



PRIME MINISTER  
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**MESSAGE: NATIONAL LAUNCH OF RESERVE FORCES DAY 2007**

I am pleased to provide this message for the National Launch of Reserve Forces Day for 2007.

On Reserve Forces Day we express gratitude to the commitment made by Reservists to the defence and security of our nation and we also remember the contribution of our Reservists to our military history.

Australian Defence Force Reservists are an integral part of the Australian Defence Force community and through their hard work and dedication have helped sustain the conduct of Defence operations. Australia's Reservists should be proud of their work and of the long tradition of courage, sacrifice and mateship that they uphold

Reserve Forces Day also recognises the sacrifices made by the families and employers of our Reserve members. Without this support, Reservists would be unable to provide their valuable contribution to our national security.

I wish the Reserve Forces Day Council well in its planning for Reserve Forces Day 2007.

(John Howard)