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# HONOURS AND AWARDS

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The Meritorious Service Decorations include a military division and a civil division, with two levels each: a medal and a cross. The military division recognizes individuals for their outstanding professionalism and for bringing honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada. The civil division recognizes individuals who have performed an exceptional deed or an activity that brought honour to the community or to Canada.

On 26 May 2009, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announced the awarding of one Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division) and five Meritorious Service Medals (Military Division) to individuals whose specific achievements have brought honour to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.

## CITATIONS

### **Lieutenant-General Hans-Otto Budde, M.S.C. (German Army)**

Bonn, Germany

Meritorious Service Cross (Military Division)

Deployed in Afghanistan in 2008 as inspector of the Army, Lieutenant-General Budde's tireless efforts overcame the tremendous challenges inherent with Canada's request for the loan of 20 German tanks and three armoured recovery vehicles. His exemplary determination ensured the closest intergovernmental and military co-operation, and resulted in the successful delivery of this essential operational capability in the shortest possible time. The Canadian Forces have greatly benefitted from Lieutenant-General Budde's outstanding support.

### **Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Michael Patrick Gourley, M.M.M., M.S.M., C.D.**

Dartmouth and Halifax, Nova Scotia

Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gourley was deployed to the Persian Gulf as the coxswain aboard *HMCS Charlottetown* from December 2007 to April 2008. His organizational skills ensured the ship's seamless integration into a United States carrier strike group. His leadership and steadfast dedication enhanced both the operational readiness of the ship and morale of the crew. Chief Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Gourley's outstanding efforts played a vital role in the ship's notable contribution to the campaign against terrorism.

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**Major Trevor Gosselin, M.S.M., C.D.**  
North York, Ontario and Dawson Creek, British Columbia  
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Major Gosselin commanded the Battle Group Tank Squadron in Afghanistan, from August 2007 to March 2008. During numerous combat missions, his personal example and dedication united soldiers from different units into a seamless fighting force. His extensive knowledge of armour capabilities, limitations and tactics were key to the successful introduction of new equipment to theatre. Major Gosselin's inspirational leadership and tactical acumen enhanced his squadron's combat effectiveness.

**Major Christopher Robin Henderson, M.S.M., C.D.**  
Ottawa, Ontario and Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Major Henderson was deployed to Afghanistan as the officer commanding C Company, from February to August 2007. Responsible for establishing security in the Panjwayi district, he conducted highly effective counter-insurgency operations and earned the trust and respect of the local population. His mentorship of Afghan National Security forces greatly improved their operational effectiveness. In the face of adversity, his unwavering leadership ensured a Canadian presence in the district.

**Colonel Bernd Horn, O.M.M., M.S.M., C.D.**  
Ottawa, Ontario and Montréal, Quebec  
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Between 2004 and 2007, during his tenure as director of the Canadian Forces Leadership Institute, Colonel Horn developed this organization into a nationally and internationally recognized centre of military leadership, professionalism and ethics. He also conducted a successful worldwide outreach program to share Canadian Forces concepts with military and academic audiences around the world, while bringing back best practices to benefit Canadian conceptual and doctrine development.

**Commander Joseph Honoré Patrick St-Denis, M.S.M., C.D. (Retired)**  
Victoria, British Columbia  
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

As commander of Task Force Arabian Sea from November 2007 to May 2008, Commander St-Denis demonstrated exceptional professionalism and dedication. While commanding HMCS *Charlottetown*, he conducted maritime interdiction operations that successfully reduced terrorist activities in the area, bringing great honour to Canada.