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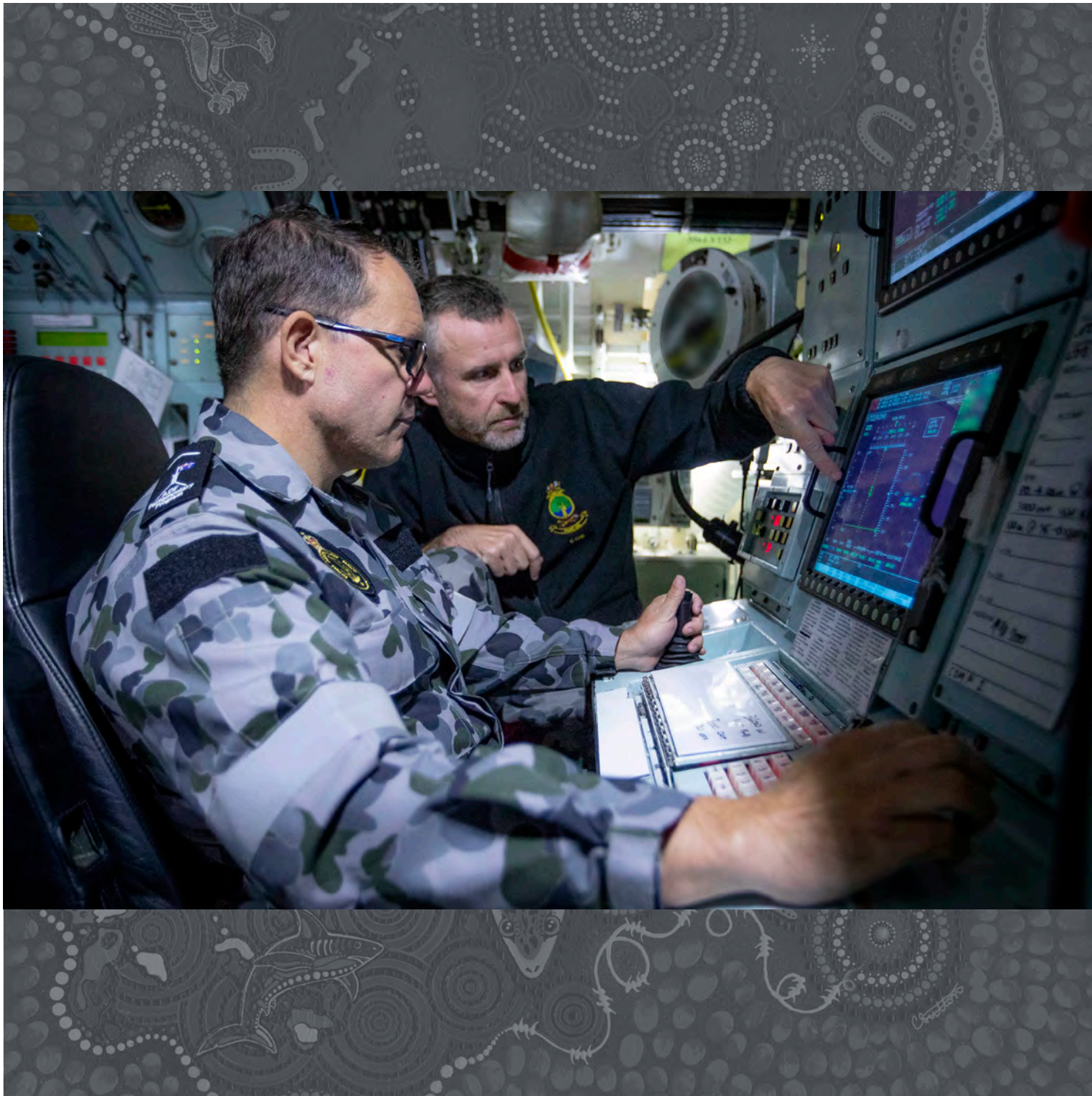
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Message from
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Special Envoy for Defence,
Veterans' Affairs and Northern Australia



On behalf of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence the Honourable Richard Marles MP, it gives me great pleasure to present the 2025 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program.

“You can’t understand someone until you’ve walked a mile in their shoes.” This is a saying that rings true when it comes to our ADF personnel. These men and women make significant sacrifices throughout their careers. Sacrifices that many of us in Parliament are not aware of, which is why the ADF Parliamentary Program is so important.

The range of options for 2025 covers a wide spectrum of military activities extending from the training and support areas, through to field training exercises incorporating force preparation activities, amphibious landings, ground force manoeuvres, and air combat and maritime operations with our regional partners.

This is your invitation to discover for yourself the qualities of professionalism and dedication of the men and women that underpin the strength of the Australian Defence Force. Regardless of which activity you elect to undertake, I am confident you will find it both enlightening and rewarding.

The popularity of the program continues to be underlined by the many Members and Senators

who have completed multiple attachments and I encourage you to speak with them as well as the 2024 participants, including myself. Even though I served in the ADF, I have participated in the program since being elected in 2016 and always learn a lot.

The other integral part of the Parliamentary Program is the exchange week where parliamentarians host Australian Defence Force personnel during a sitting week. Just as we appreciate the opportunity to spend some time in their environment, it is of great benefit to these personnel to experience our role as a parliamentarian. The mutual understanding achieved through this aspect of the program cannot be overstated and we are indebted to those parliamentarians who elect to sponsor Defence participants in Parliament House for this important week. I hope you will be one.

Members and Senators who sign up to the program will not regret it. Participate energetically and you will gain an insight into what the “shoes” of Australian sailors, soldiers and aviators are like and show them what we do by hosting an ADF member in your office for the exchange week.

Welcome from Air Marshal Robert Chipman, AO, CSC Vice Chief of the Defence Force



As Vice Chief of the Defence Force, I have the privilege of partnering with the Special Envoy for Defence, Veterans’ Affairs and Northern Australia, Mr Luke Gosling, OAM, MP in overseeing the 2025 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program.

The Program performs a valuable role in building mutual understanding between the Australian Defence Force, Senators and Members of Parliament. Since its inception in 2001, the program has successfully provided a unique opportunity for you to engage first hand with the men and women of the Australian Defence Force, and them with you, on operations, training and exercises, and humanitarian missions.

This year the program offers you a suite of 20 options, covering all facets of Defence capabilities across the five domains. From experiencing life at sea aboard a surface combatant ship or amphibious assault ship, joining the Army’s Jungle Training Wing in Tully, North Queensland, seeing firsthand how a RAAF

Base operates, or visiting Darwin to witness Exercise TALISMAN SABRE, a combined United States and Australia Exercise conducted across the north of Australia - there are a range of valuable opportunities available to you.

The program also offers insight into Space and Cyber Domain Operations, allowing participants to gain an understanding of the challenges faced in this rapidly changing environment.

Regardless of which option you choose, I can assure you that the experience will give you insights to the Australian Defence Force like no other. On behalf of the Chief of the Defence Force, Admiral David Johnston AC RAN, I wish you a very warm welcome to the 2025 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program. I have no doubt you will find it an exciting and rewarding experience and I look forward to meeting with you during the course of the year to hear firsthand of your experience.



Ms Tania Lawrence MP

Member for Hasluck, Western Australia

In July 2024 I attended Exercise Pitch Black, centred in Darwin and Tindal. It was a fantastic and rich, learning experience. I think as federal parliamentarians it's incumbent upon us to understand the role of our Defence Force and the personnel within it. The best way to get an appreciation of that is either by serving or through participating in experiential learning, which the ADF Parliamentary Program offers.

Experiencing the Air Force-focused exercise helped me understand not just our own air defence capabilities but also how we can best integrate with friendly nations to create a significant security deterrence.

Being right by the runway was sensational and felt every bit like a scene from Top Gun but with an even more incredible array of aircraft taking off and landing. The highlight was witnessing how everyone worked together seamlessly and enthusiastically not just in the air but on the ground from ground crews, air traffic control through to logistics, security and catering. The collective effort to execute the Exercise left an indelible impression of service, team work, skill and determination.



Mr Andrew Wallace MP

Member for Fisher, Queensland

I grew up in the final throes of the Cold War and the Space Race. In fact, I was just a year old when NASA put man on the moon. I remember the excitement and the enormity of those space missions and, like many, I'm still fascinated by that vast universe beyond this tiny little blue speck we call Earth.

That's why I was so thrilled to join the Joint Capabilities Group – Defence Space Command as part of the 2024 ADF Parliamentary Program. Australians may never know just how crucial the work of our ADF's space defence team is in the defence of our country, and in the security of our region. From geospatial intelligence to communications, our Defence personnel are a cut above the rest when it comes to space capabilities. I saw this again when I hosted an ADF Parliamentary Exchange participant from the Joint Capabilities Group.

In the hustle and bustle of parliament and politics, exacerbated by the relentless nature of news and social media, it can be so easy to lose sight of the bigger picture. Well, let me tell you: a look at Earth from outer space brings you back to ground very quickly – even if through a screen. It's also a stark reminder of the way that we rely on these capabilities for the simplest of tasks: making a phone call, using a map or GPS, transferring money – the list goes on!

Despite participating on six occasions now, I have returned with a renewed sense of pride in our country, and those across the Australian Defence Force who bravely seek to defend it. I enthusiastically recommend the ADF Parliamentary Program to any elected member who will listen – and particularly any opportunity to spend time with the Defence Space Command and Joint Capabilities Group.



General Information

The following provides general information about the ADF Parliamentary Program and a summary of attachment options for 2025. Specific dates are nominated where applicable; however, requirements may necessitate some date changes as the year unfolds. Where an option listed as occurring during a Parliament Recess period, suitable dates will be coordinated to best suit participants’ diaries and provide the most interactive experience.

Applications and Selection Process

Application forms are available in electronic format only on the ADF Parliamentary Program website at: **www.defence.gov.au/programs-initiatives/adf-parliamentary-program**

Applications should indicate your first preference and in the event of oversubscription, a second and third preference. Applications are acknowledged electronically upon receipt. If an option is oversubscribed, a ballot system will apply to establish a participation and reserve list. Subsequent to balloting requirements, participants will be advised of the success of their application. Applications should be submitted as early as possible to allow for planning purposes with ADF Parliamentary Program options closing 28 days prior to commencement of the activity.

Working Routine

Attachment options on offer are designed to ensure participants get the most out of their experience. Wherever possible, participants will have the opportunity to work and live alongside service personnel at all rank levels. While the situations may not offer five-star comforts and could have very little protocol, the experience will be rewarding. Defence can, and will, tailor conditions to suit individual abilities to ensure that participants gain maximum benefit. Do not worry; there will not be an endurance test, so the prospect of arduous physical activity and conditions should not deter anyone from joining the program. To that end, wherever possible, participants are asked to plan attendance for the full attachment period offered.

Uniforms

Participants are issued with the same uniforms, protective clothing and equipment used by ADF personnel at the destination unit. Participants are provided with a distinctive ‘rank’ insignia to identify them as a parliamentarian participating in the program. Uniforms are issued in Canberra during the sitting period, prior to each activity.

Travel

All travel arrangements to and from the activity; start location will be at the participant’s expense. Any activity travel provided by Defence will be at the standard provided to the Australian Defence Force personnel participating in the activity. This may include service air, road or sea transits or economy class civilian air. .

Administrative Arrangements

Medical

Certain activities offered will require participants to meet basic medical standards. Medical forms will be forwarded to participants once participation has been confirmed. These need to be completed at least 14 days prior to commencement of the activity.

Surface ships require a medical self-assessment and sub-surface a General Practitioner to complete. Aircraft and land activities require a medical self-assessment.

Meals and Accommodation

Defence provides meals and accommodation during the activity, using on base messing where available. Any dietary requirements can be catered and should be discussed with the Executive Officer ADF Parliamentary Program prior to the activity.

Activity Briefing

Participants are provided a pre-activity briefing including all administrative requirements prior to the commencement of their activity.

Security

Operational security is a key factor in ensuring the safety of all ADF Parliamentary Program participants and ADF members involved in military operations and exercises. It is important that all participants involved in an operation or exercise adhere to the need-to-know principle and do not make public any details relating to the visit or share information regarding personnel movements with those who do not need to know.

Parliamentary Exchange

An integral part of the ADF Parliamentary Program is the exchange element where an ADF member is attached to the office of a parliamentarian at Parliament House for one-week during a sitting week. This provides ADF exchange personnel with an insight into parliamentary and committee processes and an understanding of the departments that operate within Parliament House. ADF exchange personnel gain an appreciation of the extensive and varied activities undertaken by Senators and Members of Parliament.

The 2025 Exchange planned for the second half of the year with expressions of interest sought closer to the activity.

ADF Parliamentary Program Dining-in Night

The culminating ADF Parliamentary Program event is the annual Military Dining-in Night, which provides activity participants with another valuable insight into military customs and traditions not experienced on their activity. The Dining-in Night is by invitation and offered those who have participated in the program in 2025.



Navy

Option 1 - Fleet Base West – Fleet Support

Join the highly skilled Navy personnel providing support to the Royal Australian Navy's west coast fleet.

Location **Rockingham, WA**
Duration **Five days**
Dates **Flexible dates during all recess periods**
Numbers **Three per activity.**

Option 2 - Fleet Base East – Navy Sea Ride

Spend time at sea in a surface combatant or amphibious ship of the east coast.

Location **Sydney, NSW**
Duration **Five days**
Dates **Flexible dates during all recess periods**
Numbers **Three per activity.**

Option 3 - HMAS Cerberus

Join Navy's newest recruits as they undertake their initial recruit training and progress to specialist employment training.

Location **Mornington Peninsula, VIC**
Duration **Three or Five days**
Dates **Flexible dates during all recess periods**
Numbers **Three per activity.**

Option 4 - Naval Aviation, Officer and Combat Survivability Training

Engage with Navy's emerging leaders as they undertake initial training and witness Navy's aviation capability.

Location **Jervis Bay, NSW**
Duration **Three or Five days**
Dates **Flexible dates during all recess periods**
Numbers **Four per activity.**

Army

Option 5 - Army Aviation

Join Army's rotary wing pilots and gain an insight into the Army aviation capabilities.

Location **Holsworthy, NSW or Townsville, QLD**
Duration **Three days**
Dates **Flexible dates during autumn recess**
Numbers **Three.**

Option 6 - Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme

Work alongside the soldiers and local community as they deliver a range of vocational skills and training programs to the Torres Strait communities.

Location **Torres Strait, QLD**
Duration **Five days**
Dates **Conducted between, 14 – 27 Jul 25**
Numbers **Three.**

Option 7 - Regional Force Surveillance Unit

Participate in an on-country patrol with one of the Regional Force Surveillance Units as they conduct remote-area, land and littoral surveillance, and reconnaissance activities in Australia's North and North West.

Location **Darwin, NT or Cairns, QLD**
Duration **Five days**
Dates **Flexible dates during spring recess**
Numbers **Three.**

Option 8 - Jungle Training Wing - Exercise REGIONAL WARFIGHTER 6

Join soldiers as they conduct basic and advanced jungle warfare training in terrain typical of the South East Asia or Indo-Pacific region.

Location **Tully, QLD**
Duration **Three days**
Dates **Flexible dates during spring recess**
Numbers **Three.**



Air Force

Option 9 - RAAF Base East Sale

Engage with Air Force's emerging leaders as they undertake initial training and observe trainee pilots in the Pilatus PC21 turboprop trainer.

- Location** East Sale, VIC
- Duration** Five days
- Dates** Flexible dates during all recess periods
- Numbers** Two per activity.

Option 10 - RAAF Base Amberley – Amberley Air Show

Observe a variety of aircraft, which ensure Australia's air combat capability, is maintained. Attend the Amberley Air Show, including aircraft flypasts, and military working dog displays at the ADF's largest base.

- Location** Amberley, QLD
- Duration** Three days
- Dates** TBC with Air Show in September.
- Numbers** Four.

Option 11 - RAAF Base Williamtown

Join the aviators responsible for flying and supporting a variety of aircraft including the F-35A lightning 11, Hawk 127 and the E7A Wedge Tail Airborne Early Warning and Combat aircraft.

- Location** Williamtown, NSW
- Duration** Four days
- Dates** Flexible dates during spring recess
- Numbers** Three.

Option 12 - Edinburgh Defence Precinct (RAAF Base Edinburgh)

Gain an insight into the Air Force’s Intelligence, Surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

- Location **Edinburgh, SA**
- Duration **Four days**
- Dates **Flexible dates during autumn recess**
- Numbers **Three.**

Option 13 - RAAF Base Wagga Wagga

Join Air Force’s newly recruited aviators as they undertake their initial military training.

- Location **Wagga Wagga, NSW**
- Duration **Five days**
- Dates **Flexible dates during all recess periods**
- Numbers **Three per activity.**

Option 14 - RAAF Base Darwin / Curtin

Be part of the flying operations from a remote airbase in support of Exercise TALISMAN SABRE.

- Location **Darwin, NT and Curtin, WA**
- Duration **Four days**
- Dates **July**
- Numbers **Three.**

Joint Operations Command

Option 15 - Exercise TALISMAN SABRE

Experience the largest multi-lateral combined training activity, involving thousands of troops on land and sea.

- Location **Townsville, QLD**
- Duration **Five – Seven days**
- Dates **Conducted between, 12 – 25 Jul 25**
- Numbers **Six.**

Option 16 - Operation RESOLUTE

Join the ADF members protecting Australia’s offshore maritime interests aboard a patrol boat and costal surveillance aircraft.

- Location **Canberra, ACT and Darwin, NT**
- Duration **Five days**
- Dates **Flexible dates during autumn and spring recess periods**
- Numbers **Two per activity.**

Joint Capabilities Group

Option 17 - ADF Space and Cyber Domain Operations

Gain an understanding of the challenges faced in these rapidly evolving warfighting domains. Participate in hands on activities, which deliver this capability.

- Location **Canberra, ACT and Adelaide, SA**
- Duration **Five days**
- Dates **Flexible dates during the winter and spring recess periods**
- Numbers **Three per activity.**

Option 18 - ADF Logistics Operations

Join the diverse workforce delivering Defence logistics across multi-tiered security environments, including support to ADF operations, commitments to allies and regional partners.

- Location** Canberra, ACT and Regional JLC Sites
- Duration** Four days
- Dates** Flexible dates during the winter and spring recess periods
- Numbers** Four per activity.

Defence People Group

Option 19 - ADF Peace Operations Training Centre

Join the multinational students participating in elements of the United Nations Pre-deployment training focussed on military, police and civilian members deploying in support of United Nations missions.

- Location** Canberra, ACT
- Duration** Three days
- Dates** Conducted between, 26 – 30 Sep 25
- Numbers** Four.

Option 20 - ADF Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute

Gain an insight into the staff and work conducted at the world-recognised centre for infectious disease research and training. Visit the Soldier Recovery Centre to engage with professional staff and soldiers undergoing treatment.

- Location** Enoggera, QLD
- Duration** One day
- Dates** Flexible dates during winter and spring recess
- Numbers** Four per activity.





The Royal Australian Navy is the principal naval force of Australia. The Royal Australian Navy formed in 1901 as the Commonwealth Naval Forces, through the amalgamation of the Australian colonial navies following the Federation of Australia. Although originally intended for local defence, it became increasingly responsible for the defence of the region as the United Kingdom started to reduce its forces in the Pacific.

The Royal Australian Navy was initially a green-water navy, where the Royal Navy provided a blue-water force to the Australian Squadron. The Squadron was initially a small force of Royal Navy warships based in Sydney, intended to protect the colonies of Australia and New Zealand. This period lasted until 1913, when naval ships purchased from Britain arrived, although the British Admiralty continued to provide blue-water defence capability in the Pacific up to the early years of the Second World War.

During its history, the Royal Australian Navy has participated in a number of major wars, including the First and Second World Wars, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesia-Malaysia Confrontation and the Vietnam War. The navy is one of the largest and most sophisticated naval forces in the south Pacific region, with a significant presence in the Indian Ocean and global operations in support of military campaigns and peacekeeping missions.

Option 1: Fleet Base West – Fleet Support

Outline:

A visit to Fleet Base West will introduce participants to the support provided to the Royal Australian Navy’s west coast fleet. Fleet Base West is at HMAS Stirling on Garden Island in Rockingham, Western Australia and is home to the Collins Class Submarines, ANZAC Class Frigate, as well as providing the operational and logistics support to the ships, submarines and aircraft based in Western Australia. HMAS Stirling is home to the Navy’s Submarine Training and Systems Centre, the Training Centre West complex, Australian Clearance Diving Team Four, Defence Communications Station Perth, and a trials, research and support facility.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a briefing about the Royal Australian Navy, HMAS Stirling and the role the base plays in the National Defence of Australia, and a broad outline of the facilities that support the west coast fleet. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Observe and assist some of the most highly skilled Navy personnel conduct their duties in support of the west coast fleet operations.
- Participate in a training demonstration at the Royal Australian Navy School of Survivability and Ship Safety, which includes firefighting, dealing with fast and slow floods and defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.
- Gain an understanding of the Navy’s Romeo helicopter capabilities.
- Visit Australian Clearance Diving Team Four and witness a diving demonstration.
- Visit the Weapon Training Simulation System facility and observe or take part in small-arms weapons training.
- Witness submariners undertake specialist submarine training including escape drills.
- Visit the ships and submarines of the west coast fleet and meet sailors and officers who operate these capabilities.
- Visit Henderson Defence Precinct to view the new offshore patrol vessel under construction.

Location	Rockingham, WA
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Three per activity.

Option 2: Fleet Base East – Navy Sea Ride

Outline:

Centred at Fleet Base East (Sydney) this option will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the role that the major surface ships, including surface combatants, amphibious and afloat support ships provide in support of Navy’s mission.

In their primary warfighting role, surface combatants are expected to counter a wide variety of threats across all domains (air, surface and sub-surface). They must also be able to conduct constabulary tasks such as dealing with piracy, illegal fishing, bio-diversity (quarantine) infringements, human trafficking, drug and arms smuggling and illegal maritime arrivals. Furthermore, they must be able to participate in an equally broad range of diplomatic operations either independently, or as part of a larger task force.

Amphibious forces by their nature possess mobility in mass. However, their defining characteristic is their unique cross-domain mobility; they are employed across the full spectrum of military, constabulary and diplomatic tasks. In periods of tension, putting a maritime force to sea can be prudent, providing a gesture of support to allies or a threat to adversaries. The capacity to provide a sustained forward presence is a powerful diplomatic tool, whilst its ability to manoeuvre freely at sea can be used to escalate or defuse tensions as required.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the Garden Island Defence Precinct, including Fleet Headquarters, to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Meet the highly skilled members of Fleet Headquarters and gain an understanding of Fleet Command within the Whole-of Government operational context.
- Visit HMAS Watson and observe the next generation of Navy’s leaders undergo maritime warfare training and/or take part in simulated maritime warfare training using state of the art simulators.
- This option may also include an opportunity to spend a period at sea to gain an understanding of the platform’s capabilities and to experience what life at sea is like for our Navy personnel.

Location:	Sydney, NSW
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Three per activity.

Medical Requirements: Participants are required to complete a medical assessment prior to participation in sea ride activities.

Note: All sea ride activities are subject to ship availability and the sea ride component cannot guaranteed in all recess periods.



Option 3: HMAS Cerberus

Outline:

Centred at HMAS Cerberus, this option will provide participants with the opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciation of the Royal Australian Navy base that serves as the primary training establishment for personnel.

The base is also the home of the Royal Australian Navy Recruit School where all sailors have their first contact with life in the Navy. Recruit School is where all full-time and reserve general sailors complete their training. HMAS Cerberus comprises numerous training and recreation facilities, two chapels, weapon firing ranges and a small marina.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Explore and undertake activities within the various facilities including, the Training Authority Engineering, Maritime Logistics & Health Centre, Maritime Skills Training Centre (incl. boat ride on Hanns Inlet), Australian Defence Force Physical Training School, Heritage & Learning Centre, chapels and gymnasium.
- Participate in a training activity at the RAN School of Survivability and Ship Safety, which includes firefighting, dealing with fast and slow floods and defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.
- Visit the Survival at Sea Training Centre and participate in a survival at sea training session.
- Visit the Recruit School for a tour and get an overview of some of the training and education conducted in the recruit course.
- Experience the Australian Defence Force School of Catering kitchen simulator.
- Tour and explore the West Head Gunnery Range and observe a firing demonstration.
- Participate in supervised activities of an indoor obstacle or fitness session.

Location:	Mornington Peninsula, VIC
Duration	This is a three or five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Three per activity.





Option 4: Naval Aviation, Officer and Combat Survivability Training

Outline:

This option will provide you an opportunity to engage with Navy’s emerging leaders as they undertake initial training, as well as gain an understanding of the Navy’s aviation capability and combat survivability training provided to all ADF mariners to meet Safety of Life At Sea obligations and requirements.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of each establishment to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Explore HMAS Creswell, one of Navy’s most historic establishments, gaining an insight into the birth and history of the Australian Navy.
- Join the next generation of Navy’s leaders as part of the Initial Entry Officer Course undertaking training.
- Visit the Navy School of Survivability and Ship Safety to participate in controlled shipboard practical firefighting exercises using fire extinguishers and/or as a member of a hose team to enter burning compartments to extinguish fires dressed in full fire-fighting rig and breathing apparatus.
- Participate in controlled shipboard practical leak stop and repair (flooding training) in a moving flooding simulator, employing timber bungs, wedges and shoring techniques to reduce water ingress and restore water tight integrity to the mock ship.
- At HMAS Albatross, you will gain an understanding of the naval aviation capability through engagement with Navy aircrew.
- Fly one of the Navy’s ‘state-of-the-art’ helicopters in a flight simulator and participate in Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET) and, subject to availability, fly in a Navy helicopter.

Location:	Jervis Bay, NSW
Duration	This is a three or five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Four per activity.

Note: All aircraft activities are subject to availability and cannot guaranteed in all recess periods.



The Australian Army is the principal land warfare force of Australia. The Australian Army formed in 1901 as the Commonwealth Military Forces, through the amalgamation of the colonial forces of Australia following the Federation of Australia. Although Australian soldiers have been involved in a number of minor and major conflicts throughout Australia’s history, only during the Second World War has Australian territory come under direct attack.

The Australian Army was initially composed almost completely of part-time soldiers, where the vast majority were in units of the Citizen Military Forces (CMF or Militia) (1901–1980) during peacetime, with limits set on the regular Army. Since all reservists were barred from forcibly serving overseas, volunteer expeditionary forces (1st AIF, ANMEF, 2nd AIF) were formed to enable the Army to send large numbers of soldiers to serve overseas during periods of war. This period lasted from federation until 1947, when a standing peacetime regular Army was formed and the Australian Army Reserve was restructured.

During its history, the Australian Army has fought in a number of major wars, including the Second Boer War, the First and Second World Wars, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesia-Malaysia Confrontation, Vietnam War, and more recently in Afghanistan and Iraq. Since 1947, the Australian Army has also been involved in many peacekeeping operations, usually under the auspices of the United Nations. Today, it participates in multilateral and unilateral military exercises and provides emergency disaster relief and humanitarian aid in response to domestic and international crises.

Option 5: Army Aviation

Outline:

The Army Aviation Command is the aviation command within the Australian Army responsible for the management and coordination of all army aircraft including drones, as well as the development of future Army aviation technology.

This option will be offered by 16th Aviation Brigade at 5th Aviation Regiment in Townsville, which operates the majority of the Army’s transport helicopters or 6th Aviation Regiment, Holsworthy, which provide air mobility for the Australian Army Special Operations Command.

This option will provide you with opportunities to observe and work alongside the various roles involved in Army Aviation including Aircrew; Ground Crew Mission Support; Ground Crew Aviation Support and Maintainers at Luscombe Airfield or RAAF Base Townsville. This activity would likely culminate with a helicopter ride to a specific field location.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of each establishment to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Assist in the mission planning including the data loading of the specific aircraft.
- Join the team refuelling, loading and unloading ammunition and ordnance onto some of the world’s most advanced helicopters.
- Observe and assist the aviation technicians servicing, repairing and modifying Army Helicopters and equipment.
- Joint the aircrew and operational planners as they go through the full mission planning process, orders and the execution of a rotary wing mission, ranging from combat to disaster relief.
- Dependant on the mission, joint the crew as they fly in one of Army’s high-tech helicopters to the specified filed training location.

Location: Holsworthy, NSW or Townsville, QLD
Duration This is a three-day program
Dates Flexible dates during autumn recess
Numbers Three.

Note: All aircraft activities are subject to availability and cannot guaranteed in all recess periods.

Medical Requirements: Participants are required to complete a medical assessment prior to participation in flying activities.

Option 6: Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme

Outline:

The Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme (AACAP) began in 1997 and reinforces the ongoing commitment and association between Army and the Indigenous peoples of northern and central Australia. It is an interagency initiative between Army and the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) in support of the Government National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

Exercise SAUNDERS sees the deployment of Army personnel to deliver construction of local infrastructure, health and dental, skills training and community engagement to remote aboriginal communities as part of AACAP. Ex SAUNDERS involves the integration of Army engineers, health, catering, musicians and skilled tradesmen with a local, remote indigenous period over several months delivering local infrastructure projects. In 2025 Army, will conduct Exercise SAUNDERS within the Torres Strait, Queensland.

Indicative Program:

- The program will involve a visit to the construction squadron’s deployed staging area to orientate you with the construction projects and community engagement activities. You will then have the opportunity to:
- Visit the construction project site to Observe and participate in the construction activities including a basketball court, community centre and change rooms.
 - Meet personnel during visits to the medical and environmental health facilities, workshops and kitchen.
 - Observe members of the community in a range of vocations skills workshops and training programs.
 - Experience the integration between the Army and remote communities.
 - Live alongside the officers and soldiers deployed in an expeditionary environment actively involved in efforts to improve health, well-being and infrastructure in a remote indigenous community.

Location:	Torres Strait, QLD
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Conducted between, 14 – 27 Jul 25
Numbers	Three.

Medical requirements: A good level of mobility preferred to move up to 1km by foot in field environment and be able to enter and exit military vehicles.



Option 7: Regional Force Surveillance Unit

Outline:

The Regional Force Surveillance Group (RFSG) conducts remote area, land and littoral surveillance and reconnaissance in Australia’s North and North West regions, to support national border security objectives. The RFSG comprises the Army’s three Regional Force Surveillance Units: the 51st Battalion, The Far North Queensland Regiment (51 FNQR), the North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) and The Pilbara Regiment. The RFSG also incorporates the Indigenous Development Wing, which is responsible for the delivery of pathway and education programs to support Indigenous Australians pursuing a career within Defence. The RFSG employs a significant number of Indigenous soldiers, within its units representing the highest rates of Indigenous participation within the Army.

Participants may join an on-country patrol experience with one of the Regional Force Surveillance Units NORFORCE (Darwin) or 51 FNQR (Cairns), as they conduct remote-area, land and littoral surveillance, and reconnaissance activities in Australia’s North and North West.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Engage with the Unit’s part-time workforce and gain a greater understanding of their contribution to the Army.
- Conduct familiarisation training with Australian equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Receive instruction on field craft required for patrolling and reconnaissance.
- Participate in an on-country patrol as they conduct remote-area, land and littoral surveillance and reconnaissance activities in Australia’s North and North West.
- Participate in a number of patrol activities including mounted reconnaissance patrols, static observation posts and watercraft activities.

Location:	Darwin, NT or Cairns, QLD
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during spring recess
Numbers	Three.

Medical requirements: A good level of mobility preferred to move up to 1km by foot in field environment and be able to enter and exit military vehicles.





Option 8: Jungle Training Wing - Exercise REGIONAL WARFIGHTER 6

Outline:

The Combat Training Centre - Jungle Training Wing (CTC-JTW) is located in Tully, Queensland and is the Australian Army’s specialists in jungle warfare, their primary mission being to deliver basic and advanced jungle warfare training to dismounted Combat Team sized groups. Jungle Training Wing provides training to a number regional partners including but not limited to the United States of America, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Exercise REGIONAL WARFIGHTER purpose is to prepare dismounted companies for conventional operations in the jungle environment. Individual soldiers will learn to live and fight in the jungle, while command teams from section to company will undergo multiple planning and execution cycles in realistic, demanding field conditions. The exercise will test participant’s resilience, discipline, leadership, and teamwork.

The Officer Combat Instructor Training course, conducted with our partners in the Indonesian Army; Tentara Nasional Indonesia-Angkatan Darat (TNI-AD). This course will conducted in Tully and run in parallel to Exercise REGIONAL WARFIGHTER 6.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Visit the Combined Arms Training Centre and Jungle Training Wing to understand the remit and scope these organisations provide Army.
- Conduct familiarisation training with Australian equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Participant in a number training serials and scenarios to gain an understanding of the individual soldier skills required to operate in a jungle environment.
- Accompany soldiers undertaking foundation jungle warfare training leading up to a field training exercise.
- Interact and live alongside in a jungle environment with ADF and regional military participants.
- Observe training serials of the Officer Combat Instructor Training course.

Location:	Tully, QLD
Duration	This is a three-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during spring recess
Numbers	Three.

Medical requirements: A good level of mobility preferred to move up to 1km by foot in field environment and be able to enter and exit military vehicles.



The Royal Australian Air Force is the principal air and space force of Australia. The Royal Australian Air Force formed in March 1921, through the separation of the Australian Air Corps from the Army in January 1920, which in turn amalgamated the separate aerial services of both the Army and Navy. It continues the traditions of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC), the aviation corps of the Army that fought in the First World War.

During its history, the Royal Australian Air Force has fought in a number of major wars and other conflicts, throughout the Second World War in Europe and the Pacific, the Berlin Airlift, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesia–Malaysia Confrontation, Vietnam War, and more recently in operations in East Timor, the Middle East Region and Southeast Asia.

It operates the majority of the ADF’s fixed wing aircraft and provides support across a spectrum of operations such as air superiority, precision strikes, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, air mobility, space surveillance, and humanitarian support.

Option 9: RAAF Base East Sale

Outline:

Royal Australian Air Force Base East Sale is located 220km South East of Melbourne, in Victoria’s Gippsland region, and supports approximately 850 personnel. The base hosts several specialist training schools and is home to the Roulettes aerobatic display team from the Central Flying School.

RAAF Base East Sale trains pilot instructors; air combat officers, observers and air traffic controllers of Air Training Wing - Air Academy, as well as initial Air Force officer training at the Officers’ Training School. The base also accommodates elements from Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, Joint Capabilities Group and Defence Digital Group, with representation from Army Reserves, Air Force Reserves, Army and Air Force Cadet Units.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Experience initial officer training including drill, teamwork, leadership and ground defence training.
- Observe the Officer Aviation Candidate selection process and experience simulators used to the support the pilot training system.
- Experience air traffic control training including use of a 360 degree tower simulator.
- Experience mission aircrew including simulator activity with Air Mission Training School.
- Experience basic flying training activities and join an aircraft maintenance team as they prepare the PC-21 for the daily flying program.
- A flight in a PC21 may be included, subject to aircraft availability and medical assessment.

Location:	East Sale, VIC
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Two per activity.

Note: All aircraft activities are subject to availability and cannot guaranteed in all recess periods.

Medical Requirements: Participants are required to complete a medical assessment prior to participation in flying activities.

Option 10: RAAF Base Amberley – Amberley Air Show

Outline:

Royal Australian Air Force Base Amberley is the largest operational base, employing over 6,500 service and civilian personnel. It is located near Ipswich, 50 km southwest of Brisbane. RAAF Amberley is home to the EA 18G Growler, F/A-18F Super Hornet, the KC-30A Multi Role Tanker Transport, C 17A Globemaster and C-27J Spartan. The Base is also the Headquarters for Combat Support Group, which is responsible for air base services, command, control and management at fixed and expeditionary airbases in support of air operations.

RAAF Amberley’s population also includes Army and joint units including 6th Engineer Support Regiment, Joint Logistics, Joint Health and Joint Policing.

The intent for this program is to immerse the members in base operations and attend the 2025 Amberley Air Show.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Get hands on experience in the daily operations of our heavy airlift aircraft and their requirements for RAAF deployments and exercises. Activities may include an experience with Air Movements preparing, loading or unloading a KC 30, C-17 or C27, participate in a C-17A, F/A-18F or KC-30A simulator and receive briefs on Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief.
- Gain knowledge from Combat Support Group personnel and interact with aviators to understand their job roles and gain insight into daily tasks and wider operational requirements.
- Visit Joint Logistics Unit (South Queensland), as the main departure point for all equipment to and from Areas of Operation.
- Attend the Amberley Air Show, including fast jet flying displays and aircraft flypasts, and military working dog displays.
- View a wide variety of aircraft and support vehicles up close (from all units around Australia) and speak to aircrew, pilots, technicians and varying ADF personnel about how the aircraft are maintained and operated, as well as the wide array of support roles.

Location:	Amberley, QLD
Duration	This is a three-day program
Dates	TBC with Air Show in September
Numbers	Four.



Option 11: RAAF Base Williamtown

Outline:

Royal Australian Air Force Base Williamtown is located north of Newcastle and is one of the Air Force’s busiest and most complex bases. The base includes Headquarters Surveillance and Response Group, which commands the Air Force’s airspace and air battle management capability; Headquarters Air Combat Group, responsible for developing and maintaining the expertise to competently operate fighter aircraft and Combat Support Group, which provides airbase operations support functions and contingency response to national and international relief support tasks.

A variety of capabilities permanently operate from RAAF Williamtown, including the Eastern Regional Operations Centre providing surveillance and Air Battle Management, Air Traffic Control services, F 35A Lightning II, Hawk 127, E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft and PC 21 Pilatus Forward Air Control aircraft.

Participants in the visit to Williamtown can expect to be exposed to and be part of the daily routine of units to gain a unique appreciation of what it takes to generate air capability.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Experience life of an F-35A Lightning Pilot, attend simulated pre/post flight briefs, joint operational briefs and see fifth-generation aircraft.
- Undertake a facilities tour Operational Conversion Integrated Training Centre with exposure to technical staff and the training they are required to undertake to maintain the aircraft.
- Use latest technologically advanced equipment and experience controlling Close Air Support.
- Gain an understanding of the advanced simulation capabilities and an array of fixed-site Air Defence systems.
- Understand the operations of an E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft and take part in crew Air Defence mission briefings and pilot and crew simulator sessions.
- Experience a flight in the Hawk simulator to get the full experience.
- Participate in a range of activities including Airfield Fire Fighting and other airbase support capabilities.

Location: Williamtown, NSW
Duration This is a four-day program
Dates Flexible dates during spring recess
Numbers Three.

Option 12: Edinburgh Defence Precinct (RAAF Base Edinburgh)

Outline:

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct, comprising Royal Australian Air Force Base Edinburgh, Defence Science and Technology Group and Edinburgh Parks in Adelaide’s north, is one Australia’s largest and most diverse Defence establishments. The base is home to almost 6,000 Defence staff.

RAAF Base Edinburgh is a critical Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance hub for the ADF being home to No 92 Wing and the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, No 1 Remote Sensor Unit and its JORN surveillance system processing and Air Warfare Canter’s information warfare and electronic warfare elements. Tasked with Readyng the Warfighter, RAAF Edinburgh’s Air Warfare Centre provides key enabling functions to Air Force combat elements across fight test and development, aviation medicine, intelligence and information warfare, electronic warfare, tactics and training and ranges. The base is also home to several key Army land combat elements.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Join the members of 92 Wing’s P-8A Poseidon aircraft including an opportunity to take the controls of the P-8A Poseidon in the Flight Simulator.
- Visit Air Warfare Centre elements at RAAF Edinburgh gaining insight into how it enables new and emerging 5th Generation Air Force capabilities.
- Conduct a fight line experience with the Aircraft Research and Development Unit PC-21 aircraft used for fight test operations.
- Spend time in action with No 24 Squadron, as they support RAAF Edinburgh air operations including air movements, fuel, security, airfield engineering, and other airbase functions.
- Tour No1 Remote Sensor Unit gaining understanding of its unique Australian surveillance and space capabilities

Location: Edinburgh, SA
Duration This is a four-day program
Dates Flexible dates during autumn recess
Numbers Three.

Option 13: RAAF Base Wagga Wagga

Outline:

Royal Australian Air Force Base Wagga, popularly known as the ‘Home of the Aviator’. RAAF Base Wagga delivers the highest quality of tri-Service graduate and post-graduate ground training for all ranks of the Air Force, Army and Navy.

RAAF Wagga is home to four major training Units:

- No 1 Recruit Training Unit which provides initial military training to enlisted aviators
- RAAF School of Technical Training conducts initial and post-initial employment training for ADF aviation maintenance personnel.
- RAAF School of Administration and Logistics Training offers initial and post-initial employment training for Air Force members specialising in logistics and personnel capability management.
- School of Postgraduate Studies provides post-graduate education across enlisted personnel and officers.

Indicative Program:

- Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:
- Visit and interact with ADF trainees undertaking their initial employment training at the School of Technical Training.
- Gain an appreciation of post initial employment training courses by participating in classroom or outdoor-based experiential activities in disciplines and topics, such as Leadership and Military Management.
- Experience initial military training for enlisted aviators in activities such as drill, teamwork, leadership, physical fitness and ground defence training by No 1 Recruit Training Unit.
- Engage with the base trainees and workforce to gain a greater understanding of their contribution to Defence.
- Visit the Ground Defence Training Area and engage with recruits in a field environment whilst experiencing ground defence training on Exercise RABAUL.
- Participate in a range of airbase support capabilities activities.

Location:	Wagga Wagga, NSW
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Three per activity.



Option 14: RAAF Base Darwin / Curtin

Outline:

Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin, situated close to the Darwin City centre, is a key ADF mounting airbase for the Asia/Pacific region. RAAF Darwin also hosts a six-month deployment of United States Marine Corps personnel and their aircraft under the United States Force Posture Initiative. The permanent base population is approximately 550 Air Force personnel, but during peak exercise periods the base population will surge to 4000 personnel.

Royal Australian Air Force Base Curtin is located on the north coast of Western Australia, southeast of Derby and 170 kilometres east of Broome. Established in the 1950s to provide support for land, air and sea operations aimed at securing Australia's northern approaches. The intent for Curtin remains extant.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

- Experience Australia's air and space surveillance and battle management capabilities, through a visit to Mobile Regional Operations Centre system operated by 114 Mobile Control and Reporting Unit.
- Get hands on with the heavy vehicles, deployable radar suites, command and control systems and maintenance facilities, which enable 114, Mobile Control and Reporting Unit to generate and manage the national surveillance capability whilst supporting a response option.
- Inspect the deployable Air Traffic facilities and join the Air Traffic Controllers in the tower as they separate aircraft in a busy and challenging environment.
- Fly out to Curtin in a military aircraft to inspect the bare base at Curtin and understand the challenges faced by Australian military members working in a remote location.
- Participate in a range of combat support capabilities activities including: aircraft refuelling operations, Security Force activates and airfield safety and engineering inspections.
- Support the Air Force Chefs in one of the Messing facilities as they provide meals to the base staff.

Location:	Darwin, NT and Curtin, WA
Duration	This is a four-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during July
Numbers	Three.





The role of Joint Operations Command (JOC) is to plan, control and conduct operations, activities and actions as directed to meet Australia’s strategic objectives. JOC is the critical node in applying Defence capability at the operational level and conducts operations and exercises to meet government aims, deepen Australia’s alliances and partnerships, and prepare the joint force for future contingencies.

JOC emerged from its predecessor, the Headquarters Australian Theatre (HQAST) in 2004, to reflect the changing internal structure of the ADF and the need to establish a purpose built co-located joint headquarters. The complex known as the General John Baker Complex, named after a former Chief of Defence Force who was a strong advocate of joint command and control.

JOC is a capable, agile and adaptive organisation enabled by a world-class intelligence architecture and a diverse range of domestic and international partners. In the coming decade, JOC will continue to enhance its position as a leading global exponent of joint force command, control and capability integration to deliver the Government’s direction for Defence to Shape, Deter, Respond.

Option 15: Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 25

Outline:

Exercise Talisman Sabre is the largest exercise conducted in Australia bilaterally designed between Australia and the United States, and is a multilaterally planned and conducted exercise. Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025 (TS25) will be the 11th and largest iteration Exercise TALISMAN SABRE is the largest exercise conducted in Australia. Talisman Sabre is of the exercise. It will consist of a live fire exercise and field training exercises incorporating force preparation activities, amphibious landings, ground force manoeuvres, and air combat and maritime operations.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a visit to Shoalwater Bay Training Area to witness the combined joint live-fire demonstration, displaying the multi-domain capabilities and the interoperability of allied forces with integrated artillery, attack aviation and ground assault force.

Moving to Townsville you will receive briefings at the Headquarters of the Exercise Command Group on the exercise aims and objectives and the Australian and partner forces capabilities.

There will be opportunities to embed into a number of force elements:

- Joint the manoeuvre operations by combined Australian and partner forces including: Movement around the area on foot or in armoured vehicles, embedded at combat team level with the troops, experiencing the same living conditions, providing a realistic, in-depth view of the tasks undertaken by our soldiers on operations.
- Experience at-sea activities aboard a Royal Australian Navy ship, which may include air operations, amphibious operations, underway replenishment and weapons firing serials. Living and working alongside the crew, providing a realistic, in-depth experience of the tasks undertaken by our sailors and amphibious force on operations.

Location: Townsville, QLD
Duration This is a five to seven-day program
Dates Conducted between, 12 – 25 Jul 25
Numbers Six.

Medical requirements:

- **Land Component:** A good level of mobility preferred to move up to 1km by foot in field environment and be able to enter and exit military vehicles.
- **Sea Component:** Participants are required to complete a medical assessment prior to participation in sea ride activities.

Option 16: Operation RESOLUTE

Outline:

Operation RESOLUTE is the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) contribution to the whole-of-government effort to protect Australia’s borders and offshore maritime interests.

The ADF contributes forces under Operation RESOLUTE to Maritime Border Command (MBC), which is a multi-agency taskforce within the Australian Border Force (ABF). MBC uses assets from ABF and ADF to conduct civil maritime security operations. MBC’s maritime surveillance and response activities are commanded from MBC Headquarters.

Indicative Program:

Commencing in Canberra with a day in Headquarters Maritime Border Command, and Headquarters Joint Operations Command. Participants will learn about ADF operations and strategic aspects of maritime border protection activities. Participants may:

- Travel to either Darwin or Cairns to visit the Regional Force Surveillance Group to learn about their contribution to Border Protection operations and the ‘Closing the Gap’ initiative.
- This opportunity may allow for participation in a remote-area, land and littoral surveillance and reconnaissance activity.
- Embark on a maritime patrol aircraft as it conducts an aerial patrol of Australia’s northern approaches.
- Undertake a sea-ride on one of Navy’s Armidale / Cape Class Patrol Boats or Australian Border Force Cape Class Patrol Boats.
- Observe boarding party drills and transit security element activities.

Location:	Canberra, ACT and Darwin, NT or Cairns, QLD
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during the autumn and spring recess periods
Numbers	Two per activity.

Note: All aircraft activities are subject to availability and cannot guaranteed in all recess periods.

Medical Requirements:

- Flying Operations: Participants are required to complete a medical assessment prior to participation in flying activities.
- Land Operations: If offered, a good level of mobility preferred to move up to 1km by foot in field environment and be able to enter and exit military vehicles.





Joint Capabilities Group (JCG) formed in July 2017 and has continued to evolve since its inception. The Group supports the Services by providing a wide range of enabling capabilities, including logistics support. JCG is also responsible for progressing leading edge capabilities, such as space, cyber, data link and satellite communications. The Group's strength lies in its people.

JCG is led by the Chief of Joint Capabilities (CJC), who is responsible to the Chief of Defence Force and comprises commands, divisions and organic elements which include: Headquarters JCG (HQJCG), Joint Capabilities Division, Defence Signals Intelligence and Cyber Command, Defence Space Command, Cyber Warfare Division, Joint Logistics Command, ICT Operations Division, Australian Civil-Military Centre, Military Strategic Effects.



Option 17: ADF Space and Cyber Domain Operations

Outline:

Together, the Space and Cyber Commands deliver the ADF space and cyber force generation activities. This program offers an overview of ADF space and cyber domain capabilities, to provide insights into the challenges in these rapidly changing operational domains.

Indicative Program:

Over a five-day program, you will receive briefings on the critical work of Space and Cyber Commands, observe real-time cyberspace, electromagnetic spectrum, and space operations, and tour joint and individual service facilities in Canberra and Adelaide including:

- Tour Headquarters Space Command and Joint Capabilities Division (Fairbairn Defence Precinct), which includes overview briefings on Space Command's role in Defence and discussions with directors of Force Generation, Space Capability, Work Force, and support to operations.
- Tour Joint Cyber Unit, Space and Cyber College, and Defence Security Operations Centre, observing an operational defensive cyber unit, training facilities and the organisation protecting Defence's strategic networks.
- Tour No. 1 Space Surveillance Unit to observe space domain awareness and missile warning operations using the Space Surveillance Telescope and C-Band Radar.
- Visit the Australian Geospatial-Intelligence Organisation ground station for relevant threat briefs and updates.
- Tour Defence Science and Technology Group (DST Edinburgh) for threats to Space-Based Capabilities overview and emerging cyber technology insights.
- Visit LOT 14, Bureau of Meteorology Space Weather Forecasting Centre and Space Discovery Centre. Receive briefings on the collaborative relationship between Bureau of Meteorology, Australian Space Agency and Defence Space Command.
- Observe the Sprint Advanced Concept Training exercise, a simulated trial of space capabilities involving commercial companies, military, and universities from around the world.

Location:	Canberra, ACT and Adelaide, SA
Duration	This is a five-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Three per activity.

Option 18: ADF Logistics Operations

Outline:

The Joint Logistics Command mission is to lead the coordinated delivery of effective and efficient logistics to enable Defence to train, fight and win. Commander Joint Logistics commands the ADF logistics information systems, the logistics network of warehouses, maintenance, distribution facilities, and is the head of the Defence fuel supply chain.

This activity provides participants an insight to the day-to-day responsibilities and functions of Joint Logistics Command, providing an opportunity to gain an appreciation of the complexity, risk, and issues associated with organising and managing Defence logistics across Defence’s multi-tiered security environments, including support to ‘live’ ADF operations, commitments to coalition allies and regional partners.

Indicative Program:

Commencing in Canberra at Joint Logistics Command Headquarters, where you will receive in-depth briefings on the Defence Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP), gaining an appreciation of the complexity, risks, and issues associated with transitioning the large number of legacy Logistics Information Systems managed and operated by Defence into ERP.

Your program will then move to a Joint Logistics Unit (JLU), aligned with strategically important ADF locations, the JLUs provide warehousing, distribution, clothing store and maintenance services to Navy, Army and Air Force dependencies. All activities will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

Gain an understanding of the logistics support provided to RAAF Base Williamtown by Joint Logistics Unit – East. The Detachment provides warehousing and distribution support to all Williamtown based units.

Visit Joint Logistics Unit (Victoria) Bandiana, supporting the ADF in Australia and on operational deployments. Bandiana warehousing facilities provide both national and regional support for maintenance, storage and distribution. Bandiana also provides the deep level maintenance facility for A Vehicle (Tank, ASLAV and M113) including a tank test track.

Travel to Darwin to experience of the complex and large-scale ADF fuel operations including the Crawley Facility, which has the capability to store up to 2 million barrels (80 million gallons) of product.

Location:	Canberra, ACT and a regional Joint Logistics Unit
Duration	This is a four-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Four per activity.



Military Personnel Organisation

Following the Defence Strategic Review (DSR), Defence reorganised the delivery of workforce design, planning and organisation, and personnel management to deliver an integrated workforce system, optimised to best support our people and to enable the growth of a focused force aligned to DSR. The Chief of Personnel position established to lead the Military Personnel Organisation, alongside the Deputy Secretary Defence People position.

The Chief of Personnel commands the military personnel organisation of Defence People Group (DPG) to direct, manage, coordinate and deliver the military personnel system; to best staff the war fighting domains, the enabling Groups and the strategic centre; and steward rewarding careers across the continuum of military service. The DPG Military Personnel Organisation includes Joint Health Command, the Australian Defence College, Joint Support Services Division, and Military Personnel Division.



Option 19: United Nations Military Observer Course

Outline:

The Australian Defence Force Peace Operation Training Centre (ADF POTC) is part of Australian Defence College, the strategic provider of joint professional military education and individual training for Australian Defence Force. ADF POTC's mission is to prepare Australian and international personnel for employment on peace operations, and more recently as Gender Advisers.

The United Nations Military Observer course (UNMOC) is a prerequisite for ADF personnel deploying on international United Nations missions as United Nations Military Observers, Military Liaison Officers or Military Advisers. This course is suitable and recommended for Australian Federal Police or Australian Public Servants who will deploy within a United Nations field environment.

Exercise Blue Flag is a culmination field activity of the UNMOC. Australian and international students are required to deploy to a field environment with role players presenting time-limited situations/scenarios requiring student's resolution/reactions.

Indicative Program:

Commencing in Weston Campus of the Australian Defence College, in the Canberra, with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

- Gain an understanding of the conduct of UN missions and Australia's involvement, as well as training provided to our regional partners.
- Interact with trainees undertaking their mandatory UN pre-deployment training.
- Deploy to Majura Training Area as part of Exercise BLUE FLAG and participate in a number of the training serials.
- Observe the students meeting with informants, conducting discussions/negotiation with details appropriately communicated to the Mission Headquarters.
- Be provided with an understanding of rules of engagement interpretations, rules of war and employment of child soldiers. Referencing appropriate International Humanitarian Laws and UN policies.
- Participate in the establishment and conduct of roadblocks and simulated traffic accident – first aid provision.
- Participate as an exercise role-player during a community meeting or media simulated doorstep activity.

Location: Canberra, ACT
Duration This is a three-day program
Dates Conducted between, 26 – 30 Sep 25
Numbers Four.

Option 20: ADF Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute

Outline:

The Australian Defence Force Malaria and Infectious Disease Institute (ADFMIDI) is a world-recognised centre for infectious disease research and training. ADFMIDI ensures that the ADF has the best possible protection against malaria and other infectious diseases through collaborative research, training and health engagement activities.

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Joint Health Command, Enoggera Health Centre is responsible for the delivery and management of quality, safe, efficient and effective health care to ADF personnel at Gallipoli Barracks.

Expertly managed soldier Recovery Centre provides critical support through the often-difficult process of recovery, ensuring our soldiers care and rehabilitation. The centre coordinates recovery training, education and transition programs specifically targeted to each individual, as well as providing support for their families.

Indicative Program:

Offered as a single day activity commencing at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane, your program will commence a tour of the facilities and meet with the Director and Commanding Officer to gain an insight into the facility.

You will then have an opportunity to:

- Tour the individual departments Drug Resistance and Diagnostics, Drug Evaluation, Clinical Studies and Surveillance, Vector Surveillance and Control, and Arbovirology.
- Meet with the staff and discuss the current research projects they are undertaking.
- Tour the Enoggera Health Centre and meet with the staff of the various health care services including medical and surgical outpatient service, pathology, physiotherapy, radiology, pharmacy, rehabilitation, mental health services and dental.
- Visit the Soldier Recovery Centre to engage with soldiers undergoing their recovery from injury.

Location:	Brisbane, QLD
Duration	This is a one-day program
Dates	Flexible dates during all recess periods
Numbers	Four per activity.



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Defence acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia. Defence recognises their continuing connection to traditional lands and waters and would like to pay respect to their Elders both past and present. Defence would also like to pay respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have contributed to the defence of Australia in times of peace and war.

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