

DEFENCE FORCE SERVICE EULOGY
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PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF THE BALLARAT BRANCH OF
THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION VICTORIA

Good afternoon everyone, I am here today, together with my fellow Australian Defence Force Veterans and members of the Air Force Association to acknowledge and pay tribute to Stan's World War Two RAAF Service. But before I move on to Stan's RAAF Service I would like to acknowledge Stan's many years of service to the Ballarat Branch of the of the Air Force Association. Stan became a member of the Association in 1946 and served for many years on Committee. In fact, Stan at one stage served as Branch Secretary for an incredible twenty eight consecutive years. Stan's service to the association was recognised with life membership many years ago before my time with the Association and more recently with a special plaque that you will see here today.

Stan enlisted in the RAAF on 5th June 1945 at just 18 years of age. His place of enlistment was at No 1 RAAF Recruit Centre which at this time of war was located in the Preston Motors Building in Melbourne. On that same day Stan was sent to the Reception Centre at RAAF Ransford....Where was RAAF Ransford? you might ask... it was a at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Just two days later on 7th June 1945 Stan was posted to No 2 RAAF Recruit Depot in Cootamundra NSW for basic training. With basic training under his belt Stan was posted, on 13th July 1945, to No 4 School of Technical Training which was located at the Adelaide Exhibition building.

On 15th August 1945 a now fully trained 18 year old RAAF Leading Aircraftsman Stan White, Service number 159895 was posted for duty at No 1 Personnel depot, a posting which saw him back at the Melbourne Cricket Ground for a period of a little over a month before his final and longest posting, effective from 17th September 1945, which was to Air Force Headquarters at Victoria Barracks, St Kilda Road Melbourne. Stan would serve at Air Force Headquarters right through until his discharge on 27th June 1946.

Stan's Military Honours and Awards include : War Medal 1939-45, Australia Service Medal 1939-45 and the General Service Badge.

I NOW INVITE FAMILY MEMBERS, SERVING AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE MEMBERS, DEFENCE FOR VETERANS
AND MEMBERS OF THE AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION TO LAY A POPPY

I NOW INVITE MR JOHN FRANKLIN OAM TO RECITE THE ODE ~ THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY

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A MINUTES SILENCE

AND THE ROUSE

THANK YOU ALL, THIS NOW COMPLETES THE MILITARY PART OF THIS SERVICE