



**Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600**

6 March 2026

Honorary Appointment - Military Division - July 2026

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

HONORARY OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

Admiral Samuel J Paparo Jr, Hawaii, United States of America

For distinguished service to the military alliance between Australia and the United States of America.

By Her Excellency's Command

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Martin'.

Gerard Martin PSM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Admiral Paparo Jr has been a transformative force, thoroughly committed to advancing the military alliance between Australia and the United States. Guided by a clear view of the Indo-Pacific's strategic challenges, he has systematically dismantled barriers to integration, fostering unprecedented levels of interoperability in doctrine, capability, and joint operations. His resolute public advocacy for a rules-based order and his unwavering support for Australia's strategic role have been pivotal in forging a deeper, more resilient alliance, fortifying security across the region.