



## ANZAC DAY – 25 APR 2018

ANZAC Day is a day in which we remember the sacrifices of those military members who have served for the sake of our nation and we also remember their loved ones who endured alongside them. We reflect on the values that they demonstrated that our nation admires, and we renew our commitment to defend Australia and support world peace. None of us want another world war.

ANZAC Day is a day of stories, of many different stories. Stories about the military – For each year we learn more about the historical events at ANZAC Cove and at other battles that have been fought since. But the stories are about much more than just the military. We also hear stories about individual people who served as nurses, pilots, mechanics, medics, clerks, engineers, firefighters, police, chaplains, planners, teachers, drivers, warehouse workers, forklift drivers, administrators, managers, physical trainers, refuelers, and so much more. So much more. For the stories are about people who were also someone's husband or wife, someone's mum or dad, someone's son or daughter, someone's brother or sister, someone's neighbour, someone's best friend. Someone, just like you.

The stories we hear about on ANZAC Day are stories about people like you. That is what makes the ANZAC story so powerful. It connects with your head, your heart, your spirit because it was someone just like you who was thrown into extraordinary circumstances. Someone like you who was able to demonstrate the values that we as Australians hold dear.

Values like mateship, moral courage, teamwork, loyalty, professionalism, creativity, innovation, a sense of humour, freedom of speech, and equality. The value of being prepared to sacrifice oneself so that others may live. And they did so under pressure in unfamiliar and often chaotic situations.

The values that those first ANZACs demonstrated did not come from nowhere. They were first formed in their families, their schools, their faith communities, their neighbourhoods, their workplaces, their sporting teams, and their friendships.

As you remember the sacrifice of those who have served for the sake of our nation and you also remember their loved ones who endured alongside them, and as you reflect on the values that our nation admires, I urge you, if you are a serving member of the Australian Defence Force to renew your commitment today to defend Australia and support world peace by wearing your uniform with pride and by demonstrating those same ANZAC values.

And if you are an Australian, I urge you to renew your commitment today to support world peace. And to do this by reflecting on what ANZAC values you are teaching, learning, demonstrating, and accepting in your family, your school, your faith community, your neighbourhood, your workplace, your sporting team, and your friendships.

And as you do this, may God who is the source of all courage and peace connect with your head, your heart, and your spirit, and bless you.

CHAP Christine Senini, RAAF Base Darwin © 2018.

## LEST WE FORGET

***Anzac Day Mass, Mass for The Fallen will be held at 0730 at St Mary's Star of the Sea, Smith St, Darwin.***

***The Darwin City Dawn Service will be held at 0600 at The Cenotaph, The Esplanade. The Darwin City Anzac Day Parade will 'step off' at 0900. Road closures from 0500, see <https://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/council/news-media/news/anzac-day-2018> for a road closure map and parking information.***

***CHAP Senini will be participating in the Veterans MC Northern Territory Dawn Service held at 0600 at Reg Hillier House, 135 Bees Creek Road, Bees Creek (gates open at 0530). A Gunfire Breakfast will be available after the Service (gold coin donation). The ride to the Palmerston Veterans March commences at 0800.***

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