

AUSTRALIA DAY 2011 HONOURS LISTS (MILITARY DIVISION)

COMPANION (AC) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Australian Army

- Lieutenant General Kenneth James GILLESPIE AO DSC CSM, ACT

For eminent service to the Australian Defence Force as Vice Chief of the Defence Force/Chief of Joint Operations and Chief of Army.

Lieutenant General Gillespie is the consummate military professional who has provided eminent leadership in the fields of joint capability development, operations and strategic reform. His enthusiasm and astute command traits have delivered exceptional advances in Joint capability development, improved strategic command and control arrangements and an Australian Army better positioned to respond to the challenges of generating and preparing land forces for the future. His achievements are testament to 42 years' unswerving dedication, commitment and the pursuit of excellence in serving Australia.

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

Australian Army

- Major General Paul Vincent ALEXANDER, Qld

For distinguished service to Defence in the field of health and, in particular, as the inaugural Commander Joint Health Command.

Major General Alexander has displayed exceptional dedication, vision and distinguished professionalism in reforming health care delivery to members of the Australian Defence Force. Over successive strategic level appointments, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to implement innovative solutions to health care delivery. His efforts have laid the foundation for enduring change to health care delivery and the professional development of health professionals within the Australian Defence Force.

- Major General Aziz Gregory MELICK AM RFD, Tas

For distinguished service as Commander 8th Brigade, Head of Reserve and Employer Support Division, and as Head of Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division, Australian Defence Force.

Major General Melick has provided distinguished service to the Australian Defence Force through his strategic management of the Australian Defence Force Reserves, interaction with and motivation of related groups and agencies, and the management and inclusion of the Australian Defence Force Cadet Scheme. His sustained effort and exceptional devotion to duty in engaging with the Australian Defence Organisation, foreign defence forces and Australian industry, employer and community organisations have significantly enhanced the capability of the Australian Defence Force Reserves.

Royal Australian Air Force

- Air Commodore Kenneth Neal BIRRER AM, ACT

For distinguished service as Head of Special Projects, Workforce Planning Branch, Defence People Strategy and Policy Group, and as Director General Personnel - Air Force.

Air Commodore Birrer's extensive knowledge of Defence workforce issues, tireless dedication and strategic approach to improving personnel environment decision making were instrumental to the

delivery of the Strategic Career Management Framework and development of the Human Resource Metrics System. Through his significant personal dedication while working in several responsible positions, his distinguished service has led to numerous innovations and positive outcomes that have significantly improved Air Force and Defence personnel management and retention.

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

Royal Australian Navy

- Chief Petty Officer Ian Richard GOULD CSM, Vic

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of Logistics.

Chief Petty Officer Gould is an exceptional senior sailor who has been responsible for sustained and exceptional levels of performance in the field of Logistics throughout a long and distinguished career, most recently in his roles as Material Support Manager in the Anzac Systems Program Office and as the Stores Accounting Officer in HMAS Sirius. Chief Petty Officer Gould epitomises the core values of the Royal Australian Navy and his dedication to duty and exceptional service are in the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

- Commander Ivan Michael INGHAM RAN, NSW

For exceptional service as the Commanding Officer, HMAS Toowoomba, on Operation SLIPPER in the Middle East Area of Operations from June to November 2009.

Commander Ingham displayed inspired leadership, keen foresight and outstanding military judgement in command of HMAS Toowoomba during a demanding operational deployment. HMAS Toowoomba was the first Australian warship to deploy into each of the 3 Coalition Maritime Force areas of responsibility contributing to Counter-Piracy and Counter-Terrorism operations and, under his direction and example, the ship's company contributed to mission success, reinforced alliance bonds with the United States of America, and enhanced the reputation of the Royal Australian Navy with Coalition partners and regional states.

- Rear Admiral Graeme Spencer SHIRTLEY RFD RANR, NSW

For exceptional performance of duties as a medical officer in the Royal Australian Navy Reserve.

Rear Admiral Shirtley has provided exceptional service to the Health Services across Defence for over 40 years, culminating in his service as the Surgeon General Australian Defence Force. He has championed the work of the Naval Health Reserve and has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian Defence Force as a specialist radiologist and in the field of human research ethics.

- Commodore Michael James UZZELL RAN, ACT

For exceptional service in the Royal Australian Navy as the Director General Munitions and Director General Major Surface Ships.

Commodore Uzzell distinguished himself during a range of demanding naval engineering and project management postings and, in so doing, has provided the Royal Australian Navy with exceptional service. His dedication to duty, his untiring efforts and the application of strong leadership and management under extremely challenging circumstances have ensured that the sustainment and acquisition of naval capability has progressed to exemplify best practice across a range of project, engineering and financial disciplines.

Army

- Lieutenant Colonel Robert Arthur BARNES, NSW

For exceptional service in the field of public affairs for the Australian Defence Force.

Between 1996 and 2010 Lieutenant Colonel Barnes displayed energetic, innovative and creative leadership that transformed the Australian Defence Force's approach to public affairs and directly enhanced engagement with the media and the wider Australian community. Through his dedication, determination, vision and leadership Lieutenant Colonel Barnes has made a lasting contribution to Australian Defence Force public affairs. This contribution has provided the Australian community with the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the contribution made by Australian Defence Force personnel.

- Major General Elizabeth COSSON CSC, ACT

For exceptional service to the Australian Army and Australian Defence Organisation as Director General Regions and Bases and as Head Defence Support Operations.

Major General Cosson has demonstrated the Defence values at the highest level in an exemplary career in the Australian Army. She has been instrumental in driving profound organisational reform in Defence Support Operations through a process of consistent engagement with customers and staff. Her ability, intellect and compassion have been hallmarks of her distinguished service and bring great credit upon herself and upon the Australian Defence Organisation.

- Brigadier David Anthony CREAGH, ACT

For exceptional service as Commander 17th Combat Service Support Brigade, Chief of Staff Headquarters Training Command and Director Logistics - Army.

As Commander 17th Combat Service Support Brigade, Brigadier Creagh has provided exemplary leadership that has enabled the Brigade to meet all operational contingencies. He modernised the internal work practices of Headquarters Training Command which underpinned the successful transition to Forces Command. Brigadier Creagh was also instrumental in establishing and refining the materiel support agreements with the Defence Material Organisation and in ensuring effective logistic support was provided to Army forces deployed on operations.

- Brigadier David Shayne ELDER, Qld

For exceptional service as the Commander 16th Aviation Brigade and to Australian Army Aviation.

Details not available at the request of Brigadier Elder.

- Colonel John Malcolm HUTCHESON, ACT

For exceptional service as Commander of Joint Task Force 635, Commander International Stabilisation Force - Timor Leste and Director of Studies - Land, Australian Command and Staff College.

Colonel Hutcheson's performance as the Commander in the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste, and as Director of Studies - Land at the Australian Command and Staff College was exceptional. His professionalism through his command and staff roles has been an example to all. His astute awareness of the role of military forces in inter-agency operations clearly supported the achievement

of national and international aims. He is an outstanding officer who has demonstrated professionalism at the highest level of military service.

- Lieutenant Colonel David Andrew THOMPSON, WA

For exceptional service as the Commanding Officer, Combined Task Force 635 on Operation ANODE in the Solomon Islands in 2009 and 2010.

Lieutenant Colonel Thompson's extremely valuable contribution to Operation ANODE, characterised by his outstanding leadership, determined application of effort, personal and professional investment and a calm and good natured demeanour in uncertain and operationally complex circumstances, significantly contributed to the Australian Government's mission in the Solomon Islands and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Defence Force.

Royal Australian Air Force

- Air Commodore Andrew Eric DOWSE, ACT

For exceptional service as Director General Integrated Capability Development and as Director Enabling Capability - Air Force.

Air Commodore Dowse has shown exceptional leadership, organisational skills and commitment as Director General Integrated Capability Development and as Director Enabling Capability - Air Force. His exceptional professional knowledge and ability as a skilled negotiator in extremely complex policy and operational projects have delivered superior outcomes and significantly enhanced the Australian Defence Force's capability. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

- Wing Commander Patrick James KEANE, ACT

For exceptional service in the field of legal support to the Royal Australian Air Force.

Wing Commander Keane has been closely involved in providing legal support to operations at the strategic level. He has made a critical contribution to the success of several major and complex projects, in particular the response to assisting F-111 De-seal/Re-seal maintenance workers, and the successful rapid acquisition and operational deployment of the Heron unmanned aerial system. He is an outstanding officer who, through tireless effort and exemplary judgement, has significantly enhanced the capability of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

- Squadron Leader Harvey REYNOLDS, NSW

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force as the Executive Officer of Number 2 Air Field Defence Squadron and as a Flight Commander at Number 4 Squadron.

Squadron Leader Reynolds has consistently demonstrated the highest level of professional excellence, initiative and loyalty to the Royal Australian Air Force to enable the projection of air power. He consistently accepts extremely challenging tasks and postings in the pursuit of excellence. His outstanding leadership not only inspires his subordinates but also provides his superiors with constant examples of excellence to demonstrate the relevance of the modern air force.

- Air Commodore Stephen Charles SHEEDY, ACT

For exceptional service as Director General Surveillance and Control and as Director Over the Horizon Radar System Program Office.

Air Commodore Sheedy has shown exceptional leadership, organisational skills and commitment as Director General Surveillance and Control and as Director Over the Horizon Radar System Program Office. His exceptional professional knowledge and ability to lead diverse teams on extremely complex projects have delivered superior technical project outcomes and significantly enhanced the Australian Defence Force's capability. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

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

Royal Australian Navy

- Chief Petty Officer Ricky Andrew SOMER, Qld

For meritorious service in the field of personnel management in the Royal Australian Navy.

Chief Petty Officer Somer is an exceptional sailor who has been intimately involved in personnel management in the Royal Australian Navy, both at sea and ashore. His meticulous advice on personnel matters and support to naval personnel of all ranks have been extraordinary. He has continuously demonstrated excellent leadership, and achieved outstanding results through untiring devotion and exceptional professionalism.

- Lieutenant Benjamin William STOCK RAN, Qld

For meritorious service in the fields of Submarine Medicine and Submarine Escape and Rescue.

Lieutenant Stock is an outstanding officer who has demonstrated years of commitment to the health and welfare of the members of the Submarine community in the areas of disaster management and submarine escape and rescue, as a leading figure in the progression of clinical training in the medical field, and as an advocate for veterans. His knowledge and experience in submarine medicine are unique and unrivalled in the Australian Defence Force, and his ability to think laterally has resulted in several innovations that should enhance the Royal Australian Navy's submarine medical capability.

- Lieutenant Commander Rudolf Francisco WAGEMAKER RAN, NSW

For meritorious service in the field of Marine Engineering and Combat Survivability.

Lieutenant Commander Wagemaker is an exceptional marine engineer whose service has made crucial and lasting contributions to the field of marine engineering and combat survivability. His outstanding leadership has been instrumental in enhancing marine engineering standards and attainment of high levels of training throughput. In particular, he has been a leading force in the development and fielding of combat survivability standards and procedures in the Australian Fleet.

Australian Army

- Warrant Officer Class One Greggery Stephen BURNS, ACT

For meritorious service as Regimental Sergeant Major of 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Mechanised), on operations and the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Warrant Officer Burns has provided meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (Mechanised), while deployed on operations with the Overwatch Battle Group (West) - Three in Southern Iraq and the Royal Military College, Duntroon. His commitment, leadership, loyalty, dedication to duty and selflessness are the personification of the Regimental Sergeant Major appointment.

- Warrant Officer Class One Mark Antony CAMPBELL, Qld

For meritorious service as Regimental Sergeant Major of 1st Health Support Battalion and the 3rd Combat Service Support Battalion, and as the Senior Instructor for the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, North Queensland Wing.

Warrant Officer Campbell's exceptional performance in 3 demanding senior positions has been exemplary. His desire to raise standards and implement superior training under demanding operational conditions and his drive to improve unit procedures have resulted in significant improvements to the Australian Army's capability. On operations, he has provided expertise and commitment to his superiors and subordinates under demanding circumstances. His dedication to duty has been in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army.

- Captain F, WA

For meritorious service while serving in key roles with the Regiment.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Warrant Officer Class One Gary John MYCHAEL CSM, NSW

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 5th Brigade from 2007 to 2008 and the 2nd Division from 2009 to 2010.

Warrant Officer Mychael demonstrated professional excellence in successfully guiding the 5th Brigade and the 2nd Division through a period of considerable organisational change, and driving substantial economies, effectiveness and excellence in training. His efforts have significantly improved operational capability and the standard of training within the 2nd Division, and improved safety. His efforts have been in accordance with the highest ideals and standards of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

- Warrant Officer Class One Simon Richard RENFREY, ACT

For meritorious service as a Bandmaster and Band Sergeant Major.

Warrant Officer Renfrey has worked tirelessly as a Band Master and Band Sergeant Major over a number of years, providing an excellent level of leadership. His diligence in enhancing the environmental conditions and workplace safety of Army Bands and Australian Defence Force ceremonial elements demonstrates his commitment to exemplary standards. He is an outstanding soldier who has consistently ensured that the Australian Defence Force has been portrayed as an organisation of the highest standard on the national and international stage.

Royal Australian Air Force

- Wing Commander David Mark SCHEUL, ACT

For meritorious service as a professional design engineer and project manager on the Armed Reconnaissance and Multi Role Helicopter Projects.

Wing Commander Scheul has made a meritorious contribution to the development of the Tiger Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter as a senior software engineer and as the Design Acceptance Representative for the project. He is continuing this dedicated work and leadership in the Multi Role Helicopter project. These technically demanding projects are valued at more than \$6 billion. Wing Commander Scheul's contribution to Defence through both helicopter projects over a long period has been exemplary.

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STAR OF GALLANTRY (SG)

Australian Army

- Sergeant P

For acts of conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril while on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC)

Australian Army

- Colonel Peter John CONNOLLY, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in action while Commanding Officer, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from June to December 2009.

Colonel Connolly displayed exemplary leadership, vision and skill in the employment of the Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2 in Afghanistan in 2009. His efforts to expand and improve mentoring of the Afghan National Army, to enhance relationships with senior Afghan National Army and Coalition leaders, and to focus his unit's efforts towards a comprehensive counter-insurgency approach to the conflict, significantly improved security and stability across Uruzgan Province and greatly enhanced Australia's reputation in Afghanistan.

- Major General Mark Andrew KELLY AO, ACT

For distinguished command and leadership in action in the Middle East Area of Operations as the Commander Joint Task Force 633 for Operations CATALYST, SLIPPER and KRUGER from January 2009 to January 2010.

Major General Kelly is an inspirational commander who consistently demonstrated distinguished leadership, exceptional professionalism and unwavering dedication in an extremely ambiguous and dangerous operational environment. Through his command, he ensured the Australian Defence Force's contribution to Coalition operations in Afghanistan and the Gulf region enhanced Australia's reputation and professionalism.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

Australian Army

- Captain A, NSW

For distinguished leadership in action as a platoon commander on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Major B, WA

For distinguished leadership in action while the officer commanding on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan 2009/2010.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Major Brenton John RUSSELL, Qld

For distinguished leadership in action while the Officer Commanding, Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team Charlie, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2 in Afghanistan in 2009.

Major Russell commanded his operational mentoring and liaison team with distinction during combat operations in Afghanistan. His exemplary ability to build relationships with the 2nd Kandak and other Coalition forces has led to a highly strengthened partnership and significant development of the Afghan National Army. His outstanding performance and impeccable judgement have contributed extensively to the security of Uruzgan Province and the improvement of the lives of the Afghan people.

- Warrant Officer Class Two S, NSW

For distinguished leadership in action as a team commander during Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Major David Anthony TROTTER, ACT

For distinguished leadership in action while a combat team commander on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from July 2009 to February 2010.

Major Trotter commanded his combat team with distinction during combat operations in Afghanistan. Under his command, Combat Team Alpha struck a blow to the insurgency, denying the enemy access to caches and influence over Coalition forces and the local population. His exemplary planning ability, distinguished leadership and impeccable judgement contributed significantly to the remarkable achievements of his combat team and to the success of battle group operations.

- Captain Michael Anthony WHITNEY, Qld

For distinguished leadership in action while the Chinook Troop Commander, Rotary Wing Group 4 on Operation SLIPPER in southern Afghanistan from July to October 2009.

Captain Whitney distinguished himself through outstanding leadership as the Chinook Troop Commander of Rotary Wing Group 4 in Afghanistan. Leading many Australian and United States airlift missions within southern Afghanistan, he displayed a calm and deliberate response when under

enemy fire. His leadership and composure under fire repeatedly provided his crew and subordinates with the inspiration to complete their missions.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Royal Australian Navy

- Lieutenant Commander Benjamin DALTON RAN, WA

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations as the Operations Officer HMAS Toowoomba, on Operation SLIPPER in the Middle East Area of Operations from June to November 2009.

As the Operations Officer HMAS Toowoomba, Lieutenant Commander Dalton displayed outstanding professionalism, dedication, diligence, attention to detail and organisational skill. He was selfless in the pursuit of excellence, markedly improving the effectiveness of the ship's operations room and warfare teams. His personal efforts directly contributed to the ship's success in supporting Combined Maritime Force operations and enhanced the reputation of the Royal Australian Navy.

Australian Army

- Corporal B, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action as a team commander on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Sapper William James BARRY, Qld

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action while a combat engineer in Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2 on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Sapper Barry was thrown from his protected mobility vehicle when it was blown up by an improvised explosive device. After he regained consciousness, he displayed selflessness and physical courage when he immediately moved back to the vehicle and discovered 2 soldiers with serious injuries. Without direction, he triaged and treated both casualties and, when the evacuation helicopter arrived, he assisted with their evacuation. Only when the incident site was stable did he inform others of his own injuries.

- Captain C, NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action while a platoon commander on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

- Corporal Jacqui Marie DE GELDER, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations in the application of medical knowledge and for skill, courage and selflessness while in Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2, on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Corporal De Gelder demonstrated a distinguished level of skill, medical knowledge and selflessness while attending multiple incidents involving seriously injured or dying personnel, including Australians,

Afghan National Army and local nationals. On 2 separate occasions she provided life and limb saving medical care to multiple casualties using her superior skills and knowledge to prevent haemorrhage and further decline. Corporal De Gelder's swift and responsive actions played a decisive role in casualty treatment and troop morale.

- Major Nigel Halifax EARNSHAW, ACT

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations while the Officer Commanding, Security Detachment XV, on Operation KRUGER in Iraq from May 2009 to January 2010.

Major Earnshaw displayed distinguished leadership and outstanding military and diplomatic skills in the delivery of security support to Australia's diplomatic mission to Iraq. He developed flawless plans, and changed tactics and procedures associated with the transition from the Australian Light Armoured Vehicle to commercial armoured sports utility vehicles. Through his outstanding leadership, his force was highly effective despite the significant changes to Australian force command arrangements and the increasing boldness of insurgent forces as the United States forces moved into a more supervisory role.

- Captain K, Vic

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action as a platoon commander on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009 and 2010.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Captain L, WA

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action as a troop commander on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Captain M, NSW

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations while a troop commander on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

- Corporal Joshua Leigh RAWARD, Qld

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action while a security section second-in-command and section commander in Mentor and Reconstruction Task Force 2 on Operation SLIPPER.

Corporal Raward led his section with distinction, providing excellent mentoring and training for Afghan Army personnel and demonstrating outstanding leadership on operations. Following an explosion which seriously injured an Afghan soldier, he remained calm, secured his troops and delivered first aid to the injured soldier. On another occasion he was seriously injured by an improvised explosive device. He calmly extracted himself from the situation and, at the time and on his return to full duties, he inspired others by his courage, toughness and professional conduct.

- Lieutenant John McKinnon WESTHORPE, Qld

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations and in action while Platoon Commander, 5 Platoon, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2 in Afghanistan in 2009.

Lieutenant Westhorpe distinguished himself through outstanding leadership of his platoon. He led many patrols in the Mirabad region that successfully encountered the enemy. He exercised his command with vigour and consistently out-manoeuvred the enemy. His platoon frequently discovered caches and improvised explosive devices, and reduced the enemy's effectiveness. His leadership and composure under fire repeatedly provided his platoon with the inspiration to gain the initiative and neutralise the threat.

Royal Australian Air Force

- Flight Lieutenant Alan Ross TURNER, NSW

For distinguished performance of duty in warlike operations while the Medical Officer and Aero-Evacuation Operations Officer - East, Force Support Team - Kandahar, Force Support Unit - 2 during Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from August 2009 to April 2010.

Flight Lieutenant Turner consistently displayed distinguished trauma and resuscitation expertise and clinical supervision while deployed to the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit at Kandahar Air Field. He significantly enhanced the procedures for aero-medical evacuation of Australian casualties from Afghanistan and the contribution of Australian service personnel to the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit's Walking Blood Bank. His achievements are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

Australian Army

- Private A, Vic

For acts of gallantry in action while a machine-gunner under enemy fire in Afghanistan in January 2010.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Private Marley Clifton BIRD, Qld

For acts of gallantry in action while a rifleman and Acting Section Second-in-Command, 6 Section, Combat Team Bravo, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force 2 during Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan from July 2009 to February 2010.

Private Bird consistently displayed courage, dedication and tenacity in the face of persistent pressure from a resourceful and adaptive enemy in the Mirabad Valley. He demonstrated leadership and initiative under fire on numerous occasions and his actions were a source of inspiration for other soldiers. His ability to consider stressful situations clearly and to determine viable options to deal with the threat has greatly assisted his platoon to take the advantage from the insurgents. His initiative and presence of mind have allowed him to act resourcefully and without direction.

- Private J, NSW

For acts of gallantry in action as a team member during heavy and sustained enemy fire on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Corporal J, WA

For acts of gallantry in action while a patrol signaller and joint terminal air controller Afghanistan in 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)

Royal Australian Navy

- Commander John Joseph COWAN RAN, ACT

For outstanding devotion to duty as Commanding Officer HMAS Sirius.

Commander Cowan consistently achieved outstanding results as the Commanding Officer of HMAS Sirius, leading his people to achieve excellence at sea and ashore. His shining example of unwavering leadership and absolute commitment set a benchmark for all, and his professionalism and dedication were consistently of the highest order.

- Captain Robert Harold ELLIOTT RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Director of the Anzac Class Anti-Ship Missile Defence Upgrade Project.

Captain Elliott has made a very significant contribution to the Royal Australian Navy in the field of weapons electrical engineering and project management. As the Director of the Anzac Class Anti-Ship Missile Defence Upgrade Project, Captain Elliott directed critical redevelopment of the Project Acquisition Strategy to present to Government a viable, achievable program for delivery of optimal protection for Anzac Class ships from missile attack. Through tireless consultation and keen co-operation with Defence and wider Government agencies, Captain Elliott has been instrumental in the achievement of whole-of-Government endorsement of the Project.

- Captain Stephen Grant ELMS RAN, United States of America

For outstanding devotion to duty as Director Navy Training.

Captain Elms has proven to be an exceptional leader and role model during a dynamic period of change and reform. His ethics, loyalty, commitment and dedication have been of the highest calibre and he has achieved outstanding results for the Royal Australian Navy's Training Force. His exceptional personal qualities and devotion to his duty as Director Navy Training have set the foundation upon which training in the Royal Australian Navy will prosper in the future.

- Chief Petty Officer Wayne Gregory LIMBERT, NSW

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Staff Officer of the Australian Defence Force Academy Cadets Mess.

Chief Petty Officer Limbert has made an outstanding contribution to the development of midshipmen and officer cadets at the Australian Defence Force Academy. During the past 4 years he has been a skilful and dedicated mentor for successive generations of midshipmen and cadets, and he has revitalised the management of the largest Officers' Mess in the Australian Defence Force. In doing this, he has been an exceptional role model, not just for officers in training but also for his peers and seniors.

- Captain Stephen John O'KEEFE RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Chief of Staff Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre.

Captain O'Keefe is an exceptional officer who consistently demonstrated inspirational leadership, innovation and outstanding dedication to duty during a period of complex and far reaching change in the delivery of joint doctrine, training and peace operations at the Australian Defence Force Warfare Centre. He played a critical role in the successful transformation of the Centre into the Joint Warfare Doctrine and Training Centre in an environment that required re-allocation of military resources, innovative approaches to the use of non-military staff and courageous solutions to a range of complex problems.

Australian Army

- Major Sisto Nickolai BERNARDO, Vic

For outstanding achievement on the Army Staff within the Force Development Group.

Major Bernardo is a conspicuously able and indefatigable officer who has displayed exemplary initiative and dedication throughout his appointments at the Land Warfare Development Centre. His sustained application has been evident in his leadership and the delivery of force development documents that will shape the Australian Army's future, an achievement made particularly noteworthy by his involvement in many other military and civic duties. In every respect his performance has been superlative and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Australian Army.

- Lieutenant Colonel Frederick David COBAIN, Qld

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Battle Command Wing, Combat Training Centre, in the preparation of Battle Group Headquarters for operational service.

Lieutenant Colonel Cobain has displayed outstanding professional excellence in the training of Battle Group Headquarters for warfighting contingencies and operational deployments. His determined leadership and meticulous planning have delivered an innovative and challenging range of exercises and mission specific training that has enhanced the quality of Australian battle staff performance in demanding operational environments.

- Colonel Graham Alan DURANT-LAW, NSW

For outstanding achievement in project management, strategic reform agenda implementation and the development and acquisition of an e-health system for Defence.

Colonel Durant-Law is an exceptional officer who has throughout his career displayed extraordinary dedication to duty, the highest level of professionalism and outstanding leadership within Joint Health Command. Colonel Durant-Law has been influential in developing and implementing the Joint Health Command strategic reform program. He has shown exactitude, professionalism and dedication, particularly in leading the complex e-health agenda for Defence.

- Lieutenant Colonel Lionel HAYNES, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Industrial Relations and Remuneration, Personnel Branch - Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Haynes has consistently demonstrated outstanding technical knowledge, judgment, leadership, deep practical thoughts and dedication to duty in the area of industrial relations and remuneration for Australian Army personnel through establishing formal career pay, trade and

promotion pay structures allowing for the alignment of trade and remuneration initiatives. His substantial achievements have been a result of his selfless dedication and resolve to ensure effective remuneration of the Australian Army's workforce. Lieutenant Colonel Haynes is an outstanding officer whose efforts have brought credit upon himself, Army Headquarters and the Australian Army.

- Colonel Scott Walter HICKS, ACT

For outstanding achievement to the Australian Army as Director Workforce Strategy.

Colonel Hicks is an exceptional officer whose drive, commitment and dedication have made a significant and enduring contribution to the Australian Army in the area of workforce strategy and analysis. Colonel Hicks' tireless efforts over successive strategic reform initiatives have established the strategic direction for the development of an agile and adaptive workforce. His personal efforts have created life changing opportunities for young Australians and impacted directly on the Australian Army's workforce capability, now and into the future.

- Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Robert MEACHAM, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.

Lieutenant Colonel Meacham is a dedicated officer whose leadership, professionalism and enthusiasm as the Commanding Officer have directly resulted in improved leadership training. His focused and inspirational leadership has resulted in the positioning of the Academy as an innovative training establishment that designs and delivers adaptive and challenging training. His personal drive and enthusiasm have improved significantly the quality of training delivered to the Australian Army's warrant officers and non-commissioned officers.

- Major Marcos Leonardo MEDINA DSM, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Officer Commanding the Army Explosive Hazards Centre.

Major Medina adroitly commanded the Explosive Hazards Centre to deliver focused, realistic, timely and professional training to Counter-Improvised Explosive Device specialists and the broader population of personnel deploying on operations. His enthusiasm to impart considerable operational and technical counter Improvised Explosive Device knowledge has greatly enhanced the Australian Defence Force's understanding of, and preparation for, the threat faced in the Middle East and other operational areas.

- Lieutenant Colonel Leo Michael MONKIVITCH, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Deputy Director Munitions - Land, Munitions Branch, Defence Materiel Organisation.

Lieutenant Colonel Monkivitch is an exceptional officer who achieved outstanding results in improving the availability of explosive ordnance to support the Australian Army's capability. Lieutenant Colonel Monkivitch developed detailed investment plans that carefully balanced priorities within the limits of available funding, culminating in a significant improvement in the health of the Australian Army's explosive ordnance inventory.

- Colonel Linda Karen REYNOLDS, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Director of Army Strategic Reform Program coordination.

Colonel Reynolds has resolutely led the team involved with progressing and coordinating the Australian Army's commitments to meeting the requirements of the Government-directed Strategic

Reform Program. The exemplary results achieved by the team are due to Colonel Reynolds' drive, determination, hard work and inspirational leadership. Her performance of duty has been in accordance with the highest standards of the Australian Army.

- Lieutenant Colonel Colin Gordon RILEY, Tas

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the 12th/40th Battalion, The Royal Tasmania Regiment.

Lieutenant Colonel Riley has raised the efficiency, effectiveness and capability performance, not only of his Battalion but also of the Army Reserve in Tasmania. Through exceptional command, management, leadership and engagement with the community, he has been instrumental in raising his unit's numbers by 35 per cent in the 14 months to February 2010. He has enhanced the unit's operational readiness so that 21 per cent of the unit's members participated on operations in the year to June 2009, and the unit has doubled its Reserve Response Force and High Readiness Reserve capability.

- Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Ross SHADDOCK, ACT

For outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Health Materiel Logistics and Pharmacy within Joint Health Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Shaddock is a dedicated officer whose tireless efforts have advanced Defence health materiel and health logistics management, leading to transformational reform. His inspirational leadership and passionate advocacy have significantly progressed the practice of pharmacy and the professional development of pharmacists in Defence. Lieutenant Colonel Shaddock's service has been in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps.

Royal Australian Air Force

- Wing Commander Patrick Joseph COOPER, Vic

For outstanding achievement as Chief, Joint Airspace Control Cell, Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Through exceptional dedication, professionalism and commitment, Wing Commander Cooper developed and implemented enhanced Defence airspace management procedures within Headquarters Joint Operations Command. His work delivered new and innovative solutions to airspace control for a number of events of national significance; ensuring safety in the complex civil/military aviation environment. His outstanding performance is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

- Squadron Leader Damien David HARE, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Chief Engineer at Air Movements Training and Development Unit, Royal Australian Air Force Base Richmond.

Squadron Leader Hare has consistently displayed selfless dedication, professional excellence, outstanding leadership and visionary focus in the management and development of Air Movements Training and Development Unit engineering processes. His dedication led to the achievement and maintenance of world class engineering standards, and greatly improved unit pride and customer satisfaction.

- Wing Commander Brock James McKINLAY, ACT

For outstanding achievement as a Deputy Director within the Directorate of Personnel - Air Force.

Wing Commander McKinlay is an exceptional officer who has consistently displayed professional excellence, sustained vision, superior initiative and outstanding dedication to duty in a complex, dynamic personnel environment. His liberalisation of Royal Australian Air Force personnel policy and implementation of increasingly flexible mechanisms to enhance individual and organisational choice for service personnel has made a significant and lasting contribution to the Royal Australian Air Force's personnel capability.

- Wing Commander Neil Franklin PEARSON, NSW

For outstanding achievement as Commanding Officer of Tactical Transport Logistic Management Unit.

Wing Commander Pearson is an outstanding officer who has consistently displayed exceptional knowledge, inspirational leadership and an outstanding dedication to duty. Through his tireless drive, initiative and dedication, he has developed and implemented detailed strategies to improve support to the C130 aircraft fleet and deliver timely solutions to logistic and engineering issues for the Middle East Area of Operations detachment. As a Commanding Officer and an inspirational leader, he has motivated his unit to deliver increased levels of support during a period of considerable change and uncertainty, earning him the admiration of his peers, subordinates and superiors.

- Squadron Leader Phillip Neil PENDER, NSW

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer of the Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School.

Squadron Leader Pender is an exceptional officer and inspirational leader whose outstanding leadership and professionalism were instrumental in enabling the Defence Explosive Ordnance Training School to meet a steady increase in demand for common Explosive Ordnance training, rising in 2009 to more than 150 per cent of the 2005 start-up rate of effort for the School. Squadron Leader Pender has made a lasting contribution to operational capability through flexible programming and delivery of Explosive Ordnance training to Navy, Army, Air Force, Joint Logistics and Defence Materiel Organisation personnel.

- Wing Commander David Anthony RIDDEL, NSW

For outstanding achievement during the rapid introduction of the Heron Remotely Piloted Vehicle and associated intelligence support system to Afghanistan.

Wing Commander Riddel's outstanding leadership and performance in relation to his management of the rapid and highly successful introduction of the Heron system to Afghanistan have allowed the system to become an increasingly critical component of the deployed force structure. His achievements are underpinned by significant and ongoing personal dedication and selflessness, and bring great credit upon himself, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)

Royal Australian Navy

- Lieutenant Commander Simon Jon HOWARD RAN, WA

For devotion to duty as the Executive Officer of HMAS Toowoomba.

Lieutenant Commander Howard's outstanding commitment was fundamental in ensuring that HMAS Toowoomba emerged from a short-notice docking ready to move through a very challenging period of materiel preparations and most demanding Unit and Mission Readiness work up and evaluations. His

efforts underpinned HMAS Toowoomba's readiness for a high-tempo deployment to the Middle East Area of Operations.

- Petty Officer Renai IRVINE, ACT

For devotion to duty as Office Manager to Chief of Navy.

Petty Officer Irvine is a sailor of the highest professional calibre who has devoted herself to providing both Chief of Navy and his Office with unwavering service as she has assiduously pursued her many and demanding duties as Office Manager. Petty Officer Irvine's efforts have promoted the standing of the Royal Australian Navy's highest office, and her exemplary initiative, diligence and dedication have elevated the support directly available to Chief of Navy.

- Chief Petty Officer Brett Neil SHEAD, NSW

For devotion to duty as the main propulsion senior maintainer and Marine Engineering department regulator aboard HMAS Sydney.

Chief Petty Officer Shead is an outstanding senior sailor who consistently displays exceptional qualities of mature judgement, integrity and meticulous attention to detail in the execution of his duties. His work ethics are underpinned by the core service values, ensuring a superior level of professionalism is adhered to when dealing with personnel, equipment or operations. His efforts as the main propulsion senior maintainer and Marine Engineering department regulator have been central to HMAS Sydney's successful completion of training, maintenance and overseas deployments.

- Chief Petty Officer Lisa Jayne TERRY, WA

For devotion to duty as the Combat System Manager aboard HMAS Anzac.

Chief Petty Officer Terry has provided enduring, exceptional service as a senior sailor in the Royal Australian Navy. Her role as Combat System Manager has seen her excel as a manager and a trainer. Her liaison at all levels has ensured HMAS Anzac's capability has been maintained at the highest possible level. Her role as a mentor, especially to junior female sailors, has been inspirational. Chief Petty Officer Terry is a truly outstanding sailor who accepts responsibility with enthusiasm and loyalty beyond the call of duty.

Australian Army

- Lieutenant Colonel Dana ALEXANDER, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade 2 Personnel and Logistics of the 11th Brigade.

Lieutenant Colonel Alexander's leadership, drive and enthusiasm were instrumental in the successful undertaking of activities within 11th Brigade, including the preparation of a reserve Company for Operation ANODE, relocation of Brigade Headquarters, establishment of the Brigade Operational Support Companies and maintenance of the highest standards within the Technical Regulatory Framework. Lieutenant Colonel Alexander's outstanding leadership and interpersonal skills contributed to maximum outcomes in the personnel and logistics activities of the Brigade.

- Sergeant Thomas Kevin BAUER, Qld

For meritorious achievement as a forward repair team leader and maintenance manager with Timor-Leste Aviation Group XII on Operation ASTUTE from October 2009 to February 2010.

Sergeant Bauer is an outstanding individual whose superior trade knowledge, dedication and leadership skills directly resulted in a reliable aircraft fleet in East Timor. His leadership and dedication inspired his peers and directly contributed to the ongoing availability of Black Hawk aircraft for Joint Task Force 631 tasking. His efforts made a considerable contribution to the continuous availability of night aero-medical evacuation capability in East Timor.

- Warrant Officer Class One Gregory Lance BOBBIN, Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Operator Administrative Technical Manager for Headquarters 3rd Brigade.

Warrant Officer Bobbin has demonstrated exceptional dedication in his role at Headquarters 3rd Brigade. His devotion to duty and his exemplary commitment to the attainment of best practice in personnel administration have ensured a high level of personnel readiness across the 3rd Brigade, assisted by his extremely valuable refinements to the Unit Administrative Advisory Check and his development of administrative personnel. His professionalism and dedication have been instrumental to the operational effectiveness of the 3rd Brigade.

- Corporal Phillip Gregory BULL, Qld

For meritorious achievement as the Manager Command Support Systems, Headquarters Joint Task Force 631 on Operation ASTUTE in East Timor from May 2009 to February 2010.

Corporal Bull, through his dedication, technical expertise in information technology and telecommunications, greatly enhanced information flows, command and control and welfare support on Operation ASTUTE. The redevelopment of the network which he oversaw significantly enhanced morale, particularly over the Christmas period, and his work had a direct effect on improved information management and work productivity within the joint task force.

- Major Matthew James DWYER, ACT

For meritorious achievement as the Platoon Commander Ammunition Platoon, Army School of Ordnance, at the Army Logistic Training Centre.

Captain Dwyer has been the driving force behind the remediation of the Australian Army's Ammunition Technical training capability. His efforts have established an ab initio entry for the trade, revised the entire training continuum, established a Masters of Systems Engineering into the Ammunition Technical Officer course, and transitioned the trade from the logistic family to the technical family for remuneration. His work in these areas will have a lasting impact on the Ammunition Technician trade and enhance the Australian Army's capability in the holistic 'cradle to grave' management of explosive ordnance.

- Major Martin Neil HOLMES, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade Two Operations and Exercises, Joint Operations Support Staff, New South Wales.

Major Holmes' performance and achievements as Staff Officer Grade Two Operations and Exercises, Joint Operations Support Staff, New South Wales has been exemplary. His consistent application of exceptional judgement, professionalism and initiative ensured highly efficient and effective support to operations, exercises and emergency responses, thereby significantly contributing to their success. Through his tireless efforts he has fostered excellent relations between Defence, the state and regional authorities, and the wider community.

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- Lieutenant Colonel Martin Jeffery McKONE, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Personnel Policy – Army.

Lieutenant Colonel McKone has consistently demonstrated an exemplary understanding of policy, a tireless and determined work ethic, clear judgment, leadership and selfless dedication to duty in the area of personnel policy. He has formalised and developed policy for military personnel and for schemes with wider implications on the youth and Indigenous sectors of Australian society. His substantial achievements have been a result of his enduring dedication to ensuring correct application of personnel policy in the Australian Army and the military community. Lieutenant Colonel McKone's strategic vision and efforts have brought credit upon himself and the Australian Army.

- Sergeant R SG, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the development of the capability within the Regiment.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

- Warrant Officer Class One Matthew James SULLIVAN, Vic

For meritorious achievement as the Artillery Adviser for the Land 17 Artillery Replacement Project in support of the delivery of operational capability.

Warrant Officer Sullivan has been instrumental to the successful introduction of the Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System as the Australian Army's joint fire support command and control capability. Through his extraordinary efforts and exceptional dedication to duty, the Artillery Replacement Project has been able to provide a solid foundation for the effective delivery of operational capability to the Australian Army and the broader joint offensive support community.

- Lieutenant Colonel Matthew VERTZONIS RFD, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Staff Officer (Strategic Reform Program) Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division.

Lieutenant Colonel Vertzonis' contribution to a number of major activities aimed at enhancing the Australian Defence Force Reserves capabilities, particularly through the Defence White Paper and Strategic Reform Program, has been central to shaping the Reserve that will serve Australia in the future. He is an outstanding officer who readily accepts additional tasks and responsibilities with intelligence, enthusiasm and commitment.

- Warrant Officer Class Two W, NSW

For meritorious achievement in the Regiment over an extended period.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.

Royal Australian Air Force

- Warrant Officer Andrew John CROSS, NSW

For meritorious achievement as Warrant Officer Operations for the Australian Defence Force Tactical Data Link Authority, and Initial Common Support Infrastructure Project Manager for Joint Project 2089 Phase 2A.

Warrant Officer Cross' leadership and management as the Initial Common Support Infrastructure Project Manager for JP2089 Phase 2A were consistently meritorious and were crucial in the

development of the Defence Tactical Data Link communications capability. His leadership has brought great credit upon himself and the Tactical Information Exchange Integration Office, and is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

- Squadron Leader Craig Brian DARBY, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Senior Engineering Officer at Number 2 Operational Conversion Unit, Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamstown.

Squadron Leader Darby's professionalism, leadership and dedication were consistently of the highest order. He implemented highly successful and sustainable workforce initiatives and maintenance reform programs that enabled the Number 2 Operational Conversion Unit to meet all F/A-18 Hornet Pilot training mission requirements despite significant resource constraints and ageing airframe issues, an increasing number of Special Technical Inspections, and Authorised Maintenance Organisation regulatory requirements.

- Flight Sergeant Jenny Leigh DILLON, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Medical Support and Policy Subject Matter Expert within the Directorate of Personnel - Air Force.

Flight Sergeant Dillon's diligence, initiative and professional excellence have seen her positively influence health policy to ensure better health outcomes for service personnel and, consequently, enhance the Royal Australian Air Force's personnel capability. Her superior analytical skills, outstanding practical expertise and tireless devotion to duty have ensured equitable and expedient treatment of Air Force Reserve members in the often highly emotive and sensitive area of service members' health.

- Warrant Officer Craig Stephen MORRIS, NSW

For meritorious achievement as the Warrant Officer Engineer at Number 2 Squadron.

Warrant Officer Morris' superior performance has played a critical role in Number 2 Squadron's high level of preparedness to receive the Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft into service. His extraordinary efforts have ensured high morale and a more effective use of the technical workforce via the implementation of improved maintenance practices. Under challenging circumstances his exceptional leadership and outstanding devotion to duty have brought great credit to himself and the Royal Australian Air Force.

- Warrant Officer Mark Gregory PENTREATH, Vic

For meritorious achievement as the Executive Warrant Officer at Aerospace Operational Support Group, Royal Australian Air Force Base Edinburgh.

Warrant Officer Pentreath is an outstanding airman who demonstrates exemplary leadership and superior knowledge to his peers and subordinates alike. His tireless efforts and superior initiative in devising and implementing a tailored leadership program across the Corporal to Flight Lieutenant cohort of the Aerospace Operational Support Group and the establishment of the Senior Airman Leadership Team have brought great credit upon himself. His achievements are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Air Force.

BAR to the CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC and Bar)

Royal Australian Navy

- Commodore Stuart Campbell MAYER CSC RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement in a non-warlike situation as the Commander Joint Task Force 631 on Operation ASTUTE in East Timor from October 2009 to February 2010.

Commodore Mayer is an exceptional naval officer who displayed consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership and initiative, and outstanding dedication to duty in the stable but fragile security environment of East Timor. Commodore Mayer's exceptional leadership of Joint Task Force 631 was crucial to the successful restructure of the joint headquarters and the transition of the primary mission to providing development of the East Timor security sector.

Australian Army

- Colonel Mark Andrew BREWER CSC, ACT

For outstanding achievement in a non-warlike situation as Commander Joint Task Force 629 on Operation PADANG ASSIST in the aftermath of the 30 September 2009 earthquake in western Sumatra.

As Commander Joint Task Force 629, Colonel Brewer's commanding presence, insight, interpersonal skills and proportionate responses when dealing with Indonesian, international and other Australian authorities enabled a highly successful Australian humanitarian relief operation to tens of thousands of earthquake victims in western Sumatra. Under his command the joint task force saved lives and enhanced the relationship between Australia and Indonesia.

Royal Australian Navy

- Commodore Stuart Campbell MAYER CSC RAN, NSW

For outstanding achievement in a non-warlike situation as the Commander Joint Task Force 631 on Operation ASTUTE in East Timor from October 2009 to February 2010.

Commodore Mayer is an exceptional naval officer who displayed consistent professional excellence, inspirational leadership and initiative, and outstanding dedication to duty in the stable but fragile security environment of East Timor. Commodore Mayer's exceptional leadership of Joint Task Force 631 was crucial to the successful restructure of the joint headquarters and the transition of the primary mission to providing development of the East Timor security sector.

BAR to the DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC and Bar)

Australian Army

- Colonel V DSC, NSW

For distinguished command and leadership in action as a commanding officer on Operation SLIPPER in Afghanistan in June 2009.

Details not available at the request of the Department of Defence.