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Dear Vietnam Veteran.

As you would know, 2023 is a very significant year for veterans who served in South Vietnam during the war. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of cessation of hostilities and withdrawal of Australian Defence Force personnel from Vietnam. The Australian Government has declared that the commemorative period is from 11th January 2023 through to and concluding on the 18th August 2023, Vietnam Veterans Day, with a National Commemorative Service being conducted at the Vietnam War Memorial on Anzac Parade, Canberra ACT.

DVA will be hosting and arranging this service on 18th August and expectations are that around 6000 veterans & dignitaries may attend. It is an opportunity for the Government to acknowledge and thank Vietnam Veterans for their Service and the contribution veterans have made to society since 1973.

I encourage you to consider attending this important event, and if you are going to attend, to book your accommodation in Canberra **NOW**. You can always cancel your booking if your circumstances change that prevent you from attending. You will probably need at least 2 nights in Canberra - arrive on the 17th and check out on the 19th August. This could allow time for catching up with mates before and after the Commemorative Service.

I expect most Units that served in Vietnam will be represented at the Service.

Please give this your full attention, as this Commemorative Service will probably be the last significant event, on a national level by the Australian Government for veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

Please note that for those who are unable or do not wish to attend the National Service in Canberra, each of our Tasmanian Vietnam Veterans Sub Branches in Burnie, Mersey-Leven, East Coast, Launceston and Greater Hobart will be acknowledging and conducting a number of events to mark this significant occasion. Contact numbers for each of the Sub Branches are:

Burnie - 0411 415 134
Mersey-Leven - 0418 140 622
East Coast - 0409 178 060
Launceston - 0408 763 138
Greater Hobart - 03 6273 0228

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out for guidance.

Warm regards,

Terry Roe
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