

BINH BA COMMEMORATIVE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Battle of Binh Ba
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The Battle of Binh Ba was one of the major battles fought by Australian troops during the Vietnam War. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of this battle a number of events will be held in Canberra on 5-6 June 2009. The Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) is providing a grant to assist in funding these events under the government's *Saluting Their Service* program

Events

The planning of these events is being undertaken by a combined arms committee representing all units who were involved in the battle. The events are:

Date	Time	Event	Remarks
Fri 5 June	8.30 AM	Australian War Memorial Symposium on Battle of Binh Ba Location: BAE Systems Theatre at AWM	Limited seating only. Nominate through sub-unit POC.
Fri 5 June	Evening	Unit/sub-unit informal gatherings Location: As advised by unit reps	
Sat 6 June	2.00 PM	National Commemorative Ceremony Location: Vietnam National Memorial ANZAC Parade	All welcome
Sat 6 June	6.00 PM	Combined arms reception & dinner Location: Rydges Lakeside Hotel	Cost: \$55 per person

The official reception, which is funded by the Australian Government, has a one hour drink package and finger food. The dinner, which follows the reception at Rydges Lakeside, consists of three courses with a three hour drink package. The planning committee, with support from DVA, has managed to keep the cost of the combined arms dinner to a very reasonable \$55 per person.

Attendance

If you do wish to attend the activities, you are requested to contact your sub-unit representative whose details can be found at the end of this article. He will then provide you with further information as required. Please note that partners are welcome at all activities

Travel and Accommodation

Travel to and from Canberra as well as accommodation will be your own responsibility. Rydges Lakeside Hotel, London Circuit, Canberra City has put aside 115 rooms at a discounted rate of \$99 per night for the Friday and Saturday. A \$15 breakfast buffet is also available. This hotel is the venue for the combined arms reception and dinner, so accommodation bookings are likely to fill quickly. If you wish to book at Rydges Lakeside the contact number is 02-6247 6244. Ask for "Rydges Lakeside In-house Accommodation" and then ask for the Binh Ba Reunion discounted room rate of \$99.

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Dress

Coat & tie are the preferred dress for the Commemorative Service and the dinner. Medals should be worn for the Commemorative Service and medals or miniatures for the dinner. Sub-unit functions are neat casual dress.

Costs and Payment

Your travel and accommodation costs are your own responsibility. If you wish to attend the reception and dinner the cost is \$55 per person. Payment must be paid in advance so it would be appreciated if you could make an electronic deposit to the Defence Force Credit Union (DEFCREDIT), Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon, A.C.T. 2600. Please ensure your name is clearly identified.

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Account No. 20780011

Name of Account: Binh Ba Commemorative Planning Committee.

If you don't wish to make an electronic deposit then please forward the appropriate amount (\$55 per person), by cheque or postal note, to the Binh Ba Commemorative Planning Committee, PO Box 3500, WESTON CREEK, A.C.T. 2611.

Points of Contact

To find out more details and/or register attendance, please contact your sub-unit representative as detailed below.

Conclusion

The commemorative activities on 5-6 June 2009 will be an important occasion to officially recognise those veterans who participated in this significant battle. The planning committee hopes you will be able to attend and looks forward to meeting you in June.