

MEMORIAL SERVICE OPENING ADDRESS AND MC SPEECH NOTES

GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS JOHN BERTINI AND

ON BEHALF OF THE 104 SIGNAL SQUADRON 2011 REUNION
COMMITTEE. I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME-

OUR GUESTS OF HONOUR

FELLOW VETERANS THEIR WIVES OR PARTNERS; AND

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

TO THIS MORNINGS MEMORIAL AND REDEDICATION SERVICE.

ITS A LITTLE OVER 5 YEARS SINCE WE LAST GATHERED HERE TO
DEDICATE THIS MEMORIAL IN COMMEMORATION OF THOSE
MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CORP OF SIGNALS WHO
SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR.

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL TO MIND THE MEMBERS OF
THE CORP WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE VIETNAM WAR OR
SUBSEQUENT CONFLICTS OR WHO HAVE SINCE PASSED ON.

IN PARTICULAR, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER OUR MATES
WHO WERE HERE WITH US AT THE LAST REUNION BUT ARE NO
LONGER WITH US NOW. I MIGHT ADD THESE INCLUDE SEVERAL MEN
WHOM I REGARD AS MY CONTEMPORARIES AND HAVE SUCCUMBED
TO ILLNESS RATHER THAN INCREASING OLD AGE.

WE CAN ALSO CALL TO MIND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO
ATTEND THE REUNION BECAUSE OF ILLNESS BUT ARE WITH US IN
SPIRIT.

OUT THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS COULD ALSO BE FOR THOSE MEMBERS OF THE ADF WHO ARE SERVING IN CONFLICT AREAS+

I NOW ASK REV PETER DEVENISH-MEARES TO LEAD US IN PRAYER FOLLOWED BY A READING (DAVID MURPHY)

PRAYER AND READING

OUR GUEST SPEAKER THIS MORNING IS COL PETER DIDDAMS RETD.

PETER WAS THE RADIO TROOP COMMANDER AT NUI DAT IN 1969. HE SPENT 25 YEARS IN THE ARMY RETIRING AS COLONEL. HE SPENT A FURTHER 20 YEARS IN INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT AND IS NOW ACTIVELY RETIRED. MANY OF YOU HAVE SWAPPED STORIES WITH PETER OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS AND IT WAS PROBABLY A BIT OF AN EYE OPENER FOR PETER AS TO SOME OF THE THING HIS RADIO OPERATORS GOT UP TO. I NOW ASK PETER TO ADDRESS US

THANK YOU PETER

LAYING OF WREATHS

I NOW CALL

MAJOR BRENDAN MUTCH ON BEHALF OF 104 SIG SQN 2011 REUNION

LAURIE STRICKLAND ON BEHALF OF SVVA QLD

IF THERE IS ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO LAY A WREATH OR OTHER TRIBUTE WOULD THEY PLEASE COME FORWARD NOW

(MORE WREATHS WERE LAYED)

THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND FOR THE ODE

ODE

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
REMEMER THEM.

LEST WE FORGET

LEST WE FORGET

LAST POST

ONE MINUTES SILENCE

REVEILLE

BENEDICTION AND REDEDICATION

I NOW ASK REV DEVENISH MEARES TO GIVE THE BENEDICTION AND REDEDICATION

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AGAIN THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

END OF SERVICE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THAT CONCLUDES OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK-

OUR GUESTS OF HONOUR AND GUEST SPEAKER,

THOSE WHO LAYED WREATHS AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO HAS ATTENDED OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING AND OUR PADRE REV PETER DEVENISH-MEARES

OUR FINAL FUNCTION FOR THE REUNION WHICH NOW FOLLOWS IS FAREWELL BUFFET LUNCHEON IN THE FOUR SEASON ROOM. HERE WE CAN KICK OFF DISCUSSION ABOUT THE NEXT REUNION AND ITS COMMITTEE. REMEMBER 104 SIG SQN IS 50 YEARS YOUNG IN NOV 2015.

THANK YOU