

NOTICE

Next year 2012 is 50 years since the Minister for Defence announced the commencement of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War by announcing the deployment of some advisers, known as the AATTV which deployed on 29th July 1964. This announcement was made on the 24th May 1962

To this end the VVAA Qld State Branch is interested in maybe doing something special to commemorate this anniversary. We believe the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces Assn is also interested in conducting some type of activity. We may be able to combine with the Vietnamese. VVFA, AATTV and the RSL. We would also welcome any other Unit/Assn wanting to be involved.

Some ideas that have come to mind already are

- a. an expanded march with the AATTV leading
- b. Mr Keith Payne VC OAM to be approached to be guest speaker
- c. A concert following the March and Service (location and timings to be advised)
- d. A combined dinner the night of the march and service or the night before (location and timings to be advised)
- e. Suggested dates have been:
 - i. 24th May (maybe too close to ANZAC Day)
 - ii. 29th July (this date is set aside for AATTV annual reunion at Canungra)
 - iii. 18th August (this is a Saturday but is Vietnam Veterans Day) or
 - iv. 2nd October (date National memorial dedicated)

We are seeking your ideas and approval. If you approve and have any ideas please contact John P Smith OAM JP (Qual) on Ph (07) 5498 5202, mobile 0407 460 358 or email president@vvaaqueensland.asn.au

The VVAA Qld Branch would like to resolve this matter at our next State meeting Saturday 15th October