

Wreathlaying Ceremony



Naval Association of Australia

Friday 20 November 2020

**Captain Reg Saunders Courtyard
Australian War Memorial**



Once Navy, Always Navy

Order of Service

WELCOME

Mr Matt Anderson PSM
Director
Australian War Memorial

COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS

Mr David Manolas
National President
Naval Association of Australia

NAVAL PRAYER

Chaplain Cornelis Bosch RAN
HMAS Harman

THE NAVAL HYMN

*Eternal father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the
restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea*

*O Trinity of love and power
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go:
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and
sea*

LAYING OF WREATHS

NAVAL ODE

Commander Amanda Howard RAN
Commanding Officer
HMAS Harman

ODE TO THE NAVAL VETERAN & ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

Mr David Manolas

LAST POST

ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

NAVAL REVEILLE

Lest we forget

Response – *Lest we forget*

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

<i>Australians all let us rejoice,</i>	<i>Beneath our radiant Southern Cross</i>
<i>For we are young and free;</i>	<i>We'll toil with hearts and hands;</i>
<i>We've golden soil and wealth for</i>	<i>To make this Commonwealth of ours</i>
<i>toil;</i>	<i>Renowned of all the lands;</i>
<i>Our home is girt by sea;</i>	<i>For those who've come across the</i>
<i>Our land abounds in nature's gifts</i>	<i>seas</i>
<i>Of beauty rich and rare;</i>	<i>We've boundless plains to share;</i>
<i>In history's page, let every stage</i>	<i>With courage lets us all combine</i>
<i>Advance Australia fair.</i>	<i>To Advance Australia fair.</i>
<i>In joyful strains then let us sing</i>	<i>In joyful strains then let us sing</i>
<i>Advance Australia fair.</i>	<i>Advance Australia fair</i>

BENEDICTION

Chaplain Cornelis Bosch RAN

THANKS AND FAREWELL

Mr David Manolas

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chaplain Cornelis Bosch RAN, HMAS Harman
Vocalist, Able Seaman Leigh Robke
Bugler, Able Seaman Phillip Edey
Royal Australian Navy Band, Sydney

For images from today's ceremony please visit:
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NAA Centenary 20 November 2020 - Wreath Laying Service

National President – Address

We are gathered here today to celebrate the Centenary of the Naval Association of Australia.

We salute all those who have served our nation as members of the Royal Australian Navy; those whose grave is the cruel sea, wherein the Naval Ode speaks so emotively of their resting place in the depths of the oceans beyond our reach. We salute those who, on returning from war service at sea and ashore, found their lives impacted so harshly by the effects of war. To them all, we are much indebted for the price paid for our freedom.

Our Association exists in order to safeguard their legacy and to minister to the wellbeing and recognition of the naval veteran; those who have completed their naval service and those still serving.

At the passing of one of our members we offer an 'Ode to The Naval Veteran':

*In Naval service their duty done
At sea and ashore in peace and in war
Wounds seen and unseen, deeds known and unknown
Now at rest we pray, the memories with us stay*

Within the Naval Association of Australia, we are told that a chance meeting of former WWI shipmates in Melbourne in 1920, led to the establishment of an Association that would evolve into the only national organisation solely committed to watching over the interests of Serving and ex-Navy men and women here in Australia. We can look to the Royal Naval Association, with whom we share the motto: '*Once Navy, Always Navy*', the Royal New Zealand Naval Association and the Association of the United States Navy, to see comparable examples of like-minded shipmates with whom we share an ethos borne '*in service at sea and ashore, in peace and in war*'.

Our 2,860 members in 76 Sections and Sub-Sections across Australia, afford each other companionship and support through naval fellowship. We gather together freely: each of equal standing; all with a story to tell of life in the Navy and beyond; a desire to watch out for our members and their loved ones; and, a generosity of spirit welcoming all who wish to join us. Our members actively participate in the full range of national and naval commemorative services where we serve to bear witness and to act as a rallying point for non-aligned naval veterans. We are the custodians of a wealth of naval experience and historic narrative, numerous collections of naval memorabilia and are entrusted with the oversight of a number

of Memorials and Commemorative Services. As staunch supporters of our Parent Service, we advocated for an Annual Navy Day. The aim being to provide the wider community with an appreciation of the role and importance of a strong and capable Navy. The first Australian Navy Day was conducted in October, 1966.

Our membership actively contributes to the preservation of the Australian Defence Force legacy and the wellbeing of serving and ex-service personnel, through membership of other groups and associations such as the: Naval Historical Society; Navy League; numerous ship associations; the WRANS and Naval Women's Association; the RSL; Vietnam Veterans Associations; and, a number of Veteran Support Organisations. We are active participants in ex-service consultative and advocacy groups; a foundation member of The Alliance of Defence Service Organisations; and a participant in the Ex-Service Organisation Round Table Forum. Looking to the wellbeing of future generations, our Australian Navy Cadet Liaison Officers are forging closer ties with Cadet Units nation-wide through sponsorship and other support initiatives.

We are proud of these and other achievements wherein:

1. the Naval Association was successful in seeking parity for repatriation benefits and entitlements awarded to their Army and Air Force colleagues who had served in Malaya as part of the Far East Strategic Reserve during 1955 – 1960;
2. we were successful in having the names of the two Sailors killed while serving in RAN Ships in Malayan waters and the four Sailors who lost their lives in WWII Mine Clearance Operations off the Australian Coast in 1947, inscribed on the Honour Roll in the AWM;
3. our efforts were successful in having the risks of asbestosis recognised as being a long-term health risk to sailors living and working beyond the confines of ships' machinery spaces, as asbestos lagging material was used throughout those ships of an earlier era;
4. efforts by members of our Association in demonstrating the potential exposure to dioxins through potable water produced by ship's evaporative distillation during the Vietnam War, was of immeasurable benefit to many of the 9,800 RAN personnel who had served in the Vietnam Logistic Support and Escort role and have had to deal with the unforeseen adverse health outcomes; and,
5. we, along with so many others, were of firm resolve as to the awarding of a Victoria Cross to Teddy Sheean. This award earned in time of war will soon join the George Cross awarded to Chief Petty Officer Jonathon Rogers DSM, the Coxswain in HMAS Voyager, when the Navy suffered its largest loss of life in peace time. Acts of exemplary courage whilst in naval service '*in peace and in war*'.

At a time when we again need to recognise that so many of our Service men and women are bearing wounds that are not necessarily readily apparent, we are encouraged to see that treatment for life threatening conditions such as Cancer and PTSD are now more readily available.

In our veteran's wellbeing endeavours, we are so admirably supported by those who step up to act as advocates. They are worthy of our wholehearted admiration and boundless gratitude as it is through their efforts that many veterans have achieved life-changing and life-giving support. We are blessed in our nation to have the means and inherent mechanisms to provide such support to our veterans, and for that we give thanks, while remaining ever vigilant in watching over its application.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation and admiration of all that our Members and Office Bearers have done during their '*Posting*' to the Association. As a core element of the Australian Navy Family you have all shown your commitment to evolve and adapt, for here we are at our Centenary, and still making every effort to fulfil our mission. It is through your resolve to '*turn-to*' and '*to stand your watch*' that we are still fulfilling this vital role in the wider Naval Community. It is with heartfelt regret that we cannot gather here in the numbers we would wish, but we can all proudly share in our ongoing story and in celebrating our achievements. We can look ahead with optimism and a renewed determination as we emerge from this '*make and mend*' period, well placed to sail on onwards.

From your Leadership Team, a Bravo Zulu to you all!

David Manolas

National President

Naval Association of Australia

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COMMEMORATIVE ADDRESS BRIEF



Attachment A: VIP attendance

- Senator The Honourable Zed Seselja, representing Minister for Defence, and Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel
- The Honourable Shayne Neumann MP, representing the Leader of the Opposition
- Rear Admiral Colin Lawrence AM RAN, representing the Chief of Navy
- Mr John King, representing the National President, Returned and Services League of Australia
- Commander David Salisbury OBE RN, Deputy Defence Advisor, British High Commission
- Captain Matthew Ort USN, Naval Attaché, Embassy of the United States of America
- Captain Shaun Fogarty RNZN, Defence Adviser, New Zealand High Commission
- Commander Steve Lenik RNZN, Naval Adviser, New Zealand High Commission
- Commander Amanda Howard RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS Harman
- Ms Pauline Gribble, President, WRANS and Naval Women's Association ACT
- Dr Kathryn Spurling, War Widows Guild ACT Branch, On behalf of Navy Widows, Partners and Families
- Mr Simon Cullen AM CSC, President, Naval Historical Society of Australia ACT Chapter
- Mr Robert Albert AO RFD RD, President, The Navy League of Australia NSW Branch
- Wing Commander Sharon Bown (Retd), representing National President & Chair, The Air Force Association
- Mr Jim Quick OAM, President, HMAS Sydney, Escorts and Vietnam Logistics Support Veterans Association ACT Branch
- Mr David Manolas, National President of the Naval Association of Australia
- ~~Mr Russell Pettis, National Secretary, Naval Association of Australia~~
- Ms Lorraine Grey, National Vice President, Naval Association of Australia
- Mr Matt Anderson PSM, Director of the Australian War Memorial

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