



3rd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment



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3 RD Battalion RAR Vietnam 1971**

Address to guests attending dinner night-5 June 2021

Welcome on this very special occasion.

I want to especially welcome the families of those we lost in Vietnam in 1971. Please stand up so that we can acknowledge you all.

The Paterson family, Chris, Sarah and David's grandchildren Kate, Erin & David

The Ron Betts Family Judith Stanton, Margaret Betts & Suzan Knowler,
And the Murray 'Lofty' Lance clan.

Next I want to acknowledge the Pipers and Drummers down from 3RAR. I had an inkling you were coming but a very big welcome. Now for 9 Sqn. Please stand up and I acknowledge Norm Goodall and Greg Forbes. What fantastic support they gave us at every call and they saved many lives in doing so.

AS you know I have been in discussions with the Royal Australian Mint and the 50 cent commemorative coin was minted and available on Thursday. The young lady I had all the dealings with is here tonight with her husband and we are very happy to have Adonis Cox here tonight with her husband. The other commemorative item I have been involved in is two commemorative envelopes from Australia Post and they are released on Monday.

Captain John Tick is over in Perth unable to make it but he is represented by Keith Burley and Rodney O'Regan. They will lay a wreath on Monday.

Lastly and by no means least is Tony Cox. The organiser of the last two reunions in 2001 and 2011 and now this one. He has arranged a remarkable program for our 50th Anniversary and he deserves an acknowledgement from you all. A wonderful job Tony.

And now let us sing the battalion song. Member of 3 RAR please stand up and join with me in "Were a pack of bastards".

Peter Scott