans in Maritime Operations Branch.

Commander Woolrych demonstrated resourcefulness, commitment and excellence in maritime exercise planning that enabled Navy to maintain forces at readiness in order to meet the operational and strategic objectives of the Australian Defence Force and of Government. His dedication, professionalism and leadership were fundamental to the success of Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2017, and the planning of Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2017, a deployment of six Royal Australian Navy ships that participated in multiple operations, exercises and visits throughout our region.

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two A,

For meritorious achievement in the intelligence field in the Australian Defence Force

Warrant Officer Class Two A displayed meritorious achievement as a member of the Defence Intelligence Enterprise. Through his military experience, skill as an intelligence professional, and exemplary conduct, Warrant Officer Class Two A enhanced the analytical exchange in the National Intelligence Community regarding counter-terrorism and its impacts in Australia's near region. His competence and professionalism have been pivotal in producing analysis in support of the Australian Defence Force and enhancing the reputation of the Defence Intelligence Enterprise and its members.

Warrant Officer Class Two B,

For meritorious achievement in employment category management within Special Operations Command from 2011 to 2018.

Warrant Officer Class Two B has been instrumental in the critical enhancement of Special Forces personnel capabilities by ensuring that developments on the battlefield are reflected in and incorporated into increasingly complex and necessarily agile Special Forces trade models. He made further meritorious contributions of a tangible and enduring nature to Special Operations Command trade management over a prolonged period through his effective management and development of trade policy at various levels.

Warrant Officer Class One Clifford Geoffrey BELL OAM, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Australian Contingent and Force Operations Warrant Officer whilst deployed to Multinational Force and Observers in Sinai, Egypt on Operation MAZURKA from February to August 2018.

Warrant Officer Class Two Bell demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication while deployed on Operation MAZURKA he enhanced the operational focus, culture and welfare of the Australian Contingent. His work supporting engagement with international dignitaries made a significant contribution to the Multinational Force and Observers mission.

Corporal Warwick James BENN, QLD

For meritorious achievement as a Battle Management System-Command and Control instructor and technical adviser in the Australian Army.

Corporal Benn displayed superior knowledge and application of skills as a Battle Management System-Command and Control instructor and technical expert. He enhanced Army's collective knowledge in the development and use of the Battle Management System and optimised application of its communications architecture in training and field environments. His achievements have highlighted his remarkable professionalism and exemplary devotion to duty.

Warrant Officer Class Two Alan Edward BUNGATE, ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Career Advisor, Royal Australian Infantry Corps, Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army, Army Headquarters.

Warrant Officer Class Two Bungate's contribution to the management of soldiers of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps has been outstanding. His interpersonal skills, work ethic, service ethos and almost limitless capacity for work have ensured exemplary career management of Army's 3,250 junior Infantry soldiers. He developed enhanced career management practices, leaning heavily on his previous civilian IT experience and superior engagement skills. He improved IT systems and engagement models, with many of these procedures now adopted as standard operating practices.

Warrant Officer Class Two D,

For meritorious achievement as the Training Warrant Officer, 6th Close Health Company, 4th Combat Service Support Battalion.

Warrant Officer Class Two D displayed superior initiative, innovation and leadership whilst serving within the 4th Combat Service Support Battalion in fulfilling his role as the Training Warrant Officer of the 6th Close Health Company. Warrant Officer Class Two D's relentless pursuit of a contemporary simulation facility for close health training whilst driving cultural reform was outstanding. As a direct result of his determination and leadership the company is close to fully staffed with attendances more than doubling and the healthy growth of Reserve health capability.

Major Samantha Alice DUFFY, QLD

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Legal Officer for the 6th Combat Support Brigade

Major Duffy consistently displayed professional mastery and devotion to duty that directly contributed to the maintenance of morale and welfare of the soldiers and officers of 6th Brigade. She provided the sole command legal advice across the organisation in support to an organisation of 2000 soldiers and officers, working in highly specialised fields. Major Duffy demonstrated the highest quality of character, outstanding work ethic, and passion, all of which have directly contributed to the success of 6th Brigade in supporting Army and the Joint Force.

Warrant Officer Class One J,

For meritorious achievement as the Artificer Sergeant Major of the 2nd Commando Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class One J demonstrated outstanding devotion to duty as the Artificer Sergeant Major of the 2nd Commando Regiment. He has directly increased materiel availability and has been pivotal in the reduction in thousands of hours on unnecessary maintenance tasks. His contributions have directly increased readiness across Special Operations Command and have led to Army wide rationalisation of the equipment management framework.

Warrant Officer Class Two Dean Nathan KING, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Warrant Officer Physical Training Instructor of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka.

Warrant Officer Class Two King's commitment to developing Army's physical training systems, and his dedication to secure a nutritional supplement trial for recruits at the 1st Recruit Training Battalion has been exemplary. His continuous efforts to improve physical training methodologies and systems for Army provided tangible increases to physical performance while reducing injury rates of recruits.

Warrant Officer Class Two Adam John LEHANE, QLD

For meritorious achievement as the Officer in Charge of the 7th Signal Regiment Cadre Cell.

Warrant Officer Class Two Lehane's demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the development of Defence's advanced collection operations capability through his outstanding technical acumen, personal foresight, drive and initiative. Through his dedication and hard work, advanced collection operators across Defence are now significantly better prepared and qualified to support Combined Joint Inter Agency Task Force Operations. His actions epitomise the Army values and are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Class One Matthew Gibson MILLER, VIC

For meritorious devotion to duty and innovation for developing networked joint digital systems for the Australian Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Miller's extensive experience and significantly enhanced the joint capabilities of the Australian Defence Force and its interoperability measures with coalition partners. He worked tirelessly to improve and increase the professional development and training of Joint Effects and Targeting. His efforts in revising and updating the Australian Defence Force Joint Targeting Course were pivotal in realising over \$1 million dollars in savings in sponsoring and enabling the United States training team to deliver a course that was contemporary, relevant and coalition best practice.

Sergeant Gayle Claire WALKOM, QLD

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Unit Welfare Officer and Batugade Platoon Commander at the 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion.

As the Unit Welfare Officer, Sergeant Walkom invested significantly in the human capital of the unit and diligently ensured that Chief of Army's priority, to support the Wounded, Injured and Ill, is completed to an exceptional level. Her tireless work to support the Battalion's most vulnerable soldiers and their families through very trying, complex welfare circumstances has had a tangible positive effect on the mental health of serving and ex-serving soldiers, and on the reputation of Army in the wider veteran community.

Lieutenant Colonel Julian Mark WILLIAMS, QLD

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Medical Officer of the 2nd Health Support Company.

Lieutenant Colonel Williams displayed outstanding dedication as the Senior Medical Officer of the 2nd Health Support Company. He has shown devotion to duty during multiple operational deployments as a Medical Officer. His continuous efforts have significantly improved the training, preparedness and certification of health assets within the Australian Defence Force. His conspicuous achievements over years of devoted service have directly enhanced the Army's deployable health capability and are testament to his outstanding professionalism.

Royal Australian Air Force

Leading Aircraftman Paul Raymond ARELE, NSW

For meritorious achievement in geospatial air intelligence analysis and product development for the Australian Defence Force.

Leading Aircraftman Arele made an outstanding contribution to Number 87 Squadron and Air Mobility Group, he has been instrumental in developing new geospatial products, which enhance Royal Australian Air Force capability, and using them in an innovative way to produce intelligence in support of customer missions. His exceptional leadership and devotion to duty have seen his contribution expand well beyond the role of a junior Air Intelligence Analyst to a level where his guidance and support have proven critical to the effective operation of mission systems.

Squadron Leader David Michael BURNS OAM, QLD

For meritorious achievement in KC-30A multi-role tanker transport aircraft maintenance reform for the Australian Defence Force as the Senior Engineering Officer at Number 33 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Burns is an officer of extraordinary skill whose exceptional leadership, conspicuous dedication, and professional mastery have been crucial to delivering a sustainable aircraft maintenance workforce that enabled concurrent operations of the KC-30A aircraft fleet and sustained coalition air-to-air refuelling during Operation OKRA; and introduced new systems that increased maintenance capacity whilst deftly managing transition to the Defence Aviation Safety Regulations; thereby significantly advancing the Australian Defence Force air mobility capability.

Corporal Ashley Karl FISCHER, QLD

For meritorious achievement in information technology development and sustainment for the Australian Defence Force.

Corporal Fischer displayed exceptional devotion to duty and professional mastery in redesigning, building and documenting a critical classified network to enable Number 10 Squadron Electronic Warfare Flight to efficiently conduct tasking and relay information. His exceptional work ethic, outstanding accomplishments, and astute advice have resulted in an increase in operational effectiveness of the Squadron's front line assets and in its force generation capabilities in support of Australia's national interests.

Mr Patrick McMAHON, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the senior loadmaster on a Blackhawk Helicopter during a rescue at sea on the 30 August 1991.

Mr (then Warrant Officer) McMahon's experience and skill were pivotal in the rescue of an injured fisherman from a Japanese trawler 180 miles off the coast of Brisbane on the 30 August 1991. During the rescue the hoist cable became entangled with the fishing trawler, suspending the injured fisherman 20 metres above the deck. Mr McMahon quickly provided the Captain with accurate movement advice, enabling the cable to be freed and saving the fisherman's life.

Squadron Leader Mathew Peter MICHELL, QLD

For meritorious achievement in air weapons project management for the Australian Defence Force.

Squadron Leader Michell lead the development of capability options of considerable value for the replacement of Defence's air-to-air and air-to-surface weapons inventory to support the introduction of the F-35A Joint Strike Fighter, whilst assuring the F/A-18F Super Hornet capability well into the next decade. His outstanding leadership, extraordinary professionalism, and superb engagement with all key stakeholders ensured complex weapons capability needs were thoroughly analysed and well-defined in capability options for final Government consideration and approval.

Corporal Anthony Peter SUES, NT

For meritorious achievement in fuel installation operation and development at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin for the Australian Defence Force.

Corporal Sues displayed superb initiative, insight, and conspicuous professionalism as the Lead Operator of the Defence fuel installation at Darwin has enhanced the Royal Australian Air Force's fuel services capability in Northern Australia. He improved the safety and effectiveness of fuel storage and transfer operations, whilst strengthening relationships with Fuel Services Branch. Further, his conspicuous achievements have highlighted his unwavering devotion to duty that has enhanced the ability of the Australian Defence Force and its allies to operate in Northern Australia.

Group Captain David A C TITHERIDGE, UK

For meritorious achievement in the introduction of the P-8A Poseidon maritime surveillance aircraft capability for the Australian Defence Force as Commanding Officer of Number 11 Squadron.

Group Captain Titheridge's strategic acumen and exceptional leadership have been critical to the successful introduction into service of the P-8A Poseidon maritime surveillance aircraft capability. He is an exemplary officer whose selfless determination was critical to establishing Number 11 Squadron in support of the P-8A and in introducing this vital joint capability ahead of schedule. His remarkable contribution allowed the seamless transition from the AP-3C Orion to the P-8A Poseidon system, significantly enhancing Australian Defence Force operational capability.