

# Reserve your parade spot

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THE Reserve Forces Day Council will launch the 2007 Reserve Forces Day program on Saturday at Shore School, at North Sydney.

The highlight of the launch will be the announcement of a new memorial at Beersheba, Israel, where many war graves exist.

Next year will mark the 90th anniversary of the The Charge of the Australian Light Horse at Beersheba, which took place against Turkish forces on October 31, 1917, and was part of the desert campaign of World War I.

Shore school old boys were represented in all of the Light Horse regiments, including the Camel Corps.

Reserve Forces Day Council NSW deputy chairman Lt Col John Moore said the 15 pennants of the regiments would be paraded.

Each pennant has two colours: the bottom colour represents the brigade and the top colour represents the regiment.

Cammeray resident George Baczocha served in two cavalry regiments in the 1960s as part of the Vietnam War. He is the Sixth Light Horse Association secretary.

"We try to keep all these traditions alive," Mr Baczocha, 62,



Parade participant George Baczocha with Shore School deputy headmaster Graham Robertson.

said. "The equestrian skills are being lost."

Members of the association train monthly, take part in camps and compete in a yearly cup run by the association.

On Saturday the horses will be unloaded on Shore School oval

before they are ridden down Mount St, North Sydney at 10am.

They will proceed down William St and through the Blue St entrance to the school where they will be inspected by Australian Light Horse patron major general "digger" James OBE and Reserve Forces Day Council national and

NSW chairman Sir Laurence Street. The procession will be led by pipes and drums and Australian Army and Air Force cadets will carry the 15 pennants.

» **Edward and William Sts will be closed between 9.40am and 10am.**  
Details: [www.rfd.org.au](http://www.rfd.org.au)