



Government House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

14 April 2014

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following honorary appointment within the Military Division of the Order of Australia:

## ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

*Honorary Officer (AO) in the Military Division*

**General John R Allen**, United States Marine Corps, Retired

For distinguished service to the International Campaign Against Terrorism as the Commander of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan from 18 July 2011 to 10 February 2013.

**By His Excellency's Command**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Stephen Brady'.

**Stephen Brady CVO**

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

**APPOINTED AN HONORARY OFFICER (AO)**  
**IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA**

**General John R Allen**, United States Marine Corps, Retired

For distinguished service to the International Campaign Against Terrorism as the Commander of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan from 18 July 2011 to 10 February 2013.

General Allen led Coalition forces, including Australian Defence Force members, to great effect in a complex strategic and operational environment. Under his leadership, the security situation in Afghanistan improved measurably, creating the space for transition of lead security responsibility to Afghan National Security Forces. His efforts on Australia's behalf helped secure Australia's interests in Afghanistan and won the universal confidence of Australian servicemen and women.