

COMBINED REGIMENTS HAT DICH DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 19 FEBRUARY 2015



On the 19th of February 2015 the RAR Association SA and the RAAC Vietnam Veterans Association SA will conduct the annual Hat Dich Day Commemorative Service at the RAR Association RSL at Linden Park commencing at 11.00 am.

The battle honour Hat Dich was presented to the Royal Australian Regiment and the 3rd Cavalry Regiment for their actions on Operation GOODWOOD from the 3rd of December 1968 to the 19th of February 1969 in the Hat Dich Secret Zone southeast of Saigon.

The operation involved Australians and New Zealanders plus the United States of America and the Republic of Vietnam on the Allies side and mainly 274 VC Regiment on the enemy side.

The Australians and New Zealanders lost 26 men killed with:

- Infantry; 1 RAR three, 4 RAR/NZ six (including one New Zealander), 9 RAR 14 and SASR one; almost all as a result of small arms fire at close range..
- Armour; 1st Armoured Regiment one and 3rd Cavalry Regiment one; both as a result of anti-tank mines.



LCPL Wayne Reddick, Section 2IC 2 Section 10 Platoon D Company 9 RAR in early January 1969.

This year the Commemorative Address will be given by the President of the RAAC Vietnam Veterans Association SA; Craig Haydock. Craig was an APC section commander during Operation GOODWOOD. Other units with war dead from Operation GOODWOOD will also have key roles in the service.

Weather permitting the service will be conducted in front of the RSL's clubrooms and it will be followed by light lunch within the clubrooms.

Current service and ex-service members are requested to wear decorations and medals as a mark of respect to our war dead.

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