



**State Minister's Message  
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A regular update from the Office of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon. Michael Atkinson M.P.

**ANZAC Day Sporting Medals Pilot Programme**

Minister Atkinson is pleased that Veterans SA, in partnership with the RSL, Netball SA, the S.A.N.F.L. and Geoff Baynes from the Building Communities Division of the Attorney-General's Department have put together an ANZAC Day Sporting Medals Pilot Programme for ANZAC Day 2010.

The Pilot Programme will see 10 Football and 10 Netball ANZAC Day Sporting Medals presented at venues selected by the S.A.N.F.L. & Netball SA. The medals will be named after a prominent serviceman and woman from the respective regions (selected by local R.S.L. Sub-branches).

The following 10 football/netball leagues will participate:

Adelaide Plains	United v Balaklava
Barossa Light & Gawler	Willaston v Gawler Central
Great Flinders	Cougars v Ramblers
Great Southern	Strathalbyn v Langhorne Creek
Mallee	Lameroo v Pinnaroo
Mid South Eastern	Mt Burr v Tantanoola
Northern	Crystal Brook v Jamestown-Peterborough
North Eastern	South Clare v Burra Booborowie Hallett
River Murray	Mypolonga v Mannum
Yorke Peninsula	Southern Eagles v Moonta

If the pilot programme is successful, it may be spread to more leagues in future years.

**Australian General Service Medal - Korea**

Defence force personnel who served in post-armistice Korea will be able to apply for the Australian General Service Medal - Korea. Her Majesty the Queen has approved the official regulations and design for the award of the Australian General Service Medal for Korea.

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, Dr Mike Kelly AM MP announced the medal will be available for former defence force personnel who completed 30 days in South Korea during the post-armistice period from 28 July 1953 to 19 April 1956. Until now, Korean veterans could only wear the UN Medal for Korea, the Korea Medal and the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75.

Applications are now being accepted from former Defence Force personnel who served in South Korea during the above mentioned period. However, those persons who have already made application for the Returned from Active Service Badge which was announced on 21 November 2008, need not reapply. It is expected that the medal will be available for dispatch to some eligible recipients before ANZAC Day 2010.

Applications should be made to the following address:

Directorate of Honours and Awards -  
T-1-49 -  
Department of Defence  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

For more information about any of the items mentioned, please contact Veterans SA on 8207 1723.