

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

Royal Australian Navy

Vice Admiral Mark David HAMMOND AM RAN

For distinguished service to the Royal Australian Navy in senior command roles.

Vice Admiral Hammond distinguished himself as an exceptional leader. As Deputy Chief of Navy he managed the implementation of a Navy Workforce Branch dedicated to the transformation of the Navy workforce to meet future strategic, capability and technology requirements. As the Commander Australian Fleet, Vice Admiral Hammond led the enterprise to deliver operational effects in a contested, challenging, rapidly evolving and COVID-19 impacted maritime environment. Under his command the Fleet optimised current capability through innovative approaches to lethality, sustainment and delivery of seaworthy operational effects. As Australia's senior submariner he has played a key role in establishing Australia's nuclear submarine program.

Australian Army

Major General Natasha Anne FOX AM CSC

For distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force people capability as Head People Capability and Deputy Chief of Army.

Major General Fox's exceptional leadership in successive senior appointments has directly contributed to capability and effectiveness in the Department of Defence. She has strengthened the strategic workforce planning, personnel policy, support framework and capacity, to generate a trusted credible land combat capability through her strategic acumen, foresight and collaborative approach. Her efforts have directly contributed to Australian Defence objectives and Australia's national interests. Her service represents the highest ideals of the Australian Defence Force and reflects great credit upon herself and the Australian Army.

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Vice-Marshal Stephen Leslie MEREDITH AM DSM

For distinguished service in responsible positions as Commander Aerospace Operational Support Group; Head Joint Capability Management and Integration; and Deputy Chief of the Air Force.

Air Vice-Marshal Meredith is an Aviator of rare skill and ability who applied exceptional dedication in a number of responsible positions since 2007. He has shaped the Australian Defence Force of the future through access and collaboration at the leading edges of military technology; whilst increasing integration and interoperability between the Services and key allied partners. He has been masterful at managing governance across the Royal Australian Air Force, establishing clear linkages between performance, risk, compliance and strategy in a coherent manner.

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

Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Nicole Moyneen CURTIS RAN

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in operational health, policy and capability.

Commodore Curtis' service has been characterised by devotion, fastidious attention to detail and moral courage. Her inspirational leadership has resulted in lasting reforms to policy, capability coordination and the safety and quality of health services provided to Australian Defence Force members both in Australia and when deployed on operations and major exercises.

Australian Army

Brigadier Ashley Raymond COLLINGBURN DSM

For exceptional performance of duty as Director Sensitive and Strategic Issues Management - Army, Commander 1st Brigade, and as the Global Interest Branch Head, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Brigadier Collingburn has led substantive improvements in command support, force modernisation and inter-operability with Australian Defence Force partners and allies. Brigadier Collingburn has supported Government to deliver national level outcomes and skilfully managed complex and ambiguous policy issues most notably before and during the war in Ukraine. His exceptional leadership has supported the Australian Army remaining a trusted, credible and capable institution that is the security partner of choice in our near region. His service represents the highest ideals of the Australian Defence Force and reflects great credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

Colonel Timothy Sean CONNOLLY CSC and Bar

For exceptional service to the Australian Army in the field of Aviation Capability Management.

Colonel Connolly has rendered sustained exceptional leadership, rare managerial acumen and extraordinary vision across multiple senior appointments within the Army aviation rotary wing capability to guide extremely demanding, innovative and transformative outcomes for the Australian Army into the future. His actions have contributed significantly to the stability and enhancement of the Australian Defence Force's Joint, Land and Special Forces combat aviation capability.

Major General Michael COWEN KC

For exceptional service as Chief Judge Advocate of the Australian Defence Force.

Major General Cowen is an exceptional leader who has displayed outstanding legal and judicial capacity in a most demanding role as Chief Judge Advocate of the Australian Defence Force. Under his stewardship, and benefitting from his initiative and tireless drive, the superior discipline system has evolved to become a model of efficiency and fairness, which continues to contribute to the good order and discipline of the Australian Defence Force.

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Brigadier Warren Mark GOULD

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force's command and control framework as Director General Joint Command and Control and Director General Systems and Integration - Army.

Brigadier Gould's leadership, innovation and foresight has directly enhanced capability within the Australian Defence Force. His exceptional contribution to Australia's national interests through the alignment and coordination of the Australian Defence Force's, and therein Australian Army's, command and control framework and acquisition of extended range strike capability has enhanced capability to operate effectively as part of a wider coalition in a contested environment. Brigadier Gould's outstanding achievements have brought great credit upon him and are in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Andrew Richard LANGFORD

For exceptional service as Commanding Officer Joint Proof and Experimental Unit, and Deputy Director then Director Land Combat Support Program.

Colonel Langford's professional mastery and subject matter expertise, have been instrumental in the successful development and delivery of Defence's Land Combat Support Program, including Army's Artillery Modernisation Plan of Short Range Ground Based Air Defence, Protected Mobile Fires and Long Range Fires. His relentless pursuit of recognising and treating forecast future threats to Land Forces has directly contributed to Army being Ready Now and Future Ready in the Joint Force.

Brigadier Hugh Walter MEGGITT CSC

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in capability development, modernisation and diplomatic relations.

Brigadier Meggitt has provided exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force over multiple appointments in the areas of capability development, modernisation and diplomatic relations. His efforts have had a profound and enduring impact on Defence capability. He has consistently displayed exceptional leadership, foresight and drive, and has been highly influential; focussing on project outcomes as part of a joint operating environment. His exceptional dedication to service constantly has been in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Brigadier Glenn James RYAN CSC and Bar

For exceptional performance of duty as Colonel Operations and Director General Training and Doctrine at Headquarters Forces Command.

Brigadier Ryan is an outstanding officer who has displayed exceptional leadership, organisational skills and professional mastery. His foresight and determination, particularly as the lead on Army's Future Ready Training System and Joint Warfighting capabilities has ensured our training system is simple, agile and scalable in order to meet our future training and capability requirements to support the Joint Force. He has made a significant contribution to individual, collective and joint training and the force generation of Army capability.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Geoffrey Neil ARMSTRONG

For exceptional service in development and implementation of personnel and capability management software tools in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Armstrong is a Network Technician of exceptional skill whose extraordinary achievements in software development have made major contributions to Australian Defence Force capability. He applied his remarkable technical knowledge to generate digital tools to better enable personnel and capability management; improve reporting; reduce workload for personnel managers; and allow Commanders to make superior decisions in reduced timeframes.

Wing Commander Darren DOLAN

For exceptional service in combat support, organisational development and training delivery for the Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Dolan is an officer of extraordinary skill who produced a raft of significant advances in combat support in Number 13 Squadron and in training delivery and capability development for Number 1 Recruit Training Unit. He is an exemplary commander and the epitome of professionalism, who has demonstrated inspirational leadership, exceptional managerial skill, steadfast determination, and exemplary dedication throughout a decade of most devoted service.

Air Vice-Marshal Carl NEWMAN

For exceptional service in Air Mobility capability development for the Australian Defence Force.

Air Vice-Marshal Newman is an Aviator of remarkable skill and drive who made significant contributions in Air Mobility capability development over decades of distinguished service that has attracted considerable acclaim. His conspicuous professionalism, urbane nature, remarkable intellect, and keen insight in highly challenging and demanding appointments delivered a bevy of extraordinary capability outcomes for the Australian Defence Force in direct support of Australia's national interests that will endure for generations to come.

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

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Anthony Ian McCANN RAN

For meritorious service in the field of Navy Aviation Engineering.

Through his professional dedication and technical mastery, Lieutenant Commander McCann contributed to Navy's aviation capability. He was integral to the operational clearance and deployment of Navy's Unmanned Aerial Systems. He was instrumental in the development of the Fleet Air Arm Defence Aviation Safety Regulation framework whilst his mentoring contributed to the professional growth and retention of aspiring Aviation Maintenance Technicians and Aerospace Engineers.

Australian Army

Major Francisco Vamarasi AISAKE

For meritorious service in advancing the Regional Force Surveillance Group capability, enhancing Army's contribution to the national Closing the Gap strategy, and strengthening Australian Defence Force partnerships in the Southwest Pacific.

Major Aisake has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian Defence Force as the inaugural Group Major of the Regional Force Surveillance Group through skilful management of Group contributions to Border Protection operations, and his adroit enhancement of the Army Indigenous training to significantly increase Army's contribution to the national Closing the Gap strategy. Additionally his personal contribution Joint Task Force 637's planning and execution of partner programs have directly enhanced Defence's standing with Southwest Pacific military partners.

Warrant Officer Class One Carryn Ann EUSTACE

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 3rd Health Support Battalion, 1st Close Health Battalion, and 1st Health Battalion, and as the Senior Instructor, Warrant Officer Training Team, Warrant Officer and Non Commissioned Officer Academy.

Warrant Officer Class One Eustace is an exceptional soldier who has performed meritoriously over a range of postings. She has consistently displayed exceptional leadership, devotion to duty, and championing of Defence Values, driving a culture of responsibility and accountability. Her superior skill and meritorious dedication to duty enabled the delivery of organisational changes, soldier advocacy, mentoring across all ranks and modernisation of all corps training and development, influencing a generation of Army leaders.

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Warrant Officer Class One Daniel George HAMILTON

For meritorious performance of duty as a Regimental Sergeant Major in the Australian Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Hamilton's inspirational leadership and commitment to service over multiple demanding regimental appointments has been instrumental in fostering a culture of empowerment of junior leadership, tactical innovation and enhanced capability. His engagement and collaborative approach with junior soldiers and officers enabled increased professional mastery, resulting in substantial improvements in morale, retention rates and preparedness across the Royal Australian Signals Corps and Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Sharon Jayne KNIGHT CSM

For meritorious service as the Warrant Officer Decision and Assurance, Australian Defence Force Headquarters, Employment Category Advisor for Command Support Clerk at Army Logistic Training Centre and the Trade Conductor for Command Support Clerk.

Warrant Officer Class One Knight has provided meritorious service in a range of senior administrative positions since 2018. Her exceptional technical knowledge, problem solving and depth of knowledge has ensured Army's Command Support Clerks receive training and mentoring opportunities that prepare them for employment across Army. Her sustained meritorious achievement has contributed to the professional development of the workforce and enhancement of Army's people capability.