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Vietnam Veterans Vigils in Tasmania

Sixty years ago the Australian Army Training Team arrived in South Vietnam on 3 August 1962 and 2023 marks 50 years since the withdrawal of combat troops in 1972.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Guy Barnett said it was important to mark these important occasions and pay tribute to those who have served Australia.

"Vietnam Veterans Vigils are being held around Australia, including Tasmania, as a meaningful way for us to pay our respects to those 523 Australian soldiers Killed in Action (KIA), showing solidarity with their loved ones for their loss." Minister Barnett said.

"We also particularly remember the 16 Tasmanian-born soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy today."

A number of Tasmanians will be remembered at Vietnam Veterans Vigils being held graveside at Cornelian Bay Cemetery, Carr Villa Cemetery, Wynyard Cemetery and Ulverstone Cemetery.

"The Vietnam Veteran Vigils being held in Tasmania are an opportunity for Tasmanians to pause and remember the service and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans 50 years on from the cessation of the Vietnam War," Minister Barnett said.

Tasmanians are encouraged to attend the Vietnam Veterans Vigils to be held at 11am, 3 August 2023. Further information on the Vigils is available at vv.org.au

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