

Media Release

On behalf of the Uniting Church Veterans Faith & Wellbeing Support Group

‘Put on the whole armour of God’: a retreat gathering for Australian Defence Force veterans and spouses.

Australian Defence Force veterans and spouses are invited to register for the first retreat gathering organised by Veterans Faith and Wellbeing Support of Creative Ministries Network.

The retreat gathering theme of ‘put on the whole armour of God’ reflects the importance to the planning committee of their relationship with God. “It speaks of the importance for this group of veterans of God’s unconditional love for them and their families,” said CMN Director, Rev. John Bottomley.

“The retreat will give participants an opportunity to share their experience of both military service and Christian service”, Mr. Bottomley said. “The program provides times for discussion, quiet reflection, and worship. A feature of the gathering is a participatory music workshop with singer/song-writer Fay White, who will also introduce material from the Network’s story and song project with veterans.”

The retreat is being held in the comfortable surrounding of the Salvation Army’s Geelong Conference Centre, on Friday evening and Saturday, 5th – 6th November.

Registration is free. The cost of the retreat gathering is being met by Creative Ministries Network, with the support of a grant from the Uniting Church’s Share Community Appeal.

The CMN is a UnitingCare agency of the Uniting Church, and its Veterans Faith and Wellbeing Support is an ecumenical group of returned service personnel and national servicemen.

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