

March 19, 2024

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 20, 1942

HAS AWARDED THE

LEGION OF MERIT

Degree of Commander

TO

AIR MARSHAL KEVIN R. SHORT

New Zealand, Royal New Zealand Air Force

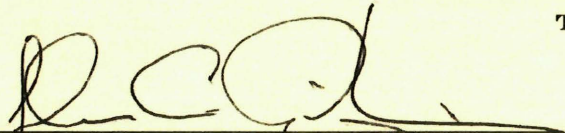
FOR

EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

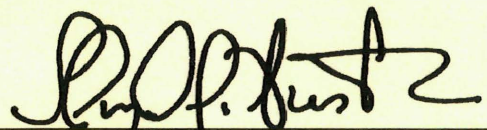
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL 2024



COMMANDER, UNITED STATES
INDO-PACIFIC COMMAND





SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 20, 1942, has awarded the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to

AIR MARSHAL KEVIN R. SHORT
ROYAL NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE, NEW ZEALAND

for exceptionally meritorious service as New Zealand's Chief of the Defence Force, from July 2018 to April 2024. Air Marshal Short's leadership was integral to expanding cooperation between the United States Indo-Pacific Command and New Zealand Defence Force in the face of growing multi-domain strategic challenges. Air Marshal Short's dedicated service in support of the United States-New Zealand military partnership led to a significant expansion of cooperation in operations and training, directly impacting Indo-Pacific Regional security. Through his leadership, Air Marshal Short led efforts to bolster the strength of the partnership. His efforts were instrumental in New Zealand's acquisition of P-8 Poseidon and C-130J Hercules aircraft, driving a generational upgrade of air capability and increasing interoperability. Additionally, Air Marshal Short expanded participation in bilateral and multilateral exercises across all domains including participation in OLYMPIC DEFENDER, CARTWHEEL and RIMPAC, further advancing interoperability, developing strategic planning considerations, and coordinating bilateral objectives. Furthermore, his efforts led to the participation of the New Zealand Defence Force in the frameworks built to respond to the crises in Ukraine and the Red Sea, resulting in strengthened partnership and regional security. Air Marshal Short's superior effort, outstanding leadership, and personal initiative reflect great credit upon himself, the New Zealand Defence Force, and his country.



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Government House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

6 July 2022

Honorary Appointment - Military Division - July 2022

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointment:

HONORARY OFFICER (AO) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION

Air Marshal Kevin Ronald SHORT

For distinguished service in fostering the military relationship between Australia and New Zealand through exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, strategic foresight and uncompromising professionalism.

By His Excellency's command

Paul Singer MVO

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

APPOINTED AN HONORARY OFFICER (AO)

IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Air Marshal Kevin Ronald SHORT, New Zealand

For distinguished service in fostering the military relationship between Australia and New Zealand through exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, strategic foresight and uncompromising professionalism.

Air Marshal Short has actively engaged both New Zealand and Australian political and military leaders to promote and facilitate the ongoing success and progress of the Australia-New Zealand Alliance. As Chief of the New Zealand Defence Force, he has worked tirelessly to improve the bilateral relationship, align capabilities, increase cooperation and in turn, ensure a heightened ability for combined Australian and New Zealand responses to domestic, regional and global crises in the finest ANZAC tradition. Air Marshal Short has proven to be a steadfast ally, vocal supporter, and valuable friend to Australia and he has made a momentous contribution, not only to the Australia-New Zealand Alliance, but more broadly to the partnerships that exist within the Pacific defence and security community.