

The Governor General presented honours and awards to CME members



Corporal Clinton John **Orr**, M.M.V.
Petawawa and Chalk River, Ontario and Chilliwack, British Columbia
Medal of Military Valour

Corporal Orr was a member of 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Rotation 2 of Operation ARCHER, in Afghanistan. On September 3, 2006, he was operating an armoured vehicle attached to 2 Troop during an assault in Pashmul. Amidst intense combat action and under direct enemy fire, he placed himself at great risk by manoeuvring to recover one light armoured vehicle and only ceased his relentless attempts to extract a second one when informed that the vehicle's crew had withdrawn to safety. His focus on the mission and his courage in the face of danger have brought great credit to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.



Major Cary Arthur **Baker**, M.S.M., C.D.
Belleville, Ontario and Summerside, Prince Edward Island
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Major Baker's performance in planning and executing NATO Exercise Steadfast Jaguar from July 2005 to July 2006 was exemplary. His commitment to duty was pivotal to the development and implementation of the demanding operational capability of the NATO Response Force (NRF) Special Operations Component Command for NRF 7 and 8 and the Cape Verde Coast Guard Marines. A high achiever, he committed himself to 'mission first' and focused on the delivery of a training exercise of the highest standard. His inspirational and untiring efforts in the NATO multinational environment brought great credit to the Canadian Special Operations Forces, to the Canadian Forces and to Canada.



Major Mark Anthony **Gasparotto**, M.S.M.
Oromocto and Fredericton, New Brunswick and London, Ontario
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Major Gasparotto was deployed as officer commanding 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, from August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007. With force protection as his priority, he effectively transformed forward operating bases and battle positions into highly defensible locations that enabled effective enemy engagement. Under continuous contact with the enemy, he led his squadron through the construction of Route Summit, a critical enabler for battle group operations. Major Gasparotto's innovative thinking, dedicated efforts and exceptional leadership under enemy fire made a strategic impact on the battlefield of Afghanistan that enhanced battle group operations and saved the lives of Canadian soldiers.



Master Corporal Lance Thomas **Hooper**, M.S.M., C.D.
Petawawa, Beachburg and Lindsay, Ontario
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

From August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007, Master Corporal Hooper, a combat engineer with 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, demonstrated exceptional dedication to duty. During three separate incidents, either enemy fire or explosive devices destroyed the engineering vehicle he was operating. On two of these occasions he was wounded and required medical evacuation. In spite of being hit, he eagerly returned to duty each time. Master Corporal Hooper's remarkable dedication and professionalism in combat set an inspiring example for all ranks of the battle group.



Colonel Frederick A. **Lewis**, M.S.M., C.D.
Kingston, Ontario
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

From March 2006 to February 2007, Colonel Lewis served as the deputy commander of Joint Task Force Afghanistan. He led and shaped the development of a cohesive, confident and well-prepared task force that excelled at both intense close combat and humanitarian efforts. With vision and insight of a rare high standard, he transformed the construct of national command, setting the conditions for the coherent delivery of Canadian efforts across Kandahar province. His exceptional leadership and complete dedication to the success of the overall mission of Joint Task Force Afghanistan reflects the highest standards of professionalism in the Canadian Forces.



Master Warrant Officer Bradley William John **Montgomery**, M.S.M., C.D.
Denwood and Wainwright, Alberta and Chatham, Ontario
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Master Warrant Officer Montgomery was deployed as the sergeant major of 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, from August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007. His professionalism, leadership and experience were critical to the development of roads and forward operating bases during intense combat situations. The selfless commitment he demonstrated to his fellow troops was an inspiration. During four separate incidents, he readily placed himself in harm's way to aid soldiers who had been targeted by enemy attacks. Respected by many, Master Warrant Officer Montgomery is the embodiment of a soldier: professional, selfless, loyal, relentless and dedicated.



Captain Anthony Peter **Robb**, M.S.M.
Toronto, Ontario and Surrey and White Rock, British Columbia
Meritorious Service Medal (Military Division)

Captain Robb, then Lieutenant, was deployed as a troop commander with 23 Field Squadron, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment Battle Group, in Afghanistan, during Operation ATHENA, from August 1, 2006, to February 15, 2007. He courageously led his troop of field engineers through extremely challenging conditions to develop forward operating bases and transportation routes in support of the advancing battle group. He remained calm and focused under enemy fire, providing encouragement and inspiration for his troops. Captain Robb's professionalism and exceptional dedication greatly contributed to the success of operations in the Pashmul region.



Chief Warrant Officer P. Ste-Marie, M.M.M., C.D

The Order of Military Merit was created in 1972 to recognize meritorious service and devotion to duty by members of the Canadian Forces. Chief Warrant Officer P. Ste-Marie, M.M.M., C.D., received the insignia of Member from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, during an investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall on Friday, November 9, 2007.



Major F.W. Cyr, O.M.M., C.D.

The Order of Military Merit was created in 1972 to recognize meritorious service and devotion to duty by members of the Canadian Forces. Major F.W. Cyr, O.M.M., C.D., received the insignia of Officer from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, during an investiture ceremony at Rideau Hall on Friday, November 9, 2007.



Colonel P.F. Wynnyk, O.M.M., C.D.

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