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Unit Citation for Gallantry

The Unit Citation for Gallantry recognises extraordinary gallantry in action.

About the award

The Unit Citation for Gallantry and the Meritorious Unit Citation were introduced into the Australian Honours System in 1991.

Unlike awards for individuals, recognition of group endeavour has little history in honours systems around the world. The relatively recent tradition of unit citations introduced by the United States in 1942, has prompted broader recognition of collective endeavour.

The Unit Citation for Gallantry was formally established on 15 January 1991 by Letters Patent.

Recipient story

Following Operation Falconer in Iraq, a Unit Citation for Gallantry was awarded to Australian Army No.1 Special Air Service Squadron. The unit was recognised for the development and execution of bold, innovative plans in support of high-risk operations.

At May 2005, one Unit Citation for Gallantry had been awarded.

How it is awarded

The Governor-General awards the Unit Citation For Gallantry on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence.

Each citation consists of a certificate of citation to the unit signed by the Governor-General and insignia for each recipient.

Insignia may be awarded posthumously.

Medal design

The insignia of a Unit Citation for Gallantry is a gilt sterling-silver frame with a design of flames emanating from the edge to the centre. The frame surrounds a ribbon bar of deep green, which displays a gilt sterling-silver Federation Star at its centre.



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Members who join a unit after the citation is awarded are entitled to wear the insignia but without the Federation Star.

Fast facts

POST NOMINAL:

There are no post-nominal entitlements

INTRODUCED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN HONOURS SYSTEM:

1991

NUMBER AWARDED:

1 as at June 2005

NOMINATIONS:

The Minister of Defence puts forward recommendations.

More information

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