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## **Commemorating the Vietnam War**

This Vietnam Veterans Day, we pay special tribute to the men and women who served during the significant battles at Fire Support Bases Coral and Balmoral.

These were two of the largest battles of the Vietnam War, with 26 Australians killed.

It has been more than 50 years since these battles took place, and it is important we remember the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women during the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam War lasted more than a decade and was longer than either world war. More than 60,000 Australians served, including 2323 Tasmanian born soldiers.

Sadly, 521 Australians, including 16 Tasmanians made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Today, I encourage all Tasmanians to pause and reflect on the sacrifice of our servicemen and women during the Vietnam War.