

## **BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC and Bar)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Lieutenant Colonel N**

For distinguished command and leadership in warlike operations as the Commanding Officer of Special Operations Task Group 632 on Operation OKRA.

Lieutenant Colonel N's influence, knowledge and leadership directly contributed to the combat achievements of Iraqi security forces. His service on Operation OKRA underpinned Task Group 632's mission to Advise and Assist the Iraqi Security Forces. Through his distinguished leadership, innovation and engagement, Lieutenant Colonel N enabled the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service to achieve superior combat results and earned his unit the highest recognition from senior coalition leadership.

## **BAR TO THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM and Bar)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Lieutenant Colonel David William McCAMMON DSM, NSW**

For distinguished leadership as Commanding Officer Training Task Unit of Task Group Taji Three in Iraq from May to December 2016.

Lieutenant Colonel McCammon demonstrated superior leadership, planning and coordination skills to enhance the capacity of the Training Task Unit, deliver training to over 9000 Iraqi Army soldiers, and then equip and train five Iraqi Brigades during a highly demanding operational period. Lieutenant Colonel McCammon made a significant contribution to the combat capability of the Iraqi Security Forces and enhanced the reputation of Australian Defence Force operations in Iraq.

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Captain B**

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations as a commander of a Special Forces Advisory Team.

Captain B's continued engagement with international partners has proven instrumental in fielding this enabling capability within the Task Group. He has delivered exceptional results that have contributed significantly to the reputational status of the Australian Army amongst both the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service and other Coalition Special Operations forces.

## ***Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)***

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Lieutenant Colonel Stephen Andrew JENKINS, Qld**

For distinguished leadership in the development and delivery of officer training capability for the Afghan National Army on Operation HIGHROAD from February 2016 to March 2017.

Lieutenant Colonel Jenkins displayed outstanding leadership and a highly developed ability to work across cultural boundaries as Senior Mentor to the Commanding Officer 2nd Kandak and leader of the 2nd Kandak Advisory Team. He was instrumental in the delivery of first-class training, advice and assistance to the leaders and training staff of the Afghan National Army Officer Academy.

### **Colonel Andrew David LOWE AM, NSW**

For distinguished leadership as the Commander Task Group Taji Three on Operation OKRA from May 2016 to December 2016.

Colonel Lowe improved the combat capability of the Iraqi Security Forces through the combined Australian and New Zealand contribution to 'build partner capacity' training of the Iraqi Army. Through his leadership, Task Group Taji Three excelled in providing training support to a complex and evolving operational environment. Colonel Lowe's outstanding performance of command significantly enhanced Australia's reputation with Iraqi and Coalition forces.

## ***Royal Australian Air Force***

### **Wing Commander M**

For distinguished leadership in warlike operations on Operation OKRA.

Wing Commander M's composed and purposeful leadership style, skilful supervision of flying operations and exemplary personnel management inspired his unit to deliver outstanding air power in support of Operation OKRA objectives. His actions ensured the survival and continued operational effectiveness of friendly forces while protecting civilians in proximity to the fighting.

## **COMMENDATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Colonel Tony ARCHER, ACT**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Chief of Future Operations, while deployed on Operation HIGHROAD from June 2015 to July 2016.

Colonel Archer demonstrated exceptional leadership and meticulous attention to detail as the lead operational planner for the Resolute Support Mission. He has been instrumental in the development of strategic outcomes and policy framework that have ensured accountability and enabled the prioritisation of forces to achieve operational objectives. Through his efforts, the Afghan National Defence Forces achieved strategic success in combat operations that has had an enduring impact and directly enhanced the reputation and profile of Australia's contribution to the Resolute Support Mission.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Peter James CONROY, ACT**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations providing Security Force Assistance to the Afghan National Army 205th 'Atul' Corps while deployed on Operation HIGHROAD.

Lieutenant Colonel Conroy displayed exceptional professionalism and dedication to duty in assuming significant additional staff and advisory responsibilities as the Chief of Staff to the 205th Corps Advisory Team. His leadership, teamwork and staff acumen were instrumental in ensuring that advisory efforts aligned with the strategic development objectives of Headquarters Resolute Support Mission. His efforts directly contributed to the development of sustainable combat and logistic capabilities for the 205th 'Atul' Corps.

#### **Colonel Matthew James CUTTELL, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Chief of Operations, Headquarters Combined Joint Force Land Component Command-Iraq, while deployed on Operation OKRA, from March to December 2016.

Colonel Cuttell's exemplary command presence and ability to provide superior advice on complex issues during dynamic battlefield incidents, focussed the headquarters staff effort and imbued confidence in forward deployed Coalition forces and Iraqi Security Forces. His tactical insight and skill in enabling combat forces in a challenging operational environment significantly enhanced situational understanding and contributed directly to the success of the mission.

## ***Commendation for Distinguished Service (continued)***

### ***Australian Army (continued)***

#### **Captain Lucas Michael HOLT, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Current Operational Plans Officer for Headquarters Train, Advise, Assist Command - South on Operation HIGHROAD from May 2016 to November 2016.

Captain Holt demonstrated the highest levels of operational planning ability. He was instrumental in the planning and execution of the Expeditionary Advising Package concept; the primary method of providing intimate support to the Afghan National Defence and Security Force elements. His tireless efforts supported synchronisation and delivery of effects for numerous missions throughout southern Afghanistan.

#### **Lance Corporal J**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as a Joint Terminal Air Controller on Operation OKRA, from July to December 2016.

Through superior dedication, technical mastery and exceptional situational awareness, Lance Corporal J generated disproportionate effects in support of Iraqi Special Operation Forces' ground manoeuvre during the liberation of Mosul. He was responsible for over 30 kinetic strikes that significantly contributed to the outcomes of numerous offensive actions by the Iraqi Counter Terrorism Service.

#### **Corporal Stefan Guy PITRUZZELLO, SA**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as a Trainer within Task Group Taji Three in Iraq from May 2016 to December 2016.

Corporal Pitruzzello demonstrated excellence in training and mentoring the Iraqi Army in the conduct of his duties as a Trainer within the Training Task Unit. His contributions to training achieved strategic impacts that directly contributed to increasing the morale and subsequent success of the Iraqi Army. Corporal Pitruzzello is an exceptional soldier who epitomises proficiency in Infantry skills and excellence in tactical leadership in the Australian Army.

### ***Royal Australian Air Force***

#### **Wing Commander D**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as Commander Task Unit 630.2 and Australian Target Engagement Authority within the Combined Air Operations Centre on Operation OKRA from September 2016 to January 2017.

Wing Commander D displayed superior judgement in the authorisation of the application of lethal force for Australian strike aircraft and his improved targeting process within the Combined Air Operations Centre resulted in Coalition air power being used more effectively and efficiently. His implementation of a tailored mental health support strategy showed great regard for the wellbeing of Australian personnel engaged in targeting operations.

## ***Commendation for Distinguished Service (continued)***

### ***Royal Australian Air Force (continued)***

#### **Group Captain Terence Rodney DEETH, NSW**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as Director Combined/Joint Operations, and Senior National Representative, Train Advise Assist Command - Air in Afghanistan on Operation HIGHROAD from March 2016 to March 2017.

Group Captain Deeth demonstrated extraordinary dedication to duty to overcome cultural, tactical and operational differences, in order to deliver a fixed-wing close air support capability for the Afghan Air Force. His exceptional performance and leadership of the Australian contribution to Train Advise Assist Command - Air directly improved the combat capability and security of Afghanistan.

#### **Air Commodore P**

For distinguished performance of duties in warlike operations as the Commander Air Task Group, Middle East Region from July 2016 to February 2017.

Air Commodore P demonstrated superior leadership and dedication in ensuring the ongoing success of Air Task Group operations during a period of high operational tempo. He skilfully balanced the demands of the coalition Air Component Command and Australia's policy guidance to ensure Australia made a valuable and seamless contribution to Coalition operations. Air Commodore P's efforts significantly enhanced the reputation of the Royal Australian Air Force.

## **CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)**

### ***Royal Australian Navy***

#### **Commander Sean Patrick BOWERS RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in enhancing the capability and management of Navy explosive ordnance.

Commander Bowers executed his duties as the Deputy Director of Navy Logistics Support - Explosive Ordnance with outstanding leadership and professionalism. His drive, knowledge and exceptional communication skills have enabled him to engage with stakeholders to significantly improve Navy's explosive ordnance processes and procedures, and to implement a number of reform initiatives in the life-cycle management of explosive ordnance, which have provided systemic and lasting improvements to Navy capability.

#### **Captain Vanessa Louise GANLEY RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in the delivery of intelligence support to joint operations.

Captain Ganley demonstrated exceptional strategic and operational insight across two demanding intelligence appointments in both the Australian Signals Directorate and Headquarters Joint Operations Command. She worked tirelessly to enhance intelligence support to Australian Defence Force operations across the globe. Her foresight and tireless effort have enabled improvement in the provision of intelligence support to Australian Defence Force operations, and substantially enhanced the provision of force protection to deployed personnel.

## ***Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)***

### ***Royal Australian Navy (continued)***

#### **Lieutenant Commander Barbara Jane WOODRUFF RAN, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Fleet Executive Issues Manager and Workplace Behaviour Coordinator in Fleet Command.

Lieutenant Commander Woodruff has provided an exceptional level of service and guidance to the Fleet Senior Leadership Group and Commanding Officers on equity, diversity and workplace behaviour issues. Her professional and meticulous handling of all administrative matters in the management of Fleet Executive Issues and Workplace Behaviour across Fleet Command are underpinned by her outstanding professional knowledge and tireless enthusiasm.

### ***Australian Army***

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Kurt BROWN**

For outstanding achievement in leading, planning and delivering critical operational Communications and Information Systems for Headquarters Joint Operations Command.

Lieutenant Colonel Brown demonstrated outstanding achievement as the Staff Officer Grade One Plans Communications and Information Systems. His exceptional leadership, dedication and professionalism have delivered enduring operational effects in the planning and provision of Communications and Information Systems support to Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2015, to successive operations for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, and in the conduct of military operations in the Middle East Region.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel James Patrick CAMPBELL, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in implementing significant reform in the structure and delivery of Army logistics.

Lieutenant Colonel Campbell executed his duties as the Staff Officer Grade One Logistic Operations within Headquarters Forces Command with outstanding dedication, commitment and leadership of the highest order. He drove a number of reforms which have significantly enhanced Army's logistic agility and been critical to the achievement of Army's inventory reform and integration within the joint force environment. His contribution has made a lasting impact on Army and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Lieutenant Colonel Melanie Paula COCHBAIN, ACT**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Commanding Officer of the Army Personnel Support Centre in the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Cochbain demonstrated outstanding devotion to duty through the delivery of payroll and personnel administration, and personnel support to over 38,000 Army personnel. Her exceptional foresight, initiative and innovation ensured the successful digitisation of Army's unit personnel records, developed and implemented standardised business processes, and were instrumental in the successful implementation of the Command Support Clerk Employment Category.

## ***Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)***

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Colonel Peter John CONNOLLY DSC, ACT**

For outstanding achievement in enhancing the international engagement of the Australian Army.

Colonel Connolly significantly contributed to Army's capabilities and the Australian Defence Force's standing with global defence partners, as the Director of International Engagement within Director General Land Branch, Army Headquarters. His outstanding leadership, vision and considerable personal commitment have resulted in Army proactively managing and prioritising its International Engagement strategy within an operational context, while his diplomatic efforts have significantly enhanced the Australian Defence Force's long term operational capability.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Paul DUNCAN, ACT**

For outstanding devotion to duty as the Operations Officer, Multinational Force and Observers, Sinai, Egypt.

Lieutenant Colonel Duncan's leadership, management and meticulous planning were instrumental in guiding the Force through a period of unprecedented change. He expertly planned and executed complex multinational operations in a non-permissive security environment while providing outstanding leadership to the Australian Contingent. He executed his duties with true dedication, loyalty and integrity, and made a significant and enduring contribution to the Force.

### **Colonel Scott GILLS, Qld**

For outstanding achievement in modernising the intelligence capabilities of the Australian Army.

Colonel Gills demonstrated exceptional understanding of intelligence related issues and superior leadership as the inaugural Director of Land Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Electronic Warfare within Modernisation Branch, Army Headquarters. He improved accountability, harnessed leading edge technology and led the development of a modernisation plan and program strategy to enforce the structured implementation of real capability reforms. His outstanding achievements have ensured that the Australian Army's intelligence capabilities have modernised through a time of significant technological change, competing priorities and personnel constraints.

### **Colonel Suzanne Patricia GRAHAM, UK**

For outstanding achievement as the Commanding Officer Joint Logistics Unit (South Queensland).

Colonel Graham's excellent leadership and application of innovative logistics processes have generated significant savings for Defence and enhanced the support provided to the broad customer organisations of Joint Logistics Unit (South Queensland). The consolidation of unit activities in a condensed period was completed without compromising support to ongoing Defence operations. Colonel Graham's vision, drive and enthusiasm provided inspiration during a historically significant period of change, while delivering a lasting contribution to the Australian Defence Force.

## ***Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)***

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Colonel Phillip John HOGLIN, ACT**

For outstanding achievement as Director Military Personnel Policy in Defence People Group.

Colonel Hoglin demonstrated an outstanding proactive and innovative approach in developing, rationalising and enabling personnel policy. His dedication, exceptional coordination and consultative skills were crucial to accomplishing a large body of work in a politically dynamic environment. Colonel Hoglin's efforts have fundamentally restructured the Australian Defence Force command arrangements and ensured military personnel policy across the Defence organisation was aligned to the First Principles Review - Creating One Defence outcomes.

### **Lieutenant Colonel I**

For outstanding achievement in international engagement and training in the Australian Army.

Lieutenant Colonel I has demonstrated exceptional dedication and superior skills as the Staff Officer Grade One International Engagement. He has enhanced Australia's relationship with regional partners, advanced Army's reputation for professionalism and has significantly grown a sensitive international engagement portfolio within a dynamic and fluid security environment. His remarkable accomplishments over several years of conspicuous service have delivered benefits to the Army and Australian Defence Force.

### **Colonel Shaun Justin LOVE CSM, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in enhancing the strategic, operational and tactical communications capability of the Australian Defence Force.

Colonel Love demonstrated exceptional foresight and innovation as the Director Enabling Systems Development Army, Director General Business Relations in Chief Information Officer Group and Director Land Network Integration, Test and Evaluation-Army over the period 2011 - 2016. His remarkable breadth of knowledge, strategic acumen and outstanding devotion to duty accelerated the development of the Australian Army's Mission Command capabilities. His contribution will have a lasting impact on Army and ultimately the Australian Defence Force's operational capability.

### **Colonel Michelle Irene McGUINNESS, USA**

For outstanding achievement in leadership and training development, and in international liaison.

Lieutenant Colonel McGuinness has demonstrated outstanding leadership as Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Australian Defence Force Academy. Her exemplary stewardship and mentoring of staff; expert development of a contemporary, coherent and sustainable military education program; and superb professionalism in highly challenging circumstances has positively impacted the quality of the graduates; whilst her superb contribution as Assistant Military Attaché to the United States of America has significantly enhanced relationships with the United States Army and Marine Corps.

## ***Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)***

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Colonel Brett Nathan MOUSLEY, NSW**

For outstanding achievement as the Deputy and Team Leader of the Capability Life Cycle Project Team.

Colonel Mousley displayed superior expertise and professional skill throughout an extended period of significant demand and intense scrutiny, as he led the Capability Life Cycle Project Team to develop one of the most significant Defence reforms in decades. His outstanding achievements will contribute to the development of more affordable, capable and timely capabilities for the Australian Defence Force.

### **Colonel Penelope Anne-Louise SAULTRY, ACT**

For outstanding achievement in providing legal advice to the Australian Defence Force, particularly in the areas of counter-terrorism, strategic operations and security.

Colonel Cumming demonstrated exceptional commitment, tenacity and skill in her performance of concurrent duties as Director of Operations and Security Law and as Director of Army Legal Services from January 2015 to January 2017. In these dual appointments, she has consistently provided timely, practical and actionable legal advice, as well as contributing to the capability and development of the Army Legal Corps. Colonel Cumming's accomplishments will continue to generate significant efficiencies and benefits for the Australian Defence Force for years to come.

### **Lieutenant Colonel W**

For outstanding achievement in advancing logistic governance and capability management within Special Operations Command.

Lieutenant Colonel W has made an outstanding and enduring contribution to advancing logistic governance and capability management within Special Operations Command. His exceptional dedication to duty and leadership has created a culture of continuous improvement while his exemplary work ethic and professionalism have produced exceptional outcomes that directly enhance Australia's Special Operations capability.

## ***Royal Australian Air Force***

### **Group Captain Julie ADAMS, ACT**

For outstanding achievement in training development and delivery at Number 1 Recruit Training Unit, Royal Australian Air Force.

Group Captain Adams is an inspirational leader and commander whose superb change management, outstanding devotion to duty, and extraordinary achievements have significantly enhanced the Royal Australian Air Force's ability to deliver recruit training for Permanent and Reserve members with significantly greater flexibility. She is the epitome of professionalism whilst her extensive reforms in training development and delivery at Number 1 Recruit Training Unit have left a lasting legacy that is providing ongoing benefits for the Australian Defence Force.

## ***Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)***

*Royal Australian Air Force (continued)*

### **Flight Lieutenant David Callum JACKSON, WA**

For outstanding achievement in the development and introduction of the Aircrew Performance Enhancement Program within Air Force Training Group, including gender and diversity initiatives.

Flight Lieutenant Jackson's achievements were instrumental to the development and introduction of the Aircrew Performance Enhancement Program and gender and diversity initiatives within Air Training Wing. His program vastly improved the delivery of flight instruction and improved graduation success rates for candidates from diverse backgrounds without a requirement for significant additional resources. His efforts have an enduring effect on the delivery of airborne instruction within Air Force and on the capability of the Australian Defence Force.

### **Chaplain (Air Commodore) Kevin RUSSELL, NSW**

For outstanding achievement in chaplaincy reform in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Chaplain (Air Commodore) Russell is an individual of impeccable character and superior emotional intelligence who has exhibited superb finesse, consultative leadership and collegiate management to deliver significant improvements in gender equality, religious diversity, and inclusivity in the Royal Australian Air Force. His compassion, remarkable skill, and extraordinary devotion have delivered fundamental reform in the Chaplaincy Branch to support current needs and satisfy future requirements in chaplaincy services to better support Australian Defence Force capability.

### **Flight Lieutenant Thomas Patrick SCULLY, ACT**

For outstanding achievement in advanced electronics engineering in the development of force protection systems for Australian deployed forces.

Flight Lieutenant Scully has demonstrated exceptional achievement in advanced electronics engineering, whilst his technical mastery and personal drive has been instrumental in the development of an advanced force protection system critical to ensuring the safety of Australian Defence Force personnel deployed on operations. His superior technical prowess and innovative solutions have advanced the Royal Australian Air Force's international reputation for engineering excellence.

### **Squadron Leader Darren John SHORTER, SA**

For outstanding achievement in the management of the Woomera Weapons Test Range.

Squadron Leader Shorter has made an exceptional contribution in access compliance management and development of the Woomera Weapons Test Range as a national resource and world leading test and evaluation facility, through remarkable diplomacy, superb cultural sensitivity, and inspirational leadership. His outstanding achievements and superior diplomatic skill have produced a raft of benefits for the indigenous landowners and range users, whilst simultaneously enhancing the reputation of the Royal Australian Air Force as a progressive and inclusive organisation.

## ***Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) (continued)***

*Royal Australian Air Force (continued)*

### **Flight Lieutenant Douglas Ronald SUSANS, Qld**

For outstanding achievement in the development of the operational capability of the C-17A Globemaster III aircraft fleet.

Flight Lieutenant Susans' pragmatic approach in identifying and resolving complex technical issues, and his coordinated engagement with Defence and Industry, has delivered significant enhancements in the operation of the C-17A Globemaster III aircraft and its systems. He demonstrated superior engineering skill and extensive practical knowledge to implement a range of remarkable innovations which improve the safety and efficiency of the C-17A Globemaster III aircraft capability for the Australian Defence Force.

### **Wing Commander Philip Paul TRIGGE, ACT**

For outstanding devotion to duty while deployed as Commander Air Mobility Task Group, Middle East Region on Operation ACCORDION from July 2016 to January 2017.

Wing Commander Trigge made a lasting contribution to the effectiveness of air mobility operations in the Middle East Region. He created a baseline for interoperability in support of future air mobility operations, and through his leadership and professionalism, has enabled the Air Mobility Task Group and all deployed Australian forces to excel in their missions.

### **Group Captain Sandra Lea TURNER, Qld**

For outstanding achievement in materiel acquisition as the Australian Defence Force Senior Supply Liaison Officer in the United States Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate, Air Force Life Cycle Management Centre, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Wing Commander Turner has displayed exemplary professionalism and outstanding dedication in developing United States Foreign Military Sales logistics support arrangements in an extremely ambiguous and complex acquisition environment. Her superb leadership, exquisite diplomacy, conspicuous drive, and pioneering problem solving in a diverse Australian logistics enterprise situated in the United States of America have strengthened international relations, enhanced materiel supply, and significantly improved the operational effectiveness of deployed capabilities.

### **Sergeant Christopher Colin WATKINS, ACT**

For outstanding devotion to duty in leadership, instruction and mentoring as a Divisional Senior Non-Commissioned Officer and Divisional Officer at the Australian Defence Force Academy.

Sergeant Watkins shouldered the work of two challenging positions, inspiring the trainee officer corps by his personal sacrifice and conspicuous devotion to their formative development as future leaders. His superior efficiency, organisation skills, and ability to communicate at all levels enhanced the day-to-day operation of the Australian Defence Force Academy and ensured the best outcomes for all trainee officers. His impact and positive influence have been palpable across the entire Academy and have shaped the development of over 1200 trainee officers.

## **CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL (CSM)**

### ***Royal Australian Navy***

#### **Petty Officer Paul BERRY, ACT**

For meritorious devotion to duty as a Senior Imagery Specialist within the Australian Defence Force Joint Public Affairs Unit.

Petty Officer Berry made a substantial contribution over many years to improving the public's awareness of the work of the Australian Defence Force. His imagery will leave an enduring legacy of Australia's military history during a period of exceptional operational tempo. His leadership, commitment to the task, and accomplishments within his specialisation are of the highest order and in keeping with the finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

#### **Warrant Officer Cheryl Anne COLLINS, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Ship's Warrant Officer in HMA Ships *Perth* and *Stuart*.

Warrant Officer Collins demonstrated superb leadership, foresight and innovation in developing and executing multiple programs for the improvement of individual and unit readiness. During a time of fleet-wide manning constraints, her commitment to Command vision and towards the resilience of the ship's companies of HMA Ships *Perth* and *Stuart* had a direct and lasting impact for Australia Defence Force maritime capability. Her efforts have greatly assisted in the delivery of the final Anti Ship Missile Defence upgraded ANZAC class frigate.

#### **Lieutenant Commander Susan Elizabeth DENGATE RANR, ACT**

For meritorious devotion to duty in delivering personnel and welfare support in the Royal Australian Navy.

Lieutenant Commander Dengate provided exceptional service as the Officer in Charge of Personnel Support Units in Cairns and Victoria. She worked tirelessly to resolve complex and sensitive issues, and significantly enhanced the professional development, health outcomes, and retention of Navy personnel. Her dedication, professionalism and willingness to communicate openly and honestly across the organisation, delivered substantial and enduring changes for the Royal Australian Navy.

#### **Lieutenant Commander Susan Louise HARRIS RAN, ACT**

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of Submarine Workforce Management.

Lieutenant Commander Harris demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication and professional knowledge as both a submariner and workforce specialist. She led the development and implementation of substantial strategic initiatives for the growth and sustainment of the Royal Australian Navy's submarine workforce. These initiatives will have a long-lasting positive effect upon the Royal Australian Navy's ability to 'Fight and Win at Sea' and deliver future submarine capability.

## ***Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)***

*Royal Australian Navy (continued)*

### **Commander Leigh Andrew JACKSON RANR, NSW**

For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy personnel management systems.

Commander Jackson led the development and implementation of the Compass personnel reporting and management system that has comprehensively reinvigorated and transformed the Divisional system across Navy. The system provides better access to necessary personnel information for managers and reduces the administrative and time burden on Navy leaders as they manage the readiness and welfare of their people on a day-to-day basis. The system is a key innovative tool in ensuring a resilient and deployable Navy workforce.

### **Petty Officer Andrea KERR, ACT**

For meritorious devotion to duty in personnel management and, in particular, in support of the Commanding Officer, HMAS *Harman*.

Petty Officer Kerr delivered an exceptional level of service to Navy personnel during a challenging and dynamic posting as the Commanding Officer's Secretary in HMAS *Harman*. Her exceptional professionalism and leadership directly contributed towards improving *Harman*'s professional reputation and support to personnel welfare, thus enhancing the Royal Australian Navy's people capability. Her selfless dedication and commitment to the Navy and the local community is outstanding.

### **Lieutenant Commander Sandon Timothy MORRELL RANR, ACT**

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of operational planning and implementation in direct support of Australian Defence Force operations.

Lieutenant Commander Morrell's efforts enabled Headquarters Joint Operations Command to effectively employ discrete niche capabilities in support of Australian Defence Force and coalition operations. His diligence and acumen delivered operationally significant outcomes, and laid the foundation for an enduring framework for the effective employment of these capabilities, in support of current and future Australian and coalition operations.

### **Petty Officer Michael Andrew STEFFENS, Vic**

For meritorious achievement in the field of Navy physical and self-defence training.

Petty Officer Steffens is an outstanding sailor who, as the Lead Instructor for Navy's Military Self Defence and Defensive Tactics training, has demonstrated superior leadership, initiative and devotion to duty in building contemporary and contextualised training. His efforts directly contributed to the provision of battle ready forces for Operations Manitou and Resolute and improved Workplace Health and Safety through the delivery of improved training techniques that have reduced the occurrence of physical injuries.

## ***Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)***

*Royal Australian Navy (continued)*

### **Lieutenant Commander Stefan Edward ZOHAR RAN, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty in Navy exercise planning and Anti Submarine Warfare tactical development.

Through the innovative planning and conduct of multi faceted, multi force tactical development and warfare exercises, Lieutenant Commander Zohar assisted Air, Surface and Sub-surface Navy Warfare Communities in better understanding new Anti Submarine Warfare technologies, capabilities and doctrine. His dedication, application, intelligence, and professionalism; resulted in improved Anti Submarine Warfare knowledge effectiveness in the Navy.

## ***Australian Army***

### **Warrant Officer Class Two A**

For meritorious achievement as the Acting Exploitation Team Leader at the Defence Force School of Intelligence.

Warrant Officer A consistently displayed outstanding leadership, technical mastery and initiative through his contribution to development of the Exploitation capability within the Australian Defence Force. His efforts to modernise the doctrine and training which underpin the Exploitation capability made a significant and enduring impact on Forces Command, the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force

### **Warrant Officer Class One Stephan Andrew COLMAN OAM, Qld**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Command Warrant Officer of Joint Task Force 633, while deployed to the Middle East Region from January 2016 to February 2017.

Warrant Officer Colman provided superior guidance and advice to command in a period of significant operational tempo in the Middle East Region. His calm and decisive leadership during challenging circumstances was pivotal in supporting personnel across the Task Force. He diligently fostered professional relationships with Coalition stakeholders and his stewardship of the force, in support of Operations OKRA and HIGHROAD, was outstanding.

### **Major Matthew Peter CROSS, Qld**

For meritorious devotion to duty to the planning and force generation of the Joint Amphibious Force for Defence.

Major Cross demonstrated exemplary skill, judgment and devotion to duty and has been instrumental in the development of the Australian Defence Force's multi-billion dollar joint amphibious capability. His development and implementation of joint collective training and certification frameworks successfully delivered training for over 3000 soldiers, sailors and airmen. His efforts were essential to the force generation and preparation of a certified amphibious force capable of executing missions in the national interest.

## ***Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)***

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Warrant Officer Class One Kaylene Grace DYKE, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as the District Manager of the 17th Combat Service Support Brigade.

Warrant Officer Dyke made an exceptional contribution to the Australian Army through her tireless efforts in conceptualising, developing and delivering an automated supply chain structure for force level logistics. She significantly improved the efficiency and effectiveness of force level logistics within Australia while reducing the administrative and personnel costs associated with the supply chain process.

### **Warrant Officer Class Two John Robert MATTHEWS, WA**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Communications Systems Manager at the Defence Force School of Signals.

Warrant Officer Matthews leadership and professionalism were central to the successful conduct of the remediation program for this trade continuum. His holistic review of initial employment and advanced training for the Communications Systems trade, directly contributed to enhanced resilience amongst trainees. His efforts and tireless enthusiasm laid the foundations for the modernisation of the Australian Defence Force communications and electronic warfare workforce.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Matthew John NASH, ACT**

For meritorious achievement in the delivery of joint operational training as the Commanding Officer and Chief Instructor of the Australian Defence Force Peace Operations Training Centre.

Lieutenant Colonel Nash led the Australian Defence Force Peace Operations Training Centre with distinction to deliver high quality joint operational training through continual process improvement, broad consultation and extensive team building. His efforts in co-ordinating the relocation of the unit to facilities in Canberra have been outstanding, and his strong leadership, joint knowledge and infectious enthusiasm inspired and motivated every member of his team and the student body, while delivering a lasting contribution to the Australian Defence Force.

### **Warrant Officer Class Two Christopher David PLESZKUN, Qld**

For meritorious achievement as the Manager Electronic Warfare of the 72nd Electronic Warfare Squadron.

Warrant Officer Pleszkun demonstrated outstanding commitment in the development of Electronic Warfare techniques and procedures, including innovative employment methods and sourcing new technology platforms to modernise unit operations. Warrant Officer Pleszkun's outstanding initiative, professional mastery, and technical acumen ensured the Regiment's communication systems remained at the forefront of technological development.

## ***Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)***

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Major Paul Frederick PRICKETT (Retd), WA**

For meritorious devotion to duty as the Executive Officer of the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, the School of Infantry and the Parachute Training School.

Major Prickett's performance as the Executive Officer of three units is characterised by the utmost professionalism and devotion to duty. He mentored and inspired his superiors, peers and subordinates alike, while his achievements improved Army's readiness, governance and administration processes, and had an outstanding influence on several generations of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

### **Sergeant R**

For meritorious achievement as the Facility Security Manager and Technical Operations Planner on Operation OKRA from April 2016 to November 2016.

Sergeant R has enhanced the operational capability of the Task Unit through his efforts to develop a dedicated Air Task Group intelligence database. He was instrumental in facilitating the acquisition of a number of critical capabilities to better deliver sustained and effective air operations in Operation OKRA. His efforts have greatly improved Australia's relationship and interoperability with the United States Air Force.

### **Lieutenant Colonel Leslie James ROBINSON, NSW**

For meritorious achievement in support of the United Nations' Mission in South Sudan from 2016 to 2017.

Lieutenant Colonel Robinson provided outstanding service as the Deputy Commander of the Australian Contingent for Operation ASLAN and built highly effective relationships with United Nations' stakeholders as the Force Headquarters Chief of Logistics. His exceptional leadership, foresight and personnel management throughout his deployment significantly enhanced protection measures, international engagement and subordinate welfare for the Australian Contingent. Lieutenant Colonel Robinson has served with distinction in planning and implementing the provision of combat service support for the United Nations' Mission in South Sudan.

### **Warrant Officer Class Two Nathan Allan TOLMAN, Qld**

For meritorious achievement in the performance of duty as the Master Coach of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka.

Warrant Officer Tolman's outstanding contribution exemplifies the dedication, ambition and foresight of what the Army seeks from its instructors. His ability to impart knowledge and translate his extensive technical expertise ensured recruit instructors were provided with additional coaching skills, becoming highly skilled instructors able to impart both knowledge and confidence to recruits. His exemplary efforts ensured that the 1st Recruit Training Battalion is able to train staff and recruits to the highest possible standard.

## ***Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)***

*Australian Army (continued)*

### **Warrant Officer Class Two W**

For meritorious achievement in the development of Special Operations Engineer capabilities.

Warrant Officer W has proactively identified and satisfied essential operational needs and directly enhanced capabilities at the strategic level. His exemplary efforts were essential to enhancing the collective capability of the Special Operations Engineer Regiment and the Special Operations Command.

## ***Royal Australian Air Force***

### **Squadron Leader Simon Martin BARTLETT, SA**

For meritorious achievement in organisational development in establishing Number 20 Squadron and Royal Australian Air Force Base Woomera.

Squadron Leader Bartlett demonstrated outstanding leadership and drive in the establishment of Number 20 Squadron and Royal Australian Air Force Base Woomera. His tireless efforts in relationship building with the indigenous land owners, conspicuous community engagement, and exemplary devotion to achieving full operating capability for the new organisations enabled the Royal Australian Air Force and other users of the Woomera Range Complex to develop and test crucial capabilities in support of Australia's national interests and Defence objectives.

### **Sergeant Aron Edward GREEN, Qld**

For meritorious achievement in the development and implementation of the Technical Facilitation and Administration Cell at Number 3 Control and Reporting Unit.

Sergeant Green demonstrated that longstanding maintenance practices can be improved through careful analysis, effective risk management, and a thorough understanding of an organisation's operations. He is a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer and technician of rare ability whose skilful development and implementation of the innovative Technical Facilitation and Administration Cell maintenance system at Number 3 Control and Reporting Unit demonstrably improved operational capability and responsiveness.

### **Sergeant Benjamin Thomas HUTCHEN, NSW**

For meritorious achievement as an Avionics Technical Instructor at Number 285 Squadron, Royal Australian Air Force.

Sergeant Hutchen demonstrated exceptional dedication in developing and delivering a range of training and capability improvements for the C-130J-30 Super Hercules aircraft in highly demanding circumstances. His extraordinary contribution enhanced the Australian Defence Force's C-130J-30 Super Hercules aircraft's utility, whilst his championing of a culture of excellence and continuous improvement will continue to enhance contemporary training delivery for years to come.

## ***Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) (continued)***

*Royal Australian Air Force (continued)*

### **Wing Commander Steven Adrian MADSEN, NSW**

For meritorious devotion to duty in the field of aerospace surveillance and air battle-space management for the Australian Defence Force.

Wing Commander Madsen's technical mastery of aerospace surveillance and tactical level command and control were instrumental in the realisation of advanced surveillance and control capabilities for Numbers 41 Wing and 42 Wing. He demonstrated outstanding leadership and superior staff skills throughout his distinguished career of over 36 years and significantly enhanced the Australian Defence Force's advanced air and space battle management.

### **Sergeant Dean Paul MUSCAT, NSW**

For meritorious achievement in the enhancement of Air Force capability through improved counter-sniper, marksmanship, and military driver training.

Sergeant Muscat has displayed extraordinary expertise as a Non-Commissioned Officer at Number 1 Security Forces Squadron. His outstanding devotion to duty, professionalism, and leadership significantly improved specialised training which enhances the Royal Australian Air Force's ability to project airpower from secure locations. His remarkable achievements delivered a range of benefits for the Australian Defence Force in reduced costs and improvements in overall training efficiency.

### **Group Captain Brendan James ROGERS CSC, SA**

For meritorious achievement as the Commander Task Unit 630.1 on Operation OKRA from March 2016 to January 2017.

Group Captain Rogers demonstrated superior leadership and decision making of the expeditionary air wing that enabled successful operations in Iraq and Syria. His dedication, critical thinking and exemplary diplomacy skills saw rapid enhancements to capability and procedures which will provide enduring benefits to Air Task Group operations. Group Captain Rogers' expertise has ensured Task Group 630 excelled in its mission, maintained credibility and maximised operational effectiveness.