



# Bomber Command Association in Australia Inc.



Dear Members of our Bomber Command Family

As you will be aware this year brings two significant milestones for our family here in Australia. It is the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the Australian Squadrons who served in RAF Bomber Command. It is the 10th Anniversary of our Bomber Command Commemorative Ceremonies in particular the Canberra ceremony held at the Bomber Command Memorial. Here we gather as a family, to remember and honour our formation, the friendships we made and the mates we lost. Veteran numbers are thinning so it is reassuring that family members and friends are maintaining an interest.

So this letter is to remind you to save the date for the Canberra Service and the Luncheon at the War Memorial which follows for this year. The Department of Veterans' Affairs is providing monetary assistance for Veterans traveling to Canberra for the Events being organised by the Australian War Memorial.

To ensure that we can assist veteran members to attend the weekend we are looking at options for group travel and to ensure that those members who might not have family members to travel with them are given the option to travel in a safe and supported environment.

With this in mind could I ask you to contact the Secretary of Bomber Command Association if you are interested in attending this event if you have not already done so. We will be looking at options to assist any veteran travelling to Canberra. For instance, if the numbers warrant it we could organize coaches to travel from Melbourne and Sydney. We anticipate that this would involve travelling to Canberra on the Saturday morning returning after the Luncheon on the Sunday.

I encourage attendance and am hopeful that this event will be widely supported by the Bomber Command Family particularly veterans.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra and again I encourage your participation in Bomber Command events this year. Details with respect to the Canberra events are included with this letter.

Yours sincerely

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