

ANZAC DAY VETERANS' MARCH GUIDELINES

Registration

Registration to march can be submitted by groups/contingents (e.g. associations), or individuals. Individual participants who are not members of a service unit/association may be advised to march with a relevant contingent following registration, or will be instructed where to join on the morning as per the order of march. Relatives of veterans are welcomed participants, as a contingent marching behind the veterans. Registration submissions are due by **Monday 15 April 2024**. Late registrations may not be acknowledged in the ceremony proceedings. Participants must follow the directions of the volunteer march marshals on the day.

Eligibility

There are three ways to participate in the march:

- 1. as a current or former serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) member, or deployed civilian*
- 2. as the relative of an ADF veteran
- 3. as a veteran of a Commonwealth or Allied force

*For the purposes of the march, any current or former serving ADF member is defined as a veteran

General Information

- The RSL ACT Branch Anzac Day Veterans' March is not a parade and therefore no vehicle, animal, weaponry or memorabilia (including historical uniforms) may be included without prior approval by RSL ACT. Political slogans are not to be displayed by march participants
- Escorts to Colours and service contingents may only carry arms when authorised by RSL ACT
- Due to the number of participants and their safety, prams and strollers are not permitted in the march
- RSL ACT does not keep, or arrange to have made, any military banners or flags for veterans to march behind
- A carer may accompany a veteran who is participating in the march (up to two per veteran marching). Carers must be physically capable of assisting the veteran who is marching should they require support. For awareness, some contingents may be required to march over approximately one kilometre
- Veterans of a Commonwealth or Allied force should be clearly identifiable by their campaign medals and should be at the head of each national group
- All ADF, Commonwealth or Allied force relatives are to march behind veterans in the family groups contingent
- The march is conducted outdoors, dress to weather conditions. Business/smart attire or appropriate service dress is suggested
- Medals should be worn on the left breast only by the person who has been awarded those medals.
 Relatives should wear medals that are not their own on their right breast. Some veterans may wear medals on both sides: their own and those of a relative. For further information regarding medal protocol, please visit the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet website