



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE

PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM

2012





Message from the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence

As my second full year as Parliamentary Secretary for Defence begins, I want to start by saying what a privilege it is to be associated with the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program.

The program continues to be extremely well regarded by the men and women of the Australian Defence Force and my Parliamentary colleagues. It fulfils a very important role of bridging mutual understanding between the Australian Defence Force and Parliamentarians.

For my Parliamentary colleagues the program offers unique and often intimate first hand experiences of the challenges of service life. It also gives a broader understanding of the capabilities of the Australian Defence Force and the application of military power in the pursuit of strategic Government policy. A great feature of the program is its bi-partisan approach and ability to bring all sides of politics together to share a common experience.

Since 2001 when the program commenced, 255 attachment options have been undertaken by federal parliamentarians; 96 by Senators and 159 by Members of the House of Representatives.

Of course, given the wide range of attachment choices, many have undertaken several attachments over the years, thus further broadening their Australian Defence Force experience. In 2011 we had 30 parliamentarians undertake the program, of which 11 experienced it for the first time.

The annual culminating Military Dining-In Night for the program provides a wonderful opportunity for all involved to not only experience another fine tradition of the military, but also to share their unique experiences.

At the 2011 Dining-In Night, for example, we heard Senator the Hon Kate Lundy speak of her experience the Air Combat Group at Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamtown, which culminated with an exciting

familiarisation flight in the Hawk 127. We heard from Jane Prentice MP, who joined the program for the first time and undertook an attachment to the Australian Defence Force's major biennial Exercise Talisman Sabre, an exercise conducted with the United States at the Shoalwater Bay training area near Rockhampton. Lastly, we heard from the Hon Alan Griffin MP, who with seven other colleagues was attached to the Afghanistan Area of Operations.

The other important element of the program was the annual exchange of 15 Australian Defence Force members from all ranks conducted during the sitting week 19-22 September 2011. The exchange element of the program allows the Australian Defence Force participants to gain a unique insight into the operation of Parliament and the daily working routine of their hosts. Again, I would like to thank those Senators and Members who hosted these fine young leaders of the Australian Defence Force.

I'm sure the 2012 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program will maintain its fine reputation, built over the last 11 years. I commend to you the 2012 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program.



Senator the Hon David Feeney
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence

About the ADF Parliamentary Program

I wish to extend to you a warm welcome to the 2012 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program. I have always been a strong supporter of the Program and as Vice Chief of the Defence Force, my aim is to ensure that we continue to make it a success. As has been noted by the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence the program fulfills an invaluable role in building mutual understanding between the Australian Defence Force and Senators and Members of Parliament. Looking ahead to what is on offer with the 2012 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program, I have no doubt the strong success of the program is set to continue.

The 2012 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program attachment options, as with previous years, provide plenty of opportunity to engage with elements of the Australian Defence Force in the many areas of operations around globe, be it Afghanistan, the Middle East Gulf Region, the Solomon Islands, or the on-going support to East Timor. Additionally, the 12 options presented by the three Services this year also offer some wonderful opportunities to see first hand some of the new capabilities coming on line, through to the extensive and exhaustive training regime the men and women of the Australian Defence Force undertake to deliver the Australian Defence Forces' capability.

Featured among Services options is the opportunity to engage with the Navy's lead in Landing Helicopter Ship, HMAS *Choules*, in

a major joint exercise off Shoalwater Bay in Queensland; the Army's rigorous Special Air Services Selection training program in Western Australia; or perhaps you may wish to join with the Air Force in the north of Australia as they activate bases in support of the major air multi-national Exercise Pitch Black. Whichever option you choose to undertake, I can guarantee the experience will give you insights to the Australian Defence Force like no other.

On behalf of the Chief of the Defence Force, General Hurley, the Service Chiefs and the wider Defence community again a very welcome to the 2012 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program. I have no doubt you will find it an exciting a rewarding experience whether it be your first, second, third or more attachment. I look forward to meeting with you during the course of the year to hear first hand of your experience.



Air Marshal Mark Binskin , AO
Vice Chief of the Defence Force



Senator Chris Back

2009, 2010, 2011



The ADFPP provides a unique opportunity for Senators and Members to interact with ADF personnel at every level in each of the Services. My enquiries suggest no other country allows such unfettered access by their Parliamentary representatives to Defence personnel. It is an opportunity not to be missed.

In the last three years I have participated in programs with Norforce at Nhulunbuy in Arnhem Land, with the ISAF in the Middle East and this year with our troops in East Timor.

Having a son who saw active service as an officer in Iraq and Afghanistan focuses my attention on standards of training and leadership as well as the adequacy of equipment for our troops serving overseas. The ADFPP allows me to observe, challenge and draw my own conclusions on matters we as Parliamentarians have the wherewithal to influence. I think we have accelerated some changes.

With a long and proud history of service, Norforce undertakes an essential surveillance role across the north of Australia, underpinned by active involvement of aboriginal soldiers. The wider community would have little knowledge of the information which Norforce gathers on the movement of people, standard of infrastructure and a host of other data essential to our Northern defences. They really are the 'eyes and ears' across the North. Their pride is palpable.

Spending time with our service personnel in both the Middle East and East Timor areas of operations confirms that Australians can be proud of the roles they undertake. What impresses is the seamless and fully cooperative approach between Army, Navy and RAAF in delivering services and the integration of reservists with permanent officers.

I have particularly enjoyed the uncluttered conversations with people of all ranks out on field exercises, in formal settings or in the mess. Australia's future is in safe hands if the calibre of young service personnel in the ADF is any indicator. The program is a 'must' but don't expect any special treatment.

Deborah O'Neill MP 2011

As a new Member of Parliament, I was a very keen participant in the 2011 ADF Parliamentary Program. My attachment was to the Middle East Area of Operations, where I joined Commander Brett Sonter and his crew on HMAS *Stuart* for three days as they conducted their activities as part of an international Combined Task Force in the Red Sea. The Anzac Frigate is there to detect, deter and disrupt narcotics smuggling that is used to finance terrorism and also to prevent piracy in the region.

While on board HMAS *Stuart* I stayed with the females of the Senior Sailors Mess. I was able to talk openly with everyone on board from the Commanding Officer to the galley crew that I helped prepare a meal with, who shared their perspectives of their lives and service with me. I was also able engage in a wide range of day-to-day activities that gave me a much greater understanding of life at sea. I was even pleasantly surprised to find a few crew members from my electorate who canvassed me about some local issues.

It was a great privilege to witness the work of the men and women of the ADF first hand and I cannot overstate the professionalism with which our forces carried out their duties. I felt safe in their hands at all times and feel safer in the knowledge of the fine job these Australians do to protect us.

Later in 2011 I was able to host Captain Will Martin, the Chief of Staff to the Chief of Navy, in my Parliamentary Office in Canberra. Captain Martin



received briefings from the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate – our “Commanding Officers” as federal parliamentarians. The Captain also accompanied me in my duties around the Parliament, including a hearing of the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit on the Maintenance of the Defence Estate.

I thoroughly recommend the ADF Parliamentary Program to all my colleagues. It was a wonderful experience that opened my eyes to the truly great work the ADF does for our nation.

Attachment Options

The following provides a summary of the ADF Parliamentary Program attachment options for 2012. The detail for each option is presented over the succeeding pages.

Attachment dates offered are in the main firm. However, operational requirements may necessitate some changes as the year unfolds.

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, with a second and third preference to be noted.

In the event of an oversubscription of any option, a ballot will apply to establish a rank order and reserves if necessary. Ballots will be drawn at close of business on 17 February 2012 for all options which have been oversubscribed. Applications received after this date 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 then be advised of the success of your application. From there you will be formally passed to the appropriate host Service which will then liaise directly with you regarding uniform issue and administrative detail.

WORKING ROUTINE

The attachment options on offer are designed to ensure you gain the maximum impact from 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.

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 House, Canberra for a period of one week period during a sitting week. Exchange personnel gain an insight into the parliamentary and committee processes and develop an understanding of the departments that operate within Parliament House. They also gain an appreciation of the scope of the extensive and varied activities undertaken by a Senator or Member of Parliament.

The exchange to Parliament House is likely to occur 17-29 September 2012. Expressions of interest from parliamentarians willing to host this year will be sought closer to the proposed date.

OPTION 1 NAVY

Fleet Base West – HMAS Stirling

2-5 April

16-20 April

OPTION 2 NAVY

HMAS Cerberus – Recruit Training

Dates flexible

OPTION 3 NAVY

Navy on the NSW South Coast

Dates flexible

OPTION 4 NAVY

Exercise HAMEL – Amphibious Capability

25 June - 13 July

OPTION 5 ARMY

Army Aviation Training Centre

Dates flexible

OPTION 6 ARMY

Recruit Training Centre

1 – 4 May

Other dates to be negotiated

OPTION 7 ARMY

Exercise HAMEL – Army’s Battlespace

10 – 15 July

OPTION 8 ARMY

SASR Selection Course

28 July – 4 August

OPTION 9 AIR FORCE

RAAF Base Amberley

Dates flexible

OPTION 10 AIR FORCE

RAAF Base Williamtown

Dates flexible

OPTION 11 AIR FORCE

RAAF Bases Sale & Wagga

Dates flexible

OPTION 12 AIR FORCE

RAAF Bases Darwin & Tindal

27 July – 10 August

Other dates to be negotiated

OPTION 13 JOINT OPERATIONS

Afghanistan

3 – 12 April

31 July – 9 August

OPTION 14 JOINT OPERATIONS

Middle East Gulf Region

3 – 12 April

31 July – 9 August

OPTION 15 JOINT OPERATIONS

Border Protection

Dates flexible

OPTION 16 JOINT OPERATIONS

The Solomon Islands

26 February – 1 March

1 – 5 July

OPTION 17 JOINT OPERATIONS

East Timor

Dates flexible

OPTION 18 JOINT EXERCISE

Exercise RIMPAC

11 – 21 July

OPTION 19 YOUNG ENDEAVOUR YOUTH TRAINING SCHEME

5 – 15 April

19 – 29 July

Option 1

NAVY – Fleet Base West/HMAS Stirling

OUTLINE

Fleet Base West is the home of the Navy in Western Australia. All six of the *Collins* Class submarines, a number of frigates and a Clearance Diving Team

are based here and supported by HMAS *Stirling*. At 78 metres long and displacing over 3000 tonnes the *Collins* class submarines have the ability to remain almost invisible for up to one month at a time as they patrols the ocean depths in a world of secrecy. The *Collins* is crewed by a unique team of professionals operating some of the most sophisticated equipment in the world. Stealthy, ever vigilant and highly efficient a submarine exists in a world unseen by most and experienced by a lucky few. Its secrets are everything and that's the trademark of the silent service. The opportunity will also be taken to give you a broad overview of the other support functions provided by HMAS *Stirling*.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

Day 1: HMAS *Stirling*, Rockingham WA. You will be met at HMAS *Stirling* by a Navy Escort officer. Briefings conducted by HMAS *Stirling* staff, followed by lunch, and a tour of Fleet Base West.

Day 2: Tour and briefings on Submarine Support facilities, including the Submarine Escape and Rescue Centre, the Submarine Training and Systems Centre, and the Defence Science and Technology Organisation.

Days 3-5: Seaside in a *Collins* Class submarine.

Dates: 2 - 5 April
16- 20 April

No. of Participants: Limited to four participants.

Note: You will be required to meet medical standards prior to seariding in a submarine.



Option 2

NAVY – HMAS *Cerberus* – Recruit School

OUTLINE

HMAS *Cerberus* is located on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria and is known as the “Cradle of the Navy”. The base contains a number of schools one of which is the RAN Recruit Training School. Its focus is the delivery of Recruit training to produce the highest quality sailors for the RAN. This option will provide you with the opportunity to experience life in one of the Navy's premier training establishments. This will include participation in basic training along with more specific training in other Navy categories.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

Day 1 Afternoon HMAS *Cerberus*/ Recruit School.

Briefings and introductory tour of HMAS *Cerberus* and Recruit School. Overnight in Officers accommodation.

Day 2/3 RAN Recruit School. Experience facets of initial sailor training including messing, early morning activity, survival at sea, damage control, fire fighting and other training activities undertaken by recruits. Overnight in Recruit School accommodation.

Day 4 HMAS *Cerberus*. Witness and participate in more category specific training including weapons drill and instruction, boat handling, medical and dental training and power plant maintenance.

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

No. of Participants. No limit

Note. Accommodation and travel (from main air hub) to and from HMAS *Cerberus* provided by Navy.



Option 3

NAVY – Navy on the NSW South Coast



OUTLINE

The Navy on the NSW South Coast option aims to provide a broad, three day 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.

You will visit helicopter squadrons at HMAS *Albatross* including 723 and 808 Squadrons. No 723 Squadron's primary role is the training of aircrew, and this includes conversion to rotary wing flying for pilots and tactical warfare officers as well as initial training for aircrew. No 808 Squadron is being formed to fly the MRH 90 multirole helicopter which will provide a maritime support capability (typically transport of personnel and logistics) for the Fleet.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

Day 1-2: HMAS *Albatross*, Nowra. Briefings and tours of the aviation squadrons will be provided by Fleet Air Arm staff. There will also be an opportunity to fly a Seahawk helicopter in a full motion simulator and observe training in a full operational mission scenario. You will also be able to view actual helicopter underwater escape training being undertaken.

Days 3-4: HMAS *Creswell*, Jervis Bay. Helicopter or car transfer to HMAS *Creswell* will enable you to witness and participate in all facets of officer training, including the realistic fire-fighting and flooding scenarios at the School of Survivability and Ship Safety.

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

No. of Participants: No limit.

Option 4

NAVY – Exercise HAMEL – Amphibious Capability

OUTLINE

In December 2011, the Navy's newest ship HMAS *Choules* was commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy. HMAS *Choules* brings an enhanced amphibious capability to the Navy and leads the way towards the introduction of the first of the two Canberra Class Landing Helicopter Ships (LHD) in 2014. HMAS *Choules* will help aid the transition – she is a Bay Class Vessel originally commissioned into the Royal Navy in 2006. The ship weighs 16,000 tonnes; is 176 metres long and 26 metres wide. Its flight deck has room for two large helicopters and can also carry around 150 light trucks and 350 troops.

The MRH 90 multirole helicopter will eventually be embarked in *Choules* and this helicopter will fill a maritime support capability (typically transport of personnel and logistics) for the Fleet.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

This option will see you join HMAS *Choules* off the Queensland coast and participate in a major joint exercise with the Army, Exercise HAMEL. It will provide you with an opportunity to observe the Navy's amphibious capability at first hand.

Day 1 – 5. Join HMAS *Choules* by helicopter. You will then spend the next five days experiencing life at sea and observing a major amphibious exercise.



This will include the movement of troops, the launching of boats and aviation operations.

Dates: 25 June – 13 July.

No. of Participants: Limited to four.

Note: Helicopter for HMAS *Choules* will likely depart from Rockhampton Airport.

Option 5

ARMY – Army Aviation Training Centre – ‘Learn to Fly’



OUTLINE

The Army Aviation training centre (AAvnTC) instructs Army Pilots, Loadmasters Groundcrew and Aircraft Technicians for future employment with Army Aviation. The AAvnTC provides the highest level of instruction, combined with the latest training practices to ensure that all graduates are able to operate and support aircraft in a variety of environments.

The AAvnTC is located at Oakey, just west of Toowoomba, QLD.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

An initial introduction will teach you about Army air operations, and how Army Aviation integrates into Army's capability. Briefings covering the aircraft will familiarise you with the range of their capabilities, both combat and in providing support to the wide variety of non-combat operations, such as the 2011 Queensland floods.

Afterwards you will then have the opportunity to:

- Fly simulators for Black Hawk and/or Army Reconnaissance Helicopters – cutting edge simulation for our aviation fleet.
- Fly a virtual reality mission in our Aircrewman training simulator – share a combat experience or fly a rescue and recovery mission as part of an aircrew team.
- Handle and fire weapons used by aircrew.
- Ride in a Black Hawk training sortie – this might include tactical flying to avoid combat exposure, emergency drills, or insertion and extraction procedures.
- Explore the virtual training aids in our maintenance training establishment – learn how Army is constantly upskilling and educating its workforce.

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

No. of Participants: Limited to four participants.

Option 6

ARMY – Recruit Training Centre

OUTLINE

Known as the home of the soldier, the Army Recruit Training Centre (ARTC) focuses on the delivery of recruit training to produce the highest quality soldiers for the Australian Army. ARTC is located at Kapooka, just outside Wagga Wagga, NSW.

The course is a rewarding challenge for young Australians training to serve their country and begin their careers in the Profession of Arms.

This is your opportunity to 'join the Army' and experience the life of an Army recruit.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

After an initial briefing you will immerse yourself into the broad range of recruit training.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Handle and fire infantry personal weapons at both electronic (realistic simulation) and live practices.
- Experience the life of a soldier in the field, learning basic fieldcraft such as living and sleeping, weapon handling, carriage and use of equipment, and movement in the bush.

- Tackle the high wire ropes confidence and obstacle course.

You will also have the opportunity to appreciate the challenges that the recruits face as they complete their final test.

Dates: 1- 4 May optimally.
Alternate dates can be negotiated.

No. of Participants: Up to 10.



Option 7

ARMY – Exercise HAMEL

– ‘Enter Army’s Battlespace’



OUTLINE

Exercise HAMEL is a field exercise which aims to enhance Army's ability to fight and operate in a modern, complex battlespace. It reflects Army's commitment to world class training to prepare our troops for service both at home and overseas on operations. Combining people and capabilities from the Army, Navy and Air Force, the exercise tests Australia's combat capability.

Exercise HAMEL will be conducted in Rockhampton and the adjacent Shoalwater Bay Training Area on the Capricorn Coast, Queensland.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

You will have the opportunity to experience a variety of combat and support activities in the Battlespace. Specific activities include:

- Transport to the Exercise area and preparation for involvement in the activity, including familiarisation with life in the field.
- Observation of the Live Firing activity as combat elements execute attack manoeuvres.
- Experience target acquisition using Army's Armed Reconnaissance Helicopters (Tigers).
- Witness the destabilising effects of Electronic warfare by precision cyber attacks of an enemy's command and control capability.
- Participate in the delivery of combat health support, including providing emergency medical support, or spend two days with 16 Brigade Aviation elements involved in combat and support activities

Dates: 10-15 July

No. of Participants: Limited to four.

Option 8

ARMY – Special Air Service Regiment Selection Course – ‘Can you be an elite soldier?’

OUTLINE

The Special Air Service Regiment (SASR) is an elite unit which has as its primary role surveillance and reconnaissance, usually behind enemy lines or in high-threat areas, operating in very small groups independently for long periods. It requires soldiers of high calibre with a commitment to achieve and maintain levels of proficiency across a wide variety of vocational and physical skills.

The SASR selection course is demanding and rigorous, designed to identify those soldiers with the qualities necessary to serve with SASR.

The SASR are based at Swanbourne Barracks in Perth, and the course is conducted in various training areas throughout WA.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

After a series of briefings at the regiment's Headquarters, you will be taken to a field location for several days to follow the progress and observe candidates attempt the SASR selection course. You will have the opportunity to gain a real insight into the candidates (and staff) and see what it takes, what motivates them to attend and serve in an elite Special Forces unit.

In the evenings, you will return to a base camp to rest and recuperate. The physical requirement for this option is the capacity to get around in the bush



by foot. Your direct involvement in the activities will depend on your level of fitness, personal comfort and course requirements.

Dates: Four to five day program between
28 July – 4 August.

No. of Participants: Limited to two.

Option 9

AIR FORCE – RAAF Base Amberley

OUTLINE

RAAF Base Amberley is the largest operational base in the Air Force employing approximately 4500 Service and civilian personnel. It is located near Ipswich 50km southwest of Brisbane.

Amberley is home to three of the Air Force's newest aircraft the F/A-18 Super Hornet, the KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport and the C-17 Globemaster. Amberley also hosts the headquarters for the largest force element 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)

- Undertake a tour of the RAAF Amberley airfield, Air Traffic Control and aircraft working areas to experience operating aircraft in an up and close environment. Later, participate in C-17 and F-111 aircraft simulator rides, as well completing two C-17 familiarisation flights over a period of two days.
- Join the staff at HQCSG for an insight into the work that goes into keeping the Air Force operational, including a visit to the Health Services Wing; see how they set up an aero-medical evacuation facility on the C-17. Later join the No 382 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron in the field, where they will set up an Air Point of Departure and an Emergency Handling Centre.
- Join the No 2 Airfield Defence Section to see how the Airfield Defence Guards operate, including



a visit to the Weapon Training Simulation System. Later join personnel at the RAAF School of Fire and Security where you will get 'hands-on' experience with fire fighting and the Panther Firefighting Truck, as well as the RAAF Military Working Dogs and their breeding program.

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

No of Participants: No limit.

Option 10

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 the F/A-18 Hornet, Hawk 127 Lead-In Fighter Training aircraft and the Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft.

Headquarters Air Combat Group is responsible for developing and maintaining the expertise to competently operate world class fighter aircraft. Participants will be exposed to our fighter aircraft and aircrew, as well as the vitally important capabilities of Combat Controllers and Joint Terminal Attack Controller.

Headquarters Surveillance and Response Group (HQSRG) is located within the Eastern Region Operations Centre (EASTROC) at Williamtown. HQSRG commands the Air Force's airspace and air battle management capability, including No 3 Control and Reporting Unit which provides fighter control services to the Hawk 127 and F/A-18 Hornet aircraft.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- 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 a flight line team as they prepare an F/A-18 Hornet aircraft for the daily flying program.



- View the Operations Room of the EASTROC from where fighter control missions are conducted and observe a Mission Readiness Exercise for the Air Battle Managers in Afghanistan.
- View the operation of the Air Traffic Controllers in the Approach Room and Control Tower where they provide services for Hawk 127, F/A-18 Hornet and civilian passenger aircraft movements.
- A familiarisation flight in either a 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 periods.

No. of Participants: Limited to two.

Option II

AIR FORCE – RAAF Bases Sale and Wagga

The Air Force Training Establishments option aims to provide a four day overview of the Air Force's ab initio training for Officers and Airmen alike, as well as some of Air Force's specialist aircrew and ground training courses.

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 the Officers' Training School, School of Air Traffic Control and School of Air Warfare.

RAAF Base Wagga is located in the Riverina region of New South Wales. RAAF Base Wagga is the largest ground training base in the Air Force and offers 256 different training courses and graduates approximately 4,000 students per year.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM (FIVE DAYS)

- Join the students at Officers' Training School in theoretical and experiential leadership training, weapons training and ceremonial drill training.
- Join the Central Flying School, the School of Air Traffic Control's high tech simulator, and the School of Air Warfare. There may be the opportunity to take part in a familiarisation flight in a PC-9A and to observe the Roulette's training program.
- On day three, you will be flown in a King Air 350 to RAAF Base Wagga where you will continue your Air Force training experience.
- At Wagga you will follow the journey of an Airman/Airwoman through their career from No 1 Recruit Training Unit, to the RAAF School of Technical Training or to RAAF School of Administrative and Logistics Training followed by some time at the School of Post Graduate Studies.
- No 1 Recruit Training Unit will expose you to the scale, scope and complexity of preparing newly enlisted Air Force men and women for military service. RAAF School of Technical Training is the largest and most diverse training unit in the Air Force with over sixty technical-related courses conducted each year. Experience first hand the challenge of marshalling an aircraft or conducting a variety of aircraft maintenance tasks alongside tri-service technical trainees.

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

No. of Participants: No limit.



Option 12

AIR FORCE – RAAF Bases Darwin and Tindal

OUTLINE

RAAF Base Darwin is located in the city of Darwin in the Northern Territory and shares its runway with the Darwin International Airport. RAAF Base Darwin is Australia's northern staging base for overseas and Australia's border patrol operations.

RAAF Base Tindal is located near the town of Katherine in the Northern Territory and is home to the F/A-18 Super Hornet and a number of other essential Air Force capabilities. In keeping with Tindal's role as a front-line operational air base, it is one of the few Australian defence establishments to be manned exclusively by uniformed personnel. The base regularly hosts other units for exercises and was used to support the Australian-led intervention into East Timor in 1999.

A focus of the visit will be to experience the build up of the northern bases to support the complexity of the largest combined air exercise in Northern Australia, Exercise PITCH BLACK.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM (five days)

- Join Combat Support Group in providing deployed combat support air operations for the Australian Defence Force. Join 322 Expeditionary Combat Support Squadron, RAAF Base Tindal as they activate a Bare Base providing engineering infrastructure (facilities, water, power and sewerage systems), aircraft arrestor barriers and airfield services, navigation aid and tactical communications, air movements, airfield



defence, health support, combat logistics and personnel support capabilities.

- Join 75 Squadron one of the Air Force's highly potent combat fighter squadrons with a potential F/A-18 flying opportunity (dependent on aircraft availability).
- Enjoy a visit to the Air Weapons Range at Delamere.

Dates: Dates for this option are flexible and can be tailored to fit into either the autumn or winter recess periods. However, to experience the focus of Exercise PITCH BLACK, the optimum period is between 27 July-10 August.

No. of Participants: Limited to two.

Option 13

JOINT OPERATIONS – Afghanistan

OUTLINE

Australia's contribution to the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan is an important component of the Australian Government's comprehensive approach to supporting global security and Australian national security by countering terrorism and supporting efforts to prevent Afghanistan from being used as a safe-haven and training ground for terrorism.

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

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- Your journey will begin at Sydney International airport where you will be met by your escort

officer prior to joining the defence charter aircraft to the area of operation.

- The program in Afghanistan will provide visits to Tarin Kot and Kandahar.
- Tarin Kot is in Uruzgan 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 and national Logistics and Communications assets are based.

Dates: 3 - 12 April
31 July - 9 August

No. of Participants: Limited to four on either rotation.

Note: Will require a minimum 10 day commitment.



Option 14

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 Iraq. 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 Sydney International airport where you will meet your Escort Officer and join 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 accommodation with the many support personnel who keep these vital missions flying every day.
- The airbase is also the home of the Australian 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, subject to ship location, 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.

Dates: 3 - 12 April.
31 July – 9 August.

No. of Participants: Limited to four on either rotation.

Note: Will require a minimum 10 day commitment.

Option 15

JOINT OPERATIONS – Border Protection

OUTLINE

Operation RESOLUTE is Defence's contribution to the whole-of-government effort 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 Darwin on a Sunday and following a series of briefings, being kitted out and undertaking an assimilation tour of the area, you will over the next four days experience:

- A two night patrol out of Darwin 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 embarked in an Air Force P3C aircraft as it conducts an aerial patrol of the northern approaches to Australia.
- Your final day back in Darwin will provide an opportunity to tour other air surveillance assets utilised by Border Protection Command and to participate in a debrief prior to your departure.

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

No. of Participants: Limited to two.

Option 16

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' 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, and will be able to join with the Reservists working from their forward operating base.
- 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: 26 February – 1 March (Reserves drawn from 11 Brigade in QLD)
1 – 5 July (Reserves drawn from 9 Brigade in SA and TAS)

No. of Participants: Limited to three.



Option 17

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 at the invitation of the Government of East Timor, and the support of the United Nations, to maintain stability and provide a secure environment for the ongoing development of East Timor.

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

No. of Participants: Limited to four.

Option 18

JOINT EXERCISE – RIMPAC 2012

OUTLINE

Exercise RIMPAC is a biennial US Commander THIRD Fleet sponsored combined joint exercise conducted with the United States out of Pearl Harbour, Hawaii. The exercise aims to improve interoperability and proficiency of primarily maritime and air forces operating in coalition. 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 3-5: 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 6: Visit the RAAF AP-3C Maritime Patrol Aircraft detachment at Kane'ohe Bay Marine Base.



Day 7: Visit the RAAF Wedgetail AEW&C Aircraft detachment Hickham Air Force Base.

Day 8: Possible flight on either a AP-3C or Wedgetail Aircraft mission.

Day 9: Return to Australia via commercial flight.

Dates: 11-21 July.

No. of Participants: Limited to six participants.

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

Option 19

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme



OUTLINE

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme provides young Australians aged 16-23 with a unique, challenging and inspirational experience at sea aboard the national sail training ship *Young Endeavour*.

Young Endeavour is the gift given by the United Kingdom to the Government and people of Australia to mark the Bicentenary in 1988. The ship undertakes around 20 voyages each year, usually sailing from ports in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

The Royal Australian Navy members who crew the ship are selected for their professionalism, maturity, and ability to engage with and instruct the youth of Australia. They bring a diverse range of skills and experiences to the ship, and depart with well established seamanship skills and a comprehensive understanding of facilitation, communication and leadership development.

For over twenty years, the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme has been recognised internationally as a leading youth development program. Our voyages increase self awareness, develop teamwork and leadership skills and create a strong sense of community responsibility amongst members of the youth crew.

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

- You are offered this unique experience to join with 24 of Australia's youth and the nine RAN crew on one of two adventurous 11 day voyages.
- You will have the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of sailing a square rigger from climbing the mast, setting the sails, navigating, keeping watch, taking the helm and helping in the galley.
- The journey is not a leisurely cruise and you don't need to be a sailor, however, you will find it challenging and exhilarating.

Dates: Voyage 1: 5-15 April - Brisbane to Gladstone.
Voyage 2: 19-29 July - Airlie Beach to Mackay.

Number of Participants: Limited to two on each voyage.

Note: Either voyage has the option of being for a shorter period depending on porting options during the voyage.



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A large group of approximately 50 people are seated at round tables in a formal dining room. The men are wearing white dress uniforms with black bow ties, and some are wearing black tuxedos. The women are wearing formal dresses and jackets. The room has a polished wooden floor and wood-paneled walls. In the background, there are flags on poles, including the Australian flag and the Malaysian flag. The overall atmosphere is formal and celebratory.

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