

ANZAC DAY 2011
Monday 25 April 2011

COMMEMORATION MARCH AND SERVICE

GENERAL GUIDELINES

As ANZAC Day is a day of remembrance, the aim of the ANZAC Day Commemoration activities of the Church Service, Dawn Service, Gunfire Breakfast, the Commemoration March and the Commemoration Service at the conclusion of the March, is to give the participating veterans and the general public an opportunity to honour those who served in the defence of Australia or its interests, especially remembering those who paid the supreme sacrifice or otherwise suffered as a result of their service.

ORDER OF MARCH

The Order of March will be

- Boer War/WW1
- NZ veterans
- Women's Services
- WW2 RAN and subsequent deployments
- WW2 Army
- WW2 RAAF and subsequent deployments
- BCOF
- Korea/Malaysia
- Vietnam
- Post 1975
- Commonwealth and Allies

Banners will be grouped behind the respective Service formation leaders, followed by veterans (WW2 veterans in vehicles) and then descendants.

Provision now exists for veterans of the Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and East Timor conflicts to march in the Post 1945 section of the Commemoration March

ELIGIBILITY TO MARCH

Anyone eligible to be a member of the Returned and Services League of Australia can participate in the March.

A descendent of a veteran can march with a formation as a carer (one per veteran marching). All other descendants are invited to participate in the March at the rear of the respective formation group. One descendent of a deceased veteran may honour their relative's service by wearing his/her medals on their right breast.

KEY POINTS

- All marchers should march 6 abreast unless otherwise advised by a March Marshal.
- Dress should reflect the dignity of the occasion and children should be of discretionary years.
- Veterans who are unable to march should make use of the vehicles attached to their respective formation groups.
- Do not stand in any vehicle during the March.
- First aid stations and golf carts will be provided along St Kilda Road. However, if a veteran must fall-out of the March, he or she should be directed to a March Marshal for assistance.
- Veterans are requested not to join or leave the March other than at the Assembly or Dispersal points.
- The ANZAC Day March is not a military parade, therefore no vehicle, animal, weaponry or memorabilia (including photographs) may be included without the prior approval of the ANZAC Day Commemoration Council.

ASSEMBLY

The Chief Marshal will have overall responsibility of the Commemoration March. The Assistant Chief Marshal, Assembly will be responsible for the Assembly Area.

March participants should complete assembly by 30 minutes prior to the expected time for their formation to step-off.

			RAAF					
			Army Gp					Town Hall
Collins St West	Peacekeeping Post 1990 Ops	Swanston Street						Vietnam 1 RAR Collins St East
	Vietnam 2	Borneo Malaya Korea BCOF						National Service Anc Serv 2
		2nd AIF 1 Corps	2nd AIF 2 Corps					City Square
	Flinders La West							Flinders Ln East
	Young & Jacksons	NZ	Boer War/WW1 Official Party					St Paul's
Flinders St West	5&11 Div 7 Div 6 Div 3 Div Anc Serv 1 Womens Services							Band Pool 8Div, 9 Div Flinders St East Commonwealth Forces / Allies
	Flinders Street Station		Start Line					Navy RAAF SE Asia Europe/Middle East SW Pacific
			Disabled Veterans					Federation Square Marshals, Signs and Banners Assembly Point
YARRA		Princess Bridge						RIVER

RSL/SERVICE MARSHALS

Marchers are asked to cooperate with March Marshals and Police in the assembly and dispersal areas and along the March route.

VEHICLES

There will be enough vehicles positioned at the assembly points to provide the uplift of all WW2 veterans. Accordingly, all WW2 veterans are asked to accept this option for their own safety and comfort.

Vehicles for disabled veterans provided by RACV volunteers are to assemble by 0830 two abreast on the eastern kerb of St Kilda Road between Flinders Street and the south side of Princess Bridge.

ROUTE

The route for the March is via Swanston Street and St Kilda Road to the Shrine of Remembrance.

DISTANCES

Formations are to be 6 abreast, with intervals between units/groups, etc, of 3 paces.

Bands are to have an interval front and rear of not more than 8 paces.

Marshals will monitor distances so that gaps in the March will be avoided.

FIRST AID

St John's Ambulance first aid points will be located in the Assembly Area, along St Kilda Road, the northern end of the Shrine Forecourt and at the dispersal point.

DRESS

The dress of participants should be appropriate to the dignity of the occasion.

Medals

Medals authorised to be worn are worn on the left breast. Unauthorised and commemorative medals are to be worn on the right breast. Insignia or orders, etc, should be worn as prescribed.

Descendants should wear the medals of the veteran they are representing on their right breast.

Arms

Escorts to Colours etc, may carry arms. Otherwise the carrying of arms is not permitted.

BANDS

The Senior Marshal Bands is responsible for the placement and assessment, as required, of the bands participating in the Commemoration March.

SALUTING THE ETERNAL FLAME

As the head of each formation/unit approaches the Eternal Flame, hats are to be removed (by following the leader's movements or by direction) and the right hand held over the heart and kept in that position until the formation/unit passes the Eternal Flame, then the

reverse is to be followed. Heads are to be turned towards the Eternal Flame when passing it. Banners and flags are to be dipped. Defence Force formations are to salute the Eternal Flame as they pass it.

DISMISSAL OF MARCHERS

Formations are to be dismissed on the March after they have given an 'eyes right' at the Eternal Flame and have passed the flag poles on the eastern side of the Shrine Forecourt. Units are to move well clear of the dismissal area after they have completed the March.

Participants can then take advantage of refreshments provided by the Salvation Army prior to proceeding to the Commemoration Service at the conclusion of the March.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

A simple, but poignant service will be conducted at the conclusion of the Commemoration March on the northern steps of the Shrine of Remembrance.