

Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Marshal Robert Timothy Chipman AM CSC

For distinguished service in responsible positions as Australia's Military Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation; and as Head of Military Strategic Commitments Branch.

Air Marshal Chipman's inspirational leadership as Australia's Military Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation saw a broad investment in relationships with Alliance member countries and initial development of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation - Australia Individually Tailored Partnership Program. Further, as Head of Military Strategic Commitments his superior cross departmental skills were applied to great effect at the beginning of the war in Ukraine in developing rapid support plans and in identifying the equipment Australia could gift to Ukraine.

Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Navy

Rear Admiral Matthew Paul Buckley CSC RAN

For exceptional service in senior leadership roles within the Royal Australian Navy.

Rear Admiral Buckley's exceptional leadership and focus on operational and personnel outcomes across Navy, as well as his commitment to enhancing Australia's military relationship with the United States and United Kingdom through the nuclear program have been extraordinary. Rear Admiral Buckley is a measured and inspiring officer who has displayed professional excellence, dedication to duty and commitment to people throughout his many leadership roles.

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Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Peter James Leavy CSM RAN

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in senior command positions.

Commodore Leavy consistently demonstrated inspiring leadership, professionalism and significant personal dedication. He led the Australian Defence Force Academy through the disruptions and lockdowns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring continuity of welfare, care and education for the 1200 resident Trainee Officers at the Academy. As the Naval Attaché Washington, his personal influence and energy significantly enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force.

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Australian Army

Brigadier David Charles Hafner CSC

For exceptional service in the field of Army Aviation operations and capability management.

Brigadier Hafner is an exceptional officer who has provided distinguished leadership and extraordinary managerial acumen to deliver reliable and sustained Army Aviation capability. His actions have ensured that the Australian Government has been able to support vulnerable Australian and international communities in natural disasters, while progressing vital strategic modernisation objectives of the Australian Defence Force's Battlefield Aviation Program.

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Australian Army

Major General Jason Kyle Walk

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in strategic logistics, operations support and sustainment.

Major General Walk is an impressive officer who displayed inspirational leadership, astute management, and professional mastery to deliver superb outcomes for the Australian Defence Force in several demanding appointments since 2016. His intellect and conspicuous devotion to his responsibilities in diverse, challenging and highly complex roles has combined to improve the logistic support to the ADF. His focus on operational support and sustainment has advanced the capacity of the ADF to successfully conduct domestic and international operations.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain David John Clyde CSM

For exceptional service in development and realisation of cyberspace capabilities for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Group Captain Clyde has made an extraordinary contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force in a number of highly demanding cyberspace-related capability and command appointments since 2016. His professionalism, incisiveness, and superior leadership across both strategic and tactical levels have been key to the development and inception of Air Force cyberspace strategies, capabilities, and a workforce aligned with the needs of contemporary air and joint operations.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Dennis Davison

For exceptional service in Space capability development for Australia and its allies.

Group Captain Davison provided nearly two decades of inspirational service in advancing the Australian Defence Force's understanding and utility of Space for national security purposes. As the first Director of the Defence Space Coordinating Office, he established the Space Governance processes to coordinate the disparate space activities within the Australian Defence Organisation. Further, he performed with great distinction as an Exchange Officer in the Pentagon's Space Division, and as the Divisional Lead in determining the United States Space Industrial Base.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Air Commodore Gretchen Elizabeth Fryar

For exceptional service in Personnel Management and International Engagement for the Australian Defence Force.

Air Commodore Fryar produced a range of superb achievements driving the planning and management of personnel support during a period of complex capability transitions in Surveillance and Response Group where she coordinated the personnel capability needs for all new platforms in challenging circumstances. Further she excelled in International Engagement applying superior soft skills to build and maintain relationships with key leaders across the Malaysian Military and Government to enable complex issues to be dealt with to best effect for both our countries.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Air Commodore Anthony John Hindmarsh CSC

For exceptional service in Personnel Capability Management and organisational sustainment for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Air Commodore Hindmarsh introduced a comprehensive approach to strategic workforce design and planning, characterising the issues and risks and systematically building new models, methods and processes to introduce an innovative philosophical shift in how work and its workforce are viewed. Applying exceptional skill, he coupled core concepts with modern planning techniques and software tools to enable strategic management of the tensions between capability prioritisation, recruitment, training, staffing, funding and retention in a scientific and defensible manner.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Hannah Louise Jude-Smith

For exceptional service in intelligence capability development, strategic planning and international relations for the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Jude-Smith is an outstanding officer who has displayed inspirational leadership, social acumen, and influence to deliver superb outcomes for the Australian Defence Force in several demanding appointments since 2014. Her strategic vision, analytical ability and influence in politically challenging and highly complex roles have delivered transformational change in the integration of intelligence capabilities and delivery of a successful Defence COVID-19 strategy, and have advanced projects of true national significance in cooperation with the United States.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Steven John Bliss RAN

For meritorious service in the fields of joint and combined exercise design and evaluations.

Commander Bliss provided meritorious service to Joint Operations Command through outstanding loyalty and dedication, and constructive management in complex and demanding roles for over a decade. His personal commitment, professionalism and mentoring significantly improved the quality and professionalism of both joint and combined exercise design and evaluations. His contributions markedly improved the preparedness and readiness of the Australian Defence Force and enhanced the reputation of Joint Operations Command.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Navy

Captain Jacqueline Margaret King RAN

For meritorious service to the Australian Defence Force in seaworthiness, explosive ordnance safety and policy.

Captain King made an outstanding contribution to the development of seaworthiness and the transformation of the Australia Defence Force's explosive ordnance safety and regulatory framework over a prolonged period in a complex and evolving safety and regulatory environment. An exceptional officer displaying professional excellence, inspirational leadership and initiative, exceptional perseverance and dedication to duty in extremely challenging and demanding situations.

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Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer David John Passmore

For meritorious service to the Australian Defence Force in diving safety, governance and policy.

Warrant Officer Passmore demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to diving safety. Applying his professional knowledge and collaboration skills, he contributed to the establishment of the Comcare approved Defence High Risk Diving Work Standard which provided a significant pathway for increased governance, and assurance of diving safety and policy in the Australian Defence Force. His efforts will enhance diver safety both in the Australian Defence Force and in the national commercial and recreational diving communities.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Steven David Paterson CSM

For meritorious service in the fields of Navy Engineering and Training.

Chief Petty Officer Paterson's contributed to Navy seaworthiness through his outstanding devotion to duty and commitment to excellence. His leadership, mentoring and superior technical knowledge were pivotal to the successful upgrade of several platforms. Across multiple ANZAC Class Frigate postings and as Senior Instructor at the School of Survivability and Ship Safety Training West, he excelled and positively impacted Navy capability.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Liza Jane Stephenson RAN

For performance of duty in the delivery of operational intelligence to Defence.

Through outstanding leadership, analysis, and foresight, Commander Stephenson has been critical to the delivery of operational intelligence to Defence and allied partners. Her commitment has fundamentally changed the nature of operational intelligence in the Australian Defence Force and the wider Defence Intelligence Enterprise. Her efforts have been integral in the recognition and professionalism of Australian Defence Force members as an integral part of the Australian Intelligence Community.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Australian Army

Major David Graeme Brown CSM

For meritorious service in the delivery of strategic human resource capability for the Australian Army.

Major Brown has consistently delivered major advances in the fields of personnel administration and policy. He demonstrates exceptional leadership, initiative and selflessness, and has been Army's driving force for assurance in human resource systems, policy and processes. His sustained meritorious service ensured that major organisational changes have been implemented successfully, directly enhancing Army's people capability. His support for workforce planning initiatives, training and policy continue to enrich Army.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Glen Andrew Donaldson

For meritorious service as the Afghan National Army Sergeant Major Academy Senior Soldier Advisor, Career Advisor Royal Australian Engineers and the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 5th Brigade and Joint Task Group 629.1.

Warrant Officer Class One Donaldson demonstrated exemplary leadership, initiative and devotion to duty, enhancing organisational culture and accountability throughout Army Career Management, the 5th Brigade and the wider ADF. His sustained meritorious service ensured major organisational and training changes were successfully implemented, with improved capability and readiness during a period of increased operational tempo. His mentorship and support for workforce initiatives, training, and operations have enriched Army and the ADF.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two Tommy Munyarryun

For meritorious service in cross cultural leadership within the Regional Force Surveillance Group.

Warrant Officer Class Two Munyarryun's service as an Indigenous leader within the North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) over a period of thirty years has contributed to Army's development as a culturally competent organisation. His commitment to supporting and mentoring junior Indigenous soldiers has enabled generations of Indigenous Australians to serve their country while concurrently enhancing the effectiveness of Army's operational posture in the north of Australia.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Air Force
Sergeant Justin Luke Kurban

For meritorious service in delivery of maintenance outcomes for C-27J Spartan and C-130J-30 Super Hercules tactical airlift capability for the Australian Defence Force.

Sergeant Kurban has demonstrated meritorious contribution to Defence capability in two Squadrons and throughout years of devoted service. Through superior dedication, professional mastery and sustained high performance he has significantly improved maintenance practices, accompanied maintenance personnel management and tactical airlift capability generation of the C-27J Spartan and C-130J-30 Super Hercules fleets.

Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Military Division

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Sergeant Grant William Reibel

For meritorious service in design and development of Military Working Dog training, operational policy and for driving best practice operational models.

Flight Sergeant Reibel displayed conspicuous professional mastery to advance and improve the Military Working Dog training continuum. Through extraordinary forward thinking and transformational leadership over years of devoted service, Flight Sergeant Reibel made significant enhancements in force protection capability.

Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)

Australian Army
Lieutenant Colonel M

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as a Task Force Commander on Operation AUGURY from April to November 2022.

Lieutenant Colonel M displayed distinguished leadership during a period of profound change in the Australian Defence Force Mission in the Middle East. Applying an astute appreciation of Australia's strategic interests in the Middle East, Lieutenant Colonel M adroitly navigated key strategic relationships with coalition and inter-agency partners while commanding a deployed Task Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Gillian Louise Bryant

For outstanding achievement as a member of the Royal Australian Navy Sea Training Group Defence Cooperation Program.

Chief Petty Officer Bryant demonstrated outstanding devotion, efficiency and effectiveness in support of the Sea Training Group Defence Cooperation Program. Overcoming significant challenges, Chief Petty Officer Bryant provided critical continuity as she filled multiple roles that enabled the Navy to meet its training obligations. She was an excellent manager and ambassador for the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Claire Elizabeth Jones RAN

For outstanding achievement in armaments engineering management and acquisition for the Australian Defence Force.

Commander Jones displayed exceptional technical professionalism in identifying and challenging an incorrect decision that would have led to a costly error in acquisition. She worked to prevent the introduction of an unproven weapon system and in doing so has prevented overspending in ammunition qualification and excessive support costs throughout the life of the system. Her outstanding leadership is demonstrated by her efforts to reinforce her workforce and enhance the underpinning body of knowledge in armament engineering.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Nathan Wyllie Lockhart RAN

For outstanding achievement in the field of Navy Communications and Information Warfare.

Commander Lockhart's professionalism and devotion contributed to the provision of outstanding development and support of Navy's communication and information warfare systems thereby enhancing operational capability to meet contemporary and future contingencies whilst also enhancing the welfare of Navy People. His knowledge and leadership have been factors in the standardisation and documentation of Communication Information System operational instructions throughout Fleet publications.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Commodore Gustaaf Henri Nord-Thomson RAN

For outstanding devotion to duty as a senior leader within Australia's Collins-class submarine program.

Commodore Nord-Thomson, as the Chief Engineer and the Director General of the Collins-class submarine program, applied knowledge of the Collins-class submarine, outstanding project management and a common-sense approach to improve submarine sustainment and extend Australia's Collins-class submarine capability. His efforts underpinned the Navy meeting its national submarine commitments while challenges included multiple waves of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, increasing equipment obsolescence and resource impacts from future acquisition programs.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Brigadier Mark Norman Armstrong

For outstanding achievement as Commander Joint Task Group 629.3 on Operation FLOOD ASSIST 2022 from April 2022 to December 2022.

Brigadier Armstrong demonstrated superior leadership, emotional intelligence and commitment as Commander Joint Task Group 629.3. His outstanding capacity to establish strong relationships with the key leaders of the Queensland emergency services and affected communities during a period of national crisis significantly enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force in a highly complex and sensitive natural disaster response environment.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Alana Burkitt

For outstanding achievement as an Australian Defence Force Officer while seconded to the Office of National Intelligence's Joint Analysis Team.

Lieutenant Colonel Burkitt demonstrated professionalism and unwavering dedication in a new interagency strategic effects approach. Her efforts as Deputy Director Joint Analysis Team, particularly her outstanding performance in developing a highly sensitive strategic concept for Defence, have significantly advanced efforts to address emerging strategic challenges to Australia's interests. Her superior efforts have greatly enhanced the reputation of the Joint Analysis Team across Defence, in the interagency environment and with international partners.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Gwenda Margo Caspersonn

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Army Coordination Officer to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide.

Lieutenant Colonel Caspersonn's achievements as a Senior Coordination Officer have greatly enhanced Army's reputation as an organisation primarily focussed on the welfare of members and veterans. Through superior stakeholder engagement, leadership and an unwavering devotion to service, she produced outstanding outcomes that directly led to Army meeting its statutory responsibilities in a compassionate, respectful manner. Her professional mastery and authenticity exemplify the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Colonel John Angus Dougall

For outstanding achievement as the Director Business Intelligence, Army Headquarters.

Colonel Dougall has been the chief architect of Army's contemporary business plan, revolutionising how Army articulates both business performance and risk. He has demonstrated exceptional ability to develop and deliver enterprise frameworks, improved Army's strategic and enterprise accountability and decision making. His exemplary leadership and collaboration has contributed to strategic decision making within the Australian Army at a time of unprecedented modernisation.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel David James Evans

For outstanding devotion to duty on Operation MAZURKA as the Commander Australian Contingent and Force Operations Team Commander in the Multinational Force and Observers Headquarters, South Camp, Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from October 2021 to October 2022.

Lieutenant Colonel Evans has made an exceptional contribution to the United Nations Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping mission under highly demanding conditions over the period October 2021 to October 2022. An officer of the highest calibre, he demonstrated exemplary leadership, professionalism and dedication to duty in managing a broad portfolio of duties including leadership of the Australian contingent, to achieve significant and enduring benefits for the mission, the personnel under his command and the reputation of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army
Brigadier G

For outstanding achievement in operational command of special and sensitive operations from 18 May 2020 to 5 November 2022.

Brigadier G expertly and personally invested in the development of the Special Operations Future Operating Concept. This concept, in concert with a supporting operational framework, has resulted in a level of unprecedented unity of effort within Special Operations Command and alignment to strategic Defence priorities.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Colonel Michael James King

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer of 7th Combat Signal Regiment.

Colonel Michael King demonstrated exceptional leadership in command of 7th Combat Signal Regiment. Through vision and drive, he has fostered extraordinary advancement in education, innovation and concept development for the Combat Brigade, and his critical thinking and agile personnel management has generated operational flexibility and strategic responsiveness which brought great credit on the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Brigadier Robert Barton Lording CSM

For outstanding achievement as Commander Joint Task Group 629.1 on Operation FLOOD ASSIST 2022 from February to October 2022.

Brigadier Lording demonstrated exceptional leadership, organisational skills and commitment as Commander Joint Task Group 629.1. His superior emotional intelligence enabled highly effective relationships with the New South Wales emergency services and affected communities during two periods of national crisis and significantly enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Colonel Rodney Waldemar Petersen

For outstanding devotion to duty as Staff Officer Class One, Military Employment Classification and Review Service, Joint Health Command.

Colonel Petersen's outstanding stewardship of the Military Employment Classification and Review Service has led to sustainable improvements in Defence people and capability management. His leadership, influence, initiative and superior clinical support and guidance to the single Service Military Employment Classification Review Boards have created significant efficiencies and are of great benefit to Defence people and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Jonathan David Pollard

For outstanding achievement as Staff Officer Grade One 12th Chief Engineer Works Capability Implementation Team and Commanding Officer 12th Chief Engineer Works.

Lieutenant Colonel Pollard's diligent planning and inspired leadership were central to the rapid, highly successful re-raising of 12th Chief Engineer Works. His outstanding contributions to establishing and subsequently commanding this new unit through a range of strategically-significant regional infrastructure projects realised an early Army Objective Force transformation milestone while concurrently bolstering Army's engineering and infrastructure project management capacity in support of Defence's South West Pacific partnering and engagement priorities.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Lytton Watson

For outstanding achievement as an Operational Planner for the Indo-Pacific Integrated Operations Team and lead planner in Headquarters Joint Operations Command for developing an Australian Defence Force operational contingency plan.

Lieutenant Colonel Watson has progressed an Australian Defence Force operational contingency plan to a new level. His tireless efforts led to achieving outcomes across multiple planning activities. His work as a critical interlocutor for Australia and its close allies led to favourable outcomes for Australia and has driven strategic priorities. Lieutenant Colonel Watson's leadership in engaging with multiple strategic, interagency and international entities has created robust relationships and played a critical role in shaping Australia's operational focus and preparedness for the future.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Paul Ernest Argus

For outstanding achievement in aircraft maintenance reform and technical workforce career management in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Argus applied outstanding leadership in improving aircraft maintenance practices, and in advancing workforce management. His superb contributions within Air Mobility Group significantly improved C-130J Hercules integrated maintenance support, whilst his leadership as Warrant Officer Engineering Number 37 Squadron improved C-130J and C-27J aircraft maintenance interoperability. Further, his conspicuous professionalism delivered major advances in career management of the technical workforce improving capability generation, transparency and trust.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander David Norman Bell

For outstanding achievement in introducing the F-35A Lightning II into operational service for the Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Bell has applied superior skill and conspicuous devotion to duty across multiple postings culminating as the Executive Officer Number 3 Squadron. He has advanced Australia's relationship with the United States Air Force, and expertly managed the squadron flying operations during the challenging introduction of the F-35A Lightning II into Australian service. His outstanding achievements over several years of conspicuous service have helped deliver a major new capability for the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Brett Andrew Clarke

For outstanding achievement in international engagement in the multi-national Five Power Defence Arrangements forum through development and advancement of Communications Information Systems.

Wing Commander Clarke performed magnificently as Head of Communications in Headquarters Integrated Area Defence System, Malaysia, from January 2018 to December 2021, advancing the way the Five Power Partners communicate by expanding the Headquarters-specific network into a collaborative, multi-national facility. He also provided crucial assistance to the Malaysian Defence Force in advancing their communications system's utility, and was key in expanding the Five Power Defence Arrangements use of the United States Cooperative Maritime Forces – Pacific Communications System.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Daniel Christopher Drinan

For outstanding achievement as the Director Select Strategic Issues Management in Australian Defence Force Headquarters, managing the Defence response to enterprise-wide serious and sensitive issues.

Group Captain Drinan led the implementation of significant enterprise-wide recommendations and improvements, addressing the findings of independent inquiry, coronial and investigative reports. His initiative in redesigning the reporting, management and assurance process for strategic and sensitive issues has improved cultural and procedural outcomes across Defence. Group Captain Drinan's efforts have enhanced consistency in reporting processes and incident response, ensuring Defence meets its obligations and commitments and continually improves incident management.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Andrew Michael Jackson OAM

For outstanding achievement during the introduction into service of the F-35A Lightning II.

Wing Commander Jackson has demonstrated superior knowledge and foresight across multiple postings culminating as the Weapons and Tactics Officer at Number 81 Wing. He has advanced Australia's relationship with the United States Services, displaying exceptional vision to expertly shape the combat effectiveness of the F-35A Lightning II. His outstanding achievements over several years of conspicuous service have helped deliver a major new capability for the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force
Squadron Leader Malith Jayasinghe

For outstanding achievement in Cyber Security and Information and Communications Technology Management for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Squadron Leader Jayasinghe's conspicuous dedication, personal sacrifice and outstanding leadership, whilst carrying out two onerous roles concurrently has advanced Air Force's Information and Communications Technology management for decades to come. His bevy of cyber security achievements are nothing short of outstanding, directly enhancing the cyberwarfare capability and Information and Communications Technology security of Australian Defence Force assets, and creating a lasting cyber security legacy within Number 462 Squadron and Air Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Martin James Miller

For outstanding achievement in the training, development and technical leadership of the maintenance workforce for the Royal Australian Air Force Maritime Patrol capability.

Warrant Officer Miller is an extraordinary senior aviator whose personal dedication and leadership delivered transformational change across a critical period for the P-8A Poseidon capability, specifically Number 11 Squadron. His inspirational devotion to duty and outstanding professional skill produced transformational change within Number 11 Squadron Maintenance. His exceptional performance across numerous postings has indelibly strengthened Australia's Maritime Patrol capability.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Commodore Scott Matthew Parry AM

For outstanding achievement in strategic air mobility sustainment as the Officer Commanding Heavy Air Lift Systems Program Office.

Air Commodore Parry has been instrumental in improving the sustainment of the strategic air mobility capabilities of the Royal Australian Air Force. An outstanding officer, his superior skill, incisive leadership, remarkable professionalism and unwavering devotion has delivered enduring advances in the sustainment frameworks that support Air Mobility Group to meet key strategic and operational objectives for the Australian Government and its international allies.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Melinda Jane Skinner

For outstanding achievement in movements coordination for the Australian Defence Force as a Movements Warrant Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Through conspicuous skill, leadership and judgement, Warrant Officer Skinner effectively safeguarded individual safety and Defence reputation by managing Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin Air Terminal as a first port of entry for the successful international repatriation of thousands of Australian citizens during the global pandemic. Such accomplishments have advanced the reputation of Defence and have established precedent and corporate knowledge for complex Air Movement operations in adverse conditions.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Simon Craig Abley RAN

For meritorious achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Maritime Deployable Robotic and Autonomous Systems Experimentation Unit.

Lieutenant Commander Abley accomplished his duties under unique, complex and challenging conditions. He was instrumental in leading operational testing of robotic and autonomous deployable Mine-Counter Measure systems prior to their introduction into Service. Despite facing a number of COVID related restrictions and associated resource issues, he displayed outstanding leadership and dedication in conducting the necessary tasks while also protecting the welfare of his team. His achievements ensured delivery of the capability to the Navy.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Dennis Andrew Anning

For meritorious achievement in engineering and technical mastery within the Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Group.

Chief Petty Officer Anning demonstrated extraordinary engineering and technical mastery and commitment to the development of Navy People and capability at the Mine Warfare and Clearance Diver Group. His efforts have improved safety while increasing engineering throughput. His contributions to training, safety and capability management have significantly improved the level of capability of the Group and the Royal Australian Navy.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Jessica Amy Buley

For devotion to duty as Communications and Information Warfare Manager in HMAS *Sydney*.

Chief Petty Officer Buley mentored and guided members of HMAS *Sydney*'s crew through the unique challenges of operational service during a period of restrictions and constraints imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Her contribution to the welfare, education and training of sailors ensured the provision of support to Command and to the successful completion of *Sydney*'s mission.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Michael Copland RAN

For devotion to duty in developing and delivering intelligence to the Headquarters United States Indo-Pacific Command and the Intelligence Enterprise of Australia, United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America.

Lieutenant Commander Copland's meticulous attention to detail, personal drive and technical and tactical expertise was validated through the creation and his leadership of an Analysis Cell within the Joint Intelligence Operations Centre of Headquarters United States Indo-Pacific Command. He significantly enhanced the ability to support strategic-level goals, operational planning efforts and tactical force employment. Through his enhancement of the intelligence picture, he has enabled and enhanced Australia and United States integration.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Captain Roger Fonhof RAN

For devotion to duty to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of workforce development and personnel management.

Captain Fonhof contributed significantly to Australian Defence Force capability through support to the recruiting and retention of personnel in the Royal Australian Navy. His versatility in employment, diverse knowledge, strategic understanding, experience and dedication significantly contributed to the development of robust campaign plans and associated initiatives to address workforce challenges in a complex geo-strategic environment and during a period of generational workforce challenges. His efforts will have long lasting positive impacts for all Navy People.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Mark Gallagher RAN

For devotion to duty as the Executive Officer HMAS *Penguin*.

Lieutenant Commander Gallagher is a devoted and professional officer who displayed outstanding leadership and with a calm demeanour he effectively managed all issues as the Executive Officer of HMAS *Penguin*. His contributions to the wellbeing of personnel, their professional development, the ongoing base development and modernisation projects, and his community engagement were exceptional. His efforts contributed to the delivery of well-trained, high quality officers and sailors to the Fleet.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Petty Officer Keigan James Gunther

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Systems Maintainer in HMAS *Rankin*.

Petty Officer Gunther demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication and commitment to improving the capability of HMAS *Rankin* and the submarine squadron. Through his deep level of combat system knowledge, he made recommendations and implemented improvements which greatly increased the warfighting capability of *Rankin*. His contributions increased the effectiveness of the submarine squadron by providing a better understanding of equipment limitations and improved the management of system spares for deploying submarines.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Steven Alexander Mcconnachie

For devotion to duty as the Warrant Officer Electronics Technician – Weapons in Fleet Command.

Warrant Officer Mcconnachie demonstrated technical mastery and leadership within Fleet Command. His dedication to the technical community contributed to the development of high performing teams and optimised the lethality of weapon systems across the Fleet. An innovator of the highest calibre; his contributions are enduring and will serve the Ships, the Fleet and the Royal Australian Navy well into the future.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Matthew Alex Parritt RAN

For meritorious achievement in the field of engineering within the Australian Destroyer Group.

Lieutenant Parritt achieved exceptional outcomes at levels far beyond that expected of a junior engineer, despite the lack of direct supervision or direction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through a dedicated and innovative approach, he contributed in the identification and provision of more than 100 engineering improvements for the Hobart Class Destroyers. These changes, which resulted in substantially improved safety outcomes and increased operational effectiveness, were vital in the provision of seaworthy and mission capable platforms.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Peter Dennis Shirley RAN

For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy combat system engineering.

As the Aegis Combat Systems Engineer, Commander Shirley was integral in the introduction of this key warfighting capability into the Royal Australian Navy. He demonstrated outstanding professionalism, leadership and dedication in long term support of the Aegis combat system, in particular for the Hobart class destroyer and future Navy frigates. His efforts contributed to maintenance and combat system readiness for operational deployment.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Warrant Officer Cheryl Valerie Young

For meritorious achievement as the Maritime Personnel Manager in HMAS *Canberra*.

Warrant Officer Young demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication in HMAS *Canberra*. With an outstanding work ethic and attention to detail, she was integral to the successful human resource management during Regional Presence Deployment 2021 and Operation TONGA ASSIST 2022. Her efforts were all the more impressive noting the continuous challenges presented by COVID-19 and its impact on deployed units.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Captain Jackson Harris Cail

For meritorious achievement as the Construction Officer and Infrastructure Program Manager, Defence Cooperation Program, Papua New Guinea.

Captain Cail, through superior leadership, innovation and the expert application of technical knowledge, has developed and implemented a comprehensive management framework to expand the Defence Cooperation Program in Papua New Guinea infrastructure works. His partner-integrated approach has been subsequently adopted across Australia's other partner nations in the Pacific region. Captain Cail's approach found substantial savings against historical methods for minor infrastructure works, maximising the benefit of Australian Government expenditure.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Damien Mark Cheung

For meritorious achievement as Career Manager Electronic Warfare Operator.

Warrant Officer Cheung demonstrated exceptional professionalism and unwavering dedication in the delivery of career management for Electronic Warfare soldiers. His efforts as a Career Manager in providing close management of soldiers within a critical trade with significant workforce pressures has enabled improved personnel capability in tactical and strategic electronic warfare organisations. His efforts confirm the ongoing priority of personnel management within critical trades to optimise the delivery of strategic staffing priorities to achieve vital capability effects.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Steven Owen Davies

For devotion to duty to the Australian Defence Force in supporting Joint Military Police operations in the most complex and demanding circumstances.

Warrant Officer Davies' conspicuous contribution has reformed the Australian Defence Force Military Police capability and championed significant cultural enrichment and procedural functionality. Through his skill, judgement and dedication, he has enhanced capability to protect Defence personnel and deliver crucial effects in combating sexual misconduct.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Bombardier Adam James Davies-Moore

For meritorious achievement in advancing Army's counter-unmanned aerial system capability.

Bombardier Davies-Moore championed and expertly led the reinvigoration of Army's counter-unmanned Aerial System capability with diligence, professionalism, and the highest standards of trade skills and expertise. His focused training programs, documentation of counter-unmanned aerial systems tactics, techniques and standard operating procedures, uncompromising fleet maintenance, and collaboration with joint and interagency counterparts have underpinned the advancement of a ready and capable counter-unmanned aerial system for the Australian Army and the Joint Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Nigel Roy Dobson

For meritorious achievement in the field of signals planning, and the development and implementation of survivable telecommunication networks.

Warrant Officer Class One Dobson has made a significant contribution to the field of signals planning during his appointment as the 1st Division Telecommunication Network Engineer. He has consistently demonstrated outstanding technical acumen and self-sacrifice through the development of innovative methods to employ signals capabilities to enhance the survivability of the land and joint force. His meritorious achievements have brought great credit on himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two David Robert Elliott

For meritorious achievement while posted as the Uncrewed Aircraft Systems subject matter expert within the 2nd Commando Regiment, and the 9th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery from January 2019 to October 2022.

Warrant Officer Class Two Elliott demonstrated exceptional achievement and devotion to duty in his contributions to developing Small Uncrewed Aircraft Systems capabilities within the Australian Defence Force. His expertise and work in training and governance in this field has resulted in enhancements to deployed and developing capabilities across the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force. His performance is in keeping with the finest traditions of Special Operations Command, the Royal Australian Artillery and the Australian Army.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Captain Nicholas Paul Goldsworthy

For meritorious achievement in explosive ordnance operational training at the Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School for the Australian Defence Force.

Captain Goldsworthy has demonstrated exceptional achievement as Senior Instructor of the operational training section within the Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School through exceptional skill, extraordinary judgement and conspicuous dedication to duty. He has significantly enhanced the Air Force's demolition operator capability; improved its relationships and reputation with the demolition community; and produced enduring benefits for the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Shawn Glenn Goodbody

For devotion to duty to Army's transitioning veterans as Member Support Coordinator within the Army Personnel Support Unit.

Warrant Officer Class One Goodbody's devotion to duty and genuine compassion over four years has had a significant impact on Army veterans transitioning medically being best prepared for life after Army. He has sought for medically transitioning veterans to be appropriately enabled, with a focus on their human security, with dignity and respect, and regardless of circumstance. His innate understanding of the strategic and enduring impact of successful medical transitions, and actions to enable this, have provided assurance to Chief of Army that his people were transition ready.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Signaller Thomas Anthony Grayham

For meritorious achievement as the Information Systems Technician for capability development on Joint Task force 629 on Operation COVID-19 ASSIST from July to November 2021 and Operation FLOOD ASSIST 2022 from April to November 2022.

Signaller Grayham displayed exceptional innovation and dedication as the Information Systems Technician at Joint Task Force 629 by developing Joint Domestic Operations situational awareness and Command and Control tools. He developed a system which enables strategic integration for deployed Australian Defence Force units allowing Commanders to track and task deployed personnel. His innovation will have an enduring impact and enhance the domestic and regional Australian Defence Force operations.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Megan Jennifer Griffiths

For devotion to duty as the Chief Clerk, Defence Signals Intelligence and Cyber Command.

Warrant Officer Class One Griffiths has made a conspicuous contribution to establishing the Defence Signals Intelligence and Cyber Command. Through her superior professional mastery, meritorious leadership and tireless efforts, Warrant Officer Griffiths developed and implemented a robust system of administration, governance and policy to support an operationally-focused workforce. Her efforts have had a lasting impact and enhanced Defence workforce integration within the Australian Signals Directorate.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Colonel Alison Kim Kaine

For meritorious achievement in the field of sensitive and strategic personnel case management in the Australian Army.

Colonel Kaine's achievements as Staff Officer Grade 1, Sensitive and Strategic Issues Management - Army has significantly enhanced Army's reputation and adherence to Defence Values. Through superior compassion, leadership and an unwavering devotion to service, she produced enduring outcomes that has assured best practice for complex personnel management, and Ministerial and Senior Leadership Group oversight of strategic issues. Her professional mastery, exemplary performance and authenticity exemplify the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two Benjamin James Kilgour

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Enlisted Advisor and Operations Warrant Officer deployed to Headquarters Middle East on Operation ACCORDION from July 2022 to January 2023.

Warrant Officer Class Two Kilgour's exceptional professionalism, personal initiative, exceptional interpersonal skills, inspirational leadership and key leadership engagements resulted in extraordinary achievements and substantively contributed to the success of Australian Defence Force operations in the Middle East region. His engagement with the United Arab Emirates host nation has single-handedly created a highly influential dialogue schedule, enhancing Australia's international relationships in the Middle East and with coalition allies, friends and likeminded partners.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army
Major Benjamin Kreis

For meritorious achievement as the career manager within the Senior Warrant Officer portfolio for the Australian Regular Army.

Major Kreis is an officer of exceptional ability who has made a conspicuous contribution in the personnel management, progression and retention of the Senior Warrant Officers within Army and the Australian Defence Force. He has displayed superior interpersonal engagement, emotional intelligence and understanding of Army's personnel capability requirements, connecting with our individuals and families. Major Kreis has performed with distinction over his career and this role showcases his outstanding professionalism and devotion to his duties within Army.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Major L

For meritorious achievement as the Legal Officer in support of a Special Operations Task Force deployed on Operation AUGURY - GLOBAL, April 2022 to November 2022.

Major L's dedication, mastery as a legal professional and exceptional leadership qualities have significantly enhanced the Australian Defence Forces contributions in support of Australian whole-of-government efforts to counter terrorism and violent extremism globally aligned with Australia's national interest. Major L's oversight of legal requirements and obligations consistent with international law was critical to mission success on some of the most strategically sensitive operations undertaken by of Australian Whole of Government entities during 2022.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel James Thomas Pidgeon

For meritorious achievement as the Formation Operations Officer and Chief of Staff within the 16th Aviation Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Pidgeon has demonstrated meritorious achievement in fulfilling the duties of the Formation Operations Officer and Brigade Chief of Staff. His expertise in operational planning and ensuring readiness have been critical to the 16th Aviation Brigade delivering sustained, safe and effective aviation support across both domestic and international operations. His dedication and professional mastery have enabled an improved culture, which has postured 16th Aviation Brigade to respond to the evolving strategic environment.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Meng Wang

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Rotary Wing Development,
Headquarters Aviation Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Wang has demonstrated exceptional capability management expertise and strategic acumen in gaining Government approval to rapidly acquire UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters for the Australian Defence Force. His skilful navigation of the One Defence Capability Life Cycle and adept stakeholder engagement produced an exemplar modernisation project within a greatly compressed time period. His leadership and dedication to duty have directly contributed to ensuring a reliable and credible utility helicopter capability within the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Sean Heinz Weber

For devotion to duty as the Regimental Artificer Sergeant Major of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class One Weber has been instrumental in proving the concept of Distributed Maintenance Training, championing the General Dynamics Land System – Australia contract renewal, identifying and remediating critical Armour Multi Spectral Surveillance Suite maintainer deficiencies, and involvement in the Regional Sustainment Pool to improve vehicle availability and maintenance processes. Warrant Officer Weber's actions have gone above worn rank, beyond expectations, and greatly enhanced Army's Armoured capabilities.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Major Sally Williamson

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two Training Transformation, Headquarters Army Logistic Training Centre.

Major Williamson successfully enhanced training for thousands of learners each year and improved capability outcomes, through a Joint approach and exceptional management of resources to transform logistics and health training. Her outstanding analytical ability and diligence successfully shaped the Joint Technical Trade Training tender to meet future capability needs. She is a compassionate and capable leader whose performance has been exceptional and demonstrative of the highest traditions and values of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Chaplain (Wing Commander) Lindsay Brian Carey

For devotion to duty in Moral Injury research and the development of resources and training to support Australian Defence Force personnel.

Chaplain (Wing Commander) Lindsay Carey has made a conspicuous contribution to the Australian Defence Force's understanding of moral injury and the recognition of its existence within Defence. He also developed resources and training, noted nationally and internationally, to support Chaplaincy in responding to moral injury so as to proactively assist in the prevention of suicide, and thus provide improved support to Defence personnel. Chaplain (Wing Commander) Carey is an exceptional officer who displays great professional excellence, inspirational leadership, initiative and dedication to the wellbeing of Defence personnel.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Denis Brian French

For meritorious achievement as an Operational Planner for the Indo-Pacific Integrated Operations Team, Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Wing Commander French's achievements as a Headquarters Joint Operations Command planner have significantly contributed to streamlining Australian Defence Force operations and planning activities within the Indo-Pacific region. His contribution has shaped and increased operational engagement with Allies and regional partners during an increasingly challenged geostrategic environment.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Corporal Matthew Palmer

For meritorious achievement as an Air Intelligence Analyst – Signals at Number 87 Squadron in developing and implementing world leading signals intelligence support to Number 81 Wing, significantly improving survivability and lethality of F-35A in an enduring capability.

Corporal Palmer has pioneered the development of a key signals intelligence capability within the F-35 community, which has dramatically improved the current and future survivability and lethality of the F-35 in an enduring capacity. This capability will benefit the entire fighter community for the entire lifespan of the aircraft, providing agile and resilient pathways to establish air superiority in a dynamically changing threat environment. This is a world first capability. His achievement embodies the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Corporal Jack Clifford Simpson

For meritorious achievement in C-17A Globemaster workforce training, development and maintenance management for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Corporal Simpson applied conspicuous technical mastery, innovation and commitment in the development and coordination of a holistic, structured training continuum for the Number 36 Squadron technical workforce. His outstanding achievements have enhanced mission success on operations and delivered remarkable and enduring efficiencies in the force generation of aviation technicians. His efforts have directly enhanced the capacity and sustainability of the C-17A Globemaster maintenance capability of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader Melissa Jane Vreugdenburg

For meritorious achievement in the development and progression of collaborative Space Control capabilities for the Australian Defence Force.

Squadron Leader Vreugdenburg is a staff officer of diplomatic ability and devotion to duty. Her conspicuous professionalism, extraordinary capacity and relationship management across domestic and international stakeholders have been key to the timely progression of a number of collaborative opportunities with key allies for senior Defence and Government consideration. Her efforts have made a lasting contribution to Defence and the development of capabilities that will help to assure Australian civil and military access to space.