



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following honorary appointment in the Order of Australia:

HONORARY COMPANION (AC) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

General James MATTIS (Retd) United States of America For eminent service to Australia's bilateral relationship with the United States of America, and to enhancing international security.

By His Excellency's Command

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Singer'.

Paul Singer MVO
Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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General James Mattis has an outstanding legacy of service to enhancing international security and supporting the Strategic Alliance between Australia and the United States of America (US) over his four decades of service in the US Armed Forces.

As the 26th US Secretary of Defense, General Mattis demonstrated exceptional leadership, passion and strategic foresight through bolstering the interoperability of the Australian and US armed forces, deepening our collaboration on capability development and committing to full implementation of the US - Australia Force Posture Initiatives. His contributions have safeguarded the importance of our Strategic Alliance as an agile and fundamental contributor to the security of the Indo-Pacific region.

General Mattis' former positions of leadership in NATO, the US Central Command and other bodies further demonstrate his extraordinary record of building international partnerships to combat threats to peace and security. His more recent contributions are evidenced in his relentless focus to counter terrorism, particularly in relation to ISIS, and measures to help mitigate the threat of nuclear agitation in our region.

General Mattis' strong support of Australia and eminent contributions to international security, and strengthening alliances, especially in the Indo-Pacific region, are thoroughly worthy of Australia's gratitude and formal recognition through an appointment as an Honorary Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia.