

ADELAIDE ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE MARCH 2021 – GROUP 9 PRELIMINARY INFORMATION AND VETERANS TRANSPORT

SITUATION

1. The Adelaide ANZAC Day Commemorative March will be conducted within a COVID environment.
2. 2021 is the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the RAAF and they will be providing a Guard behind the Grand Marshals.
3. Restrictions in North Terrace will cause contraction to one lane in places. This will not affect marching troops will may affect our Group 9 vehicles as we move from our Assembly Area in Pultney Street along North Terrace.
4. It is likely that 10/27 RSAR will form the Army Guard in Group 14 and this may cause an influx of troops currently serving in 7 RAR to battalions within our Group 9.
5. Currently efforts are being made to form an 8/9 RAR section within Group 9. If these efforts are successful they will march behind 5/7 RAR.
6. A new section; “Commando Regiments” has been approved to march in Group 9 and they will march behind the ASASR and ahead of the Group 9 vehicles.
7. The COVID Plan for the March has been submitted to SA Health for approval.

OUTLINE OF GROUP 9 IN THE MARCH

Assembly Area

1. The Group 9 Assembly Area will be on the eastern side of Pultney Street from North Terrace to Grenfell Street. The extra length being required because of our reduced frontages in the COVID environment.

Frontages

2. Frontages will be four (4) abreast.

Distances between ranks

3. To be confirmed.

COVID Procedures in the Assembly Area

4. In the Assembly Area each battalion or regiment group will need to have a senior member appointed to conduct the COVID Registration either by:
 - a. Members using their own mobile phones and the Group 9 QR Code (the latter on a clip board).
 - b. Members using a written sheet on a clip board with their own biro.
5. Supplies of hand wash will be available.
6. This will add between 30 to 45 minutes to complete before the Step Off Time.
7. There will be COVID Marshalls to assist with these procedures.

Order of March within Group 9

8. The Order of March within Group 9 will be:
 - a. President RAR Association’s party.
 - b. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 RAR.
 - c. 2/4, 5/7 & 8/9 RAR.
 - d. ASASR & Commando Regiments.
 - e. Group 9 Vehicles.

Step Off Time

9. The Step Off Time for Group 9 has not been issued yet but in recent years it has been around 1000 hours.

Marching Music

10. The SAPOL Band is unlikely to be available to support the March.

11. The three ADF bands; 10/27 RSAR, Australian Army Band Adelaide and SA Det. RAN Band will play marching music from a location near the AWM North terrace; playing in rotation for the duration of the March. This music will be broadcast via loud speakers from Hindmarsh Square onwards along the March's route.
12. Because of the aerosol transmission risk of COVID there will not be any community bands marching within the March.

Split of Group 9 beyond the Adelaide Bridge and Dispersal Points

13. Beyond the Adelaide Bridge Group 9 will split with one part veering half right along Sir Edwin Smith Avenue and the other part continue along King William Road. The dispersal Points for both parts are when they reach Pennington Terrace.

Saluting Dias and Spectator Stand

14. The Saluting Dias will be at its normal place in the garden at the western end of Torrens Training Depot Parade Ground.
15. There will be only one Spector Stand on the uphill side of the Saluting Dias. We have booked seating for three senior officers from the Korean War and their wives (Colonels Beard AM, Scott DSO and Forbes MC). There will be wheel chair access to this stand.

SAPOL Support to the March

16. The SAPOL support is expected to be twice the normal for the March. They will:
 - a. Control disruptive behaviour.
 - b. Apply Protected Place and Declared Public Precinct conditions which includes "move on".

Spectators

17. Options put to SA Health are:
 - a. Ex-ADF members who do not wish to march.
 - b. Immediate families of ADF and ex-ADF members.
18. Details will be on the RSL website and other media.

ADMINISTRATION

Disabled Veterans Transport

1. Unit associations are requested to provide lists of the names of their members requiring Disabled Veterans Transport to the Ceremonial Manager RAR Assoc. SA; as.craig9rar@bigpond.com by last light Sunday 14 March 2021.
2. If carers are required to accompany the disabled veterans their names should be included alongside the veteran's on the lists so that they can be allocated to the same vehicle.

Mobile Phones and Biros

3. As mentioned above BYO mobile phones with the SA Health COVID app loaded or biro to enable registration to be conducted in the Assembly Area.

Unit Banners

4. 24 April 2021 is the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong Commemorative Service will be conducted and the unit banners on the RAR Assoc. Clubrooms walls will remain in place for the Service and Lunch. They; and other unit banners will be loaded on the vehicle next morning post the Light Up The Dawn Service at Beatty Street.
5. They will be delivered to Pultney Street by 0800 hours on the 25th. The Ceremonial Manager will then place them on the eastern side of the road at the estimated head of each association.
6. Note that all roads within the Assembly Areas will close at 0800 hours.
7. The banners; re-bagged; will be collected on Sir Edwin Smith Avenue beyond Pennington Terrace.

QUESTIONS AND QUERIES

Questions and queries on the March are to be addressed to the Ceremonial Manager RAR Assoc. SA; Adrian Craig via email; as.craig9rar@bigpond.com or telephone 8263 4784

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