

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

Royal Australian Navy
Commodore Stephen Geoffrey Dalton RAN

For exceptional service in submarine and undersea warfare capability development.

Commodore Dalton provided exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly in the field of submarine and undersea warfare capability. His expertise and contributions have been integral to the pursuit of a potent and enduring submarine and undersea warfare capability. His work developed an optimal pathway towards the introduction of nuclear-powered submarines which has resulted in a significant change in Australia's future maritime capability.

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Royal Australian Navy
Commodore Nathan Jerome Robb RAN

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Maritime Logistics.

Commodore Robb has demonstrated exceptional service and leadership across a number of senior Defence and Navy logistic roles. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Defence Fuel Transformation Program and reinvigoration of the Defence fuel capability, improving Navy's logistic assurance process, delivering innovative operational logistic capabilities. He was the principle architect of the Royal Australian Navy's strategic maritime infrastructure plan to support the future Fleet, and a mentor to Navy logistic officers and sailors through the creation of profession mastery pathways.

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Royal Australian Navy

Rear Admiral Brett Raymond Sonter RAN

For exceptional performance of duty in senior Australian Defence Force management and international relationship roles.

Rear Admiral Sonter led significant and important work to support Defence reform efforts. He performed a leadership role in the review, development and introduction of updated Defence strategic and risk guidance. He introduced improved management systems and led efforts to improve the operational effectiveness of the Australian Headquarters Joint Operations Command and the United States Navy's Commander Pacific Fleet's readiness and operational command. His exceptional outcomes contributed to a significant reinforcement of the working and operational relationship between the Australian and United States Navies.

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Australian Army

Colonel Mark Andrew Coyle

For exceptional service as the Commander Australian Contingent on Operation ASLAN in 2020 and Operation OKRA in 2024.

Colonel Coyle's performance and commitment across two complex coalition operations has been exceptional. Demonstrating calm and exemplary leadership, he was instrumental in ensuring the morale, welfare and success of his troops in South Sudan. His exemplary planning and leadership for operations in Iraq and Syria ensured the coalition successfully executed an operational pivot and navigated complex strategic Middle-Eastern tensions, while significantly furthering the defeat of Daesh. His actions personally advanced Australia's interests and reputation across Coalition Forces.

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Australian Army

Brigadier Nathan Edward Juchniewicz DSC and Bar CSC

For exceptional service in senior command appointments in Forces Command and Special Operations Command.

Brigadier Juchniewicz demonstrated exceptional service in the generation of warfighting forces in Special Operations Command and Forces Command. His thoughtful leadership, experience and dedication to duty significantly advanced the force posture, workforce design and training system of the Australian Army.

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Australian Army
Brigadier M

For exceptional service to the coordination and application of Army's operational capability as the Director of Special Operations and Plans and Director General Land Operations.

Brigadier M exceptional planning and coordination ensured the Australian Government could respond to contingencies during a period of significant international uncertainty. His superior leadership and dedication guaranteed Army support to Joint operations with the provision of Land capability and contribution to contingency plans.

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Royal Australian Air Force
Air Commodore Maria Josefina Brick

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in military legal services and staff appointments.

Air Commodore Brick's exceptional service across multiple challenging and diverse roles has been indicative of her versatility, drive, energy and determination that has always produced the best outcomes for the Australian Defence Force and her nation, no matter the challenges. She is an officer of impeccable character and skills whose outstanding achievements are renown across Defence.

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Royal Australian Air Force
Group Captain Aleisha Maree Broadhead

For exceptional service to the Australian Defence Force in the introduction of the F-35A Lightning II and the sustainment of air traffic management capabilities.

Group Captain Broadhead has made formidable contributions to air combat capability on operations, the introduction to service of the F-35A Lightning II aircraft capability and the on-going management and transition of air traffic management capabilities. This valued officer has employed exceptional professional excellence to great effect over an extended period of time.

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Royal Australian Air Force
Squadron Leader Andrew Gordon Harris

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the enhancement and employment of air combat capabilities including platforms, people and procedures.

Squadron Leader Harris' meritorious achievements in the enhancement and employment of air combat capabilities, including platforms, people and procedures. Through enduring commitment, outstanding leadership and superior tactical, technical and integration mastery Squadron Leader Harris has ensured the E-7A Wedgetail specifically, and the combat Air Force more generally is more capable and better prepared for air combat operations.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Nadia Justine Harrison CSM

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

Wing Commander Harrison has made an extraordinary contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force in a number of highly demanding cyberspace workforce, capability, and command appointments since 2016. Her determination, professionalism, and leadership across tactical, operational, and strategic levels have been critical to the development and employment of Air Force's expeditionary cyberspace workforce and associated capabilities to sustain the requirements of contemporary and future air operations.

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Royal Australian Navy
Warrant Officer Cheryl Anne Collins CSM

For meritorious performance of duty as Command Warrant Officer Training Force, Command Warrant Officer Navy People, and Warrant Officer Joint Operations Command.

Warrant Officer Collins has consistently demonstrated exceptional energy, leadership and dedication in the area of Royal Australian Navy electronic warfare career development both in Australia and whilst deployed on operations. As Warrant Officer Joint Operations Command, she has been fundamental to providing critical support and high quality Senior Enlisted support to the Chief of Joint Operations. Her patient dedicated approach, coupled with excellent communication skills, have been pivotal to enhancing the Australian Defence Force's reputation.

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Royal Australian Navy
Commander Nicholas Patrick Doyle RAN

For meritorious performance of duty in the delivery and management of Navy Collective Training.

Commander Doyle demonstrated meritorious leadership and superior understanding of naval operations over a decade of service in Navy's Sea Training Group. His unwavering dedication and remarkable contribution to developing skills in the maritime mastery domain through coaching, mentoring and training Royal Australian Navy personnel has delivered a range of positive, measurable capability outcomes. His contribution enhanced the warfighting proficiency of a wide range of Australian Navy and Pacific Partner units.

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Royal Australian Navy
Commander Wesley Karl North RAN

For meritorious service in submarine engineering and technical submariner workforce development.

Commander North is an officer and engineer who has blended together the technical and human elements of delivering Australia's submarine capability. He displayed initiative in remediating engineering issues across the Collins Class Submarine force and employed insightful leadership across the organisation to enhance the technical workforce. His actions have had a direct impact on fundamental inputs to submarine capability and a positive impact on technical manpower retention.

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Royal Australian Navy
Petty Officer Kerryn Sue Seaborn

For meritorious service to the Royal Australian Navy as a Physical Training Instructor.

Petty Officer Seaborn, through genuine passion and commitment to teaching wellbeing and fitness has contributed to improved levels of wellness and resilience in Navy people. She implemented high-quality programs, including Adventure Training, monthly sports events, and ongoing physical conditioning classes at HMAS Cairns and for resident Fleet Units. Her ability to engage and inspire people created a culture of fitness, wellbeing and readiness, ensuring that our sailors and officers are physically and mentally prepared to enable mission success.

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Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Erol Jade Williams

For meritorious service in the field of Indigenous engagement and cultural advancement.

Chief Petty Officer Williams demonstrated dedication to Indigenous engagement, cultural advocacy, and mentorship within the Royal Australian Navy. His leadership immensely strengthened relationships between Defence and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. He championed reconciliation and inclusion, with his efforts directly and positively impacting Indigenous recruitment, retention, and professional development.

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Australian Army
Warrant Officer Class Two K

For meritorious performance of duty in Training Development and Employment Category Management roles within Special Operations Command.

Warrant Officer Class Two K has been a leader within the Special Operations Command regarding training policy, governance and administration as well as employment category management and remediation. His professionalism and personal dedication as the Special Air Service Regiments' Training Development Warrant Officer has significantly and positively influenced soldiers' careers over fifteen years, allowing niche operational capability to be realised now and into the future.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Kimberly Yvonne Kiely

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2nd Health Brigade, Sydney University Regiment, and 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion.

Warrant Officer Class One Kiely is an extraordinary soldier who has provided dedicated service across a range of highly demanding Regimental Sergeant Major roles. She has consistently demonstrated meritorious leadership, positivity, initiative and commitment, through empowering others, enhancing organisational culture, and improving discipline and morale. Her sustained meritorious service has enhanced retention and made a significant contribution to Army's people and capability.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Michael Patrick Killalea

For meritorious performance of duty advancing and fostering the Distribution Specialisation trade.

Warrant Officer Class One Killalea has made a significant contribution to the Australian Army's logistic capability effectiveness through his remarkable initiative, superior trade knowledge and professional drive over several appointments. He consistently demonstrated meritorious performance of duty, delivering enduring improvements to logistics frameworks across unit's supply support, equipment management, corporate governance and significant enhancement to trade management through the rationalisation and amalgamation of the distribution specialisation trades.

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

Australian Army
Warrant Officer Class One Anthony James Luchterhand

For meritorious service over successive Regimental Sergeant Major appointments as a senior enlisted advisor, master trainer and mentor.

Warrant Officer Class One Luchterhand has provided dedicated service in a range of Regimental Sergeant Major positions over many years. He has consistently demonstrated excellent leadership and commitment, enhancing organisational culture throughout Army. His sustained meritorious service as a senior enlisted advisor, master trainer and mentor have consistently contributed to, and ensured that, major organisational changes have been achieved, resulting in significant improvement to Army, and the Joint force's capability.

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

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Christopher Leigh Rhone

For meritorious performance of duty in F-35A Lightning II aircraft maintenance for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Rhone has made a meritorious contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force F-35A Lightning II aircraft maintenance capability over an extended period and across multiple demanding senior maintenance leadership positions. His inspiration, leadership, innovation and technical acumen have been integral to the successful maintenance workforce transition to the F-35A Lightning II. His strategic acumen and vision have been foundational in the development of agile combat employment for fifth generation aircraft in austere and logistically constrained environments.

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

Royal Australian Air Force
Wing Commander Estevan Samanes

For meritorious service in sustainment, maintenance and upgrade operations in support of the F/A-18F Super Hornet for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Estevan Samanes has displayed exceptional commitment to sustainment, maintenance and upgrade operations involving the F/A-18F Super Hornet. His innovative approach led to the implementation of novel strategies aimed at improving aircraft serviceability and enhancing maintenance efficiency. His efforts over several years have seen the expeditious implementation of complex but critical capability upgrades for the Super Hornet, while advancing collaboration with the United States Navy.

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

Royal Australian Air Force

Air Commodore Brett Robert Williams CSM

For meritorious performance of duty to the Australian Defence Force as Director of Strategic Design – Air Force and Officer Commanding Air Academy.

Air Commodore Williams is an excellent senior officer and military strategist, who has displayed remarkable innovation, inspirational leadership and meritorious performance of duty during years of service. Through his determination, perseverance and commitment, strategic policy was implemented that enabled and enhanced key alliances with regional partners. He contributed to the delivery of a scalable and sustainable Officer Aviation training system that has provided significant contributions to the Australian Defence Force.

Commendation for Distinguished Service

Australian Army

Sergeant Ashlee Louise Liversedge

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as a Medic with Task Group Taji, whilst deployed in Iraq on Operation OKRA on 11 March 2020.

Sergeant Liversedge demonstrated excellent resolve and remarkable application of medical skills while deployed in Iraq, following a rocket attack on the night of 11 March 2020. Her professional excellence in providing triage and medical intervention saved the lives of injured coalition personnel. Her dedication in an extremely challenging and demanding situation brought great credit to herself and the Australian Army.

Commendation for Distinguished Service

Australian Army
Ms Sarah Jane Nixon

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as a Medic with Task Group Taji whilst deployed in Iraq on Operation OKRA on 11 March 2020.

Ms (then Corporal) Nixon demonstrated exceptional resolve and outstanding application of medical skills while deployed in Iraq, following a rocket attack on the night of 11 March 2020. Her professional excellence in providing triage and medical intervention saved the lives of injured coalition personnel. Her dedication in an extremely challenging and demanding situation brought great credit to herself and the Australian Army.

Bar to the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC and Bar)

Australian Army

Colonel Gerard Ryan Kearns CSC

For outstanding achievement as the Commander Australian Contingent on Operation PALADIN during the period September 2023 to October 2024.

Colonel Kearns made an outstanding contribution to enhancing the operational effectiveness of the Australian Defence Force contingent deployed on Operation PALADIN. Colonel Kearns provided mature leadership and refined professional acumen to lead the Australian contingent during a period of greatly increased risk and operational complexity. His outstanding skills delivered remarkable results for the Australian Defence Force.

Bar to the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC and Bar)

Royal Australian Air Force
Group Captain Anthony Kay CSC

For outstanding achievement in the application of extraordinary skills and judgement in the development and control of Air Mobility capability for the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Kay applied excellent technical mastery, innovation and commitment in the development and application of air mobility planning and coordination processes. His remarkable performance provided enduring contributions to air mobility capability and established systems and policies that optimise combat mobility capacity and effect in support of Australian Defence Force operations and national interests.

Bar to the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC and Bar)

Royal Australian Air Force
Air Commodore Kaarin Nina Kooij CSC

For outstanding devotion to duty as Director General Joint Transition Authority delivering continuous improvement and operationalisation of the transition operating model that supports Australian Defence Force personnel and their families.

Air Commodore Kooij, through outstanding leadership, innovation and dedication to duty has led the transformation of transition support services in Defence, significantly enhancing the experience for Australian Defence Force members and delivering enduring people focused reform. Across a complex network of stakeholders, she has enabled the creation of a cross-agency transition eco-system, fostering a more responsive, integrated service delivery model, enhancing accountability and improving the lived experiences of veterans.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy
Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Terence Bonehill RAN

For outstanding devotion to duty in the field of Navy personnel welfare and support.

Lieutenant Commander Bonehill demonstrated outstanding leadership and devotion to duty in providing specialist support to Navy's most vulnerable members. He provided compassionate, empathetic and, when required, life-saving support to Navy people facing challenging personal and professional circumstances. His personal contribution has been instrumental in assisting many members return to service or when necessary, transition to civilian life with dignity and respect. His efforts contributed to the optimising of the physical and mental wellbeing of Navy people, veterans and their families.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy
Captain Aaron Leon Cox RAN

For outstanding devotion to duty in the field of capability management of the Hobart Class Destroyer.

Captain Cox provided sustained service across multiple demanding capability management roles in support of the Hobart Class Destroyer. Through his initiative, drive, professionalism and temperament he contributed to the delivery of a highly effective capability with significant enhancements to lethality under a highly compressed and demanding schedule. His achievements were integral to delivering enhanced capability with enduring benefits to the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy
Commander Stefanie Maree Curic RAN

For outstanding devotion to duty in the management of Navy Engineering training.

Commander Curic brought about significant positive change across the Navy's Engineer Officer training program, enhancing the quality and calibre of Australian and Foreign Partner Navy Engineer Officers. Her superior leadership, management, and communication skills improved engineering training efficiencies, increased the professionalism of training delivery, and enhanced Navy capability.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy
Lieutenant Commander Caitlin Melanie Fuller RAN

For outstanding achievement in intelligence training, governance, and capability development for the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Commander Fuller has exceptional dedication and ability who made a significant contribution to maritime and joint intelligence training at the foundation, intermediate, and advanced level. Her leadership, determination and intelligence community initiatives have directly resulted in a marked improvement in the quality, preparedness, and morale of Navy Intelligence Officers and Sailors and has increased the intelligence capability of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy
Lieutenant Commander Jay Pettifer CSM RAN

For outstanding achievement in the development of the Naval Force Protection Bureau.

Lieutenant Commander Pettifer was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Naval Force Protection Bureau. His drive, leadership and personal engagement were evidenced in the established structure and capability of the organisation that is tasked with providing enhanced protective security for Navy assets and ensures Australia is on track to meet its nuclear security commitments under the Australia, United Kingdom, and United States alliance.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy
Chief Petty Officer Bradley Scott Smith

For outstanding devotion to duty as a Senior Enlisted Sailor in Navy's Submarine Force.

Chief Petty Officer Smith displayed inclusive leadership and outstanding technical skills in his support to Command and crew. He contributed in a critical role as the Australian Submarine Force developed new training capabilities. His excellent leadership and passion for the wellbeing and operational performance of all those around him resulted in the submarines achieving Government tasking while he also assisted in developing the next generation of Australian Submariners.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Sergeant Kirsti Anne Claymore

For outstanding devotion to duty in the application of Defence Values and superior judgement to support service personnel and their families in adversity.

Sergeant Claymore's outstanding initiative and compassion made a conspicuous and enduring contribution to the safety and welfare of service members who were impacted by targeted discrimination campaigns. Without regard for her own safety, her moral courage to act is commendable and is a testament to her strength of character and commitment to selfless service. Her actions have positively influenced organisational change and cultural reform in the Australian Army and she exemplifies the values that epitomise the Australian Soldier.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army
Lieutenant Colonel Sven Harris

For outstanding achievement and the application of skills as Operations Officer, Headquarters 1st (Australian) Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Harris has made significant contributions to reshaping Army's general-purpose expeditionary warfighting capability as Operations Officer, Headquarters 1st (Australian) Division. His leadership, professional skill and dedication to duty have been instrumental in the re-establishment of the 1st (Australian) Division as a fully enabled expeditionary warfighting Division, while concurrently managing an array of current operations, multinational training activities and a near constant engagement program alongside regional partners.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army
Corporal Geoffrey Michael Izod

For outstanding devotion to duty as the rescue crewman on an MRH90 helicopter during Operation FLOOD ASSIST 22-1, on 1 March 2022.

Corporal Izod (Retd) demonstrated outstanding devotion to duty while conducting the rescue of three persons from a rooftop with flood water completely surrounding the property. As the rescue crewman, he overcame significant personal risk to himself and while fighting for his own life, was able to focus on his rescue mission. Due to his diligent actions, the three flood victims were rescued.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Brigadier Caitlin Emma Langford

For outstanding achievement in the development of preventative measures that strengthen the mental health and wellbeing of the Australian Defence Force.

Brigadier Langford has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the development of a new capability focussed on upstream mental health and wellbeing preventive measures. She has significantly advanced the preventative approach taken by the Australian Defence Force to suicide prevention and her dedication to her field will have an enduring impact on Defence people and capability.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Colonel Scottie James Morris

For outstanding achievement as the Commander of Headquarters Middle East on Operation ACCORDION from March 2024 to December 2024.

Colonel Morris demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievements in the enhancement of Australia's operational position while Commander of Headquarters Middle East. As a result of his endeavours, Australia has enhanced relations with the United Arab Emirates, consolidated Australian Defence Force capability at Al Minhad Air Base, improved support to Australian operations across a dynamic region and assured options for the Government of Australia.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Tegan Irene Musumeci

For outstanding achievement in the delivery of theatre logistics to the integrated force and our allies and partners as Commanding Officer of Joint Logistics Unit – North.

Lieutenant Colonel Musumeci's outstanding devotion to duty has improved logistics readiness for Defence. Her application of exceptional skill and judgement has enabled the realisation of a number of strategic initiatives with our allies and has significantly enhanced the means by which Joint Logistics Command deliver theatre logistics to those operating in our northern regions. Her efforts have led to enduring change within the Defence Logistics Network.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Sergeant Rick Leslie Scott

For outstanding devotion to duty as the rescue crewman on Trooper 70 during Operation FLOOD ASSIST 22-1 on 25 February 2022.

Sergeant Scott, when faced with dangerous circumstances, acted decisively and effectively in rescuing a distressed person in rapid flood waters in the Lockyer Valley. He acted without any regard to his own safety and enabled the rescue under circumstances which far exceeded his experience or training as a crewman. In spite of the challenges faced, Sergeant Scott's life-saving actions ensured he completed the rescue with outstanding devotion and professionalism.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Australian Army

Colonel Lauren Elizabeth Wright

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Project Director for LAND 1508 Greyfin Program and across the Land Systems Division.

Colonel Wright's transformational leadership and contribution to Land Systems Division has had a significant impact upon the successful introduction into service of key warfighting capability to Defence, over a sustained period. Her leadership, professional mastery and strategic understanding has assured the delivery of critical capabilities for Special Operations Command and supported the successful introduction of Protected Mobility Vehicles into the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force
Group Captain Phillip Bryan Godfrey

For outstanding achievement in career management of senior Royal Australian Air Force personnel as Director Senior Officer Management – Air Force.

Group Captain Godfrey is a remarkable officer displaying initiative, energy and superior leadership abilities. He has made a conspicuous contribution to the Australian Defence Force through the implementation of significant and lasting reforms in the human resource management of the senior cadre of Air Force personnel, ensuring that high calibre senior personnel are identified, developed and employed to best effect in support of Australia's national interests.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force
Wing Commander Shannon James McGuckin

For outstanding achievement in Air Domain Research, Analysis and Development.

Wing Commander McGuckin's conspicuous efforts have significantly advanced autonomous collaborative platforms and Un-crewed Aerial Systems, shaping the future of Australian military power. He is a distinguished officer who consistently demonstrates professional excellence, exceptional initiative, and a steadfast commitment to duty.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force
Flight Sergeant Gary Andrew Neidert

For outstanding achievement in advancing targeting capabilities within the Australian Defence Force, enhancing interoperability and fostering Coalition cooperation.

Flight Sergeant Neidert's outstanding achievements have resulted in remarkable contributions to the Australian Defence Force's critical targeting capabilities over a prolonged period in the development of training and standards, and improvement of joint and coalition interoperability. An excellent aviator applying technical mastery, leadership and dedication to duty over an extended period to provide enduring capability enhancement that directly supports operational commanders.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)

Royal Australian Air Force
Group Captain Lucas Ricciardi

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of Air Warfare Engineering Squadron, Air Warfare Centre.

Group Captain Ricciardi accomplished outstanding achievements as Commanding Officer of the Air Warfare Engineering Squadron through development of a weaponised Un-crewed Air System risk characterisation methodology, which will allow the rapid development of those new technologies. He also progressed the Aircraft Stores Capability relationship with the United States, ensuring capability benefits for both nations, all while accomplishing the extended duties of Command for his Squadron with excellence.

Bar to the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM and Bar)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Justin Magnus Downey-Price CSM RAN

For meritorious achievement as the Command Warrant Officer - Fleet Information Warfare Force.

Lieutenant Commander Downey-Price directly influenced and improved the operational focus and effectiveness of the Fleet Information Warfare Force through exceptional performance, dedication, and unwavering commitment. His operational acumen and tactical expertise were instrumental in ensuring mission success in complex and demanding scenarios while his ability to make sound decisions under pressure, coupled with his strong inter-personal skills, resulted in improved Command situational awareness and effective decision-making at all levels of the Force.

Bar to the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM and Bar)

Royal Australian Navy
Warrant Officer Lyndon Montgomery Quirke CSM

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Technical Adviser to the Kiribati Police Service Maritime Unit.

Warrant Officer Quirke's devotion to duty as Technical Adviser to the Kiribati Police Service Maritime Unit has greatly enhanced Kiribati's operational capability to protect and enforce its vast exclusive economic zone. His efforts to ensure availability of Kiribati's Guardian-class Patrol Boats has improved regional maritime security and promoted Australia's position as a partner of choice for the region. His professionalism and dedication epitomise Defence values and are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Bar to the Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM and Bar)

Australian Army

Major Justin Thomas Cross CSM

For meritorious achievement in delivery of engineering and project management support on Operation ACCORDION from July 2024 to February 2025.

Major Cross' professionalism, deft diplomacy and excellent engineering and project management skill have been central to delivery of the new air-side precinct while concurrently setting the conditions for a consolidated Australian Defence Force precinct at Al Minhad Air Base. This complex undertaking has realised the relocation of more than two decades of Australian Defence Force infrastructure to now deliver advantage and an optimal outcome for Defence's longer-term presence and operations from Al Minhad Air Base.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Petty Officer Jack Drew Bellingham

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Leading Seaman Boatswains Mate in Australian Defence Vessel Reliant.

Petty Officer Bellingham made a significant contribution to ADV *Reliant*'s capability and hence its ability to achieve the demanding operational requirements and schedule demanded of it. Bridging leadership gaps, his technical and maritime mastery exceeded expectations. His development and implementation of critical training programs enhanced operational readiness while his professionalism in training Pacific Island Defence and Police Forces, strengthened international partnerships and contributed to bolstering regional security efforts.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Lieutenant Commander Gemma Kim Casserly RAN

For meritorious devotion to duty as Indo-Pacific and Major Fleet Unit planner at Headquarters Joint Operations Command for all Australian Defence Force Regional Presence Deployments 2022 to 2023.

Lieutenant Commander Casserly has been instrumental in leading the planning and execution of complex surface ship deployments throughout the Indo-Pacific. Her pivotal role in the supporting joint task force ensured delivery of a highly successful deployment program and has significantly enhanced Australia's contribution to the region whilst improving interoperability with our allies. Her excellent skill and leadership in driving the conduct of a regional deployment program has assured the effective employment of surface ships to our region.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Commander Joshua Wesley Clifford RAN

For meritorious devotion to duty in the delivery of operational intelligence as the Director of Maritime Intelligence.

Commander Clifford demonstrated meritorious leadership, analysis and foresight as the Director of Maritime Intelligence. His commitment and devotion to duty in supporting ships deploying into the Indo-Pacific region, coupled with timely and insightful analysis of emerging maritime tactics and threats was of immediate interest and enduring benefit to Australia and our closest allies.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Daniel Scott Dowell RAN

For meritorious achievement as Officer in Charge Royal Australian Navy Tactical Data Links.

Lieutenant Commander Dowell's excellent knowledge, leadership and initiative ensured the Royal Australian Navy Tactical Data Link capability was attained, assured, and enhanced. His superior technical expertise ensured that the Navy Tactical Data Link requirements were explicitly understood, and through his advocacy multi-agency and allied interoperability was implemented or updated to ensure capabilities were maintained without disruption.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Chief Petty Officer Gavin Lee Downes

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of combat system materiel seaworthiness and tactical development for the Hobart Class destroyers.

Chief Petty Officer Downes demonstrated dedication, technical mastery and leadership in establishing maintenance and associated processes necessary to support the weapons electrical systems in the Hobart Class destroyers. His efforts were integral to the standardisation of tactical and drill training guides, that were subsequently incorporated across the Class. His commitment to training, knowledge development and skill generation significantly raised the proficiency of combat systems personnel employed within the Hobart Class destroyers.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Captain Benjamin John Hurst RAN

For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy Engineering.

Captain Hurst led a transformational shift in Marine Technical Sailor roles, reducing watch keeping requirements and enhancing maintenance, fault diagnosis, and training. His leadership redefined technical duties that empowered junior sailors while enabling senior technicians to focus on complex maintenance, improving fleet readiness and machinery availability. By challenging entrenched cultural norms, he drove a change that optimised workforce efficiency and operational capability.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Adam Clements Moxham

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Warfare 1, Warfare 2 and Hydrographic Strategic Career Manager in the Royal Australian Navy.

Chief Petty Officer Moxham has made significant contributions to Career Management – Navy, the Local Career Management Cell – Cairns and the strategic management of personnel within the minor war vessel and hydrographic workforce to support capability. Through superior knowledge, understanding of requirements, resourcefulness in people management and approachability, his commitment to Navy members has provided a direct and enduring impact to Defence's capability.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Leading Seaman Jack Murray Schulze

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Navy technical training.

Leading Seaman Schulze demonstrated technical mastery, extraordinary leadership, dedication and commitment to improving the capability of Electrical Technical sailors. His excellent technical knowledge supported him in the development of enhance techniques and training aids that will increase technical expertise of sailors joining the Fleet. His contributions will provide capability enhancement of Navy people, the Ships, the Fleet and the Royal Australian Navy well into the future.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Lieutenant Commander Scott James Shipton OAM RAN

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Command Warrant Officer of the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School and HMAS Cerberus.

Lieutenant Commander Shipton demonstrated commitment and dedication in his roles as the Command Warrant Officer for both the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School and HMAS Cerberus. Both Commands relied on his experience and humanistic leadership to not only support all personnel within the Commands, but also ensure the effective operations of both highly complex and operationally demanding Commands within the Royal Australian Navy's largest training establishment.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Lieutenant Perri Anne Trew RAN

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Maritime Human Resources Officer HMAS Cerberus.

Lieutenant Trew provided Command and Navy people in HMAS *Cerberus* with meritorious support and management. She led and directed the establishment of the Human Resources Hub through modification and updating of workflows to provide greatly improved customer service. She concurrently implemented the Defence Case Management Solution that required significant changes to processes. She was instrumental in identifying necessary upgrades to the new system to make it more suitable in supporting the unique processing needs of Navy establishments and Ships.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy
Chief Petty Officer Tara-Ann Wilson

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Senior Technical Officer in HMAS *Albany*.

Chief Petty Officer Wilson, through professional mastery and leadership, directly contributed to the capability of HMAS *Albany* and the wider Patrol Boat force. Displaying dedication as a technician and Senior Sailor, she readily identified initiatives to support maintenance activities and executed them to an excellent standard. Her initiative directly resulted in HMAS *Albany* maintaining a high state of readiness and in doing so supported wider operational outcomes across Defence.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Major P

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Administration and Welfare Officer within the Special Air Service Regiment from 2023 to 2024.

Major P's excellent commitment, tireless dedication, loyalty and work ethic have been exemplary, directly contributing to capability through the enhancement of the wellbeing of Defence Force personnel. Her compassionate care for wounded, injured, and ill soldiers, as well as her support for Defence Force families, exemplifies her meritorious devotion to duty and reflects the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army
Signaller Bailey Aaron Campbell

For meritorious devotion to duty and dedication as an Information Systems Technician during the conduct of Operation BEECH during the period August to November 2024.

Signaller Campbell demonstrated exceptional foresight, scheduling and meritorious devotion to duty that contributed to maintaining mission critical systems during the conduct of Operation BEECH. He displayed outstanding technical knowledge, a strong commitment to change management and consistently displayed an unwavering devotion to duty. His demonstrated trade proficiency and overall capacity well exceeds his rank and experience to deliver outstanding outcomes in direct support to complex operations.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Paul Dent

For meritorious achievement in support of the Australian Army's international engagement with Japan, as Australian Army Liaison Officer to the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Dent's remarkable professionalism, commitment, and cultural competence has greatly enhanced interoperability and the close strategic partnership between the Australian Army and the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force. His achievements in supporting this important strategic relationship reflects great credit to himself, the Australian Army and is in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Julian David Fleming

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer of the 9th Force Support Battalion.

Lieutenant Colonel Fleming displayed meritorious leadership, professional commitment and tireless dedication as Commanding Officer of the 9th Force Support Battalion. His capacity to create a culture of value and compassion through periods of overwhelming workforce and external pressures, while concurrently continuing to deliver and innovate force level logistics has been significant. His achievements have brought great credit on himself and is in the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Anthony Kukas

For meritorious achievement as Staff Officer Personnel Plans, within Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Kukas has been the driving force behind significant reform in operational personnel policy, mortuary affairs and the forces entertainment structure. He has generated a positive step change in capabilities while reducing complexity and contest. His work directly benefits deployed personnel. His service has had a direct and positive impact on all Headquarters Joint Operations Command operations, activities and investments.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Colonel Andrew Stephen Moss

For meritorious devotion to duty as a lead Policy Officer in Joint Health Command and the Mental Health and Wellbeing Branch.

Colonel Moss has demonstrated professional and social mastery, initiative and dedication to duty. Colonel Moss has been instrumental in strengthening Defence's approach to Psychosocial Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention. His expertise and advice ensures the development of support services and targeted interventions to support the health and wellbeing of Defence personnel.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army
Warrant Officer Class One William Renwick

For meritorious achievement in supply chain management during the withdrawal from service of the M1A1 Main Battle Tank and introduction into service of the Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle in 2nd/14th Light Horse Regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry).

Warrant Officer Class One Renwick displayed excellent devotion to duty, technical acumen and conspicuous leadership in coordinating the withdrawal of the M1A1 Abrams and introduction of the Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle in the 7th Brigade. He made a material contribution to Army's rebalancing activities in Army's response to the Defence Strategic Review, through his indefatigable work ethic and strong collaboration with stakeholders.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army
Colonel Scott Christian Revell

For meritorious achievement as Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Queensland University Regiment.

Colonel Revell has demonstrated impressive leadership, optimised Army Reserve training, and enhanced Army's reputation in the Queensland community as the Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of Queensland University Regiment. His proactive people-focused leadership style has enhanced retention, improved soldier welfare, reduced trainee backlogs, and refined training delivery. His dedication to Australian Army soldiers, his unit, and Army Reserve training and community engagement exemplifies the very best of Army leadership.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class Two Corey James Rocca

For meritorious achievement in developing equipment viability and maintenance processes within the International Donation Coordination Centre, in support of Ukrainian Armed Forces on SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM-EUROPE from December 2023 to July 2024.

Warrant Officer Class Two Rocca, through extraordinary technical insight, innovation, and professionalism developed an artillery barrel wear prediction tool, a platform health check system and a platform viability tool, which revolutionised equipment management within the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the International Donation Coordination Centre; delivering innovative maintenance solutions and improved equipment availability across the large fleet of diverse platforms. The systems and tools that he developed continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Charles Squire

For meritorious achievement in non-warlike operations as the Deputy Strategy, Plans and Assessments on Operation OKRA from May 2024 to December 2024.

Lieutenant Colonel Squire made a meritorious contribution to the efficacious planning of security and stability in the Middle East region through his contributions as the Deputy Strategy, Plans and Assessments for Operation OKRA, the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the Combined Joint Task Force – Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. He demonstrated considerable strategic acumen in an extremely complex, tumultuous, and dynamic operational environment.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Major Joshua Arnold Vogel

For meritorious achievement as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer on Operation LILIA from November to December 2023 and Operation RENDER SAFE from July to August 2023 and August to September 2024.

Major Vogel demonstrated exemplary vision, technical expertise and professionalism during a period of heightened operational tempo and organisational growth. His strong planning, command and leadership were pivotal during Operation LILIA in Solomon Islands in 2023, Operation RENDER SAFE in Nauru in 2023 and the largest ever Operation RENDER SAFE in Solomon Islands in 2024. His efforts have strengthened like-minded partnerships and enhanced Australia's reputation.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Nigel Turner Ward

For meritorious devotion to duty in providing support to Army's people, units, formations and commands as the Pay and Administration Centre New South Wales Army Liaison Officer.

Warrant Officer Class One Ward's meritorious devotion to duty over the past four years has been exceptional. His autonomous work as the sole uniformed Defence member has ensured a consistent application of pay and allowances policy is applied across the staff of the Pay and Administration Centre New South Wales, ensuring best outcomes for all service members. His devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Shandelle Nicole Welbourn

For meritorious achievement in the realisation of rapid capability development through the Army Minors Program for the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Welbourn has demonstrated meritorious achievement in the field of capability development. Through her leadership of the Army Minors Program, Lieutenant Colonel Welbourn has delivered critical capability for the Australian Army. Alongside the realisation of immediate capability outcomes, she has developed the governance frameworks for longevity of success for this Program. She has displayed outstanding achievement in accelerating capability that will drive long-term benefits for the Australian Army.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Flight Lieutenant I

For meritorious achievement whilst assigned to the offensive cyber mission within the Australian Signals Directorate.

Flight Lieutenant I's personal commitment and dedication has enabled the realisation of exceptional outcomes for the Australian Signals Directorate's cyber related missions. His leadership, motivation, judgement and technical aptitude ensured the successful delivery of cutting-edge capability to achieve significant operational success against cybercriminals targeting Australia and its partners' interests.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Flight Sergeant Anthony John Ahchow

For meritorious achievement in aviation fuels management and mental health coaching.

Flight Sergeant Ahchow's meritorious leadership in operating and enhancing fuel system safety standards for the Avalon International Airshow and his expertise in developing procedures to convert commercial aviation fuel to military aviation fuel have made a meaningful contribution to Defence's preparedness and reputation. As a mental health coach and advocate for Defence personnel, he has significantly improved mental health fitness and readiness across the Amberley and Enoggera bases, enabling a more prepared, resilient and cohesive workforce.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Warrant Officer Geoffrey William Bird

For meritorious achievement in the delivery of Dangerous Goods Training in the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Bird is an exemplary Warrant Officer of superior skill and excellent dedication as the Senior Instructor of Dangerous Goods within Air Force Training Group, who significantly reinvigorated training and capacity between 2022 and 2023 following the COVID-19 restrictions. Through superb professionalism, leadership and devotion to duty he has delivered major Defence capability with the Delivery of Dangerous Goods Training to the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Flying Officer Chad Kelvin Bowes

For meritorious achievement in rapid capability development and security transformation on the P-8A Poseidon aircraft.

Flying Officer Bowes' meritorious achievements are a result of his remarkable drive and initiative, enabling rapid capability enhancement, excellent capability development and security transformation to the P-8A Poseidon aircraft. In doing so, he enhanced the current maritime surveillance capability available to the Integrated Force and optimised the transition pathway for future advanced capabilities.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Warrant Officer Kerrie-Anne Megan Hammond

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Squadron Warrant Officer at Number 382 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Hammond has displayed meritorious devotion to duty through mentorship, encouraging and inspiring innovation and personal investment in the development of aviators at Number 382 Squadron. This dedication to nurturing talent and innovative thinking not only enhanced the capabilities and well-being of individuals but also strengthened the overall effectiveness of the squadron and, subsequently, Australian Defence Force capability.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Sergeant Gavin Jefferis

For meritorious achievement in maintenance co-ordination for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Sergeant Jefferis applied excellent skill, inspirational leadership, and dedication to service to overcome extraordinary constraints and operational requirements, to consistently provide highly effective planning and coordination of maintenance operations at both Air Combat Group and Air Mobility Group. His insight and proactive management optimised resources to provide the generation of air power capability supporting the operational demands of the Australian Defence Force.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Wing Commander Grant Guy Leader

For meritorious achievement as the Liaison Officer within the United States Air Warfare Centre.

Wing Commander Leader's meritorious achievements have been instrumental in capitalising opportunities for Coalition integration. His extraordinary commitment, outstanding leadership, and demonstrable Defence and technical mastery, have significantly advanced Australia's understanding and participation in all-domain warfighting, whilst simultaneously enhancing relationships across the United States and Australian military services, agencies and industry.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Flight Lieutenant Scott Andrew McNichol

For meritorious achievement as the Commander of the Air Task Unit for Operation BEECH from August 2024 to November 2024.

Flight Lieutenant Scott McNichol's leadership, expertise, and relentless ability to overcome operational challenges ensured the readiness of air mobility effects for Government response plans to the Israel - Hamas conflict. He led air element support for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade evacuation of 3185 people from Beirut in October 2024, identified and delivered numerous mission opportunities within Europe, and increased Australian interoperability with European air mobility systems using the Air Transport and Air Refuelling Exchange Services.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Warrant Officer Ivan Petrovic

For meritorious achievement as Warrant Officer Ceremonial for the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Petrovic demonstrated meritorious achievement as Warrant Officer Ceremonial for the Australian Defence Force. His leadership and professional standards were of the highest order, exemplified during the Australian Defence Force's ceremonial support to successive high profile Royal events in 2022 and 2023. His planning and coordination of activities, mentoring of Australia's Federation Guard and skilled international engagements ensured the Australian Defence Force was presented professionally at ceremonial events domestically and on the international stage.

Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force
Flight Lieutenant Thomas James Rogers

For meritorious achievement in the development and conduct of the Royal Australian Air Force Evacuation Handling Centre capability on Operation BEECH from October to December 2023 and August to September 2024, and New Caledonia Military Assisted Departure in May 2024.

Flight Lieutenant Rogers has made meritorious contributions to the development and transformation of the Royal Australian Air Force's Evacuation Handling Centre and Air Mobility Support Team tactics, techniques and procedures over a considerable period in the face of dynamic and challenging operational conditions. He displayed excellent professionalism, emotional intelligence, initiative and leadership. His achievements over two separate operational activities has solidified the concept of the agile aviator in future iterations of Evacuation Operations.