

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Commander John William CHANDLER RAN, WA

For outstanding service as Acting Director of the COLLINS Class Submarine System Program Office.

Commander Chandler is an exceptional officer who has displayed outstanding leadership, innovative thinking, and devotion to duty to improve submarine maintenance during a period of substantial change within the Defence Materiel Organisation. Commander Chandler's reforms to the submarine maintenance organisation and to maintenance planning and management greatly improved productivity and submarine availability.

Commander Robert Alan HEFFEY RAN, NSW

For outstanding service as Minor War Vessel Operational Test Director, Royal Australian Navy Test, Evaluation and Analysis Authority in transitioning the ARMIDALE Class Patrol Boats into operational service.

Commander Heffey has made a significant and lasting impact on the effectiveness of Defence Test and Evaluation and to the efficient entry of new capability into naval service. In particular, his efforts in transitioning the ARMIDALE Class Patrol Boats into operational service have significantly enhanced the capability of the Royal Australian Navy. Furthermore, the far-reaching improvements he has embedded into Naval and Defence test and evaluation systems has left a long lasting legacy. In his posting to the Royal Australian Navy Test, Evaluation and Analysis Authority he has been an exemplar of Navy Values, and has set a fine example of the best traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Leading Seaman Jamie JOHNSON, NSW

For outstanding service and performance of duty as the communications supervisor at Australian Clearance Diving Team One in support of operational capability.

Leading Seaman Johnson has worked tirelessly to provide Australian Clearance Diving Team One with superior communications performance and capability. His efforts have resulted in the unit's dramatically increased operational capability. His dedication to duty has been in accordance with the highest ideals of the Royal Australian Navy.

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Lieutenant Commander Max Oliver MULLER RAN, NSW

For outstanding service while employed in the Royal Australian Navy – United States Navy Personnel Exchange Program and deployed to Disaster Relief Operations in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

While a member of the Personnel Exchange Program with the United States Navy in support of Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief efforts, Lieutenant Commander Muller conducted reconnaissance operations under severe post-hurricane environmental conditions. He personally located suitable forward operating bases and established safe convoy routes to allow essential supplies into New Orleans. His efforts greatly assisted in restoring the area to pre-hurricane conditions. Lieutenant Commander Muller's exceptional professionalism and selfless devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Major Gary Roy BERGMAN, NSW

For outstanding service as Officer Commanding Development Group, Special Forces Training Centre in support of the development of Special Operations Command operational and training doctrine.

Major Bergman has consistently demonstrated professional excellence, dedication and enthusiasm at all times. His positive leadership, initiative and judgement have been instrumental in establishing a solid foundation for training management within Special Operations Command. Major Bergman's contribution and outstanding level of service whilst posted to the Special Forces Training Centre have minimised training duplication, reduced resource wastage and enabled greater access for training and personnel managers to individuals' qualifications and proficiencies.

Warrant Officer Class Two Dean Neville BIRSE, Vic

For outstanding service as the Battery Commander's Assistant of the 101st Medium Battery, the 8th/12th Medium Regiment, in support of emerging technologies and operations.

Warrant Officer Birse has been instrumental in overseeing the development of emerging sensor to shooter technologies. His efforts in the preparation and deployment of Battery personnel with the Australian Army Training Team Iraq Four and the Al Muthanna Task Group One were commendable. As the Battery Commander's Assistant of the 101st Medium Battery, Warrant Officer Birse has provided an outstanding contribution to the development of offensive support capability within Battle Group Leopard.

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Warrant Officer Class One John Donald BLAKE, NT

For outstanding service as the Regimental Quartermaster of the 1st Armoured Regiment.

Warrant Officer Blake has exhibited exceptional dedication to service as the Regimental Quartermaster of the 1st Armoured Regiment. His strong leadership, initiative and precise personnel management skills have ensured that the Regiment's accounts have been accurately maintained. In a unit of over 400 personnel, few have worked harder than Warrant Officer Blake to ensure that the unit is postured for the successful introduction into service of the M1A1 Abrams Tank, whilst concurrently providing combat service support to operations and Armoured Battle Group training.

Major Robert Bruce DAVIS, Vic

For outstanding service as the Staff Officer Grade Two, Personnel and Logistics of the Forward Command Element, Joint Task Force 636 during *Operation ACOLYTE*.

Major Davis demonstrated an outstanding level of dedication and application of his professional knowledge as the Personnel and Logistics planner for *Operation ACOLYTE*. His diligent and balanced approach in identifying, forecasting and delivering logistics and personnel support requirements led directly to mission success. Major Davis was tireless in creating a structure in both personnel and equipment that was highly effective and sustainable over an extended period of complex security and general support operations for the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Major Murray William DUCKWORTH, Vic

For outstanding service as the Executive Officer, Security Task Group, Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games, and as Officer Commanding, 4th Brigade Reserve Response Force.

Major Duckworth has performed outstanding work in establishing and delivering the Reserve Response Force capability to the 4th Brigade. Through his efforts, Major Duckworth laid the foundation for the success achieved by the 4th Brigade Reserve Response Force during the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. Major Duckworth's performance is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Captain Lyndon Kane JACKSON, Qld

For outstanding service as the Quartermaster of the 1st Joint Support Unit.

Captain Jackson has expertly managed the complex, diverse and operationally active 1st Joint Support Unit equipment account. In his own time he has selflessly assisted the Queensland University Regiment Band and 129 Regional Cadet Unit. Throughout these activities, Captain Jackson has demonstrated outstanding organisational and technical skills and brought great credit upon himself, the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps and the Australian Army.

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Warrant Officer Class Two Ralf Michael JAEGER, NSW

For outstanding service in his performance of duties at the Parachute Training School.

Warrant Officer Jaeger's dedication and devotion to military parachuting have directly increased the safety and competence of the modern paratrooper, and have substantially reduced the number of injuries sustained during training. He has been instrumental in introducing equipment and methods that benefit both trainee and instructor. Warrant Officer Jaeger's outstanding service has enhanced the Australian Army's parachute capability and its record of safe parachute descents.

Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Alan MOORE, NSW

For outstanding service as Senior Instructor, Tactics Wing, School of Infantry.

Lieutenant Colonel Moore has made an outstanding contribution to improving the education and training of infantry commanders and specialists of the Australian Army. His leadership and innovative instructional methods have inspired the staff and students of Tactics Wing, and his unstinting pursuit of excellence has ensured that junior infantry commanders are better prepared for operations.

Warrant Officer Class Two Shane David NIDDRIE, NSW

For outstanding service as the Company Sergeant Major, Charlie Company, the 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

Warrant Officer Niddrie has been instrumental in the success and effectiveness of the 3rd Battalion. He has worked tirelessly and given selflessly of his personal time to complete all tasks to the highest possible standard. In addition to his normal duties, he has developed junior non-commissioned officers of the unit, which has in turn influenced the development of the next generation of leaders. Providing an exceptional example to others, he has brought great credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Michael Francis WRIGHT, Tas

For outstanding service as the Technical Warrant Officer System Integration in the Personnel Information Management Section – Army.

Warrant Officer Wright's service has been consistently characterised by technical leadership, personal mastery and strategic foresight of the highest order. Warrant Officer Wright has made fundamentally important contributions to the management and development of the Defence Personnel Management Key Solution Human Resource Management System and helped to improve payroll management. His extensive specialist knowledge has helped the Australian Army to deal effectively with complex change associated with adopting new information technology.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Group Captain Peter David BRENNAN, NSW

For outstanding service as the Commander 1st Joint Movements Group.

Details not available at the request of Group Captain Brennan.

Warrant Officer Bernard Paul HAYES, Spain

For outstanding service as a member of Project Air 5402 – Air to Air Refuelling Project.

Warrant Officer Hayes possesses outstanding technical and operational skills that have been pivotal to the successful development of key project documentation, definition and negotiation of the acquisition contract, and the derivation of solutions to complex operational and technical issues in support of the Air to Air Refuelling Project. He is an excellent airman whose outstanding commitment and professionalism have been instrumental in assuring the successful delivery of this key Australian Defence Force capability.

Warrant Officer Anthony John KEOGH, SA

For outstanding service as a Flight Engineer at Number 11 Squadron, RAAF Base Edinburgh.

Warrant Officer Keogh displayed outstanding professionalism, speed of response and composure under pressure during a serious in-flight emergency at low level over the sea during a routine Tactical Training Exercise. His calm and accurate diagnosis, under emergency conditions, of an extremely uncommon technical fault enabled the aircraft captain to resolve the problem quickly, prevent the aircraft crashing and, subsequently, return the aircraft to safe flight.

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Flight Lieutenant Carl Andrew MELEN, SA

For outstanding service as a Maritime Captain at Number 11 Squadron, RAAF Base Edinburgh.

Flight Lieutenant Melen is a member of the Royal Air Force who was, until recently, on exchange duties with the Royal Australian Air Force. Flight Lieutenant Melen displayed outstanding professionalism and leadership under pressure during a serious in-flight emergency at low level over the sea during a routine Tactical Training Exercise. His immediate superior flying skills and leadership were instrumental in recovering his aircraft from an extremely uncommon emergency, saving the lives of crew members and a valuable aircraft.