

OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Royal Australian Navy

Rear Admiral Stuart Campbell MAYER CSC and Bar RAN, NSW

For distinguished service to the Royal Australian Navy principally in key command roles.

Rear Admiral Mayer has distinguished himself through his selfless devotion to duty and outstanding achievement in promoting operational professionalism within the Royal Australian Navy. His exceptional leadership in command positions has resulted in significant improvements in ship availability, training outcomes and technical integrity all of which have profoundly influenced operational efficacy.

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Commodore John William CHANDLER CSC CSM RAN, SA

For exceptional performance of duty in the field of submarine and major combatant systems acquisition and sustainment.

Commodore Chandler's exceptional performance of duty across a series of demanding engineering appointments has made a significant contribution to the building and sustainment of Navy's ships and submarines. Under challenging circumstances, he has led transformational change, particularly in reforming Collins submarine sustainment, which has resulted in an impressive improvement in the availability and operational capability of Australia's submarine fleet.

Australian Army

Brigadier Stephen James BEAUMONT, NSW

For exceptional service in the advancement of Defence international relations and the continued development of Defence intelligence capabilities.

Brigadier Beaumont has demonstrated impressive leadership and interpersonal skills in his management of a range of complex international relationships and organisational challenges. His capacity to dissect issues, then identify and implement solutions has contributed significantly to intelligence capability and strengthened international relations with the Australian Defence Force's international partners.

Brigadier Mark James HOLMES MVO, ACT

For exceptional service in implementing approaches to modernisation in Army and the management of Defence contributions to institutional reform.

Brigadier Holmes has consistently worked towards the modernisation and reform of Army and Defence demonstrating exceptional foresight, analytical skills, leadership and dedication to duty. Brigadier Holmes has worked steadfastly towards improving institutional reform within Defence, displaying compassion and empathy to ensure sensitive issues were managed to achieve the best possible resolution for those affected.

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Brigadier Rupert John HOSKIN, ACT

For exceptional service to the representation of the Australian Defence Force and engagement with international partners.

Brigadier Hoskin has provided exceptional service as Defence Attaché to France and as Project Director of the Hardened and Networked Army Facilities Project, South Australia. His combination of exceptional linguistic, operational and representational skills resulted in a significant enhancement in the quality and depth of engagement between Australia and France and he established benchmark standards for delivering infrastructure of the highest levels of quality and innovation.

Colonel Andrew David LOWE, NSW

For exceptional service in the delivery of small arms training and developing innovative approaches to training.

Colonel Lowe has displayed exceptional strategic insight and ability as the Commanding Officer of the School of Infantry; and Colonel Operations, Headquarters Forces Command. He is an outstanding officer whose dedication and selfless service have significantly contributed to raising Army capability through training and career management.

Colonel S

For exceptional service in the development of Army special operations capabilities.

Colonel S demonstrated exceptional skills in the preparation and staffing of an Army Force Structure Review issues paper. His outstanding judgement and dedication were demonstrated through his energetic leadership and input into a multinational memorandum of understanding for capability development, and his establishment of the first special operations modernisation plan.

Colonel Simon John TUCKERMAN CSC, ACT

For exceptional service in command positions delivering key capability and operational support to the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Tuckerman has demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment as the Commander of 1st Joint Movement Group and during his deployment on Operation ACCORDION as the Director Support within Joint Task Force 633. His innovative approach and expert personnel management in these complex and demanding appointments, has been instrumental in enabling support to meet the Australian Defence Force's operational mission.

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Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Brian William BOWMAN, NSW

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force in the fields of leadership; technical maintenance; and training development, management and delivery.

Warrant Officer Bowman has provided exceptional service in a range of highly demanding roles for nearly a decade. His exceptional leadership, remarkable innovation and conspicuous dedication to excellence have made an enduring contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force. His remarkable efforts have been key to several highly successful outcomes in the areas of Base infrastructure, critical maintenance operations on the F/A-18A/B Hornet aircraft; and the education and professional development of the entire airmen workforce.

Air Commodore Adam Rayce BROWN CSC, NSW

For exceptional service in major organisational reform, aerospace acquisition and sustainment.

Air Commodore Brown is an exceptional senior officer and engineer who has made a remarkable contribution to Defence in demanding circumstances; through inspirational leadership, superior change management, extraordinary engineering prowess, and outstanding dedication in several challenging appointments since 2009. His major organisational reforms and significant improvements in aerospace acquisition and sustainment have delivered a raft of benefits for the Australian Defence Force and Defence that will endure for decades.

Air Commodore Anthony Marc FORESTIER OAM, ACT

For exceptional service in air power education, capability development, and military strategy.

Air Commodore Forestier is a senior officer of rare skill and ability who has made an exceptional contribution to the Australian Defence Force over a decade of conspicuous service. His inspirational leadership, professionalism, and superior strategic appreciation have delivered a range of enduring benefits for Defence in air power education, air combat capability development, military strategy, and through the development of the 2016 Defence White Paper.

Air Commodore Geoffrey HARLAND CSC, Vic

For exceptional service in personnel administration and air combat capability preparedness.

Air Commodore Harland is an officer of extraordinary skill who has made exceptional contributions in personnel administration and air combat preparedness over many years of dedicated service. His remarkable drive, conspicuous devotion, unparalleled operational insight, and inspirational leadership in change management delivered a range of lasting improvements for the Australian Defence Force that distinguished this officer as exceptional.

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Group Captain Craig John MEIGHAN, ACT

For exceptional service in the fields of Military Aviation and Joint Operations.

Group Captain Meighan has distinguished himself in a range of demanding Air Force and Joint appointments over a decade of conspicuous service. Through the achievement and maintenance of exemplary standards of leadership, foresight and professional mastery, he has provided the Australian Defence Force with extraordinary outcomes. He is an exceptional Senior Officer, whose remarkable devotion to duty and selfless service have made a lasting contribution to the generation of operational outputs that have significantly enhanced capability now and well into the future.

Air Commodore Scott Jeffrey WINCHESTER, ACT

For exceptional service in organisational reform, strategic infrastructure planning, and command.

Air Commodore Winchester's extensive organisational reforms, superior infrastructure planning, and key initiatives in command have generated lasting benefits for Defence in several key areas over a lengthy period of devoted service. His keen professional insight, conspicuous leadership, and outstanding dedication in challenging circumstances delivered exceptional outcomes for the Australian Defence Force that reflect his extraordinary skill and unwavering mission focus.

MEDAL (OAM) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Geoffrey Norman FIEDLER RAN, USA

For meritorious performance of duty in the field of Navy liaison and communication with higher Headquarters, Ministers and Government.

Commander Fiedler has provided meritorious service to Navy over many years. In particular, his achievements as the Director of Navy Ministerials and Coordination have been exemplary. His loyal dedication, exceptional professionalism and outstanding leadership skills have inspired long lasting improvement in the quality of ministerial correspondence within the Royal Australian Navy and delivered a critically constructive effect upon ministerial reporting and communication.

Commander Steven Brian REID RAN, ACT

For meritorious performance of duty in the field of Navy Mine Warfare command and leadership.

Commander Reid has demonstrated inspired leadership in numerous Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving command positions at sea and ashore over a long period of time. The acceptance into service of the Cape Class Patrol Boat and the Australian Defence Vessel Ocean Protector made a significant contribution to the Royal Australian Navy's maritime mission. Commander Reid's successful management of these complex and demanding projects was due to his professionalism and acumen requiring innovative processes and unique multi-agency and industry collaboration.

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Warrant Officer Nikolai Geoffrey ROFE, NSW

For meritorious performance of duty as a Senior Sailor in the field of training and maritime operational preparedness.

Warrant Officer Rofe has provided meritorious performance across many postings. His commitment to leadership and instruction of officer trainees and sailors has been exemplary. Whether he was instructing officers through ab-initio training, leading and supporting boarding parties in HMAS *Melbourne* or preparing Australian Defence Force personnel for combat operations, his efforts have been exceptional. His production of specific deployment and operational training packages increased efficacy across the Fleet.

Commander Richard Malcolm WESTOBY RAN, NSW

For meritorious service in the field of amphibious warfare development in the Royal Australian Navy.

Commander Westoby distinguished himself during a range of postings that have had a direct and lasting impact on the development of amphibious warfare and the introduction into service of the Canberra Class amphibious ships. His superior performance in maritime operational planning and outstanding outcomes achieved during the Canberra Class amphibious operational test and evaluation program is a reflection of his selfless and dedicated service over many years.

Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Kevin Charles BISHOP, Qld

For meritorious service in the field of Combat and Construction Engineering.

Warrant Officer Class One Bishop's superior technical mastery, resourcefulness and leadership have made an exceptional contribution to the mechanical development of the Protected Mobility Vehicle - Light. His initiative and dedication to equipment serviceability has improved regional Defence relations and contributed directly to the high-readiness engineering capabilities within the Ready Deployment Force of the Australian Army.

Mr Mark Leslie GASKELL, Qld

For meritorious service in the fields of personnel management and training development.

Mr Gaskell, (then Warrant Officer Class One) performed to an exceptional standard as a Regimental Sergeant Major providing mentoring and training which enhanced the effectiveness of soldiers from the 3rd Combat Signals Regiment deployed to the Middle East. He displayed outstanding leadership and management skills at the Defence Force School of Signals, and was instrumental in introducing online learning into the All Corps Soldier Training Continuum.

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Major Martin LENICKA, Qld

For meritorious service in successive Regimental Sergeant Major positions.

Major Lenicka's superior leadership, strong mentorship and highly-developed interpersonal relations have contributed to effective outcomes for Army, particularly in the areas of training, discipline and morale. His compassionate leadership style and deep commitment to the welfare and development of his soldiers has delivered a highly motivated, professional and integrated workforce.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Jason Werner AGIUS CSC, Qld

For meritorious service to the Australian Defence Force in the fields of work, health and safety; hazardous chemical remediation and technical personnel capability development.

Group Captain Agius' extraordinary contribution over several years of most dedicated service has produced outstanding work health and safety benefits for Air Force, delivered compliance in hazardous chemical management across Defence, and significantly enhanced Air Force's technical personnel development. His conspicuous contribution has created safer working environments; reduced the likelihood of death or injury through poor hazardous chemical management; and improved support to new capabilities through modernization of Air Force's technical workforce.