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MEDIA RELEASE

EASTERN SHORE VETERANS HONOURED

The Federal Member for Franklin, Julie Collins, expressed her gratitude towards the local veteran community for their service and sacrifice during times of both war and peace today in Rosny Park.

"I am honoured to be here today to present these courageous men with a *Certificate of Appreciation* that recognises their service to our nation during war, conflicts and peacekeeping operations since the Second World War," Ms Collins said.

"As we approach the Centenary of Anzac, it is important we continue to recognise the contribution of our local veteran community, whether it be through overseas service or on the home front.

"Along with our continued support of local commemorations such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day services, the awarding of these certificates provides our local community with another opportunity to thank these men for their invaluable contribution to our nation."

Available under the *Saluting Their Service* commemorations program, *Certificates for Appreciation* are available to those who have served during the Second World War (both in the armed forces or as civilians on the home front), with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) Japan, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesian Confrontation, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq War, War in Afghanistan and during peacekeeping operations.

"*Certificates for Appreciation* are also available as a lasting legacy to the family of deceased eligible veterans and civilians," Ms Collins said.

For information about *Certificates of Appreciation* and how to apply visit www.dva.gov.au, contact your nearest Department of Veterans' Affairs office on 133 254 or get into contact with my office.

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