

Message from the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

I am pleased, once again, to present the options for the 2010 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program. The program is a unique opportunity to develop a deeper appreciation of the effort it takes to become a proficient and professional member of the Australian Defence Force. This program prides itself on being openly bi-partisan and all Federal parliamentarians are warmly encouraged to participate.

Participation in the program has steadily increased from its inception. The participation rate increased from 33 participants in 2008, to 45 in 2009, with 15 first time participants. I had the pleasure of noting the promotion of a further five participants to the 'Boomerang' club, that is, those who have completed three or more Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program attachments, these were:

- Senator the Hon Nick Minchin,
- Senator Russell Trood
- Mr Chris Hayes MP
- Ms Nola Marino MP
- Mr Shayne Neumann MP

The Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program offers a unique insight into the world of our Defence Force. Apart from the experience of getting to work alongside the men and women of today's modern Defence Force, you will see first hand the application of Defence capabilities in meeting the strategic aims of government.

The other dimension of the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program that continues to gain prominence is the exchange element.

Up to 15 Australian Defence Force personnel are hosted by a Senator or Member of Parliament in their parliamentary offices in Canberra during a sitting week. The ADF participants are selected from across the three services and represent various ranks. This element of the program allows participants to gain an insight into the operation of the Parliament and the work of their host. The program continues to remain indebted to those Senators and Members of Parliament who make themselves available each year to host these future leaders of the Australian Defence Force.

With 2010 being an election year, there is an understanding that your time will be in even greater demand this year. However, the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program is tailored to fit the most opportune times in the parliamentary sitting calendar and I encourage you wholeheartedly to consider signing up to the program in 2010.



The Hon Dr Mike Kelly, AM, MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

About the ADF Parliamentary Program

In 2009 I oversaw the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program for the second time since assuming the role as Vice Chief of the Defence Force. Inaugurated in 2001, the program has continued to grow in strength and popularity. Over that time 105 parliamentarians have undertaken a total of 198 attachments, setting a new record with 45 attachments over the past year. I am extremely pleased with the results of the program and the positive effect it has on the men and women of the Australian Defence Force who have the opportunity to better know and appreciate how you, as our elected representatives, contribute to the effective governance of our nation.

Reflecting the high tempo of Australian Defence Force operations around the globe, the 2009 program introduced a number of additional opportunities to engage with these activities. Five of the 20 options offered last year were to overseas operations and in each case these options were either fully subscribed, or over subscribed. To address the oversubscription, more places are being offered this year particularly to the Middle East Area of Operations. A new system has also been introduced to ensure the process is fairer to all. This process and other guidelines are outlined in this brochure.

The 2010 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program builds on the great success of the 2009 program offering an excellent suite of options to showcase the Australian Defence Force's multifaceted training activities and our ability to deliver effective capability on operations. On behalf of the Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC, AFC, and the wider Defence community I extend a warm invitation for you to participate in this exciting 2010 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program.



Lieutenant General David Hurley, AO, DSC
Vice Chief of the Defence Force





Belinda Neal MP

2009

My experience of the ADF Parliamentary Program in Timor was a great eye opener both on the day to day operations of our Defence forces and the opportunity to see the application of Australia's peace keeping policies in the field.

I had experiences far beyond the usual activities of an MP. I was impressed by the dedication and commitment of the defence personnel from the Brigadier to the Privates. Every member of the forces that I had contact with made particular effort to enlighten me and to make me feel very much at home.



Senator Gary Humphries

2005, 2006, 2008, 2009

The Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program is one of the most extraordinary educational experiences available to any Member of Parliament.

Although the ADF enjoys a high profile in our community, the working conditions and operational pressures on its members are not well understood by the average Australian. The Parliamentary Program helped me to overcome my information deficit about the working lives of members of the Defence Force.

This year's experience – after a number of deployments, I have become addicted to the program – was at HMAS Stirling in Perth. Four of us were able to visit the naval facilities at Garden Island and in particular the Submarine Training and System Centre. As with other ADFPP programs, we enjoyed the opportunity of literally walking in the shoes of naval personnel, experiencing some of their training, eating in their messes and inspecting first hand their workplaces and living conditions. The highlight was a visit onboard HMAS Collins, talking to its crew and touring its facilities.

The most powerful impression left by this visit was of the extraordinarily high quality of the Defence workforce. Seeing young Australians, barely in their 20's, in charge of operational systems and complex equipment projected a sense of the competence, aptitude and resilience of these young Aussies.



Undertaking this experience over a number of years has assisted me to better understand the implications of my decisions as a member of the Federal parliament. I recommend that experience to any MP seeking to properly understand the role and worth of Australia's men and women in uniform. It is also tremendous fun: MPs are full participants, not mere observers, in the area of the Defence Force to which they're deployed.

Mike Symon MP

2009

As a relatively new Member of Parliament, elected in 2007 I have learnt there are many areas of the ADF's operations that the public do not see.

This is particularly so for those jobs that are done behind the scenes without which, nothing would happen.

My detachment to Talisman Saber 09 as a part of a group of six parliamentarians gave me the opportunity to see first hand the teamwork and absolute professionalism of the ADF across all three forces. It also provided an insight into the cooperation between the ADF and the US forces in this joint exercise.



The opportunity to spend a few days on HMAS Kanimbla and talk freely to all of the officers and crew onboard about their individual jobs was greatly appreciated. Although often very busy during phases of the exercise, there was always someone to brief me on what was happening. From up on the bridge, to down in the engine room I learnt far more about the Kanimbla and the capabilities of its crew than I would ever have thought possible.

TS09 also had both ground and air components along with the seaborne operations and after leaving the Kanimbla I was based at Shoalwater Bay with 1CER, as part of the red force. Again, the opportunity to be completely involved with the exercise operations and briefings was most appreciated. The camaraderie and experience of the Australian army was well displayed as we watched and were a part of the various exercises that ran around the clock.

Following on from Shoalwater Bay, we were transferred to Darwin to witness the air operation side of the exercise from maintenance facilities to transport and from the control tower to the fuelling operations, we were given an unparalleled opportunity to talk with all ranks of the RAAF about their role in keeping our nation secure.

I thoroughly recommend the ADFPP to the many MP's who have yet to try the experience and encourage you to give it a go in 2010.

Senator Michaelia Cash

2009



With my keen interest in border security, as part of the 2009 ADF Parliamentary Program, I participated in Operation RESOLUTE – which gave me an insight into the role of the Border Protection Command. I joined with the ADF and Customs in their combined role to protect Australia's borders and maritime interests.

I derived enormous benefit from the ADF Program. I was very impressed with the high level of skills of the crew on the HMAS Childers and on the ACV Botany Bay and how well both teams interacted and worked together.

It was also a privilege to interact on a personal level with the men and women of the ADF proudly serving our country. The crews' confidence and professionalism in the way in which they performed their jobs was inspirational.

It was a great experience and I look forward to participating in future ADF programs.



Attachment Options

The following attachment options are offered to Parliamentarians for the 2010 ADF Parliamentary Program. This overview will give you an idea of what is available and enable you to choose something that interests you. Attachment timings are indicative and may change according to operational requirements. More detailed information on the attachment activity and timing for 2010 can be found in the following pages. Application forms are only available at the ADF Parliamentary Program website at www.defence.gov.au/adfpp. For any clarification or advice on attachment options, please don't hesitate to contact the Executive Officer whose contact details are at the last page of the brochure.



- OPTION 1** **NAVY**
Northern Australia
4-15 October
- OPTION 2** **NAVY**
NSW South Coast
12-16 April or 2-6 August
- OPTION 3** **NAVY**
Exercise KAKADU 2010 (KA10)
30 August-3 September
- OPTION 4** **NAVY**
Sydney Naval Establishments
Autumn or Winter Recess
- OPTION 5** **ARMY**
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Arnhem Squadron 3-7 May
Kimberley Squadron 26-30 July
- OPTION 6** **ARMY**
Army Aviation Training Centre
Autumn or Winter Recess
- OPTION 7** **ARMY**
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- OPTION 8** **ARMY**
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Autumn or Winter Recess

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Autumn or Winter Recess

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OPTION 15 JOINT OPERATIONS
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13-22 April or 13-22 July

OPTION 16 JOINT OPERATIONS
Middle East Gulf Region
13-22 April or 13-22 July

OPTION 17 JOINT OPERATIONS
The Solomon Islands
28 February-4 March or 4-8 July

OPTION 18 JOINT EXERCISE
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11-21 July

OPTION 19 JOINT DEPLOYMENT
Pacific Partnership 2010
August

OPTION 20 AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE
FORCE ACADEMY
5-9 July or 12-16 July

Option 1

NAVY – Northern Australia

OUTLINE

The Navy in Northern Australia option aims to provide a broad overview of Navy capability through visits to establishments located in Cairns and Darwin, with a particular focus on the role and functions of the Armidale Class Patrol Boats.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- **Day 1:** HMAS Cairns, Cairns. Briefings and tours of HMAS Cairns and ships alongside. Overnight Cairns.
- **Day 2:** Mission Beach. Transit by road to Mission Beach. Witness the filming of Sea Patrol on board an Armidale Class Patrol Boat. Overnight Mission Beach.

- **Days 3-6:** Transit by road to Cairns. Transit to Darwin by ship (subject to operational availability).
- **Day 7:** Tour HMAS Coonawarra, depart Darwin.

Dates: Indicative dates are during the period 4-15 October.

No. of Positions: Limited to two participants.

Note: In the event that a ship is not available for transit Cairns to Darwin, participants will be asked to fly to Darwin at their own expense from where an overnight sea patrol on a patrol boat will occur.



Option 2

NAVY – NSW South Coast

OUTLINE

The Navy on the NSW South Coast option aims to provide a five day broad overview of Navy capability through visits to establishments located on the NSW South Coast, with a particular focus on officer training and Navy's aviation capability.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- **Days 1-2:** HMAS Albatross, Nowra. Briefings and tours of the Navy aviation squadrons will be provided by Fleet Air Arm staff, including a flight in a Navy helicopter and participation in an operational training mission in a full motion simulator. You will also have the opportunity to undertake Helicopter Underwater Escape Training.
- **Days 3-5:** HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay. Witness and participate in all facets of officer training, including the School of Survivability and Ship Safety. A component of the visit will involve participation in practical leadership exercises with the new entry officers.

Dates: 12-16 April or 2-6 August.

No. of Positions: No limit.



Option 3

NAVY – Exercise KAKADU 2010 (KA10)

OUTLINE

Exercise KAKADU is a maritime exercise conducted with regional defence forces out of Darwin, NT. The exercise aims to develop interoperability in multifilateral maritime operations in a Regional Maritime Coalition environment.

Australian ships participating are likely to include both classes of frigate, a refuelling ship, Armidale class patrol boats and a Collins-class submarine.

This attachment provides the opportunity to engage with Australia's Navy in an important exercise with up to 15 of our regional allies and coalition partners.



Detailed planning for KA10 is continuing, however, an indication of how the option might unfold is as follows:

- **Day 1:** You will be met at Darwin airport and escorted to your host ship in preparation for sailing the next morning for the sea phase of the exercise.
- **Days 2-5:** Sea-ride on board one of the Australian fleet units participating in the exercise. Accommodation while on board is likely to be in sailors' messes (not individual cabins) with shared ablution facilities. You will spend time in each of the ship's departments, gaining an insight into the range of roles carried out by the ship's company at sea. Opportunities for cross-deck visits to foreign warships may become available during the exercise, but cannot be guaranteed.
- **Day 5:** Disembark ship and transit to Darwin airport for departure.

Dates: Indicative dates are 30 August-3 September.

No. of Positions: Limited to four participants.

Note: Hotel accommodation in Darwin (if required) would be at the participant's expense.

Option 4

NAVY – Sydney Naval Establishments

OUTLINE

The Sydney Naval Establishments option aims to provide a five day broad overview of Navy capability through visits to Navy ships and establishments located in the Sydney region.

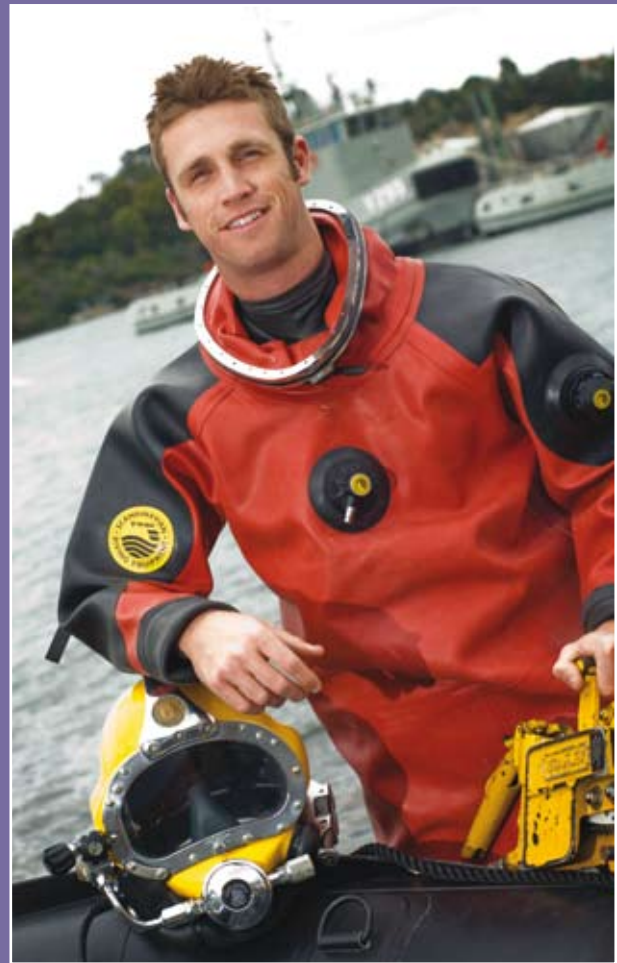
INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- **Day 1:** Fleet Headquarters. Briefings conducted by Fleet Headquarters staff, including Commander Australian Fleet, followed by lunch at HMAS Kuttabul, a tour of Fleet Base East and the Navy Heritage Centre.
- **Day 2:** HMAS Penguin, Balmoral. Clearance diving training.
- **Day 3:** HMAS Waterhen, Waverton. Briefings by Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Force staff tour of HMAS Waterhen and a Mine Hunter Coastal.
- **Days 4:** HMAS Watson, Watson's Bay. Briefings by Maritime Warfare training staff tour of HMAS Watson and practical experience in the Bridge Motion Simulator.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and nominations can be tailored to fit into either the autumn or winter recess.

No. of Positions: No limit.

Note: Accommodation and travel in Sydney provided by Navy.



Option 5

ARMY – North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE)

OUTLINE

NORFORCE is unique for many reasons. It has the largest area of operations of any military unit in the world today and contributes directly to border protection within the National Surveillance Plan. NORFORCE continues to enjoy great support from the local population from which it draws its soldiers, the majority of whom are from the indigenous communities.

NORFORCE specialises in small group long range patrols using a variety of insertion and extraction techniques including water, air and vehicle. This is an excellent opportunity to experience a uniquely Australian military unit by joining either the Kimberley or Arnhem Squadrons.

The Kimberly Squadron operates from Broome in WA and the Arnhem Squadron works out from Gove in the NT.

INDICATIVE PROGRAMS

- Participate in the border protection patrolling program where you will be briefed on NORFORCE, its structure and capabilities.
- Visit key locations and stakeholders within the Squadrons area of operations, including interaction with the remote indigenous communities.

- Experience the Squadron's battle procedure including live firing of weapons, exposure to vehicle patrols and techniques, and Army water borne operations.

Dates: Arnhem Squadron 3-7 May.
Kimberley Squadron 26-30 July.

No. of Positions: Limited to four participants for either program.

Notes: A reasonable level of fitness required and you may be exposed to extremes of weather. Camping and field rations will be the order of the day.



Option 6

ARMY – Army Aviation Training Centre

OUTLINE

The aim of the Army Aviation Training Centre (AAvnTC) is to effectively prepare pilots, loadmaster, ground crewmen and aircraft technicians for employment within Army Aviation. AAvnTC employs the highest level of technical instruction support, combined with the latest training practices, to ensure that all graduates are able to operate and support aircraft in combat environments.

The AAvnTC is located at Oakey (west of Toowoomba QLD).

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

The five day program immerses you in the following activities:

- Aircrewman Training - Exposure to the Aircrewman Virtual Reality Simulator, S70 Blackhawk and Bell 412 helicopters.
- Officer Training - attend briefings and lectures, fly as an observer by day and night (night flying with night vision goggles).
- Pilot Training - attend training, lectures and briefings, fly in a helicopter and simulator.
- View/participate/conduct maintenance on aircraft training aids and work with the simulated aircraft maintenance training suite.



- Introduction and shooting at the weapons training simulation section, mission briefs and flights with the Kiowa Training Troop and view the country's busiest air traffic control tower in operation.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit either the autumn or winter recess.

No. of Participants: Limited to four participants.

Option 7

ARMY – Army Recruit Training Centre “the home of the Soldier”

OUTLINE

We are looking forward to welcoming you into the Army for a five day visit to “the home of the Soldier” at Kapooka just outside Wagga Wagga NSW. The Army Recruit Training Centre (ARTC) focuses on the delivery of recruit training to produce the highest quality soldiers for the Australian Army.



INDICATIVE PROGRAM

At ARTC we trust you will find the experience a rewarding one through a program where you will be given a brief introduction to the Recruit Training Centre, followed by participation in, or observation of:

- recruit training in barracks and in the field;
- resilience training;
- the Adventurous Training Wing, including the high wire confidence course;
- personal development lectures, drill and weapons instruction;
- marksmanship training, both electronic and live firing;
- a night in the field at the forward operating base; and
- the “challenge” of a recruit’s final test before course completion.

Dates: 10-14 May or 26-30 July.

Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored as required.

No. of Participants: No limit.

Option 8

ARMY - In the Top End - 1st Brigade

OUTLINE

This attachment provides exposure to the Army in the Top End at the 1st Brigade located at Robertson Barracks, Darwin NT. Participants will be afforded the opportunity to see the working environment of the Brigade and exposure to the units and soldiers based at Robertson Barracks.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- Exposure to the Brigades Platoon and sub-unit level training (Mission Rehearsal Exercises) in preparation for their operational deployment in late 2010.
- Explore and observe the major capabilities within the Brigade including:
 - 1st Armoured Regiment and see what its like to be a crewman of an Abrams tank;
 - 2nd Cavalry Regiment experience, what its like to drive an ASLAV (Australian Light Armoured Vehicle);
 - visit the home of the new Army AUSTIGER (Armed Recon Helicopter);
 - experience regimental life in an infantry battalion;
 - learn about the value of combat service support elements; and
 - visit other key areas of the Brigade in the Top End.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit either the autumn or winter recess.

No. of Participants: No limit.



Option 9

AIR FORCE – RAAF Base East Sale

OUTLINE

RAAF Base East Sale is located in the Gippsland district of Victoria. It is a high-tech training base and is best known as the home of the famous Roulettes aerobatic display team who operate from Central Flying School. Other schools on the base include:

- Officers' Training School.
- The School of Air Traffic Control.
- The School of Air Warfare.

RAAF Base East Sale is also the home for No 32 Squadron with eight King Air 350s.

Training at RAAF East Sale is experiential, hands-on, and intense. How else would we prepare our members for the pressures of their future careers as air traffic controllers, air combat officers, pilot instructors, and leaders? Have you been put to the test?

INDICATIVE PROGRAM (five days)

- Join the students at Officers' Training School. The program will include theoretical and experiential leadership training, weapons training, and ceremonial drill training.
- The program then moves to experiences at Central Flying School, the School of Air Traffic Control's high tech simulator, and the School of Air Warfare (which may include flying in a King Air 350 whilst a student undergoes a navigation assessment).
- Participants will also have the opportunity to take part in a familiarisation flight in a PC-9A and to observe the Roulettes training program.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit into either the autumn or winter recess.

No of Positions: No limit.



Option 10

AIR FORCE – RAAF Base Amberley

OUTLINE

RAAF Base Amberley is the largest operational base in the Air Force employing approximately 3000 Service and civilian personnel. It is located near Ipswich 50 km southwest of Brisbane.

Amberley is home to the famous F-111 bombers and the C-17 Globemaster. Amberley also hosts the headquarters for the largest force element group within Air Force, Combat Support Group (CSG). The Group's name reflects its current focus on combat capabilities, and is responsible for airbase services, command, control, and management, during peace and conflict.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM (five days)

- Join the staff at HQ CSG to experience the behind the scenes work in keeping the Air Force operational and also spend time at Health Services Wing, which has a long history of support to operations and emergencies through their aero medical support. See how they set up an aero-medical evacuation facility on the C-17.
- Join personnel at the RAAF School of Fire and Security. RAAFSFS is the primary training facility for Fire Fighters as well as Air Force Airfield Defence Guards, Security Police, Military Working Dog Handlers and Airfield Engineering personnel. You will get hands-on experience with weapons and engage with the security specialists as they undergo their unique skills training.

- Join one or more of our flying units based at Amberley: 36 SQN (C-17), or 1 or 6 SQN (F-111).

Participants will also have an opportunity to take part in a familiarisation flight in a C-17.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit into either the autumn or winter recess.

No of Positions: No limit.



Option 11

AIR FORCE – RAAF Base Edinburgh

OUTLINE

Located 25 km north of Adelaide, RAAF Base Edinburgh is the largest military base in South Australia employing approximately 3000 personnel. RAAF Edinburgh is the home of 19 units, the two largest being 92 Wing and Aerospace Operational Support Group (AOSG).

92 Wing operate the AP-3C Orion surveillance aircraft and they have been on constant active service in the Middle East since 2003. The Wing is also regularly operational with a range of border security missions.

AOSG specialises in testing and developing capability for Air Force and includes the Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU), the RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine (AVMED), and the Woomera Test Facility.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM (five days)

- Help plan and brief a maritime surveillance mission at 92 WG, Learn how they locate everything from submarines to illegal fishing boats in Australian waters.
- Enter the secret world of No 1 Radar Surveillance Unit and the Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit where you'll witness real-time intelligence gathering and processing.
- Join the Combat Support Unit for a day. Spend some time patrolling the base with a Military Working Dog Team, have a go at the Base confidence course.



- Take a flight in an ARDU PC-9A and let one of the Air Force's highly skilled test pilots demonstrate how they put the aircraft through its paces before acceptance into ADF service. You will also see Adelaide and its Northern suburbs from a totally different perspective.
- Follow up with a tour of AVMED to learn how ADF aircrew is trained in the effects of flight at high altitude and high "g" forces and its impact on the body. Try out the Night Vision simulator.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit into either the autumn or winter recess.

No of Positions: No limit.

Option 12

AIR FORCE – RAAF Base Williamtown

OUTLINE

RAAF Base Williamtown is located just north of Newcastle and is the largest fighter aircraft base in Australia. The Base is home to three squadrons of F/A-18 aircraft and one squadron of Hawk 127 Lead-In Fighter training aircraft.

Headquarters Air Combat Group (HQACG) resides at Williamtown and is responsible for all Hawk 127 and F/A-18 Hornet Pilot training as well as the provision of fighter aircraft and aircrew for the defence of Australia.

Headquarters Surveillance and Response Group (HQSRG) is located within the Eastern Region Operations Centre (EASTROC) at Williamtown. HQSRG is responsible for all Fighter Controller training, including No 3 Control and Reporting Unit provides fighter control services to the Hawk 127 and F/A-18 Hornet aircraft. HQSRG will also introduce the Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) aircraft into service during 2010.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM (five days)

- Join an aircraft maintenance team as they prepare the Hawk 127 aircraft for the daily flying program. Observe the planning and briefing for a Hawk mission and then observe a training mission being flown in the Hawk Simulator.
- Join an aircraft maintenance and flight line team as they prepare an F/A-18 Hornet aircraft for the daily flying program and then observe an F/A-18 Hornet training mission being flown in the Hornet Simulator.

- View the Operations Room of the EASTROC from where fighter control missions are conducted.
- View the operation of the Air Traffic Controllers in the Approach Room and Control Tower as they provide services for Hawk 127, F/A-18 Hornet and civilian passenger aircraft movements.
- There may also be the opportunity to take part in the flight simulator mission for the new Wedgetail as the crew trains for AEW&C operations.
- A familiarisation flight in either Hawk 127 or F/A-18 Hornet aircraft is also on the cards!

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit into either the autumn or winter recess.

No of Positions: Limited to two participants.



Option 13

JOINT OPERATIONS - Border Protection

OUTLINE

Operation RESOLUTE is Defence's contribution to the whole-of-government approach to protecting Australia's offshore maritime interests. With increasing emphasis on inter governmental agency interaction, this is an excellent opportunity to join with the ADF and Customs and Border Protection in their combined role to protect Australia's borders and maritime interests.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- Arrive at Cairns on a Sunday before deploying to Thursday Island on the northern tip of Cape York.
- Following a series of briefings, being kitted and undertaking an assimilation tour of the area on day one, you will over the next three days experience:
 - A two night patrol of the Torres Strait first on board one of the Navy's Armidale Class patrol boats and then on board one of the Customs and Border Protection vessels. You will have the opportunity to work closely alongside the crew of both craft as they perform their duties.
 - A day at Horn Island gaining an appreciation of the air surveillance assets support activities, culminating in a helicopter surveillance patrol of the Torres Strait.
 - Your final day back at Thursday Island will provide an opportunity to de-brief the mission, prior to your departure.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit into either the autumn or winter recess.

No. of Positions: Limited to two participants.

Note: Commercial flights to/from Thursday Island, commercial accommodation in Cairns and Thursday Island and meals for those nights not at sea would be at the participants expense.



Option 14

JOINT OPERATIONS - East Timor

OUTLINE

Operation ASTUTE is the ADF contribution to the Australian Government's response to a request from the Government of East Timor to assist in restoring peace and stability to their country.

The ADF has deployed to East Timor with a mission to assist the East Timorese government and the United Nations to bring stability, security and confidence to the Timorese people to allow them to resolve their differences peacefully.

The New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) is working alongside the ADF to assist with this mission. Together, the ADF and NZDF personnel form the International Stabilisation Force (ISF) in East Timor.

International police from Australia and 20 other nations provide security in Dili as part of the United Nations Police Force. The ISF provides support to these police operations as required.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- Preliminary kitting and briefing will occur in Canberra sometime before you join the Defence charter flight from Darwin to Dili.
- On arrival in Dili you will be transferred to the HQ ISF to receive further briefings and additional equipment issue to prepare you to live, eat and work with ADF diggers.



- The following day you will move to a Forward Operating Base in East Timor where you will spend three days conducting routine activities including, patrolling, sentry duties and physical training.
- Your final and fifth day will involve outbound debriefing at Dili before joining the charter for return to Darwin that afternoon.

Dates: 12-16 July.

No. of Positions: Limited to four participants.

Option 15

JOINT OPERATIONS - Afghanistan

OUTLINE

Australia's contribution to the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan is an important component of the Australian Government's commitment to working together with the international community to help prevent acts of terrorism around the world.

This is a unique opportunity to join with the men and women of the ADF in execution of their mission in Afghanistan.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- Your journey will begin at Randwick Barracks in Sydney where you will be kitted and receive a series of country briefings prior to joining the defence charter aircraft to the area of operation.
- The program in Afghanistan will provide visits to Tarin Kowt and Kandahar.
- Tarin Kowt is in Oruzgan Province which centres around the ADF's Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force and the Special Operations Task Group

- Kandahar is where the Rotary Wing Group, national Logistics and Communication assets are based.

Dates: 13-22 April or 13-22 July.

No. of Positions: Limited to four participants on either rotation.

Selection Process: In the event of over subscription for this option, the process for selection will be:

- two participants will be selected by the Minister for Defence;
- two participants will be selected by the Shadow Minister for Defence;
- one position will be available for Minor Parties or Independents; and
- the remaining positions will be selected by ballot.

Note: Will require a minimum 10 day commitment.



Option 16

JOINT OPERATIONS - Middle East Gulf Region

OUTLINE

The Middle East Gulf Region operation involves vital air surveillance and sea security activity in support of coalition activity in the Arabian Gulf and the broader Middle East area of operations. This is a unique opportunity to join with the men and women of the ADF in execution of this mission in the Middle East.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- Your journey will begin at Randwick Barracks in Sydney where you will be kitted and receive a series of country briefings prior to joining the defence charter aircraft to the area of operation.
- You will undertake activities with the RAAF detachment at a coalition airbase that will include the planning and flying of a surveillance mission in an Air Force Orion P3C. You will live and eat in the Australian lines with the many support personnel who keep these vital missions flying every day.
- The airbase is also the home of National Headquarters and the C-130 transport aircraft. You will have the unique opportunity to appreciate the extensive command and control activity over all ADF efforts in the Middle East. You will also be able to view/partake in the in-theatre training that all Australian service personnel entering the Middle East Area of Operations undertake.
- Next you will transfer to an Australian ship in the Gulf of Aden and spend some days working alongside the ships company in the important task of conducting counter piracy and maritime protection in the gulf.

Dates: 13-22 April or 13-22 July.

No. of Positions: Limited to four participants on either rotation.

Selection Process: In the event of over subscription for this option, the process for selection will be:

- two participants will be selected by the Minister for Defence;
- two participants will be selected by the Shadow Minister for Defence;
- one position will be available for Minor Parties or Independents; and
- the remaining positions will be selected by ballot.

Note: Will require a minimum 10 day commitment.



Option 17

JOINT OPERATIONS – The Solomon Islands

OUTLINE

The ADF relies heavily on the Reserve to fulfil its capability commitments, especially in times of high operational tempo. Reservists contribute to all ADF operations and provide a wide range of capabilities.

Reserve involvement is especially evident in Operation ANODE in the Solomon Islands, where the ADF has about 80 Reservists at any one time contributing to the Australian led Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands, or RAMSI.

Defence's Employer Engagement Program offers an opportunity for the employers of Reservists to visit their employees while they are deployed in the Solomon Islands. 'Boss Lift', as the activity is called, enables the employers to observe first hand what their employees do in the military.

This is a unique opportunity for you to not only see first hand the ADF on operations in the Solomon Islands, but also through 'Boss Lift' to gain a special insight into the Reservists and the wonderful contribution they and their employers offer to the Defence capability.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- The Boss Lift will begin on a Sunday in Brisbane where all participants gather at a hotel for briefings and a welcome dinner. This is a great 'get to know you' opportunity in preparation for the flight to Honiara by civil air the next day.
- Participants will meet with the ADF Reservists, see first hand the conditions they live under for the duration of the deployment.
- The range of activities will include accompanying the Reservists on patrol, weapons handling, visiting villages and most importantly observing first hand our Australian soldiers supporting and interacting with the local population.
- The program concludes at pm hours on a Thursday in Brisbane.

Dates: 28 February-4 March or 4-8 July.

No. of Positions: Limited to two participants for either rotation.



Option 18

JOINT EXERCISE – RIMPAC 2010

OUTLINE

Exercise RIMPAC is a biennial US Commander THIRD Fleet sponsored combined joint exercise conducted with the United States out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The exercise aims to improve interoperability and proficiency of primarily maritime and air forces operating in coalition. For the first time the Army's Amphibious Combat Group will participate in RIMPAC. The exercise will be based upon a realistic short-warning scenario, and will involve Pacific Rim nation's forces conducting anti-submarine, anti-surface, anti-air, amphibious warfare and non-combat evacuation operations.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- **Day 1:** You will be met by an ADF escort officer at Mascot airport for commercial flight to Honolulu.
- **Days 2:** Pearl Harbor activities, to include: operational briefs and Pearl Harbor tours, including the USS ARIZONA memorial and the Punchbowl War Cemetery.
- **Days 3-4:** Embarkation on an Australian Navy ship. Accommodation while on board is likely to be in sailors messes with shared ablution facilities. You would spend time in each of the ship's departments, gaining an insight into the range of roles carried out by the ship's company at sea.
- **Day 5-6:** Transfer to one of the Royal Australian Navy amphibious ships to land with Australian Land forces. Accommodation ashore with the land forces will be austere.



- **Day 7:** Helicopter or boat transfer to a US Aircraft Carrier for a tour of the ship, lunch and US air transfer from the carrier back to Pearl Harbor.
- **Day 8:** Visit the RAAF AP-3C Maritime Surveillance detachment at Kanehoe Marine Base.
- **Day 9-10:** Dependent on ship's programmes personnel will return to Australia via commercial flight.

Dates: 11-21 July.

No. of Positions: Limited to six participants.

Note: Commercial flights and hotel accommodation in Waikiki will be at participant's expense.

Option 19

JOINT DEPLOYMENT – Pacific Partnership 2010

OUTLINE

PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP 2010 (PP10) is an annual Humanitarian Civic Assistance program sponsored by Commander US Pacific Fleet. PP10 is based on the US Military hospital ship USNS MERCY and the deployment to SE Asia and SW Pacific. The ADF will be supporting PP10 with increased support being provided when PP10 visits East Timor.

This attachment provides the opportunity to engage with ADF personnel while they provide medical and engineering assistance to East Timor. Royal Australian Navy landing ship and landing craft will be supporting the PP10 mission to East Timor.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- **Day 1:** You will embark on the RAN landing ship in Darwin for the transit to East Timor.
- **Days 2 – 6:** Based on the RAN landing ship you will deploy ashore to be a part of the medical and engineering camps providing medical support and engineering capability to East Timor. Accommodation while on board is likely to be in sailors' messes with shared ablution facilities.
- **Day 7-8:** An opportunity to visit the USNS MERCY prior to disembarking and boarding a commercial flight back to Australia.

Dates: Indicative dates are August.
(USNS MERCY program still to be confirmed).

No. of Positions: Limited to six participants.

Note: Hotel accommodation in Darwin (if required) and return flight from Timor will be at participant's expense.



Option 20

Australian Defence Force Academy

OUTLINE

There are up to 1000 students at ADFA, comprised of cadets for the three services, who together with foreign military cadets, undertake a three year university degree under the auspices of the University of NSW. As an integral part of the academic training, the cadets also undertake extensive military training.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM 1

Join the first year Army cadets for up to five days at their military training activities at ADFA and Majura Range in Canberra. You will be kitted out in uniform and spend time working and living closely with the cadets undertaking a variety of activities, which include:

- weapons handling and firing;
- field skills of target detection, camouflage and concealment and scouting techniques; and
- navigation training, including map reading and night navigation

INDICATIVE PROGRAM 2

Join the second year Army cadets for five days at their military training activities as they gain exposure to the Army units at Wagga, Albury/Wadonga and Nowra. You will be kitted out in uniform and spend the five days working and living closely with the cadets as they are exposed to:

- Recruit Training at Kapooka;
- Army Logistics Training Centre at Bandianna; and
- Parachute Training School (PTS) at Nowra.

Dates: 5-9 July or 12-16 July.
For either program.

No of Positions: Limited to three participants for either program.



Parliamentary Exchange

An integral part of the ADF Parliamentary Program is the exchange element where ADF personnel are attached to the office of a parliamentarian at the Parliament of Australia for a period of one week during a sitting week. Exchange personnel gain an insight into the parliamentary and committee processes, develop an understanding of the departments that operate within Parliament House, and gain appreciation of the scope of the extensive and varied activities undertaken by a Senator, or Member of Parliament. For 2010 the exchange to Parliament House is likely to occur in September. Expressions of interest from parliamentarians willing to host this year will be sought closer to the proposed date.



General Information

Working Routine. The attachment options on offer are designed to ensure you gain the maximum impact from the experience. Features include the opportunities to work and live wherever possible alongside service men and women at all rank levels.

The situations you find yourself in may not offer five star comforts and there will be very little protocol. However, it's not an endurance test so the prospect of arduous physical activity and conditions should not deter you from joining the program. We can and will tailor the conditions to suit your level of comfort so that you will get the most out of the experience. To that end we ask, wherever possible, that you plan to complete the full attachment period offered.

Uniforms. You will be issued, wherever possible, with the same uniforms, protective clothing or equipment as used by the personnel at your destination unit. You will also be issued a distinctive 'rank' insignia to identify you as a parliamentarian attached to the ADF Parliamentary Program.

Applications and Selection Process. Application forms are only available in an electronic format at the ADF Parliamentary Program website at www.defence.gov.au/adfpp. Applications should indicate your first preference, together with a second and third preference in the event of oversubscription. Due to oversubscription of some options in the past, a ballot system will be introduced this year. The ballot will be drawn at the close of business on 10 February 2010 for all options which have been oversubscribed. However, please note a nomination process will also apply to Options 15 and 16 (see option description for details). Applications received after 10 February will go onto a waiting list, to be prioritised in order of receipt. All applications will be initially acknowledged on receipt. Subsequent to any balloting requirements, you will be advised of the success of your application and then formally passed to an appropriate host Service Headquarters which will liaise directly with you regarding uniform issue and administrative detail.



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