



Canberra Honours Vietnam Veterans

The ACT and Districts Vietnam Veterans have collaborated with the Federal and ACT Governments, Australian War Memorial (AWM), Ainslie Football Club and Southern Cross Club to honour Vietnam Veterans on the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

PROJECTIONS (AWM). Continual images from the Vietnam War will be projected onto the various façades of the Australian War Memorial, including 521 Killed in the Battle of Long Tan.

LAST POST CEREMONY (AWM) Wednesday 17th August 4.55 pm, the story of Private Ken Gant will be read; also “I was only 19”, supported by Australia’s Federation Guard.

VIETNAM VALE (AWM) Thursday 18th August 5.30 am. The Memorial’s Commemorative Area will open and the names of the 521 people on the Vietnam War Roll of Honour will be read. Visitors may like to place a poppy on the Roll of Honour.

RECEPTION at Great Hall Parliament House on Wednesday 17th August 6.30pm. The Australian Government will be issuing invitations to this event. “Expressions of interest” are being taken by forwarding name and mailing address to vietvetsday@gmail.com. This offer will close soon.

STAND-TO SERVICE (AWM) Thursday 18th August 7 am. A “stand-to” Service will be held at the Stone of Remembrance in front of the Australian War Memorial.

BREAKFAST in the PARK at Reid Oval. Thursday 18th August 7.30am. Courtesy ACT Government and prepared by Lions Club.

VIETNAM VETERANS’ REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE Thursday 18th August 10am at the Australian Vietnam Forces Memorial on ANZAC Parade-. Hosted by the ACT and Districts Vietnam Veterans. The service will include a flyover of familiar aircraft. Seats must be taken up by 9:30am ready for official arrivals.

COMRARDRIE AFTERNOON Thursday 18th August 12.00pm at Ainslie Football Club. Food and drinks available. Check the update for details of this event on the website. www.vvaa.org.au

LAST POST CEREMONY. Thursday 18th August 4.55 pm at AWM. The Last Post Ceremony will feature the story of Lieutenant Gordon Sharp.

MUSIC by the LAKE. Friday 19th August 12pm to 3pm on the lawns at Southern Cross Yacht Club. Wind down with the local band “Old 45” playing Vietnam era rock and roll music. Food and drinks available. Marquee will be available if weather is inclement.

For updated information refer website: www.vvaa.org.au <https://www.awm.gov.au/events/honouring-vietnam-veterans/> or email vietvetsday@gmail.com.