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From: s47E(d)
Sent: Thursday, 16 April 2026 1:20 PM
To: Wolski, Brett RADM; Lewis, Angeline AIRCDRE
Cc: AIRTF Communications
Subject: 260416 - 13:20:24 - e-mail - s47E(d) /Many - s47F social media reactions - protests and medals

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Good afternoon,

Please find below social media engagement (mainly from facebook) regarding plans to protest s47F charges. Ideas include wearing a green ribbon across medals on Anzac Day. Please note, this is chatter in public FB groups only.



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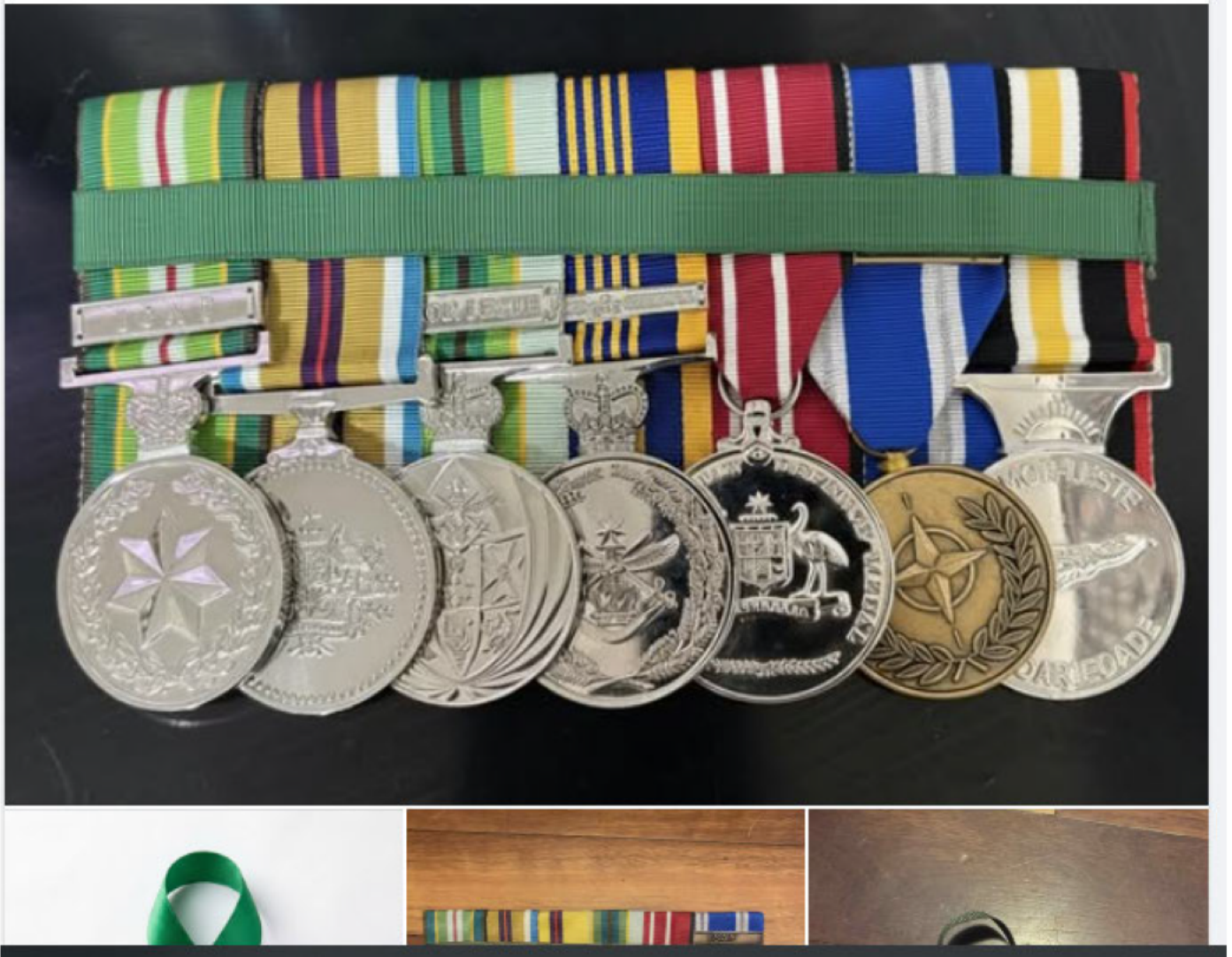
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This ANZAC Day, I'm making a suggestion that we show our support for s47F with a simple, quiet gesture by adding a thin green ribbon across our medals, representing the "thin green line."

Regardless of the eventual legal outcome, I think many of us can agree that the way this has been handled and politicised over the years is wrong. This isn't about signs or shouting; it's just a subdued, respectful symbol of solidarity for a fellow serviceman.

If you support this, let's get it out there and happening. It's a small way to show support while the process plays out. Lest we forget.

Quick update, was sent a message from another member with the olive drab ribbon. This ribbon can be purchased from spot light.



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Wear green ribbons on Anzac Day for s47F

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on ANZAC in support for s47F

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I will stand as always for those that have and do serve. I WILL be wearing the green ribbon for s47F

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I have shared this post from a fellow Veteran, with copies of his pictures showing his suggestions.
Supporting Our Own: A Subtle Gesture This ANZAC Day.

This ANZAC Day, I am making a suggestion for those who wish to show their support for past and present defence members, and specifically for s47F. This is intended as a quiet, respectful show of solidarity for fellow service personnel who many feel have been poorly treated by the government and the broader political process.

The green ribbon represents the "Military Thin Green Line." It is not a protest; it is a silent, personal acknowledgment of loyalty and support.

How to participate:

- On Medals: For those marching or wearing medals, a single thin green ribbon can be placed across the medal ribbons (above the metallic portion).
- The "Hope" Ribbon: If you do not have medals or prefer not to place it on them, a small green ribbon worn on the lapel serves as an equally powerful symbol of hope and support.

If you choose to join in this gesture, simple green ribbon can be easily sourced from local fabric stores like Spotlight.

This isn't about signs or shouting, it's about a simple symbol that invites quiet conversation and shows we haven't forgotten our own while the legal process continues.

Lest We Forget.



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From: Navy Anzac Day s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>
Date: 23 April 2026 at 1:01:03 pm AEST
To: "Goddard, Lee RADM" s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>, "Sonter, Brett RADM" s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>, "Smith, Nigel RADM" s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>, "Durbin, Rachel RADM" s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>, "Wolski, Brett RADM" s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>, "Smith, Christopher RADM" s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>
Subject: Anzac Day Talking Points - Green Ribbon issue [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon Sir, Ma'am

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In case you are not tracking, please be advised that there is a 'movement' amongst some ADF personnel and veterans to support s47F by attaching a thin green ribbon to medals and uniforms (refer image attached).

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Once again, thank you for your support this Anzac Day

s47E(d)

CPO

Navy Events Staff Officer

HM: s22

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From: s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>

Sent: Thursday, 23 April 2026 5:44 PM

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Subject: FOR OSEC/OCDF CLEARANCE - Priority 1 media enquiry - 26-0856 - Daily Telegraph - Letter [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Internal Background

Defence is aware of a protest movement that has been circulating on social media following the arrest of s47F, and in the lead up to Anzac Day.

The movement is encouraging the general public, veterans and ADF members who wish to show their support for past and present defence members, and specifically for s47F, to wear a green ribbon on Anzac Day.

From social media accounts this movement is described as:

A quiet, respectful show of solidarity for fellow service personnel who many feel they have been poorly treated by the government and the broader political process.

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- *The "Hope" Ribbon: If you do not have medals or prefer not to place it on them, a small green ribbon worn on the lapel serves as an equally powerful symbol of hope and support.*

On 22 April 2026, specific guidance in relation to wearing of medals was sent to each Service for distribution through their respective Chains of Command. The guidance is governed by each Service's Dress Manual, and the guidelines for wear established by the Governor-General.

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The letter does not reflect the advice provided to Defence Members in relation to Service Dress, s22

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From: s47E(d) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au> **On Behalf Of** AHQ-PA-OPS

Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2026 4:33 PM

To: Digital Media s47E(d) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>

Cc: s47E(d) <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>; AHQ-PA-OPS <[redacted]@defence.gov.au>

Subject: FW: 260422 - Anzac Day Talking Points [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi DM,

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Please also note that the addition of green ribbon to uniforms or medals is not approved for uniformed members on Anzac Day or at any other time.

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From: s47E(d)
To: s47E(d)
Cc: s47E(d) s47E(d)
Subject: 260423 0840 - s47E(d) Anzac Day imagery
Date: Thursday, 23 April 2026 8:40:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

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Team,

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Please be advised that there is a 'movement' amongst some ADF personnel to support s47F, by attaching a green ribbon to medals and uniforms (refer image attached).

Under **no circumstances** are **any** Anzac Day images depicting displays of these unapproved uniform changes to be cleared for public display.

Please reply to this email confirming understanding of my direction.

Regards,

s47E(d)

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From: s47E(d)
Sent: Friday, 24 April 2026 1:56 PM
To: Wolski, Brett RADM; Lewis, Angeline AIRCDRE
Cc: AIRTF Communications
Subject: FW: Finalised media enquiry - 26-0856 - Daily Telegraph - Letter s47F
[SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon,

The army-led media enquiry regarding the green ribbon on medals has been finalised.

Kind regards,

s47E

s47E(d)

Ministerial Liaison Officer
Afghanistan Inquiry Response Task Force (AIRTF)
Department of Defence

s47E(| Russell Offices | PO Box 7902 Canberra BC ACT 2610
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Website: [Afghanistan Inquiry](#)

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To: s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>
Cc: s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>
Subject: media enquiry - 26-0856 - Daily Telegraph - Letter s47F [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Good afternoon all,

A response has been provided to s47F at The Daily Telegraph regarding a letter circulating social media.

s47E(d) were final clearance on this.

Thank you for your work on this enquiry.

Regards,

s47E(d) | Media and Communication Officer Defence Media

Media and Information Disclosure Branch | Department of Defence

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Sent: Friday, 24 April 2026 1:38 PM
To: s47F
Cc: s47E(d) @defence.gov.au>
Subject: RE: FW: Request for comment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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Hi s47F

Thank you for your enquiry. Please see a response below.

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Background s22

The letter you have provided is unsourced and unattributed.

It does not reflect the advice provided to Defence Members in relation to Service Dress.

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Kind regards,

s47E(d)

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Hi DM,

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s22 [REDACTED], please see the attached images showing examples of medals and accoutrements being worn in a manner not permitted for uniformed members. Images depicting these are not to be cleared.

Please also note that the addition of green ribbon to uniforms or medals is not approved for uniformed members on Anzac Day or at any other time.

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