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SUNDAY 5 JULY 2009
VICE REGAL REVIEW
OF THE 2009
NATIONAL RESERVE FORCES DAY
PARADE BY

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HER EXCELLENCY
PROFESSOR MARIE BASHIR AC CVO
GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES

JOIN THE RESERVE FORCES DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year special tributes will be paid to those who were in part-time military service, 70 years ago at the outbreak of World War II in September 1939 and Reserve service to the nation since then.

For the first time the Reserve Forces Day parade will be held on one of Australia's oldest and most historic Parade Grounds - the Sydney Domain, a location, which in the past hosted military ceremonial parades from the earliest days of the Colony of New South Wales to the present. All the historic Regiments of the early days paraded for Sydney Town's citizenry and dignitaries on this hallowed ground with bands and fanfare, ceremony and circumstance.

The parade this year will capture that spirit with massed Brass and Pipe military bands, 50 Association Standards and Banners, Armoured Cars and a NSW Mounted Police and Light Horse Vice Regal escort bringing the Governor to the parade. The new location is spectator-friendly and will result in increased crowds of all ages turning out to cheer on the marchers. Band performances will start at 10.00 AM.

Support your serving and former Reserve Veterans by watching one of Sydney's most spectacular and colourful parades.

FREE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE FOR SERVING AND FORMER RESERVISTS - AND PARADE DETAILS - PTO

Spectators, serving and former members should be in position in the Domain by 10.30 AM.
We would ask marchers to enter from Art Gallery Road

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INFORMATION FOR MARCHERS

Serving and Veterans of the Defence Forces

CEREMONIAL CONTINGENTS

Ceremonial contingents comprising serving and former members are to form up in the area of Central Ave in the Domain opposite the Art Gallery of NSW by 1030h. If you are being driven to the parade please alight from the vehicle in the lay back in front of the Gallery.

Areas for the five formations, RANR, 2nd Division, 5th Brigade, 8th Brigade and the RAAF to form up will be clearly sign posted. Please report to your Association Sergeant Major to ensure you know your position and where to go to when asked to fall in. Initially the Formation RSMs will be in control before handing over to the 2IC/Formation Commander.

UNIT ASSOCIATION REUNIONS

Unit Association re-unions will be held at the conclusion of the parade. If you are not a member of your unit's association you would be most welcome to join their activities on the day. Here's your opportunity - 55 unit associations will be on parade. See RFDC web site - details below. Being a member of your Association this year is very important as they will be providing the formal lists of people taking part in the parade and the Governor-General Commemorative Certificates will only be issued to them.

NEATNESS OF DRESS AND GENERAL BEARING

The Reserve Forces Day Parade is a military parade and former members take pride in their unit association turn out, as we did when we were serving. As a result many Associations have taken the lead by adopting a uniform Association dress code. The Reserve Forces Day Council congratulates them for their initiative and suggests to all Associations to follow their lead.

Unlike past years, members on parade will be viewed by spectators throughout its duration, including the march past and the inspection. Previously the parade proceeded past the saluting dais quickly and any differences in dress e.g. no berets, etc was not that noticeable. This year we would ask Associations to work on this aspect to ensure we demonstrate the pride and esprit de corps we have in our service and associations. We must remember that our Patron Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of New South Wales will be wearing her uniform and we should make every effort to be well turned out ourselves and our Association.

Below is a suggested Dress Code for this year's Parade.

Beret: All Associations are requested to adopt the beret to help standardise the head wear except for those Associations with other distinctive head wear eg. Scottish Association and the RAAF NS Association. Many units already wear the beret with pride - for example the Commandos and NSAA. Dark blue is the correct colour for the majority of units. As a reminder the head band must be level and not more than 25mm/one inch above eyebrows, join at centre rear, with ribbon neatly knotted and tucked in, cap badge above the left eye, top of the beret pulled over to right side.

Suit or Jacket: Jacket and tie/suit to be worn. Many associations have a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, black belt, alternatively suit or sports coat. Tie - official Association / Corps tie.

Lapel Badges: It is suggested that one or two is adequate.

Gloves: White gloves should to be worn by all members of Banner Parties, Standard Bearers and RSMs (and equivalent) for each formation and dress standardised.

Medals: Officially issued decorations, campaign and service medals should be worn as appropriate. Medals such as commemorative or souvenir medals - i.e. medals that are purchased not issued by the Government - must not be worn. Unlike ANZAC Day Reserve Forces Day parades are a celebration of service and traditionally relative's medals are not worn.

Saluting with Head wear: Leading members of Contingents are requested to salute Her Excellency when marching past the dais.

Serving members dress: If you are forming a group of more than 10 then we request you wear ceremonial uniform (for officers - less sword). Otherwise please attend in the civilian dress as listed above. This may also make it easier for you to attend Association reunions.

MORNING TEA & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DOMAIN FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION

FREE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE

Serving and former members: Please ensure you join an Association so that you can be awarded the Commemorative Certificate for taking part in the celebrations acknowledging the 70 years of part time service to the Nation. Our new Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Defence Force and our Patron-in-Chief Her Excellency the Governor-General, Ms Quentin Bryce AC along with the Reserve Forces Day National and New South Wales Chairman The Honourable Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG QC, will sign the certificate.

SPECIAL MENTION OF OUR SPONSORS

The Reserve Forces Day Council would like to thank sincerely the many RSL Sub Branches and Clubs and our many sponsors including the ADF and NSW Government without such support these celebrations could not be held.

REGISTER TO MARCH WITH YOUR ASSOCIATION TO BE AWARDED THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE & TO RECEIVE UPDATES. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING YOUR ASSOCIATION SEE THE RFDC WEB SITE www.rfd.org.au