

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Lieutenant Commander Russell Mark CRAWFORD RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as a member of the Australian Contingent for the Australian Defence Force's contribution to the United Nations Mission in Sudan.

Lieutenant Commander Crawford displayed outstanding commitment and leadership throughout his deployment as a United Nations Military Observer with the United Nations Mission in Sudan. He played a vital role in the development of the Peace Agreement within Southern Sudan and displayed exceptional personal qualities in volunteering to work within a hazardous and environmentally demanding operational area. His efforts are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

Captain Lindsay Chappell EVANS RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Director of Navy Weapons Systems in support of the Technical Regulation of Navy Materiel.

A staunch advocate of the Royal Australian Navy's Technical Regulatory Framework, Captain Evans has been vital in ensuring that high profile acquisition endeavours such as the Air Warfare Destroyer and Armidale Class Patrol Boat Projects have championed a diligent approach to technical integrity and the safety of personnel. That these projects, and others, have incorporated robust risk management strategies can in no small part be attributed to his foresight and untiring commitment. Captain Evans' dedication to duty and appreciation of the responsibility he carries have been in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of the Royal Australian Navy.

Commander Mark Leslie POTTER RAN, WA

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of the Royal Australian Navy's Recruit School.

Commander Potter has been instrumental in reducing the separation rate at the Royal Australian Navy's Recruit School, HMAS CERBERUS. Commander Potter's demonstrated professionalism, loyalty and dedication throughout his career as a Commanding Officer have been exemplary and are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

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Commander Allen Mark WHITTAKER RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Training Authority – Aviation.

Commander Whittaker is a remarkable and inspirational leader to his officers and sailors at Training Authority – Aviation and, more broadly, is held in high esteem by the tri-Service aviation community. He has through tireless, exceptional devotion positively driven achievements in both Aircrew and Technical training continuums. These initiatives ensure sustainable workforce retention and ongoing skill development, and directly contribute to the establishment of a modern, integrated and relevant aviation training regime for the Royal Australia Navy into the coming decades.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY

Lieutenant Colonel Rolf AUDRINS, Vic

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One, Development at the Army Logistic Training Centre.

Lieutenant Colonel Audrins has produced training development and trade management systems, processes and tools that are being taken up as best-practice across the Australian Army and Defence. His initiatives have ensured that the training continuums and related trade management and remuneration issues for the Australian Army's logistic, health and personnel trades have been addressed professionally, thoroughly and in a timely manner, to the benefit of soldiers and the Australian Army.

Colonel Andrew Thomas CONDON, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commander Joint Task Force 629, *Operation RAMP*.

Colonel Condon demonstrated outstanding leadership as the Commander of Australian Forces conducting evacuation operations in Lebanon. Despite the enormity of the task, his indefatigable energy, ability to work in a dynamic environment and calm demeanour focussed national efforts and demonstrated his outstanding capacity to command others during a difficult time. His resourceful leadership ultimately led to the success of the operation which saw the evacuation of 5,300 Australian nationals and 1,349 approved foreign nationals in a safe and expeditious manner. His personal efforts ultimately brought great credit to the Australian Defence Force.

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Corporal William Zeath HARPER, NSW

For outstanding achievement as a Recruit Instructor at the Army Recruit Training Centre, Blamey Barracks Kapooka.

Corporal Harper is an exceptionally talented and accomplished instructor with an outstanding grasp of all-corps soldier training doctrine, in particular field craft. He is articulate, compassionate and highly professional and has displayed superior mentoring skills. Corporal Harper is an exceptional role model for all ranks and uses his considerable ability to influence and guide his own peer group positively. He has been responsible for delivering over 300 new soldiers to the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Lockhart McLACHLAN, SA

For outstanding achievement as South Australian Panel Leader, Australian Army Legal Corps, in support of Australian Defence Force units in South Australia, in particular the 9th Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel McLachlan has served with distinction as the Panel Leader Australian Army Legal Corps – South Australia Panel. His exceptional military legal skills and vital contribution have ensured legal compliance and observance of due process within the 9th Brigade and Central Region, and have guaranteed the reinvigoration of the South Australian Army Legal Corps Panel. Lieutenant Colonel McLachlan's outstanding achievements are in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Michael Anthony MUMFORD, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of Battle Group Faithful on Operation ASTUTE.

At short notice Lieutenant Colonel Mumford comprehensively prepared his diverse Battle Group for operations in Timor Leste, secured the Joint Task Force air head and commanded complex stabilisation operations with great skill and focus to bring calm to the city of Dili.

Lieutenant Colonel Ian William UPJOHN, Vic

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse within the 4th Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Upjohn successfully transitioned 4th/19th Prince of Wales's Light Horse to the light cavalry role, providing a model for change within the 2nd Division. His outstanding leadership, coupled with a dynamic change management strategy, enabled him to achieve a new unit structure and role with the support of all major stakeholders, while simultaneously maintaining an operational focus. Lieutenant Colonel Upjohn's exceptional performance is in the finest traditions of the Australian Army.

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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE

Warrant Officer John BENYON, SA

For outstanding achievement as the Test One Specialist Training Officer at Number 92 Wing Development Flight.

An exceptional airman displaying professional excellence, initiative and dedication to duty, Warrant Officer Benyon has been instrumental in researching new electronic warfare technologies while providing specialist training across all three Services. Warrant Officer Benyon's contributions to improving the quality of specialist training and establishing the Test Three Airborne Electronics Analyst specialisation will significantly enhance the standards of training for Number 92 Wing and the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Grant Anthony COLHOUN, SA

For outstanding achievement to the Royal Australian Air Force in the field of Airfield Defence.

Warrant Officer Colhoun's actions have been instrumental in ensuring that a significant force multiplying capability was introduced into the Australian Defence Force and that Numbers 2 and 3 Airfield Defence Squadrons were able to meet all operational requirements placed upon them. His management of subordinates, organisational skills and exemplary leadership in all situations are an inspiration and example for his peers and subordinates.

Squadron Leader John Welby DAVIDSON, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Forward Air Control and Development Unit.

Squadron Leader Davidson is a totally professional, team-focussed, inspirational leader and pilot who has displayed outstanding devotion to duty during the extremely challenging period of Joint Terminal Attack Control development, implementation and international accreditation. Squadron Leader Davidson's innovative work at Forward Air Control and Development Unit has significantly enhanced the combat capability of Air Combat Group, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

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Flight Lieutenant Kay Hamilton ELLIS, Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Royal Australian Air Force Next-of-Kin Relations Officer.

Flight Lieutenant Ellis is an exceptional and dedicated Reserve Officer who, by her own initiative and personal drive, developed a Commander's Guide for supporting families following a Service death. By CDF direction the guide will now be produced as a tri-Service booklet. Flight Lieutenant Ellis continues to provide guidance to commanders and their staff on how to deal with families in a sensitive and compassionate manner, and supports families who have experienced such a tragedy.

Squadron Leader Adam Luke HUGHES, NT

For outstanding achievement as a Medical Officer at Number 322 Combat Support Squadron.

Squadron Leader Hughes is an exceptional Air Force Medical Officer whose devotion to duty and leadership have resulted in the provision of outstanding medical support to Australian Defence Force personnel and the civilian community in demanding and time-critical situations. Squadron Leader Hughes' outstanding performance on a number of occasions was instrumental in the saving of life. His performance has brought credit upon himself and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.