

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

Australian Army

Sergeant C

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a team commander, Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Sergeant C displayed inspirational leadership and successive acts of gallantry, undoubtedly saving lives and ensuring mission success. To protect wounded soldiers and with complete disregard for his safety, Sergeant C exposed himself to draw fire and lead assaults on insurgent positions. His selfless and courageous conduct was of the highest order, and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Sergeant Blaine Flower DIDDAMS, deceased, WA

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a patrol commander, Special Operations Task Group Rotation XVII on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan on 2 July 2012.

On 2 July 2012, Sergeant Diddams displayed inspirational leadership and selfless courage in extremely hazardous circumstances. To support his patrol and ensure mission success, he knowingly exposed himself to draw fire and lead assaults on insurgent positions. His leadership and selfless acts of gallantry, which ultimately cost his life, were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

Australian Army

Corporal A

For acts of gallantry in action as a deputy patrol commander, Special Operations Task Group, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

During a prolonged and hazardous operation, Corporal A exhibited inspirational leadership, outstanding courage, and exceptional endurance. His bravery in close combat led to the successful disruption of insurgent networks. His actions were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Private A

For acts of gallantry in action as a team member, Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

While conducting a counter-narcotics operation in support of the Afghan Special Police Force, Private A knowingly exposed himself to insurgent fire to enable the evacuation of a wounded interpreter. His gallant actions in hazardous conditions were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. His actions were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Corporal B

For acts of gallantry in action as a team commander, Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Corporal B demonstrated gallantry and inspirational leadership on successive operations. During prolonged engagements against a determined enemy, his selfless courage and superior combat skills disrupted insurgent groups and significantly assisted Afghan National Security Forces. His actions were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Sapper R

For acts of gallantry in action as a special operations engineer, Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

While conducting a counter-narcotics operation in support of the Afghan Special Police Force, Sapper R knowingly exposed himself to insurgent fire to evacuate a wounded interpreter. His gallant actions in hazardous conditions were an inspiration to his fellow soldiers. His actions were of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Kahlil Scarf FEGAN, Qld

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations and in action as the Commanding Officer, Mentoring Task Force 4 on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from January to June 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel Fegan's calm approach, outstanding judgement and inspirational leadership substantially enhanced the capability of the 4th Brigade of the Afghan National Army to conduct independent operations. His innovations in training saw a marked improvement in the brigade's capacity for the detection and disposal of improvised explosive devices. His outstanding leadership has enabled a significant improvement in the security of Uruzgan Province.

Lieutenant Colonel J

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations and in action as the Commanding Officer, Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Colonel J's outstanding command and leadership enabled significant disruption to insurgent networks in Uruzgan Province, delivering a safer environment for civilians and Government and Coalition forces. Through his leadership and innovation in the training of Afghan Police elements, he greatly enhanced the capacity of the Indigenous forces to provide security in the province.

Major General Stuart Lyle SMITH AM, Qld

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as Commander Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER from January to October 2012.

Major General Smith's professional leadership and insightful operational command of Joint Task Force 633 ensured that Australia's national interests in the maritime regions of the Arabian Gulf, Arabian Sea and Red Sea were protected, that Australia's deployed air and land forces in the Middle East were supported and operated effectively, and that Australia's goals in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan were achieved.

BAR to the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM and Bar)

Australian Army

Major M

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations and in action as an officer commanding in the Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Major M consistently demonstrated distinguished leadership during successive operations in Afghanistan. He inspired his troops with his calm and insightful approach to operations and his thoughtful analysis of intelligence ensured each operation was carefully planned. His outstanding tactical acumen saw him quickly exploit tactical opportunities. His tireless actions directly resulted in a significant disruption of insurgent networks and a marked reduction in the suicide bomber threat in Uruzgan Province.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Australian Army

Sergeant M

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations and in action as a section commander with Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Sergeant M consistently displayed exceptional leadership in hazardous circumstances over successive operations. His decisive actions under fire and accurate coordination of combat support ensured the successful provision of assistance to Afghan Special Police Forces during counter-narcotics and security operations. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Captain M

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations and in action as a platoon commander, Special Operations Task Group, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Captain M repeatedly demonstrated decisive manoeuvre and superior tactical acumen on operations in Afghanistan. He rigorously pursued the enemy, and his inspirational leadership and skilful actions directly resulted in the significant disruption of insurgent groups and greatly assisted Afghan Special Police Forces in establishing a secure environment. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major N

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations and in action as an officer commanding in the Special Operations Task Group on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Major N demonstrated inspirational leadership over successive operations in hazardous conditions. His tireless actions directly resulted in the significant disruption of insurgent groups and decisive interdiction of narcotics networks. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Richard John BOULTON RAN, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer, HMAS *Melbourne* on Operation SLIPPER in the Middle East from February to July 2012.

Commander Boulton displayed outstanding professionalism and dedication while commanding HMAS *Melbourne* in maritime security operations in support of the Combined Maritime Force. He established new procedures to determine the likelihood of small vessel involvement in terrorist or pirate activities and oversaw a large number of successful vessel boardings. His outstanding command of a multinational force in the Horn of Africa region was highly successful in the disruption of terrorist and piracy activities.

Commodore Jonathan Dallas MEAD AM RAN, NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Commander Combined Task Force 150 on Operation SLIPPER in the Middle East from October 2011 to April 2012.

Commodore Mead was a highly effective commander of Joint Task Force 150, ensuring that his forces were well prepared and highly active in countering terrorist and other illegal activities throughout his area of operation. His exceptional professionalism, discipline, and cultural sensitivity were evident in his extensive fostering of relationships with Coalition partners and regional nations. His actions have brought great credit to Australia.

Australian Army

Captain D

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action as the Regimental Medical Officer, Special Operations Task Group, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Captain D consistently demonstrated dedication and commitment while providing health support to the Special Operations Task Group. His tireless efforts to train, equip and lead the Primary Health Care Team on hazardous operations enhanced the skill and confidence of all combat medics and directly contributed to the saving of lives. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Sergeant T

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action as a patrol commander, Special Operations Task Group, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

During successive arduous operations, Sergeant T consistently displayed calm leadership, outstanding tactical acumen and dedication to duty. His distinguished performance as a patrol commander was characterised by courage, professionalism and initiative, and directly contributed to mission success. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Australian special operations forces, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Sergeant W

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action as the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician and Mobility Survivability Commander, Special Operations Task Group, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Sergeant W displayed outstanding professionalism, motivation and inspirational leadership. His outstanding ability to search and locate insurgent caches resulted in the removal of a large quantity of enemy weapons and explosives from the battlefield. His collection of evidence led to the detention and successful prosecution of several insurgent commanders and weapons facilitators. Sergeant W contributed significantly and directly to the security of the Afghan people and to the protection of Coalition forces.

Brigadier Simone Louise WILKIE AM ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Assistant Commander - Afghanistan, Joint Task Force 633 on Operation SLIPPER from September 2011 to August 2012.

Brigadier Wilkie displayed outstanding professionalism, diplomacy and foresight while representing Australia's national interests in Afghanistan. In particular, her supervision of detention operations brought the highest praise from Coalition and international humanitarian organisations. Her profound and early understanding of Afghan Government intent and Coalition developments were critical to the advancement of Australia's objectives and interests in Afghanistan.

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Catherine Mary WILLIAMS, Qld

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as Commanding Officer, Multi-National Base Tarin Kowt, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from November 2011 to July 2012.

Wing Commander Williams demonstrated exceptional dedication and leadership in command of Multi-National Base Tarin Kowt. She ensured effective base protection and oversaw the delivery of excellent base support for Coalition and Afghan forces. She was highly effective in promoting co-operation between a wide variety of stakeholders to solve sensitive problems. Her dedication and professionalism ensured the base remained protected and operable at all times.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Rachel Ann DURBIN RAN, ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Royal Australian Navy Category Manager for Technical Officers and Sailors in the Directorate of Navy Category Management.

Commander Durbin is an exceptionally dedicated Naval Officer and engineer who has provided outstanding service to the Royal Australian Navy as the Category Manager for marine and electrical technical officers and sailors during an extremely dynamic period. Her devotion, commitment, innovation and flexibility within a changing environment ensured a firm focus was kept on the long-term strategic priorities of the Royal Australian Navy through the recovery and management of Navy's technical workforce.

Commander David Edward GRAHAM RAN, ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Executive Officer, HMAS *Creswell*.

Commander Graham is an exceptional leader whose professional ethos, loyalty, commitment and dedication have been of the highest order. His dynamic approach to command and unstinting efforts have improved safety management, invigorated the divisional system and forged strong bonds with supporting groups and the broader community. His inspirational leadership has achieved outstanding results for HMAS *Creswell* and enhanced the training of Naval officers who will serve in the future defence of Australia.

Lieutenant Commander Paul John HINES RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer, Patrol Boat Crew ARDENT FIVE in the rescue of 273 survivors in two search and rescue operations in June and July 2012.

Lieutenant Commander Hines, as Commanding Officer, Patrol Boat Crew ARDENT FIVE embarked in HMAS *Wollongong*, coordinated and led two search and rescue missions in very poor weather conditions on behalf of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. He successfully coordinated military, civilian and commercial vessels and aircraft, and his outstanding leadership and professionalism resulted in the rescue of 273 men, women, children and infants.

Lieutenant Commander Peter Matthew SMITH RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Officer-in-Charge of the Submarine and Underwater Medicine Unit in HMAS *Penguin*.

Lieutenant Commander Smith is an exceptional medical officer who has consistently displayed professional excellence and outstanding devotion to duty in a demanding position. He has made significant contributions to the safety and effectiveness of the Mine Warfare, Clearance Diving and Submarine Branches, as well as the wider diving and hyperbaric medical community.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Commander Michael John STOCK RANR, NSW

For outstanding achievement in the field of leadership development and leadership coaching in the Royal Australian Navy's warfare community.

Commander Stock has made an outstanding contribution to the Royal Australian Navy's warfighting capability through leadership coaching of commanding officers of the Navy's front-line units, inspiring them to achieve superior results in mission readiness evaluations and in Australian Defence Force operations. He also provided specialised career coaching to Junior Warfare Officers, resulting in a marked improvement in retention rates of that group of officers, saving millions of dollars in additional recruiting and training costs, and contributing to sustaining the Navy's warfighting skills.

Australian Army

Major Nerida Gaye BYRNES, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Acting Commanding Officer, Joint Health Unit - North Queensland, Joint Health Command.

Major Byrnes is an exceptional officer who has displayed consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership, initiative and outstanding dedication to duty during a period of significant and complex organisational change in garrison health support in northern Queensland. She was instrumental in developing a Concept of Operations that has served as the template for the implementation of organisational reform in garrison health support throughout the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Andrew CORRIGAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Engineer Regiment.

Details not available at the request of Lieutenant Colonel Corrigan.

Brigadier David Anthony CREAGH AM, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Director General Logistics Assurance, Joint Logistics Command.

As the Director General Logistics Assurance, Brigadier Creagh has successfully implemented significant reform programs to improve Defence logistics compliance and inventory accounting substantially. This has significantly enhanced the assurance reputation of Defence.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Colonel Luke FOSTER AM CSM, Timor Leste

For outstanding achievement as the inaugural Commander Joint Task Force 637 on Operation QUEENSLAND FLOOD ASSIST in January 2011 and as Commander Joint Task Force 631 on Operation ASTUTE in Timor Leste from June 2011 to October 2012.

Colonel Foster's inspirational leadership as Commander Joint Task Force 631 ensured operational success in the mission of providing security to the people of Timor Leste. As the inaugural Commander Joint Task Force 637, he ensured that the Australian Defence Force made a significant and valuable contribution to support the people of Queensland in the face of natural disaster. His decisions and leadership saved lives and enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force in the Australian and Timor Leste communities.

Warrant Officer Class One Robert McKay FROST CSM, ACT

For outstanding achievement in the performance of duty as the Telecommunications Systems Engineer, Special Operations Headquarters.

Warrant Officer Frost has made an outstanding contribution to the operational capability of Defence while also saving Defence millions of dollars in satellite expenditure. He inspirationally led Defence in the implementation of Internet Protocol technology, assuming significant personal liability to improve capability. The results he achieved through dedication and technical excellence are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Duncan Leslie HAYWARD, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Director International Engagement - Army.

Colonel Hayward has provided outstanding support to the Chief of Army as Director International Engagement - Army. Through his dedication while working with Army functional commands and Defence International Policy Division, he ensured the successful execution of the Australian Army's international engagement plan and the conduct of numerous international staff talks. His exceptional leadership and dedication have significantly contributed to the development and enhancement of Australia's strategically important military partnerships.

Lieutenant Colonel Simon James HERITAGE, Vic

For outstanding achievement as the Commander Australian Contingent on Operation ASLAN in the Republic of South Sudan from October 2011 to February 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel Heritage significantly enhanced the capability of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan through his outstanding dedication, professionalism and foresight. His actions contributed to the saving of South Sudanese lives and the establishment of the world's newest nation. His actions earned him the highest respect from his peers, superiors and subordinates and enhanced the reputation of Australia in international affairs.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Chaplain Catherine Margaret INCHES-OGDEN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as a chaplain in the Australian Army, in the roles of unit chaplain, training and development officer, deployed chaplain and as the Senior Chaplain to Army Headquarters.

Chaplain Inches-Ogden's commitment and dedication as a unit chaplain, training and development officer, chaplain on deployment and Senior Chaplain at Army Headquarters have greatly contributed to the well-being of Australian soldiers, their families and other chaplains within the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Michael John LEHMANN, ACT

For outstanding achievement and leadership as the Director Military Afghanistan, Defence Signals Directorate, providing intelligence support to Australian and Coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Colonel Lehmann is an exceptional officer whose outstanding leadership skills have resulted in the sustained provision of high quality national agency intelligence support to Australian and Coalition forces operating in Afghanistan. Colonel Lehmann's professional competence, personal example and integrity typify the highest ideals of the Australian Defence Force and reflect great credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

Colonel Andrew Neil MacNAB, India

For outstanding achievement as Commander, Joint Combined Task Force 630 in support of the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission on Operation CATHEDRAL from May to July 2012.

Colonel MacNab's inspirational leadership as Commander, Joint Combined Task Force 630 contributed significantly to the success of Operation CATHEDRAL. His attention to detail, highly effective relationships with external agencies, and ability to build a highly capable and cohesive multi-national force enabled the task force to deliver a professional service in a challenging and dynamic environment. Under his command, the task force contributed significantly to a free, fair and safe Papua New Guinea 2012 National Election.

Brigadier Iain Geoffrey SPENCE RFD, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Director General Reserves - Army.

Brigadier Spence was responsible for conceptually framing Army Reserve capability and force modernisation initiatives in support of the Australian Army's future development objectives. He was the Army's lead for Reserve reform in the Strategic Reform Program and was instrumental in the development of the strategic direction for the Reserve Reform Stream. Brigadier Spence was directly responsible for endorsement by the Army's senior leadership of defined roles, tasks and characteristics for the Army Reserve contribution to the Australian Defence Force.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Alexander TATNELL, United States of America
For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer Combat Training Centre-Live.

Lieutenant Colonel Tatnell has provided outstanding leadership in the design and delivery of preparation training for deploying forces. Through his tireless dedication and relentless pursuit of excellence, he has generated realistic, relevant and demanding mission rehearsal and situational training exercises in support of Australia's commitment to Afghanistan.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Glen Philip BECK, NSW
For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of Number 77 Squadron.

Group Captain (then Wing Commander) Beck's exemplary leadership, innovation and professionalism as the Commanding Officer of Number 77 Squadron have substantially contributed to the improved delivery of air combat capability. Through his mentorship, encouragement and guidance Group Captain Beck established a culture of constant improvement and excellence which should endure beyond his command.

Flight Lieutenant Paul Anthony GORMLEY, SA
For outstanding achievement in the leadership, development and sustainment of the AP-3C Orion Operational Mission Simulator.

Flight Lieutenant Gormley's initiative and expertise have been crucial to improving the standard of mission simulation at Number 92 Wing. His leadership in managing system upgrades, critical projects and the overall mission simulation system have sustained and enhanced Number 92 Wing's operational capability, while also releasing resources for reinvestment into the Air Force Program.

Flight Lieutenant Trent McINTOSH, Qld
For outstanding achievement as a Logistics Officer in Aerospace Systems Division, Defence Materiel Organisation.

Flight Lieutenant McIntosh has consistently demonstrated outstanding professionalism and untiring commitment to providing high quality logistics support to Aerospace Systems Division and the broader Defence Materiel Organisation. His exemplary efforts through the management and progression of a number of concurrent, complex and diverse inventory management reform programs have significantly contributed to the realisation of savings across Defence.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Leading Aircraftman Sandy Christopher MacLEOD, SA

For outstanding achievement in the delivery and operation of a space-based surveillance capability at Number 1 Radar Surveillance Unit.

Leading Aircraftman MacLeod's diligence, drive and professional mastery have been instrumental to the successful introduction and operational employment of a space-based surveillance capability at Number 1 Radar Surveillance Unit. His interpersonal skills and diligence have contributed markedly to the success of the project, and he has been a key agent in establishing Number 1 Radar Surveillance Unit's excellent reputation within the space-based surveillance community.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Craig DALY, Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Technical Officer aboard HMAS *Wewak*.

Chief Petty Officer Daly's meticulous attention to detail in the execution of his duties has ensured that HMAS *Wewak* has remained serviceable for operational tasking. He has excelled by demonstrating additional responsibility beyond ordinary expectations under workload constrained conditions. Chief Petty Officer Daly's achievements have been fundamental in maintaining the operational capability of HMAS *Wewak* in accordance with the highest standards of the Royal Australian Navy.

Lieutenant Commander Alexander Richard GIBBS RAN, NSW

For meritorious achievement as Staff Officer Grade 2 Operations in Headquarters Northern Command in support of border protection operations.

Lieutenant Commander Gibbs' performance to synchronise the operations of ships, aircraft and Australian Army land units for border protection operations under Operation RESOLUTE has been outstanding. His superior tactical knowledge and oversight in a complex, high tempo operational environment was essential to the effectiveness of Defence support to these operations.

Petty Officer Leigh Adrian KUBACKI, NT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Naval Police Coxswain in patrol boat crew ASSAIL ONE.

Petty Officer Kubacki is an outstanding and professional sailor who consistently demonstrates inspirational leadership and devotion to duty. He has excelled as the Naval Police Coxswain in the patrol boat crew ASSAIL ONE under extremely demanding circumstances. Petty Officer Kubacki assumed many additional duties and leadership roles far in excess of those required of his position within the crew and which directly led to ASSAIL ONE being able to maintain operational readiness and achieve its mission.

Commander Anita Louise SELLICK RAN, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as Staff Officer Navigation and Seamanship and as Commander Policy, Australian Maritime Warfare Centre.

Commander Sellick demonstrated dedication and outstanding professional expertise, making a crucial contribution to the effective introduction of vital navigational, lifesaving and survival capabilities into service. Her pursuit of excellence was fundamental to the safe utilisation of current capabilities and the generation of a wealth of specialist policy and advice to the Fleet, with a direct and enduring impact on the standard of navigation and seamanship across all platform classes of the Royal Australian Navy.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Lieutenant Clinton Ernest WALTERS RAN, NT

For meritorious achievement in support of Operation RESOLUTE during 2011 and 2012 while serving as the Executive Officer, Patrol Boat Crew ATTACK FOUR.

Lieutenant Walters has demonstrated outstanding commitment and professionalism in his extensive responsibilities in support of Operation RESOLUTE. He has been highly adaptable, achieving excellent results in the wide variety of tasks assigned to him. His leadership has been first class, significantly raising the capability of his crew and inspiring them in their duties despite the often difficult circumstances.

Commander Jennifer Anne WITTWER RAN, ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Royal Australian Navy Strategic Women's Adviser.

Commander Wittwer is a highly dedicated Naval officer who has consistently and proactively demonstrated her commitment to advancing and promoting the engagement and status of Navy women in the Australian community.

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel B

For meritorious achievement in command and staff appointments within Special Operations Command over an extended period of service.

Lieutenant Colonel B is an outstanding officer who has exhibited enduring professional excellence, exceptional analytical skills and dynamic leadership across numerous appointments. His achievements are of the highest order and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major Mark Drake DUNN OAM, Vic

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Staff Officer Grade Two Senior Warrant Officer Management Section, Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army.

Major Dunn has consistently displayed outstanding professionalism, dedication to duty and initiative in the introduction of a career management policy to re-shape the management of the Australian Army's most senior soldiers. His dedicated service has had a significant effect on the soldiers' well-being that should continue to enhance the Australian Army's personnel capability.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Warrant Officer Class One Stephen Joseph FIELD, Qld

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Contract Authority Representative at Cargo Helicopter Management Unit, Army Aviation Systems Branch in support of the Army Aviation CH-47D Chinook capability.

Warrant Officer Field has been responsible for the Chinook Deeper Maintenance Contract and has played an instrumental role in reducing maintenance turn-around time by 40 percent over an 18 months' period. He was pivotal in the acquisition and the modification of two replacement aircraft, under project AIR 9000 Phase 5D, after the crash of aircraft A15-102 in Afghanistan. His efforts have been fundamental to maintaining the operational capability of the 5th Aviation Regiment and Army Aviation.

Warrant Officer Class Two G

For meritorious achievement while appointed Senior Instructor Strategic Strike Cell at the Special Air Service Regiment.

Warrant Officer G has provided outstanding service to the development of the strategic strike and terminal control capabilities within the Special Air Service Regiment and Defence. His terminal control qualification within the Australian Defence Force is unique and he has championed, promoted and significantly developed the less overt but crucially important components of targeting within the Defence environment.

Major Ryan James HOLMES, Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two Physical Employment Standards in Army Headquarters.

Major Holmes has provided outstanding service to the Australian Army in implementing profound change in the future employment of all Army personnel. His extraordinary professionalism and dedication epitomise the Army's core values and signature behaviours and are in the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Major Bronwyn Merle JOHNSTONE, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Acting Staff Officer Grade One Establishments in the Directorate of Plans - Army.

Major Johnstone has consistently demonstrated outstanding professional mastery, judgement and dedication to duty in the area of establishment and delivery of personnel capability. Her contributions significantly enhanced the management of the Australian Army's Short Term Personnel Pool positions, the Army Personnel Establishment Plan, and all elements of Army personnel plans.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Sergeant James Tunzi LONG, Qld

For meritorious achievement as a Section Commander and Platoon Sergeant Rehabilitation Platoon, 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Sergeant Long is an exceptional non-commissioned officer whose leadership and professionalism in managing seriously wounded, injured and ill soldiers have provided direction and a sense of purpose to affected soldiers. His work ethic and selfless approach to complex circumstances have been exemplary. Sergeant Long's commitment to soldiers and the wider community in northern Queensland has been inspirational and has enabled the provision of exceptional rehabilitation services and support to the soldiers of the 1st Battalion.

Major Jeremy Thomas MIKUS, NT

For meritorious achievement in the planning and execution of the Army TORCH Battlespace Management System trial within 1st Brigade.

Major Mikus' performance in the planning and execution of the Army TORCH Battlespace Management System trial within 1st Brigade on Exercise HAMEL 2012 was outstanding. His professionalism and work ethic in the planning of the digital network, and design and construction of numerous vehicle installation fits were exceptional. Major Mikus coordinated a wide range of external support personnel and ongoing management to ensure the Australian Army's progression to network-enabled operations and the realisation of a digitised force.

Captain Alisa Jane WICKHAM, Vic

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Assistant Employment Category Manager for Army Health Services.

Captain Wickham is an officer who has displayed professional excellence as Assistant Employment Category Manager for Army Health Services. Captain Wickham has demonstrated her commitment to the management of employment category implementation plans for the Australian Army's health categories. She has been diligent in her pursuit of definitive high level clinical guidance to support the introduction of new health standards for the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark Andrew ZAMMIT, Qld

For meritorious achievement as Commander, Air Operations Planning Team, in support of the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission on Operation CATHEDRAL in Papua New Guinea from March to July 2012.

Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Zammit's outstanding performance in the development and management of the air support plan for the Papua New Guinea 2012 National Election was crucial to the efficient and effective use of Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission resources, and provided a legacy that will assist future election planning. His efforts were instrumental in the completion of all air-supported polling within the constitutional timeframe and contributed significantly to a free, fair and safe 2012 Papua New Guinea National Election.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Air Force

Wing Commander Lionel George BENTLEY, United States of America

For meritorious devotion to duty in support of Heron remotely piloted vehicle operations.

Wing Commander Bentley has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian Defence Force and improved force protection in the Middle East by rapidly establishing and implementing agile and effective support arrangements for the Heron remotely piloted vehicle capability. His efforts directly contributed to the sustained high performance of Heron contractor support and the provision of essential surveillance information to operational commanders.

Squadron Leader Michel-Louise DEVINE, SA

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Health Centre Manager, Edinburgh Health Centre, Joint Health Unit - South Australia, Joint Health Command.

Squadron Leader Devine is an exceptional officer, displaying consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership, initiative and outstanding dedication to duty during a period of significant complex organisational change. Squadron Leader Devine successfully implemented a series of internal reforms that culminated in tangible efficiencies in the delivery of garrison health support and provided exemplary leadership in the achievement of high quality health care at the Edinburgh Health Centre.

Warrant Officer Stephen Craig EDWARDS, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Warrant Officer Engineering at Number 4 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Edwards is an exceptional senior airman displaying superior leadership enabling Number 4 Squadron to generate capability during the transition from Forward Air Control Development Unit to Number 4 Squadron. He has been instrumental in continued workplace process improvements that have enabled increased aircraft availability without placing increased demand on the limited resources.

Warrant Officer Damien Peter JACKSON, SA

For meritorious achievement as the Warrant Officer Engineering of Number 10 Squadron and as the Number 92 Wing Logistics Operations Warrant Officer.

Warrant Officer Jackson has driven the implementation of maintenance reform across Number 92 Wing. His drive, vision and leadership of reform, technical mastery and other enhancements have resulted in improved capability support from the maintenance workforce generating an enhanced Number 92 Wing operational capability.