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Reserve Forces Day 2016

Reserve Forces Day is held annually around the country and serves as the ideal opportunity to acknowledge and thank the work of serving and former Reservist members for their dedication to our country.

Today I attended and spoke at Reserve Forces Day Parade and Review, held at the Hobart Cenotaph.

The Australian Defence Force Reserves are made up of dedicated Australians who—in addition to their commitments to the ADF—have ordinary jobs and everyday pressures of modern life to deal with.

These committed men and women are ready to step into extraordinary situations to help local communities or support peacekeeping activities in countries that are devastated by war or natural disasters.

They are truly remarkable people, and would not be able to do their Defence job without the support and understanding of their family and their civilian employers.

The theme for Reserve Forces Day 2016 is 'The Gallantry Continues'.

This year Reserve Forces Day commemorates the departure of Tasmanian volunteers to Gallipoli; recalled acts of bravery in WW2 and gallantry in the Korean War; and remembered D company 6RAR and their Battle of Long Tan in Vietnam.

It is important that we recognise the value of their service to the nation, which is an inspiration to many Tasmanians.