



**Message from the Office of the State Minister for Veterans' Affairs
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Please find below a message from Bill Denny AM, Director, Veterans SA for your information, distribution and possible use in newsletters, and on "Veterans" themed radio programs.

The State Minister for Veterans' Affairs the Hon. Jack Snelling M.P. has kindly agreed to promulgate the following message at the request of the Returned & Services League.

Volunteer positions – ANZAC Day Committee

For nearly a century the Returned & Services League (RSL) through the ANZAC Day Committee, has been responsible for the conduct of the ANZAC Day Commemorative March through the streets of Adelaide. The ANZAC Day Committee has seen the passage of Boer War veterans, World War I veterans and continues to create an environment for veterans and the community of South Australia to pay their respects to comrades, family, friends or strangers who have served and who are no longer with us.

The ANZAC Day Committee is appointed by the Board of the RSL. It comprises fifteen members. Some are returned, some not - in all but one case the members have military service.

This is a high profile committee that has the honour of guarding the ANZAC tradition on behalf of the original ANZACs, all those who have served and the people of South Australia.

On ANZAC Day the committee receives invaluable support from appointed Marshals. They perform a variety of roles all critical to the success of the event

Due to a variety of circumstances vacancies now exist for volunteers to work on or with the ANZAC Day Committee. The committee is seeking a Deputy Chief Marshal to serve on the committee and for Marshals to assist the committee on ANZAC Day.

The Deputy Chief Marshal position is one of two that reports to the Chief Marshal. The Chief Marshal is responsible to the Chair of the ANZAC Day Committee for the preparation and conduct of the March. The Marshals report via Group Marshals and are responsible for assisting with the conduct of March on the day.

These positions would ideally suit younger returned persons, preferably those who can commit to remaining in the role for a longer period. Those without military service but with a military link may be considered for the Marshals positions.

All training will be provided and the physical commitment is not extensive. The Deputy Chief Marshal is required to attend one hour long meeting per month. This workload may increase in the period immediately preceding ANZAC Day. Marshals are requested to attend one meeting prior to ANZAC Day and to assist on the day.

The rewards consequent upon this service are immeasurable. You will have the honour of being responsible to the original ANZACs for protecting their legacy and for

helping shape the tradition of ANZAC in the eyes of the community of South Australia. What could be more rewarding?

Those interested should send a brief CV, outlining their service and experience to Ms Karen Marchant, Returned & Services League, Torrens Training Depot, Victoria Drive, Adelaide. S.A. 5000 by Friday 29 October 2010. Telephone enquiries can be directed to Bill Denny on 0419 818361.

Calling all Veterans of Kokoda, Tobruk, Kapyong and Long Tan

Listeners will recall that back in June this year, Premier Mike Rann announced that some of Australia's most famous military battles will be honoured along the almost-complete Northern Expressway.

Veterans SA would like to hear from veterans who served on the Kokoda Track, in Tobruk or who were at or associated with the Battle of Kapyong or the Battle of Long Tan. This will enable Veterans SA to keep you apprised of information and events relating to the naming of the five expressway interchanges.

For more information about any of the items mentioned, please contact Paul at Veterans SA on 8226 8552.