



**VICE REGAL REVIEW**

**OF THE**

**NATIONAL RESERVE FORCES DAY**

**PARADE**

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# Reserve Forces Day Council

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1939 - 2009

## CELEBRATIONS FOR 2009 - SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR 39ERS

It is 70 years since the commencement of World War II. Special recognition will be given at Reserve Forces Day celebrations throughout Australia to honour those men who were serving in the RANR, Militia and CAF prior to World War II. The celebrations will also acknowledge the 70 years of part time service of the men and women since then to the current serving members.

In the 1930s as war clouds were once again looming in Europe in the years leading up to WWII those members who joined the RANR, Militia and CAF were very conscious that war was imminent and that they would be the first called upon after the commencement of hostilities.

In 1939 there were approximately 530 Officers with 3870 Ratings serving in the RANR, 80,000 in the Militia and in the Citizens Air Force 210 Officers and 2220 Airmen.

The 39ERs will be presented a Gold recognition ribbon to wear proudly in the lead up celebrations and at the National parade in Sydney on Sunday 5 July 2009.

At the National and NSW Launch of Reserve Forces Day at Shore School on Saturday 29 November 2008, 17, 39ERs were presented with the a Gold recognition ribbon by Colonel the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support and Major General Greg Melick AM RFD SC the Assistant Chief of the Defence Force, Reserves, and Mr Keith Payne VC OAM. The other 39ERs located by Wednesday 1 Jul 09 will be presented their ribbon on that day in readiness for the 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

## SPECTACULAR REVIEW ON THE DOMAIN TO SALUTE THE 39ERS AND THE 70 YEARS OF RESERVE SERVICE TO THE NATION

A spectacular parade and march is planned on the Domain Sydney Sunday 5 July 2009. The parade format will be colourful and exciting for the marchers and spectators. The parade will be held on the historic Sydney Domain a site of many military parades including the presentation by Governor-General Field Marshal Slim, 1st Viscount Slim, KG, GCB, GCMG, GCVO, GBE, KStJ, DSO, MC, of the Queen's Colours to 3 Battalion RAR on the 24th April 1956. Another notable parade was in 1947 when Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, KG, GCB, DSO, PC, visited to thank Australia for its contribution to the war. We will be in a special place and making history.

The parade will involve Association Standards and Banners, Light Horse, Armoured vehicles and pageantry. The Army Bands from Sydney and Newcastle will look resplendent in their Red Jackets, they will be joined by the Regimental Band of 1/15 Royal NSW Lancers and the Pipes and Drums from the Army Band Newcastle and the NSW Scottish Regimental Association.

The parade and review will acknowledge the "Reservists" of 1939 and the 70 years of Reserve service to the nation both at home and overseas. The day will commence with a display by the massed bands in the Domain while the Formations and Associations of the RANR, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 8<sup>th</sup> Brigade and RAAF Reserve form up. Each Brigade will have a company of National Servicemen. Serving and former members who did not serve in these formations will be welcomed and allocated a position.

The parade will commence with Armoured vehicles and Association Banners taking up their position to hold ground. These will be followed by the individual Formations which will form up in a U shape. The Formations and Associations will be led by their Standard Bearers. The senior members of the 39ERs from the three services will be welcomed on the parade followed by Her Excellency who will arrive on the parade with a Vice-Regal escort of Mounted Police and Light Horse. The parade will be inspected by Her Excellency and then march past in quick time with music from bands in the centre of the parade ground. Her Excellency will deliver her address and depart with the VIP's. The parade will then march off.

Unlike a street parade, spectators will have the opportunity to view their family and friends and observe the pride of their Formations and Associations for the duration of the parade. The 1948 "Originals" who performed so well in last year's parade will be invited to take part again and should have their special red ribbon ready.

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The Governor-General has approved a Commemorative Certificate for all those who take part in the celebrations. See separate instruction.

***The serving and former members taking part in the parades throughout Australia will honour the service of the 39ERS.***