



**1.0 Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia**

- 1.1 The Council of the Australian Air League is pleased to advise that Lt Comr Adrienne Fleming achieved recognition in the Queen's Birthday honours list, having being conferred with the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division (OAM).
- 1.2 This award acknowledges the positive influence Mrs Fleming has had in aviation, not only within the AAL, but in many other areas.
- 1.3 The Council extends to her its warmest congratulations and best wishes in her continuing role as Group Executive Commissioner, Victoria Group.
- 1.4 Further details are available at: <http://www.airleague.com.au/news/news/689-lt-comr-fleming-honoured-with-oam>

**2.0 Promotions and Appointments**

- 2.1 S1184 Gp Lt M.J. Ball was promoted to the rank of Group Commissioner, effective 8 April 2016, retaining the appointment of Officer Commanding South Australia Wing.

**3.0 Awards and Brevets**

**3.1 AAL Service Awards**

**3.3.1 60 Year Service**

M940	McKenzie	R C	03-May-2016	NSWB
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**3.3.2 30 Year Service**

N12798	Majarian	C	03-May-2016	NSWB
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**3.3.3 20 Year Service**

N17819	Dixon	C	03-May-2016	FED
Q2814	Little	M B	03-May-2016	FED

**3.3.4 15 Year Service**

N19698	Ansourian	N	03-May-2016	NSWB
N19700	Davies	T J J	03-May-2016	NSWB
N19601	Laval	T J	03-May-2016	NSWB

**3.3.5 10 Year Service**

L2013	Ballard	D	03-May-2016	QLDG
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**3.3.6 10 Year Officer Service**

Q2857	Chandler	C R	03-May-2016	QLDB
N16550	Hocking	P R	03-May-2016	NSWB
N6901	Perenich	M A	03-May-2016	NSWB

**3.3.7 AAL Blue Wings**

N21849	Cardinale	J J	03-May-2016	NSWB
V22098	Phan-Tran	D	03-May-2016	VICB
W12856	Smith	B J	03-May-2016	NSWG
N22343	To	E T D	03-May-2016	NSWB

### 3.3.8 **AAL Silver Wings**

N21849	Cardinale	J J	14-May-2016	NSWB
V22753	Shearwood	B	03-May-2016	VICB

### 3.3.9 **AAL Gold Wings**

N20448	Ellens	L B L	03-May-2016	NSWB
Q4105	Tilke	J M	11-Jan-2016	QLDB

## 4.0 **Australian Air League Review - 2016**

- 4.1 The Review Digest for this year's AAL Review has been published and is available to view and/or print off, at: <http://aalreview.airleague.com.au>.
- 4.2 The Review will be held on Saturday 1 October at the Ballarat Regional Soccer Facility, Pleasant Street, Redan, (Ballarat) Victoria.
- 4.3 The attention of members is specifically drawn to the following aircraft-related activities, which are included to provide cadets with numerous activities in addition to the various "traditional" competitions:
  - 4.3.1 Balsa Model Flight Competition (see page 41 of Review Digest);
  - 4.3.2 Aircraft Recognition Competition (see page 43 of Review Digest);
  - 4.3.3 Drone Flying Competition (see page 44 of Review Digest).
- 4.4 Officers Commanding are advised to pay particular attention to all closing dates published in the Digest so that no cadet may be disadvantaged by their OC not submitting entries in time.

## 5.0 **AAL Manual Amendments**

- 5.1 The Australian Air League Manual located on *AAL Wiki* at <http://manual.airleague.com.au> (see F/SO/02/15 for access details) has been amended as follows:

### 5.2 **Section 17 Cadet of the Year Award Badges**

- 5.2.1 Paragraph 21.2 has been amended to cover the new design of the Cadet of the Year Award badge.
- 5.2.2 Paragraph 21.3 (new numbering) has been amended to reflect policy on wearing of badge when more than one is held.
- 5.2.3 Paragraph 21.5 (new numbering) has been amended to reflect the closing date for applications to the delegated Federal Commissioner.

### 5.3 **Section 17 Eligibility for Nomination of Awards**

- 5.3.1 Clarification of process for those award nominations the approval of which are within the jurisdiction of the Council of the Australian Air League Inc.

## 6.0 **Weapon-like Objects, including Imitation Firearms (UPDATE)**

- 6.1 Item 5.0 in F/RO/08/2015, dated 30 November 2015, included information regarding a ruling sought and received from the NSW Police Firearms Registry on whether certain weapon-like objects were officially classed as imitation firearms in that state.
- 6.2 Since that FRO was issued the NSW Police Firearms Registry has been approached, without the knowledge of the Council of the League, with the view to having the ruling changed.
- 6.3 The NSW Police Firearms Registry advised these members, in writing, that the ruling had been overturned.
- 6.4 This letter was provided to the Chairman of the Council and the change to the ruling is now communicated via this Routine Order.
  - 6.4.1 Accordingly, paragraph 5.2.3 (5.2.3.1 to 5.2.3.10) of F/RO/08/2015 is withdrawn with immediate effect pending further advice.
- 6.5 Notwithstanding this change to the NSW Firearms Registry's ruling, it is stressed that the statements found in para 5.4 of the above mentioned FRO are still applicable, except to the

extent that the words: "and consistent with the advice from the NSW Police", in 5.4.1, should be disregarded.

6.5.1 Paragraphs 5.4.2 to 5.4.5 of F/RO/08/2015 remain unchanged.

6.6 It is re-iterated that, in accordance with the existing long standing rules in relation to catafalque parties, the Council of the Australian Air League Inc. wishes to confirm, in addition, that no AAL member when undertaking **ANY** AAL activities, including being a member of a catafalque party, whether in uniform or not, is permitted to carry or use a weapon-like object in any form, either active or de-activated, or any item used or intended to be used to simulate a weapon.

## **7.0 Permission to fly Civil Air Ensign**

7.1 Instrument number CASA 42/16, under paragraph 19 (2) (c) of the *Civil Aviation Act 1988*, was made by the Director of Aviation Safety, on 27 April 2016, granting permission for the Australian Air League Incorporated to fly the Civil Aviation Ensign at certain ceremonial events.

7.2 This instrument commenced on 1 May 2016 and expires on 30 April 2019.

## **8.0 Ex AAL Members included in Meritorious Unit Citation**

8.1 Two dedicated ex-members of the AAL (City of Blacktown Squadron): Joel Mortimer and Michael Leonard, were included in the Meritorious Service Award to 5 Flight, for Heron operations in Afghanistan, in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

8.2 The Meritorious Unit Citation was as follows:

8.2.3 Royal Australian Air Force NUMBER 5 FLIGHT For sustained outstanding service in warlike operations through the provision of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance capability on Operation SLIPPER, over the period January 2010 to November 2014. Number 5 Flight, operating as Task Unit 633.2.7, achieved an outstanding mission success rate in Afghanistan while concurrently introducing the Royal Australian Air Force's first Remotely Piloted Aircraft System. Intelligence provided from these missions demonstrably influenced and shaped Coalition actions within the battlespace, directly contributing to the saving of Coalition lives and the substantial degradation of insurgent command and control elements.

## **9.0 IMPORTANT DATES for 2016 and 2017**

- **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016** – Council of the AAL (Note: Date Changed).
- **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016** - AAL Review – Ballarat, Victoria.
- **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016** - Annual General Meeting.
- **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017** - Council of the AAL.
- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017** – Cadet of the Year Interviews.
- **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017** – Council of the AAL.

**Issued for and on behalf of the  
Council of the Australian Air League Inc.**



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Operations Commissioner