South Australia’s Ex-Service Commemorative Calendar 2019

This calendar is an initiative of the Veterans’ Advisory Council of South Australia. For more details on these important events in the military history of our State and Nation, please phone Veterans SA on (08) 8226 8552 or email veteranssa@sa.gov.au

We remember the courageous men and women from South Australia whose service and sacrifice in all wars, conflicts and peace operations ensured the preservation of the life we enjoy today.

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A column of men of the 3rd Light Horse Brigade returning to South Australia after service overseas leaving Adelaide railway station and marching beneath Anzac Arch.

January

1. Anniversary of the Formation of the Australian Army Corps (1918)

February

14. National Service Day
15. National Service Day Memorial Service
16. Anniversary of the Fall of Singapore (1942)
17. Bangka Day Memorial Service
19. Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin (1942)

March

1. Formation of the Commonwealth Naval Forces (1901)
1. Formation of the Australian Army (1901)
2. Anniversary of the Battle of the Bismark Sea (1943)
31. Formation of the Royal Australian Air Force (1921)

April

10. Anniversary of the Siege of Tobruk, North Africa (1941)
24. Anniversary of the Battle of Villers-Bretonneux, France (1918)
24. Anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong, Korea (1951)
25. Anzac Day, Anniversary of the Gallipoli Landing, Turkey (1915)
29. Sandakan Remembrance Day, Borneo (1945)
30. Loss of HMAS AE2 (1915)

May

4. Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea (1942)
12. Anniversary of the Battle of Fire Support Bases Coral and Balimoral, South Vietnam (1968)
31. End of the Boer War (1902)
31. Aboriginal Veterans' Commemorative Service
31. Bomber Command Commemorative Day
31. 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Binh Ba, Vietnam (1969)
31. 75th Anniversary of the Normandy Landings (1944)

June

1. Anniversary of the Kokoda Track Campaign, New Guinea (1942)
6. 105th Anniversary of Britain's declaration of war on Germany (1914)
6. Anniversary of the Battle of Suoi Chau Pha, Vietnam (1967)
6. Anniversary of the Battle of Amiens, France (1918)
8. Anniversary of the end of the Indonesian Confrontation (1966)
15. Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day (1945)
18. Vietnam Veterans’ Day
28. Centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles (1919)

July

4. Anniversary of the Battle of Hamel, France (1918)
10. Formation of the Royal Australian Navy (1911)
23. Anniversary of the Kokoda Track Campaign, New Guinea (1942)
27. Korea Veterans’ Day

August

1. 105th Anniversary of Britain's declaration of war on Germany (1914)
6. Anniversary of the Battle of Suoi Chau Pha, Vietnam (1967)
8. Anniversary of the Battle of Amiens, France (1918)
11. Anniversary of the end of the Indonesian Confrontation (1966)
15. Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day (1945)
18. Vietnam Veterans’ Day
31. Malaya & Borneo Veterans’ Day

September

3. 80th Anniversary of Britain, France & Australia’s declaration of war on Germany (1939)
7. Australian Soldiers Dardanelles Centenotaph dedicated, Adelaide (1915)
14. Australian Peacekeepers’ Day
15. 105th Anniversary of the Loss of HMAS AE1 off Rabaul (1914)
15. Formation of the Second Australian Imperial Force (AIF) (1915)
20. 20th Anniversary of the arrival of INTERFET in East Timor (1999)
28. Centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles (1919)

October

3. Anniversary of the Battle of Maryang San, Korea (1951)
16. Anniversary of the completion of the Thai Burma Railway (1943)
31. Anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba, Middle East (1917)

November

9. 105th Anniversary of the sinking of German Emden by HMAS Sydney in The Battle of Cocos (1914)
11. Remembrance Day
19. Anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Sydney II, Australia (1941)
23. Formation of the Royal Australian Regiment (1948)

December

5. 80th Anniversary of the first RAAF operation of WW2 (1939)
18. 75th Anniversary of the capture of Artillery Hill, Bougainville (1944)
31. 5th Anniversary of the conclusion of Operation SLIPPER, Afghanistan (2014)