

Department of Defence

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STAR-RANK OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

1. I am pleased to announce the following star-rank appointments and promotions.
 - a. **Commander Joint Logistics.** Major General David Mulhall from December 2015.
 - b. **Head Joint Capability Coordination.**
 - (1) Commodore Pete Quinn, on promotion to Rear Admiral, from December 2014.
 - (2) Rear Admiral Mike van Balen from December 2015.
 - c. **Deputy Director Operations USCENTCOM.** Major General Shane Caughey from December 2015.
 - d. **Head Force Structure Review.** Air Vice-Marshal Neil Hart has been extended in this appointment until December 2015.
 - e. **Deputy Chief Joint Operations.** Major General Stuart Smith from December 2015.
 - f. **Commander Border Protection.** Rear Admiral Pete Quinn from December 2015.
 - g. **Deputy Chief of Navy.** Rear Admiral Mike Noonan from December 2015.
 - h. **Head Navy Engineering.** Rear Admiral Mick Uzzell has been extended in this appointment until December 2016.
 - i. **Commander 1st Division.** Major General Paul McLachlan from December 2015.
 - j. **Head Maritime Systems.** Commodore Adam Grunsell, on promotion to Rear Admiral, from December 2015.
 - k. **Head People Capability.** Major General Simone Wilkie from December 2015.
 - l. **Naval Attaché Washington.** Commodore Pete Leavy from December 2015.
 - m. **Director-General Strategic Communication.** Brigadier Dan Fortune from March 2015.
 - n. **Director-General Force Structure Review.** Commodore Aaron Ingram has been extended in this appointment until December 2015.
 - o. **Director-General Operations Intelligence.** Group Captain Richard Keir, on promotion to Air Commodore, from December 2015.

- p. **Director-General Operations.** Captain Jay Bannister, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- q. **Combined Air Operations Centre Director.** Group Captain Geoff Harland, on promotion to Air Commodore, from June 2015.
- r. **Commander Air Task Group.** Group Captain Glen Braz, on temporary promotion to Air Commodore, from January 2015.
- s. **Deputy Commander JTF633.**
 - (1) Brigadier Nagy Sorial has been extended in this appointment until November 2015.
 - (2) Commodore Brad Wheeler from October 2015.
- t. **Commander Task Force 150.** Commodore Jaimie Hatcher from October 2015.
- u. **Chief of Staff Fleet Command.** Commodore Luke Charles-Jones from December 2015.
- v. **Commodore Warfare.** Captain Mal Wise, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- w. **Director-General Capability, Transition and Sustainment.** Commodore Brad Wheeler from January 2015.
- x. **Director-General Logistics – Navy.** Captain Michael Miko, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- y. **Director-General Navy Aviation Systems.** Captain Scott Lockey, on promotion to Commodore, from December 2015.
- z. **Deputy Head Maritime Systems.** Commodore A. Grunsell from December 2014.
- aa. **Director-General Health Reserves – Army.** Colonel Charles New, on promotion to Brigadier (ARES), from December 2014.



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