



Major General Simone Louise Wilkie

BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Bio for Work

Major General Simone Wilkie, AM

Major General Simone Wilkie was commissioned into the Royal Australian Corps of Signals in 1983. She served as a Lieutenant and Captain in a range of regimental and instructional appointments in Land and Training Commands.

Major General Wilkie has significant command experience including Officer Commanding 136 Signal Squadron; Commanding Officer, The Royal Military College - Duntroon; and Commandant of the Army Recruit Training Centre.

In 1993, Major General Wilkie deployed to Cambodia as the Adjutant of the Force Communications Unit in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation. This was followed by further operational service as Assistant Chief of Staff on the Headquarters Multi National Force Iraq (MNF-I) in 2007 and as the Assistant Commander, Joint Task Force 633 in Afghanistan during 2011/12.

As a senior officer Major General Wilkie has fulfilled the roles of Director General Training, Forces Command; Chief of Staff, Army Headquarters; and, after promotion to Major General, Commander, Australian Defence College.

Following the release of the First Principles Review of Defence by Government Major General Wilkie was appointed to the newly established position of Head Joint Enablers. In this role she is responsible for the delivery of joint enabling support to the ADF.

Major General Wilkie holds a Bachelor of Social Science (Human Resource Management), a Graduate Diploma in Telecommunications Systems Management, a Graduate Diploma of Strategic Studies, and a Masters of Defence Studies. She is a graduate of the Harvard Business School Advanced Management Program. Her personal awards include Member of the Order of Australia, Commendation for Distinguished Service, and the United States Bronze Star.

Major General Wilkie is an avid sports follower. She is Patron of the Australian Defence Force Women's Australian Rules Association, Patron of the Australian Defence Force Hockey Association and Chair of the ADF Sports Council. In 2015 she was appointed as a Commissioner of the Australian Football League – the governing body of the AFL.

Major General Wilkie is married to Bill, and hails from Ballarat, Victoria. She is a keen sportswoman, traveler and renovator.