

RECOGNISING THE VALUE OF RESERVE SERVICE TO THE NATION SUNDAY 6th July 2014

ANZAC
CENTENARY
2014 - 2018

Reserve Forces Parade

**“MARCH WITH YOUR MATES AND
SHOW THE ESPRIT DE CORPS AND PRIDE WE SHARE IN THE
FORCES”**

The organisers encourage all serving or former members of the Reserve Forces, RANR, Militia, CMF – Army Reserve, CAF- RAAF Reserve, permanent members and National Service to take part in the Sydney parade.

The parade will be reviewed by His Excellency the Honourable Thomas Bathurst QC, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales who will arrive with an escort of NSW Mounted Police and Light Horse.

OUR CENTENARY THEME AND PARADE FOR 2014

100 YEARS AGO WW1 COMMENCED

In 2014 we will emphasise the role that Reservists played in the Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Force (AN&MEF) in the first action of World War 1, the expedition to secure German New Guinea and the role Reservists play today.

The Parade

The parade will form up in College Street North. Arrival time 1000h for Marchers. Each of the five formations will have its own band so all can march to the beat of great military marches. The parade will commence with Armoured vehicles and massed unit association banners moving to holding ground positions. A ceremonial contingent of members dressed in the uniform of the era and 10 Australian flags along with AN&MEF descendants will then march on led by members of the NSW Mounted Police.

The parade will form up in College Street and then march into Macquarie Street and halt with Parliament House being the centre of the parade. The Escort will be carrying Lances with the Pennons of the 15 Light Horse Regiments that served overseas in WWI and the Standard of General Sir Harry Chauvel, GCMG, KCB (As commander of the Desert Mounted Corps, he was responsible for one of the most decisive victories and fastest pursuits in military history.)

A new Standard honouring the AN&MEF will be formally presented to the parade in front of His Excellency the Honourable Thomas Bathurst QC and VIPS. The Standard has been designed using the same colours as the shoulder identification patches worn by the soldiers of the AN&MEF. This will be the first time the Standard will be seen in public. The Standards of the Units and Associations will be centered on the dais. It will be explained that the Standards carry the traditions of the WW1 units as most of the units are still linked to the famous 2nd Division, regiments, battalions and services that fought in WWI.

His Excellency will then inspect the Standards. This part of the parade will be a very important link to WWI. The new Standard will then be paraded. After formalities the Light Horse Troop will return for a formal salute with Lances before retiring to Victoria Barracks. The parade will then march past paying compliments to His Excellency and will be dismissed in Phillip Street.

Entertainment will commence in Macquarie Street at 10.30am, Parade at 11am.

An Information Centre will be set up near the Archibald Fountain. In Hyde Park North the Salvation Army will provide tea and coffee and the Oatley Lions Club will provide a sausage sizzle. – see over for more details and www.rfd.org.au



**Spectators are invited to support our current Defence Reservists
who continue to serve our nation in Australia and overseas**

INFORMATION FOR MARCHERS

Invitation to Serving and former members of the Defence Forces

CEREMONIAL CONTINGENTS – FORMING UP POSITIONS

Information Centre – See map -----

All serving and former members are to meet in Hyde Park North by 1000h. On arrival report to your **Association Sergeant Major** to ensure you know your position and where to go when asked to fall in.

At 1000h College Street will be closed and all members will move on to the road and form up in their **Ceremonial Formations**. Areas for, RANR, 2nd Division, 5th Brigade, 8th Brigade, RAAF and the National Service Association will be clearly sign posted.. 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. For a list of Associations in NSW see RFDC web site www.rfd.org.au. The NSW Leagues Club in Phillip Street, bistro and bar will be open. On the other side of the club in 60 Elizabeth Street Secure Parking offer a pre-booked parking for \$12 for the day.

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.

Members on parade will be viewed by spectators throughout its duration, including the march past. We ask Associations to work on this aspect to ensure we demonstrate the pride and esprit de corps we have in our service and association.

Remember we will be marching past within two metres of the VIPs and your guests on two occasions and poor dress will be more obvious than ever before.

Dress Code for this year's Parade:

Headwear is very important as this unifies all marchers and is not expensive to purchase.

Beret: Marchers are requested to wear a beret with their former unit badge except for the Scottish Association, WRAAC 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. The RSMs will be checking the dress on the day. Berets and badges can be purchased from Christies in Pitt St.

Suit or Jacket: A navy jacket/or suit (done up) and tie is to be worn. Many associations dress code is a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, (coloured trousers do not look uniform) or kilt, black belt, alternatively a sports coat. Tie - official Association / Corps tie. **Gloves:** **White gloves are to be worn by all members of Banner Parties, Standard Bearers and RSMs (and equivalent) for each formation and dress standardised.**

Medals: Only members 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.

Lapel Badges: It is suggested that one or two is adequate. **Carried items:** No items (newspapers, cameras) are to be carried by members during the parade.

Saluting: Leading members of Contingents wearing headwear are requested to salute (with the hand in traditional fashion) to His Excellency when marching past the dais. **It is not appropriate for Members marching in the ranks to salute.** The salute with hand to heart is not appropriate for this Parade.

Serving members dress: We would like you to wear uniform as it has now been approved for you to wear uniform on RFD (for officers less sword).

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

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING AN ASSOCIATION SEE THE RFDC WEB SITE www.rfd.org.au - ASSOCIATIONS

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