

You are invited to the RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE SUNDAY 4 JULY 2010



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TO BE REVIEWED BY
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Support serving and former Reserve members by watching one of Sydney's most spectacular and colourful parades.

This year it is just over 60 years since the Reserve Forces were reformed after WWII and since that time Reservists have been serving overseas on operations, United Nations and Humanitarian missions. This year the parade will acknowledge their special contribution of service and acknowledge the essential support from their families and employers.

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 has 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 citizens and dignitaries on this hallowed ground with bands and fanfare, ceremony and circumstance. If you are a serving or former member of the Reserve Forces, Naval Reserve, Militia, CMF/Army Reserve, CAF, Air Force Reserve, Cadre Staff, National Service and forces you are invited to take part in the parade. Please phone your association to register your interest and to find out about the Association after parade re-union – see www.rf.org.au for more details.

The parade this year will capture the 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-General to the parade. Serving, former Reservists, National Servicemen and forces will celebrate their part-time military service.

The Domain is very spectator-friendly and entertainment will commence at 10.30AM with the parade marching on at 11.00AM. We invite you to be present and cheer on the Reservists.

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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 former members of the Defence Forces

The parade is only for serving or former members of the 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, RAAF and the initial forming up for the NSAA 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 to take part - 50 unit Associations will be on parade. See RFDC www.rfd.org.au for Association contact details.

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 by the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief. In past years the parade proceeded past the saluting dais quickly and any differences in dress e.g. no berets, etc. were 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 the Governor-General has given us the honour of being our Patron in Chief and every effort should be made by us in supporting our Association to be well turned out.

Dress Code for this year's Parade.

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

Beret: All Associations are requested to adopt the beret to help standardise the head wear except for the Scottish Association and the Pay Corps, RAAFR and 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. If you are unable to buy one before the day we will purchase one and a badge for you. You may pay and collect it on the day from our Souvenir stand. Please contact your Formation RSM if you need a beret and badge. They will be checking the dress on the day.

Suit or Jacket: A navy jacket/or suit, many associations dress code is a navy blue jacket, white/blue shirt, grey trousers, (coloured trousers do not look uniform) black belt, alternatively a 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 Parades are a celebration of service and traditionally relative's medals are not worn.

Saluting: Leading members of Contingents wearing headwear are requested to salute to Her Excellency when marching past the dais.

Serving Members' Dress: We would like you wear ceremonial uniform (for officers less sword). Otherwise please attend in the civilian dress as listed above. This may make it easier for you to attend Association reunions.

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

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SERVING AND FORMER MEMBERS WHO AS RESERVISTS VOLUNTEERED AND SERVED OVERSEAS AND WERE AWARDED A MEDAL FOR THAT SERVICE WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATE IF THEY REGISTER WITH THE RFD COUNCIL AND ATTEND THE CELEBRATIONS. ELIGIBLE MEMBERS SHOULD REGISTER VIA THE WEB SITE UNDER 2010.

TO RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE PARADES PLEASE REGISTER ON THE RFDC WEB SITE AND FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING YOUR ASSOCIATION SEE THE RFDC WEB SITE www.rfd.org.au

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

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