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RAAF VIETNAM PLAQUE CEREMONY – PT COOK Sunday 28th March

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The RAAF Association (Victorian Division) proposes that the service of RAAF units and personnel during the Vietnam War should be formally recognised by the dedication of a plaque at the RAAF's birthplace – Pt Cook.

The dedication of the plaque will take place at the Australian Flying Corps Memorial at Pt Cook on Sunday 28th March.

The Plaque acknowledges the following units:

- No 2, 9, RTFV/35, 36 and 37 Squadrons
- HQ RAAF Vietnam (and thus personnel who also served with USAF and US Army units)
- Base Support Flight/1 OSU Vung Tau
- HQ RAAF Contingent Vung Tau
- RAAFNS
- No 5 Squadron Airfield Construction Squadron Detachment
- Transport Support Flight Butterworth
- Detachment S Richmond (Saigon Evacuation)

While final details and official guests are yet to be confirmed the proposed program is:

1100: Unit banners and representatives form a guard of honour at the plaque.

1105: The Official guests arrive and are acknowledged.

1110: Keynote address

1125: Plaque is unveiled

1130: Plaque is dedicated – non-denominational service

1135: Wreaths are laid

1145: Ode, Last Post, Rouse and Australian National Anthem

1200: Light luncheon and RAAF 89th Birthday address

1330: Private visits to the Pt Cook Museum (exhibits include a Canberra, Huey and Caribou that saw service in Vietnam)

The wearing of Medals is requested.

Return transport from Southern Cross (Spencer Street) Station to Pt Cook will be available (advise expected arrival time at Spencer Street when contacting either Secretary – see below).

Free car parking will be available at Pt Cook.

For interstate visitors; return bus transport will be provided on Saturday 27th March for a visit to the National Vietnam veterans Museum at Phillip Island if sufficient indicate interest in attending.

For catering and transport purposes, veterans and visitors attending the Pt Cook ceremony and the Phillip Island visit are requested to advise their intentions by Friday 19th March to either:

Rick Holmes (RAAFVVA Secretary)
Telephone: (03) 9317 7304



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (VICTORIAN DIVISION)
RAAF VIETNAM PLAQUE CEREMONY
POINT COOK - 28TH MARCH 2010

ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH OF BANNERS AND PLAQUE GUARDIANS

Members of No 4 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets Air Power Brass

WELCOME ADDRESS

Mr Peter Colliver President RAAF Association (Victorian Division)

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS

Air Vice Marshal Alan Reed AO (Retd) Chairman RAAF Veterans' Residences Trust

UNVEILING OF PLAQUE

Mr Peter Colliver President RAAF Association (Victorian Division)
Air Vice Marshal E M (Mac) Weller AM (Retd) Patron RAAF Vietnam Veterans Association (Vic)

DEDICATION OF PLAQUE

Reverend George G Ashworth Chaplain RAAF Vietnam Veterans Association (Vic)

COMMEMORATIVE WREATHS

Accompanied by *Anthony W Pahl OAM - former No 9 Squadron Gunner - reciting his commemorative poem*

Air Commodore Ken Watson

Mr Lee Scully

Mr John McCrystal

Mr Tony Lupton MP

Squadron Leader Graham Henry (Retd)

Wing Commander Graeme Chalmers (Retd)

Wing Commander David Grierson (Retd)

Group Captain M (Mac) Cottrell DFC (Retd)

Viet Long Nguyen

Private wreaths

Commander Air Force Training Group
(Representing the Chief of Air Force)
President RAAF Vietnam Veterans Association (Vic)
Vice President RAAF Association (Victorian Division)
Cabinet Secretary, Government of Victoria
(Representing the Premier of Victoria)
State President No 2 Squadron Association
National President No 9 Squadron Association
RTFV/35 Squadron Associations
Forward Air Controllers Association
President Vietnamese Veterans Association (Vic)

ODE

Recited by Warrant Officer J (Snow) Coughlan CGM
Life Member RAAF Vietnam Veterans Association (Vic)

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them

All Repeat

We will remember them

LAST POST

Air Power Brass

ONE MINUTE OF SILENCE

ROUSE

Air Power Brass

All Repeat (at conclusion of Rouse)

Lest we forget

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Australians all let us rejoice

For we are young and free

We've golden soil for wealth and toil

Our home is girt by sea

Our land abounds in nature's gifts

Of beauty rich and rare

In history's page let every stage

Advance Australia Fair

In joyful strains then let us sing

Advance Australia Fair

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Air Commodore Ken Watson

Commander Air Force Training Group

MARCH OFF BANNERS AND PLAQUE GUARDIANS

Members of No 4 Wing Australian Air Force Cadets

Air Power Brass

LUNCHEON

Officers Mess RAAF Point Cook

RAAF 89th Anniversary Address - Air Commodore Ken Watson

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PERSONNEL WHO LOST THEIR LIVES ON OPERATIONS
AND IN HONOUR OF ALL WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM

1964 - 1972

No 2 Squadron
Headquarters
RAAF Vietnam

RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam/No 35 Squadron
Base Support Flight/No 1 Operational Support Unit
Vung Tau

No 9 Squadron
Headquarters
RAAF Contingent

Supported By

No 36 Squadron No 37 Squadron Transport Support Flight Butterworth
RAAF Nursing Service No 5 Airfield Construction Squadron

1975

Headquarters Richmond Detachment S - Evacuation of Saigon

In Recognition of Their Service
Royal Australian Air Force Association (Victorian Division)

28th March, 2010

