

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel A

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation IV during Operation OKRA in Iraq during 2016.

Lieutenant Colonel A displayed exemplary command and leadership of the Special Operations Task Group 632 in their 'advise and assist' mission to the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service. His superior understanding of the strategic environment and exceptional leadership enabled the warfighting capabilities of Iraq's premier combat organisation to achieve disproportionate battlefield effects in the fight against Daesh.

Colonel Gavin Michael KEATING CSC, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commander Task Group Taji Two on Operation OKRA in Iraq.

Details not released at request of recipient

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain S

For distinguished command and leadership during Operation OKRA from September 2014 until April 2015.

Group Captain S distinguished himself on operations through exceptional determination, professionalism, moral courage and skill as a commander during Operation OKRA. His composed leadership under pressure in a dynamic and complex environment inspired confidence and morale throughout the Task Element, and directly contributed to the exceptional standards of mission and combat effectiveness achieved.

BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM and Bar)

Australian Army

Major J

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations while deployed as the Officer Commanding, Commando Company Group with the Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation IV during Operation OKRA in Iraq.

Major J displayed distinguished leadership as a Special Operations Task Group Company Commander. His outstanding influence and assistance enabled the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service to achieve critical operational success throughout Al Anbar province and Euphrates River Valley during the Government of Iraq's efforts to defeat Daesh. His achievements were of the highest order and amplified Australia's reputation.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Australian Army

Colonel James Andrew HAMMETT, ACT

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations during Operation Okra, as the Training Task Unit Commander, Task Group Taji Two in Iraq from November 2015 until June 2016.

Through outstanding devotion to duty and exemplary leadership, Colonel Hammett led the Training Task Unit of the Combined Australian and New Zealand Task Group in the delivery of highly effective training to the Iraqi Army. His initiative, skill and his deep and genuine relationships with Iraqi leadership were key to the preparation of Iraqi forces for combat operations against Daesh.

Sergeant M

For distinguished leadership as the Force Protection Team Commander of the Special Operations Advisory Group on Operation HIGHROAD in Afghanistan during 2015.

Sergeant M contributed to the casualty extraction of coalition members and the execution of more than 300 road movements in the complex and high risk environment of Kabul. He was responsible for a wide range of complex and challenging tasks, conducting these with the highest level of professionalism. His leadership and mentoring of junior team members enabled the exceptional performance of his team.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain B

For distinguished leadership as Commander Task Element 630.1.1 on Operation OKRA.

Group Captain B demonstrated exceptional dedication to duty during his command of Task Element 630.1.1 on Operation OKRA. His composed and tactically masterful leadership contributed significantly to the disproportional effective impact that Australian Strike aircraft had on Daesh during his command.

Air Commodore G

For distinguished leadership as Director, Combined Air Operations Centre, Qatar on Operation OKRA.

Air Commodore G distinguished himself through outstanding leadership and superior decision-making to deliver highly effective coalition air power against Daesh in Iraq and Syria. His command presence, judgement and composure provided a steadying influence to the Combined Air Operations Centre during the air campaign of late 2015. Air Commodore G's synchronisation of coalition efforts and determined inclusion of non-allied stakeholders was exemplary.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Royal Australian Navy

Petty Officer Kevin Michael PAUL, NSW

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Chief Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Training Advisor of the Afghan National Police Central Training Centre during Operation HIGHROAD.

Petty Officer Paul significantly improved the level of training and resultant operational capability of Afghan Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Improvised Explosive Device Defeat operators. His engagement and mentoring of senior leadership, the implementation of enhanced training facilities and methodologies and the wider gender integration within the capability, have increased the Afghan ability to defeat Improvised Explosive Devices.

Australian Army

Brigadier Michael Herbert ANNETT CSC, Vic

For distinguished performance of duties as the Commander, Task Group Afghanistan, Kabul on Operation HIGHROAD.

Brigadier Annett served with distinction as the Senior Australian Officer and Commander of the Australian personnel in Afghanistan during a critical year of the campaign during continued transition to Afghan-led operations. Through planning, management and Coalition engagement he anticipated issues and influenced their resolution enhancing Australia's influence, while synchronising efforts to align with Australia's interests.

Captain B

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as a Special Forces Advisory Team Commander with the Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation IV during Operation OKRA in Iraq.

Throughout his deployment on Operation OKRA, Captain B's leadership, application of skill and judgement were outstanding. His advice, liaison and support to Iraqi Special Forces directly led to the achievement of numerous Tactical and Operational Objectives during the Fallujah Offensive. Captain B's performance and dedication to the mission were of the highest order.

Major C

For distinguished performance of duty as an Intelligence Officer with the Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation IV during Operation OKRA in Iraq during 2016.

Major C displayed exceptional dedication to duty and professionalism as the Task Group 632 Intelligence Officer in Charge of the Fusion Analysis Support Cell. His distinguished leadership of a multi-disciplined team directly supported the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service's victories, the wider Coalition successes and enhanced Australia's reputation.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Major D

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as a Special Forces Advisory Team Commander with the Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation IV during Operation OKRA.

Major D displayed inspirational leadership, dedication and personal commitment as a Special Forces Advisor in support of the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service. His performance in support of Iraqi forces directly led to their success within the Euphrates River Valley and enabled the re-capture of numerous major population centres.

Colonel Eamon Patrick LENAGHAN CSC, NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Chief of Plans for Combined Joint Forces Land Component Command, Operation INHERENT RESOLVE, Iraq.

Colonel Lenaghan's outstanding leadership, planning and enabling efforts across a multinational divisional headquarters have enhanced Iraqi combat operations. His detailed coordination and preparation of a large number of resources and capabilities was key to uniting the Coalition and Iraqi planning efforts and resulted in significant success in the campaign against Daesh.

Captain N

For distinguished performance of duty on warlike operations as a Special Forces Advisory Team Commander with the Special Operations Task Group 632 Rotation IV during Operation OKRA in Iraq during 2016.

Captain N's inspirational leadership, professional approach and relentless pursuit for excellence set the benchmark for his team and elicited outstanding achievements in both the training and operational space. His contribution to both Task Group 632 and the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service has made an enduring impact and has directly contributed to battlefield success.

Warrant Officer Class One John James STONEBRIDGE BM OAM, NSW

For distinguished performance of duties on warlike operations as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 205th Corps Advisory Team in Kandahar, Afghanistan during Operation HIGHROAD.

Warrant Officer Stonebridge was instrumental in integrating the multinational elements of the Advisory Team, enabling successful execution of the mission. He set an extremely high professional example to Coalition and Afghan personnel, provided determined support to his Commander and was a capable adviser, directly improving the competence of his Afghan counterparts and the welfare of their personnel.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Sergeant Daniel Stephen WOODNEY, Qld

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as Force Protection Platoon Sergeant on Operation OKRA.

Sergeant Woodney's commitment to driving excellence and training significantly improved Task Group Taji's force protection procedures. His superb leadership, displayed throughout the deployment, was particularly evident during a critical incident involving the severe wounding of one of his soldiers. Sergeant Woodney's actions ensured that the injured soldier received prompt and effective medical care and he then played a key role in counselling and supporting the soldier's colleagues after the incident.

Royal Australian Air Force

Squadron Leader B

For distinguished performance of duties, in both airborne leadership in action and operational planning as the Task Element 630.1.1 Flight Commander on Operation OKRA.

Squadron Leader B's outstanding airmanship and pivotal support to ground forces significantly contributed to the success of the Sinjar Offensive. He displayed outstanding professional mastery to develop and implement enduring operational improvements in weapon configurations and crew management. His distinguished performance, both in the air and on the ground, made an enduring impact on Task Element 630.1.1.

Wing Commander J

For distinguished performance of duties as Commander Task Unit 630.2 and Australian Target Engagement Authority within the Combined Air Operations Centre on Operation OKRA during 2016.

Wing Commander J consistently displayed superior judgement in the authorisation of the application of lethal force for Australian strike aircraft and his leadership of the Dynamic Targeting Team was of the highest standard. He continually strove to improve the targeting process within the Combined Air Operations Centre and his initiatives directly resulted in Coalition air power being used more effectively and efficiently.

Flight Lieutenant T

For distinguished performance of duties on warlike operations as an F/A-18 fighter pilot in Iraq and Syria while a member of Task Element 630.1.1 on Operation OKRA during 2016.

Flight Lieutenant T distinguished himself as a mission commander on airborne combat operations leading multiple Coalition nations during Operation OKRA. His actions and leadership resulted in successful operations against the enemy while satisfying the specific national requirements of the various Coalition Forces. Flight Lieutenant T also implemented enhancements to aircraft mission systems which improved combat effectiveness, and delivered significant contributions to Australia's operational capability.

BAR TO THE CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC and Bar)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander William Le Mesurier WATERS CSC RAN, USA

For outstanding achievement and leadership in non-warlike operations as the Commanding Officer HMAS *Melbourne* on Operation MANITOU.

Commander Waters' professionalism and leadership while in command of HMAS *Melbourne* during Operation MANITOU achieved outstanding operational outcomes. His expert execution of the searching for and boarding of, smuggler's vessels led to the seizure of 918kg of illicit narcotics and illegal weapons. His efforts significantly enhanced Australia's reputation within the Combined Maritime Forces and regional nations.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

Commander Simon James CANNELL RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement and devotion to duty in the field of maritime warfare capability development.

Commander Cannell has shown outstanding drive and personal accountability in his leadership of the Fleet Cross-force Capability Division and has delivered new capability to the Fleet. He has taken a complex and previously moribund role and made it an engine room for operational effectiveness thereby driving critical enhancements to Navy capability and the safety of Navy's people.

Commander Phillip Andrew HENRY RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer HMAS *Darwin* on Operation MANITOU during 2016.

Commander Henry's outstanding command and leadership of HMAS *Darwin* greatly enhanced Australia's efforts in combating international terrorism. His highly effective command of Darwin, in support of Coalition Maritime Force operations, included the seizure of 952 kilograms of illicit narcotics and 2158 illegal weapons. These seizures directly reduced the availability of funds and arms to criminal and terrorist groups.

Commander Marc Louis PAVILLARD RAN, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty and performance in the field of naval aviation command.

Commander Pavillard expertly commanded 816 Squadron during a challenging period of aircraft type transition and high operational tempo. His professional excellence, combined with his leadership and loyalty to his sailors and officers ensured that the Squadron provided outputs that met the Australian Defence Force operational capability requirements. Under his Command, the Squadron met ongoing requirements while safely transitioning the Maritime Combat Helicopter capability into service.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Commander Andrew Thomas PEPPER RAN, NSW

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

Commander Pepper's energetic leadership and outstanding devotion to duty were critical to HMAS *Melbourne*'s success in 2014 and 2015, including the ship being awarded the Navy's highest annual unit award and its performance on Operation MANITOU. His innovative improvements to damage control training and the development of new procedures for boarding teams have made a significant contribution to units conducting pre-work up training and on operations.

Commander Rachel Emma THOMPSON RAN, Vic

For outstanding achievement in the field of Maritime Logistics and Health training management.

Commander Thompson's outstanding achievements have embodied excellence and innovation in training reform. Her passion in supporting and implementing strategic objectives has been exceptional; transforming the physical training environment and professionalising the personnel capability of staff at Training Authority - Maritime Logistics and Health. Commander Thompson has been instrumental in shaping the Maritime and Defence Logistics and Health environment to meet future training demands of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Captain Brendon Michael ZILKO RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commissioning Executive Officer of HMAS *Adelaide*.

Captain Zilko has displayed outstanding and exceptional leadership and management skills in developing and mentoring the ship's company of HMAS *Adelaide* to ensure a most professional and timely transition of the ship into naval service. His efforts were instrumental in ensuring that *Adelaide* subsequently met key milestones and objectives required to progress the Canberra Class Amphibious Assault Ships toward Full Operational Capability.

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Micah BATT DSM, ACT

For outstanding achievement in the delivery of All Corps Ab-initio Officer Training for Army as the Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Royal Military College - Duntroon.

Lieutenant Colonel Batt demonstrated outstanding achievement in the delivery and governance of ab-initio officer training in Army. His exceptional command, innovation, dedication and superior knowledge have enhanced the delivery of training having an enduring effect on the professional skills, knowledge and attitudes of the Australian Army.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Lieutenant Colonel David Peter BENSON, ACT

For outstanding achievement in furthering Army's diversity and inclusivity objectives as the Staff Officer Grade One Workforce Strategy in Army Headquarters.

Lieutenant Colonel Benson has consistently demonstrated professional excellence, motivation and application of initiative to deliver Army's diversity and inclusivity objectives. Lieutenant Colonel Benson successfully led the development and implementation of Army's Gender and Diversity council to drive cultural reform, diversity and inclusion within Army.

Lieutenant Colonel C

For outstanding achievement in the improvement and advancement of the Special Operations Intelligence Enterprise capability in Special Operations Command.

Over a four year period of extraordinarily high operational commitments, Lieutenant Colonel C's extraordinary commitment, exceptional performance and foresight have been instrumental in improving and advancing the significant expansion of the Special Operations Intelligence Enterprise capability.

Lieutenant Colonel Arran Pearce HASSELL, USA

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Defence Force School of Intelligence and Deputy Head of Corps, Australian Intelligence Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Hassell has displayed outstanding leadership and professional commitment as the Commanding Officer of the Defence Force School of Intelligence. His efforts have resulted in a positive cultural shift within the School and significant modernisation in the training of the Australian Defence Force Intelligence workforce. His efforts have directly contributed to the remediation of hollowness in the Australian Intelligence Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Roger James HOLMES, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty in the support and recovery of wounded, injured and ill members of the Australian Defence Force.

Lieutenant Colonel Holmes' outstanding dedication to the health and wellbeing of wounded, injured and ill service personnel has been exemplary and critical to the success of two key Australian Defence Force initiatives. His genuine care and support for others has distinguished him as he enabled critical health support for the Australian Defence Force Theatre Project and the Australian Defence Force Arts for Recovery, Resilience, Teamwork and Skills Program. His extraordinary contribution has made a positive and enduring impact on the wellbeing of individuals.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Major Ben Gerard LANSKEY, Qld

For outstanding achievement as Officer Commanding Depot Company, Royal Australian Regiment, School of Infantry and as the Operations Officer of the 51st Battalion, Far North Queensland Regiment.

Major Lanskey provided excellent leadership to Depot Company, School of Infantry. He oversaw the development and implementation of a number of key programs that have increased the core close combat skills of the soldier whilst continuing to break down barriers to service within the Corps. He has been critical to the adaptation of Army's Regional Force Surveillance capability to changes in the Whole-of-Government border protection framework, and has planned and orchestrated near continuous surveillance patrols in Australia's remote Northern littoral.

Chaplain Kerry Andrew LARWILL, NSW

For outstanding achievement in Forces Command Chaplaincy, including coordination of Chaplaincy support to the Operation Reunite repatriation activity and implementation of the Chaplaincy Reporting Tool.

Chaplain Larwill has achieved extraordinary outcomes in Chaplaincy support as the Deputy Command Chaplain Forces Command, providing exemplary staff support and sage advice. His coordination of Chaplaincy support to Operation Reunite and contribution to the development of a Chaplaincy Reporting Tool has positively enhanced the reputation of the Australian Army and Army Chaplaincy.

Lieutenant Colonel James Anthony McGANN, USA

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of 2/17th Battalion and the inaugural Commanding Officer of the 5th and 8th Brigade Reinforcing Battle Group Waratah.

Lieutenant Colonel McGann's outstanding leadership, commitment, professionalism and mentoring were instrumental in the force generation of Battle Group Waratah, the Army Reserve Reinforcing Battle Group and its integration with a Regular Combat Brigade. His outstanding performance in all aspects of command of the 2/17th Battalion and Battle Group Waratah has enhanced the capability of the 8th Brigade, 2nd Division and the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Maurice STOCKLEY, Belgium

For outstanding devotion to duty as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commandant of the Army Aviation Training Centre.

Lieutenant Colonel Stockley has consistently demonstrated outstanding application of judgement and devotion to duty with the management of administration and welfare within the Army Aviation Training Centre. He has coordinated the transition of enabling aircraft crash support, maintenance and training services in support of daily flying operations increasing training outcomes. His commitment and devotion have enhanced the operational effectiveness of the Aviation Training Centre.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Lieutenant Colonel Dean Richard THOMPSON, ACT

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of the 1st Aviation Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Thompson's superior leadership was the catalyst for significantly improved operational capability in the 1st Aviation Regiment. He drew upon extensive operational and leadership experience to raise a second Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter Tiger Squadron and to produce the most capable multi-role Aviation Task Force the Army has fielded in Battle Group GRIFFIN. The unit's operational successes, is a direct reflection of Lieutenant Colonel Thompson's achievements as Commanding Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Anthony John WATSON, ACT

For outstanding achievements in the improvement and sustainment of the deployable logistics capability.

Lieutenant Colonel Watson has made a direct and sustained impact on the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group's performance in support of operations and resulted in significant operational outcomes for the whole Defence organisation. His foresight, dedication and innovation were instrumental to success in the planning for deployment and materiel sustainment of operational capabilities.

Royal Australian Air Force

Flight Lieutenant Lauren Rachael BISHOP, Qld

For outstanding achievement in logistics support to Heron remotely piloted aircraft operations for the Royal Australian Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Bishop has displayed extraordinary skill in developing logistics support to enable remotely piloted aircraft operations in Australia. Her outstanding professionalism at Number 5 Flight was key to the development of four domestic Heron operating bases resulting in the Royal Australian Air Force becoming the first organisation in the world to fly a remotely piloted aircraft in fully integrated civilian airspace. Moreover, her exemplary achievements have significantly enhanced the reputation of the Australian Defence Force as a lead organisation in this field.

Wing Commander Leona Joy DOWN, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Project Manager of the Australian Defence Force Deployable Frozen Blood Project.

Wing Commander Down's dedication, professionalism and inspirational leadership of the highly complex Deployable Frozen Blood Project have resulted in significant modernisation of Australian Defence Force operational transfusion policy and procedures. These advancements set international benchmarks and provide the foundation for wider Australian standards. Her efforts in the development of the frozen blood capability has cemented Defence's enduring relationship with the Australian Red Cross and significantly enhanced Defence's reputation, both nationally and abroad.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Squadron Leader Scott Peter EGAN, ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Battlefield Airlift Transition Office Operations Pilot and the Number 35 Squadron C-27J Continental United States of America Detachment Commander during the acquisition and introduction of the C-27J Spartan aircraft capability.

Squadron Leader Egan's outstanding leadership in establishing the foundation for the successful and rapid introduction of the C-27J Spartan aircraft capability, and his exceptional devotion to duty as the Number 35 Squadron Detachment Commander in the United States of America have been of the highest order. His remarkable achievements in the face of significant challenges in a complex and somewhat unique acquisition and development environment delivered a raft of benefits for the Royal Australian Air Force that has served to highlight his extraordinary skill and determination.

Squadron Leader Damien Luke MALDON, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty in the engineering management and capability development of the additional KC-30A multi-role tanker transport aircraft acquisition and conversion.

Squadron Leader Maldon is an officer of rare skill and ability who has made a significant contribution to the \$700 million acquisition of two second-hand Airbus A330 aircraft and their conversion to KC-30A multi-role tanker transport platforms. His leadership, excellent engineering knowledge, and conspicuous professionalism in capability development and engineering management throughout the acquisition and conversion of these aircraft into multi-role tankers have achieved outstanding capability outcomes for the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer John Lancaster MATTHEWS, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty to the C-27J Spartan battlefield airlifter acquisition project as the Technical Liaison Officer within the prime contractor in the United States of America.

Warrant Officer Matthews is an individual of rare skill and ability who has made an extraordinary contribution to the successful acquisition of the C-27J Spartan battlefield airlifter capability in most demanding circumstances. Through his conspicuous devotion to duty and remarkable inter-personal skill, he represented the Australian Defence Force's interest most effectively within the prime contractor's organisation, developing and nurturing strong relationships that provided mutual benefits to all parties to deliver a remarkable battlefield airlift capability.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Warrant Officer Alisha O'BRIEN, Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Airman Aircrew Manager at Headquarters Air Mobility Group.

Warrant Officer O'Brien's tireless dedication as the Airman Aircrew Manager has underpinned the effectiveness of Air Mobility Group for the next decade. Further, her extraordinary efforts have led to wider reform in Airmen Aircrew development, management and progression across the Royal Australian Air Force that has provided lasting benefits. Her remarkable initiative, conspicuous teamwork and drive during a period of rapid change and intense demand have been outstanding, and provide an inspiring example to all members of Air Mobility Group and the wider Air Force.

Warrant Officer Neil Charles PINKER, Qld

For outstanding achievement in maintenance reform as the Warrant Officer Engineering at Number 36 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Pinker is an individual of extraordinary skill and ability who has revolutionised the maintenance of the C-17A Globemaster III aircraft capability. He has displayed exceptional leadership and devotion to duty to inculcate cultural and technical change that has transformed his organisation into an exemplar high performance work group. His actions extensively improved the efficacy of his maintenance workforce to be a key enabler for the projection of the C-17A Globemaster III capability anywhere in the world.

Wing Commander Adele SCHWONBERG, ACT

For outstanding achievement in star rank and senior officer financial management and personnel administration in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Schwonberg has displayed exceptional professionalism and empathy in her support of personnel undergoing management supported separation; and in her delivery of significant improvements in star rank and senior officer remuneration since 2010. Her superior soft skills and conspicuous dedication have advanced the financial and personnel management of star rank and senior officers in the Royal Australian Air Force over several years of most devoted service to the demonstrable benefit of both the members and the Service.

Warrant Officer Ryan Keith WILSON, NSW

For outstanding achievement as a Loadmaster Instructor at Number 285 Squadron, Number 84 Wing, Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Wilson is a highly skilled Senior Airman who has demonstrated conspicuous dedication, superior professional competence, and exceptional judgment in delivering a range of extraordinary training outcomes and capability improvements for the C-130J-30 Hercules transport aircraft in demanding circumstances. He has enhanced the Royal Australian Air Force's C-130J-30 Hercules utility through improvements in Loadmaster operating practices, procedures and equipment that have greatly increased efficiency and improved safety.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

Lieutenant Commander Lorrae BLUNDEN RAN, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the field of military education and training.

Lieutenant Commander Blunden has demonstrated exemplary professionalism, initiative, leadership, and accountability during a period of significant organisational, cultural and curriculum reform. Her staff work, instruction and mentoring has directly influenced the development of over 1,400 trainee officers; achieved increased levels of trainee participation, engagement and assimilation of learning outcomes; and ensured professionally developed and well-rounded junior officers graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Lieutenant Commander Tina Louise BROWN RAN, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of maritime leadership as Executive Officer HMAS *Darwin*.

Lieutenant Commander Brown's leadership and tenacity has set her apart from her peers. Her innovative solutions to issues have set a benchmark within the Fleet. Her consistently high performance was clearly reflected in HMAS *Darwin*'s highly successful deployment to Operation MANITOU, including the seizure of a significant cache of illegal weapons and narcotics. Her dedication epitomises Navy Values and has significantly enhanced Navy's operational reputation.

Chief Petty Officer Peter Ian CANNON, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Navy Weapons Electrical Engineering.

Chief Petty Officer Cannon demonstrated outstanding passion and perseverance as the Weapons Electrical Engineering Communications Section Manager throughout HMAS *Canberra*'s transition into service, commissioning and first year of operational service. His exceptional ability to lead and mentor his team through challenging situations is testament to his professionalism, morale raising strength of character and innate leadership qualities.

Lieutenant Commander Jodie Elizabeth DEZENTJE RANR, ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of personnel change management in the Navy Aviation Systems Program Office.

Through her selfless dedication, leadership, professionalism, tact and compassion, Lieutenant Commander Dezentje was instrumental in managing the complex transition of the workforce in the Navy Aviation System Program Office. During a period of significant change affecting the workforce structure, roles and responsibilities, she produced and implemented a plan that ensured no loss of technical, logistics or contract support to Naval Aviation during the transition whilst providing support and the necessary re-training to the workforce.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Chief Petty Officer Justin Magnus DOWNEY-PRICE, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the field of Electronic Warfare in the Royal Australian Navy.

Chief Petty Officer Downey-Price has demonstrated outstanding commitment, leadership and professionalism to reinvigorate Electronic Warfare training in the Royal Australian Navy; and in his contribution to the development of future Electronic Warfare capability requirements. His initiative and dedication have been exemplary and have directly contributed to Navy's ability to fight and win at sea.

Chief Petty Officer Phillip John HIRSCHAUSEN, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty in the field of Navy avionics support.

Chief Petty Officer Hirschhausen has demonstrated distinguished service as an Aviation Technician. Exceptionally professional and personable, he is always at the forefront of innovation linked to operational capability. His dedication, leadership, technical skill and drive underpin his professional capabilities while he provides inspiration, training and support to other team members.

Able Seaman Daniel John PETERS, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Navy training course planning and co-ordination.

Able Seaman Peters' improvements to the training system module have led to improved efficiency and record management accuracy. His performance has directly enhanced all aspects of training planning and co-ordination and is contributing to the delivery of capability through the efficient provision of a highly trained workforce.

Chief Petty Officer Adam Geoffrey SHIMMEN, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Navy hospitality management.

Chief Petty Officer Shimmen has significantly contributed to upholding the Australian Defence Force's reputation nationally and internationally through his outstanding professionalism and exemplary service. The processes he has implemented and the legacy he has created will have an enduring impact on HMAS *Canberra* and the Royal Australian Navy. Chief Petty Officer Shimmen's outstanding achievements have established the basis for the provision of ongoing exceptional hospitality services as the Navy's amphibious capabilities further develop.

Chief Petty Officer Andrew Wayne SIMS, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty in the field of Navy marine engineering.

Chief Petty Officer Sims' performance and dedication to duty has been outstanding. His professionalism and commitment to operational performance ensured all Auxiliary systems were serviceable throughout Darwin's Operation MANITOU deployment. His commitment to training has been instrumental in providing mission-capable and operationally prepared personnel for deployment.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Chief Petty Officer Robert STRUTT, ACT

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty in the field of Navy aviation support.

Chief Petty Officer Strutt's dedication to his category, his specialist skills, and leadership has been outstanding in the execution of his duties as the Chief of the Flight Deck in HMAS *Adelaide*. His efforts in supporting the establishment and ongoing support of embarked aviation training, equipment, and procedures has also ensured that the wider Amphibious Assault Ship capability is able to safely and effectively support Fleet Air Arm and Army Aviation aircraft in the conduct of multi-spot operations at sea.

Australian Army

Lieutenant Colonel Phillip Mark BALDONI, ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty in the maintenance of and improvement in land materiel support and sustainment as the Staff Officer Grade Two - Sustainment in the Directorate of Logistics - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Baldoni's innovative and meticulous work ethic has significantly contributed to the maintenance of and improvements in land materiel support and sustainment. His devotion to duty, professionalism and dedication in his role as Staff Officer Grade Two - Sustainment has been exemplary and has aided not only the efficient and effective management of Army capabilities, but that of other Groups and Services. His consistently outstanding efforts have led to an enduring positive impact on the capabilities of the Australian Defence Force.

Sergeant C

For meritorious devotion to duty as an analyst deployed to the Middle East Region.

Corporal C worked tirelessly to provide the Australian Defence Force and intelligence community with a deep understanding of global threat networks. His superior work ethic and professionalism enabled his team to provide strategically relevant intelligence. His service was of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of Special Operations Command, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Class One Stephen Donald CARMICHAEL, Qld

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Regimental Standards Warrant Officer, 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment.

Warrant Officer Carmichael has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to the development of a world class Unmanned Aerial System capability in Army. His unrelenting capacity for work, skilful personnel management and outstanding dedication in performing multiple key appointments simultaneously has been first class. Warrant Officer Carmichael's devotion to duty has been pivotal in the development and operational effectiveness of 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Major Stephen John CHIESA, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty in managing and undertaking representative duties on behalf of the Australian Defence Force and improving the delivery and output of training for the University of New South Wales Regiment.

Warrant Officer Chiesa's unwavering dedication and organisational skills are of the highest order and have ensured the professional execution of military training and force generation activities. His leadership as a mentor of junior leaders and proactive approach to Reserve training and soldier welfare have contributed significantly to the 2nd Division and Australian Army. As the Regimental Sergeant Major Joint Ceremonial, he has been instrumental in building on the reputation of the Australian Defence Force.

Sergeant Matthew Barlow DAVID, ACT

For meritorious achievement in the innovation of aerial delivery capability.

Sergeant David's drive and innovation towards the customisation of aerial delivery effects has substantially enhanced the Australian Defence Force's aerial delivery capability. His ingenuity resulted in the re-purposing of obsolete parachutes as well as the development of new methods for resupplying critical items to the Australian Antarctic Division under adverse weather conditions. His innovation has led to substantial cost savings during humanitarian aid operations and expanded the operational conditions in which aerial delivery effects can be employed.

Warrant Officer Class Two Jared Benton FELLOWS, ACT

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Personnel Advisory Committee Warrant Officer, Post Group, Directorate of Soldier Career Management, Army.

Warrant Officer Fellows has consistently demonstrated meritorious devotion to duty to create efficiencies within the Directorate of Soldier Career Management-Army to enable the ongoing support and career management to over 23,000 full time personnel despite staff vacancies. His improvement of the Personal Advisory Committee process has ensured soldiers receive accurate and timely feedback on their performance which has positively influenced retention of soldiers within Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Scott Stuart HILL, Qld

For meritorious achievement to the Australian Defence Force in disaster relief for Operation Fiji Assist 2016.

Lieutenant Colonel Hill made an outstanding contribution to the successful Australian Defence Force commitment to the Whole-of-Government humanitarian response to Tropical Cyclone Winston. He displayed outstanding professionalism, leadership and initiative in an extremely challenging and demanding situation.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Major Daniel Timothy KEMP, Qld

For meritorious devotion to duty in improving the welfare of wounded, injured and ill soldiers and their families in the 8/9th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Through his expertise, resolve and compassion, Major Kemp has had a profound and enduring impact on the lives of hundreds of soldiers and their families in the 8/9th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment. His superb management of soldiers through complex physical and non-physical injuries, and commitment to the welfare of all deployed soldiers and their families, has been at the leading edge of contemporary Army practice.

Warrant Officer Class One Gillian Lorraine KENNEDY, Qld

For meritorious devotion to duty in the development, training and mentoring of Army's current and future junior leaders.

Warrant Officer Kennedy demonstrated exceptional leadership and provided outstanding management to her Squadron and Royal Military College sub-units by mentoring Army's future leaders to great success. She is a role model and her devotion to duty and the support she provides to Army's soldiers and future leaders is unparalleled. Her superior achievements are due to her dedication and professionalism in the pursuit of the highest level of service to manage and assist in the development of Australian Army personnel.

Major Jan KOUDELKA, Vic

For meritorious achievement as the Officer Commanding B Company and the Officer Commanding Support Company of the 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Major Koudelka's exemplar leadership, unwavering commitment and technical mastery were instrumental in the development and sustainment of ready capabilities within the 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment and the 7th Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Deane Phillip LIMMER, ACT

For meritorious achievement in the provision and modernisation of joint communications and electronic warfare training.

Lieutenant Colonel Limmer has displayed meritorious leadership and devoted service as the Commanding Officer of the Defence Force School of Signals. He has led a fundamental change in training delivery, driven the modernisation of the communications and electronic warfare curriculum and empowered his people to innovate. His leadership, drive and tireless enthusiasm have laid the foundations for the ongoing modernisation of communications and electronic warfare training in the Australian Defence Force.

Sergeant M

For meritorious achievement in the improvement and advancement of climbing and survival operations at the Special Air Service Regiment.

Sergeant M is an exceptional Senior Non-Commissioned Officer who has made a significant contribution to the Australian Defence Force in all matters climbing, survival, mountain and cold weather operations. His expertise, dedication and professionalism have directly and positively influenced capability and enhanced safety within Special Operations Command.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Warrant Officer Class Two O

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Mobility Survivability Team Commander Special Operations Engineer Regiment.

Warrant Officer Class Two O has demonstrated inspirational leadership, initiative and meritorious devotion to duty over multiple postings in an extremely dynamic and high threat environment. His outstanding efforts have ensured that Special Operations Command has been able to maintain an extremely short notice deployable capability which is essential for Australia's national security.

Sergeant Jarrod Leigh POXON, Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Defence Command Support Training Centre - Formation Indigenous Liaison Officer.

Sergeant Poxon has displayed superior initiative, leadership, and commitment as the Defence Command Support Training Centre - Formation Indigenous Liaison Officer in 2016. Sergeant Poxon was instrumental in developing the National Reconciliation Week Program for Simpson Barracks and established a framework that has ultimately improved the Indigenous cultural awareness within the Australian Defence Force and enhanced the relationship with the Indigenous community in Victoria.

Warrant Officer Class One Lawrence James WALLACE, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Artificer Sergeant Major of 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment throughout the period January 2013 to July 2016.

Warrant Officer Wallace has demonstrated consistent meritorious achievement as the Artificer Sergeant Major of Combat Service Support Battery, 20th Surveillance and Target Acquisition Regiment. His outstanding service and commitment has ensured the success of the maintenance element and entire Shadow 200 capability, identifying him as an exceptionally professional Warrant Officer.

Royal Australian Air Force

Group Captain Iain Gerard CARTY, NSW

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer of Combat Support Unit Rotation 14 during Operation ACCORDION.

Wing Commander Carty achieved outstanding results as the Commanding Officer of Combat Support Unit Rotation 14. Under his superior leadership, his unit delivered sustained combat support to Task Groups across the Middle East Region. The close and trusted relationships he developed with Host Nation and Coalition personnel have directly enhanced the support of Australian operations in the Region.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Flight Sergeant Paul James CROUCH, NT

For meritorious achievement in managing the rectification of a major incident at the Defence Fuel Installation at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin.

Flight Sergeant Crouch is a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of exceptional skill who has displayed outstanding dedication as the manager of the Defence Fuel Installations at Royal Australian Air Force Bases Darwin and Curtin in very challenging circumstances. His exceptional intervention and drive in rectifying the Defence Fuel Installation at Darwin after a major incident enabled military flying operations in the Northern Territory to continue, significantly contributing to the success of Exercise PITCH BLACK 2016 for the Australian Defence Force.

Group Captain D

For meritorious achievement and dedication to duty as the Commander Task Unit 630.1 on Operation OKRA.

Group Captain D's superior decision making and leadership ensured that Air Task Group 630 excelled in its mission. His outstanding critical thinking and dedication to duty saw rapid implementation of enhancements to capability and procedures that are an enduring aspect of Air Task Group operations. He fostered relationships between Australian and Coalition partners that remain critical to mission success.

Corporal Benjamin James DAVIS, SA

For meritorious achievement in cyberspace intelligence analysis and counter improvised explosive device tactics research at Number 462 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Corporal Davis has continuously displayed conspicuous dedication, superior expertise, and lateral thinking to deliver high value, timely intelligence. His exemplary research, careful analysis and understanding of the cyberspace environment led to the identification of key vulnerabilities in mission critical information systems, facilitating immediate corrective action. Of greater significance, his research into emerging counter improvised explosive device tactics has led to protection strategies that will save Australian Defence Force and coalition lives during operations.

Warrant Officer Timothy Japhet DUKE, NT

For meritorious achievement in staff development as Senior Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge of the Armament Section at Number 6 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Duke is an airman of impeccable character and extraordinary skill who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and conspicuous devotion to duty as the Senior Non-Commissioned Officer-In-Charge of the Armament Section at Number 6 Squadron. Through his remarkable professionalism and drive in staff development, enhancement of armament governance practices, and improved safety procedures, he has directly contributed to Air Combat Group's ability to meet the ongoing tasking of the F/A-18F Super Hornet capability in support of operations.