

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

Royal Australian Navy

Chief Petty Officer Raechelle Nadine HENDERSON, ACT

For meritorious service in leadership, and advancement of the service as a Naval Police Coxswain.

Chief Petty Officer Henderson has demonstrated the highest levels of commitment and dedication as a Naval Police Coxswain across numerous roles. She was instrumental in the operational accomplishments achieved by HMAS *Success* during Operation MANITOU and a key enabler in the successful introduction into service of HMAS *Brisbane*. Her professional mastery contributed to the provision of expert policing and disciplinary functions across the whole of Navy during her time in the Office of the Provost Marshal Navy.

Chief Petty Officer Anthony Donald O'RILEY, WA

For meritorious service to improving the capability levels and wellbeing of Navy Submarine Force People.

Chief Petty Officer O'Riley demonstrated a deep and personal interest in the welfare, wellbeing and capability of Navy People across the Submarine Force. Through his extraordinary dedication he maintained an innovative attitude towards inspiring cooperation and teamwork to improve operational effectiveness and capability output for Command. His leadership and performance has provided Navy with improved capability through increased retention of highly trained and capable people.

Commander Richard John SINGLETON CSM RAN, NSW

For meritorious service to the Australian Defence Force in the fields of exercise and operational planning and the introduction into service of naval capabilities.

Commander Singleton has contributed significantly to the advancement of maritime and joint operational capabilities, specifically in the field of exercise and operational planning. His diverse knowledge, experience and dedication significantly contributed to the introduction into service of the Royal Australian Navy's Hobart Class Guided Missile Destroyers and amphibious ships during a period of significant re-capitalisation of the Navy.

Commander Benjamin Brian SPURGIN RAN, NSW

For meritorious performance of duty as a Navy Legal Advisor and instructor.

Commander Spurgin has served senior Navy commands, particularly in the aviation field, with contemporary and pragmatic legal advice and sound guidance in complex operational and administrative matters over a prolonged period. He was an inspiring instructor, innovating the delivery of legal training at the Royal Australian Naval College for all induction, leadership and promotion courses. His contributions led to significantly improved management of airworthiness in the Fleet Air Arm and to enhanced training outcomes at the Royal Australian Naval College.

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Australian Army

Warrant Officer Class One Joshua Paul ANDREWS, ACT

For meritorious service in achievement and exceptional commitment to the continuous advancement of Army's Geospatial Intelligence capability.

Warrant Officer Andrews demonstrated exceptional leadership, outstanding technical acumen and dedicated professionalism while leading Army's geospatial workforce in several technical and leadership roles. His determination and relentless pursuit of excellence throughout his career has been instrumental in transforming Army's Geospatial Intelligence capability into a modern, professional and innovative force.

Captain John Thomas LAND, NSW

For meritorious service as the Army Conservator, Australian Army History Unit, in support of the protection of Army's heritage.

Captain Land has provided specialist conservation support and training to over two hundred Army, Royal Australian Air Force and Australian War Memorial Museum staff and volunteers needed to protect Defence heritage artefacts. His conspicuous achievements over decades of devoted service have highlighted his outstanding professionalism and his dedication to preserving Army's heritage.

Warrant Officer Class One Brian Geoffrey MOORE, QLD

For meritorious performance of duty in personnel management, instructional leadership, executive events coordination, and ceremonial event management in the Australian Defence Force.

Warrant Officer Moore has demonstrated exceptional commitment as a Regimental Sergeant Major. Warrant Officer Moore's conspicuous professionalism has influenced the training and development of Sergeant Majors from both the United States and Australian Armies, and the successful execution of many complex and high-profile ceremonial events, enhancing the Australian Defence Force's reputation internationally. Moreover, his extraordinary contribution over 30 years of most devoted service continues to attract acclaim at all levels.

Warrant Officer Class One Roger John READ, NSW

For meritorious service as the Information Systems Engineer, Force Installation Team 31 from 2017 to 2019.

Warrant Officer Read's dedication and technical mastery has directly contributed to Australian Defence Force operations in the Middle East Region and Army's force generation cycle. His contribution to the Middle East Region Communications and Information Systems Upgrade Program, most notably the deployment and installation of the Enhanced Deployable Local Area Network, was instrumental to support the command and control of deployed personnel and significantly contributed to the modernisation of deployed information and communications technology.

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Warrant Officer Class One Andrew Peter SHORE CSM, ACT

For meritorious service as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment; and the Royal Military College - Duntroon, and as a Career Advisor in the Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army.

Warrant Officer Class One Shore has exhibited exemplary conduct and performance over successive postings which have included appointments as the Regimental Sergeant Major at both the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, and the Royal Military College - Duntroon, and as a Career Advisor at the Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army. His exceptional leadership, work ethic and interpersonal skills have directly contributed to enhancing Army's regimental, training and personnel capabilities

Warrant Officer Class One Julie Anne WHITTAKER, NSW

For meritorious service as the Senior Technical Trade Warrant Officer and Career Advisor for Army Ammunition Technicians.

Warrant Officer Class One Whittaker has provided outstanding service to the Australian Army over many years in both trade and career management appointments. Through her appointments at the Army School of Ordnance and Directorate of Soldier Career Management - Army, she has been central to the analysis, development and remediation of the Ammunition Technician Trade. Her contribution to the training framework, trade progression model and career management of a small and highly skilled workforce has been exemplary.

Royal Australian Air Force

Warrant Officer Rudolf William VITASZ, NSW

For meritorious service to the Australian Defence Force in leadership and cultural development.

Warrant Officer Vitasz is the epitome of professionalism, continuously striving to develop his people in pursuit of organisational and individual objectives. Through exceptional dedication to duty, outstanding leadership, and passion for continuous improvement; he made a magnificent contribution to leadership and cultural development to advance several organisations over years of most conspicuous service. His remarkable accomplishments and extraordinary devotion to his people and the Royal Australian Air Force have produced lasting positive benefits.

Warrant Officer Benjamin Robert WRIGHT, ACT

For meritorious service in personnel recognition administration, major public relations initiatives, and organisational development in the Royal Australian Air Force.

Warrant Officer Wright's superb performance enhanced the mores of the Royal Australian Air Force through the creation of new ceremonial events, awards, and improvements in the proficiency award system. He was key to obtaining formation Battle Honours for Number 1 Combat Communications Squadron; and has consistently innovated to advance organisational capability and has driven recognition for his people. His outstanding support to his senior leaders and encouraging mentoring of his junior staff has delivered extraordinary outcomes over many years of inspirational service.

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