

## **MEMBER (AM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

### ***Royal Australian Navy***

#### **Commodore Timothy William BARRETT CSC RAN, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy as Director Naval Officers' Postings and as the Australian Navy Aviation Force Element Group Commander.

Commodore Barrett's exemplary management and oversight of the Officer Corps within the Royal Australian Navy has impacted positively on personnel retention and will continue to do so for years to come. He has also implemented wide-ranging structural changes within Navy Aviation. His efforts in leading a reinvigoration of the total Naval Aviation force have been outstanding and ensure that Navy Aviation can safely deliver a high quality capability to the Australian Defence Force. He is an outstanding officer in every respect, and one who accepts his responsibility with enthusiasm and loyalty beyond the normal call of duty.

#### **Commodore Peter James MARSHALL RAN, NSW**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy as Commander Australian Navy Patrol Boat Force Element Group, Director General Naval Certification and Safety Agency, Director General Navy Systems Branch and Chief Naval Engineer.

Commodore Marshall has been instrumental in the highly effective development and implementation of a number of initiatives and actions that have seen the safe and effective introduction into service, or management of, major capability for the Royal Australian Navy. In addition, his considerable vision, highly effective leadership and impressive commitment have underpinned many advances in the professional development, job satisfaction and ongoing motivation of Navy personnel. His dedication and enthusiasm throughout his distinguished career have been outstanding.

#### **Captain Philip SPEDDING DSC OAM RAN, ACT**

For exceptional performance of duty as the Commander, Combined Task Group 158.1 in the North Arabian Gulf on Operation CATALYST.

Captain Spedding displayed exceptional command and leadership during warlike operations in a complex and demanding maritime threat environment in the North Arabian Gulf as Commander, Combined Task Group 158.1. His consummate professionalism, exceptional performance and exemplary dedication to duty in difficult circumstances ensured the successful completion of his vital coalition mission, directly contributing to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Iraq and enhancing the reputation of the Australian Defence Force.

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### ***Australian Army***

#### **Brigadier Nicholas Stephen BARTELS, Qld**

For exceptional service to Australian Army Aviation, particularly as Commandant of the Army Aviation Training Centre and Commander 16th Aviation Brigade.

Brigadier Bartels has made a significant and enduring contribution to the development and professionalism of Australian Army Aviation during a period of dynamic capability expansion and unprecedented operational focus. His demonstrated exceptional commitment to duty and clear strategic vision and guidance to the Brigade and training system delivered world class combat forces and equipment for the Australian Army. Brigadier Bartels' performance has been in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Brigadier Timothy James HANNA, SA**

For exceptional service to the Australian Army as Director Army Personnel Agency – Adelaide, as Commander 9th Brigade and as the Army Area Representative – South Australia.

Brigadier Hanna's service as a senior commander has featured strong leadership, initiative and a determination to enhance the performance of the Army Reserve. He was instrumental in developing an operational capability in the 9th Brigade and was an innovative and insightful leader, significantly improving management processes in the Army Personnel Agency - Adelaide. His exceptional achievements in command have been in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Brigadier Donald George HIGGINS, ACT**

For exceptional service while deployed on Operation CATALYST, and as a Senior Staff Officer and Deputy Commander within Special Operations Command.

Brigadier Higgins is an outstanding officer. As a deployed commander in Iraq, he exhibited enduring professional excellence by shaping the overall Iraqi Defence Headquarters, using his exceptional analytical skills and dynamic leadership and winning the praise of high ranking Iraqi and coalition staff. Brigadier Higgins' achievements are of the highest order and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Special Operations Command, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Major General Craig William ORME CSC, ACT**

For exceptional service as Director General Personnel Army and as Commander 1st Brigade.

Major General Orme's contributions to the growth, capability and sustainability of the Australian Army have been outstanding. As Director General Personnel Army and as Commander 1st Brigade, Major General Orme made a major contribution to improving personnel management and made significant progress in developing the Army's Mechanised Capability by masterminding the successful introduction into service of the Abrams Main Battle Tank and the first company group of upgraded Armoured Personnel Carriers.

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*Australian Army* (continued)

### **Brigadier David Henry SAUL, Vic**

For exceptional service as Commander 17th Combat Service Support Brigade, Director Operations Headquarters Joint Logistic Command and Commanding Officer 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion.

Brigadier Saul ensured effective logistic support was provided to the Australian Army forces deployed on Operation CITADEL in East Timor. His astute management of national Defence logistic capabilities underpinned Headquarters Joint Logistic Command's successful contribution to Australia's deployed forces. As Commander 17th Combat Service Support Brigade, Brigadier Saul has been instrumental in the development and operational employment of the Australian Army's specialist and complex logistic capabilities.

### **Brigadier Andrew James SMITH, NSW**

For exceptional service as the Commander 7th Brigade, Joint Task Force 636 supporting the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games and Joint Task Force 634 supporting the 2007 Asia Pacific Economic Conference.

Through his exemplary personal commitment, leadership and outstanding performance in command positions Brigadier Smith has contributed significantly to current operations in both the Australian Army and the Australian Defence organisation. His work on improving techniques for detecting and countering explosive hazards has significantly improved the overall safety of Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on operations. His strong performance is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

### **Colonel Paul Edwin STRAUGHAIR, ACT**

For exceptional service as Director Network Centric Warfare – Army, Royal Australian Signals Head of Corps and Commandant of the Defence Force School of Signals.

Colonel Straughair served and performed exceptionally as the Commandant of the Defence Force School of Signals, Royal Australian Signals Head of Corps and Director of Network Centric Warfare – Army. In each appointment, Colonel Straughair was tirelessly innovating in improving signals training, methods and equipment, promoting the tenets of Network Centric Warfare in the Australian Army, and ensuring the conditions demanded for the networked environment as part of the Hardened and Networked Army were met. Colonel Straughair consistently demonstrated singular vision, tenacity and superior judgement in a complex and dynamic field of expertise. Colonel Straughair's sustained and worthy performance is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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### ***Royal Australian Air Force***

#### **Group Captain Alexander Ralph CATO RFD, Vic**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force Specialist Reserve as the Director of Air Force Health Reserves – Personnel, and Senior General Surgeon - deployable surgical elements within the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain Cato displayed exceptional leadership and innovation as the Director of Air Force Health Reserves - Personnel. His mentorship, professionalism, dedication and loyalty have earned him the respect of his peers and subordinates alike. He has facilitated, through excellent leadership, the most significant change to the Specialist Reserve health element since its inception, thereby setting the basis for an enduring and sustainable health capability for the Australian Defence Force. Group Captain Cato's performance is in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Warrant Officer John MADDIGAN, Qld**

For exceptional service as a Loadmaster with Air Lift Group, Royal Australian Air Force Base Richmond and Amberley, and as a member of the C-17A Globemaster Transition Team.

Warrant Officer Maddigan's unsurpassed productivity, dedication and knowledge established him as an expert in his specialist field as a loadmaster. From the commencement of flying duties with Air Lift Group, his performance rose above that of his peers. He achieved excellence as an aviator and remained focused on improving his own skills and developing and streamlining all practices associated with loadmaster duties.

#### **Air Commodore Margaret Mary STAIB CSC, ACT**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force and Australian Defence Force in the field of logistics strategic planning as Director of Logistics Support Agency - Air Force and Director General Strategic Logistics, Joint Logistics Command.

Air Commodore Staib has consistently delivered a program of logistics concepts, policies, governance and technology reform that has delivered quantum enduring improvements in the logistics support of the Royal Australian Air Force and Australian Defence Force capabilities. Her insightful analysis, exceptional leadership and professionalism have provided a robust strategic logistics blueprint for the continued success of Defence logistics.

#### **Wing Commander Richard Greville TROTMAN-DICKENSON, SA**

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force as the Intelligence Commander Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit and as Wing Commander Operations (Information Warfare) at Information Warfare Wing.

Wing Commander Trotman-Dickenson is an exceptional officer who displays mastery of his craft, exemplary initiative and unrivalled devotion to duty in extremely challenging circumstances. Wing Commander Trotman-Dickenson has successfully brought about vast improvement to the quality of information and intelligence support provided by Aerospace Operational Support Group to the Australian Defence organisation and has laid a solid foundation for an integrated information warfare capability for the Royal Australian Air Force.