



Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

19 April 2024

Honorary Appointment - Military Division - May 2024

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointment:

HONORARY OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

General Thierry BURKHARD, Paris, France

For distinguished service as the Chief of Staff of the French Armed Forces.

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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IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

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For distinguished service as the Chief of Staff of the French Armed Forces.

General Burkhard has shown distinguished leadership, vision, and commitment to enhancing the bilateral defence relationship between France and Australia. Throughout his tenure as Chief of Staff of the French Armed Forces and previously as French Army Chief of Staff, General Burkhard has shown a steadfast commitment to strengthening interoperability between the Australian Defence Force and the French Armed Forces, particularly in the Indo-Pacific. He has deepened the cooperative spirit and level of engagement between our two nations in response to our shared security interests. His service is in the highest traditions of the French Armed Forces and has brought great credit to *les forces armées françaises* and the great nation of France.