



# Army



## **Warrant Officer Grant McFarlane, OAM Regimental Sergeant Major - Army**

Warrant Officer Grant McFarlane, OAM, grew up in country Victoria. He enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 26th February 1980 and was allocated to The Royal Australian Regiment, and was posted to the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

Warrant Officer McFarlane has completed all his regimental appointments at the 3rd Battalion; his other postings have included School of Infantry, Pilbara Regiment and 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment.

Warrant Officer McFarlane completed his Regimental Sergeant Majors Course in 2001 and was appointed as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 10th/27th Battalion, The Royal South Australia Regiment in 2003. His other Regimental Sergeant Major appointments have been 3rd Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, 3rd Brigade, Combined Team Uruzgan, the 2nd Division and Career Management – Army. His other Warrant Officer Class One appointments have been Wing Sergeant Major at the School of Infantry and Career Manager for Infantry Sergeants.

Warrant Officer McFarlane has also served in Malaysia, East Timor with INTERFET (1999 – 2000), and again in 2006 Operation ASTUTE, followed by Combined Team Uruzgan Afghanistan (October 2011 – February 2012). He was awarded the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2007. Warrant Officer McFarlane has also been awarded the Australian Active Service Medal (East Timor and Afghanistan), INTERFET Medal, Australian Service Medal (South East Asia and East Timor), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Defence Long Service Medal (with Clasps), Timor-Leste Solidarity Medal and NATO Non Article 5 Medal (ISAF Clasp).

Warrant Officer McFarlane has completed the following professional development opportunities, CAPSTONE course in 2009, followed by KEYSTONE, the Joint Operations Course for Command Senior Enlisted Leaders in the United States in 2009. He has also completed the Executive Coaching course in 2017 and the Company Directors Course in 2020

Warrant Officer McFarlane has many interests including reading, bike riding, kayaking and paddle boarding. He is a frustrated Essendon football supporter and has a soft spot for the Newcastle Knights.

Warrant Officer McFarlane was appointed as the 11th Regimental Sergeant Major – Army in July 2018.