



## Pathfinder Honour: Trainer's Notes

# ANZAC Day



### Instructions to Trainers / Instructors of this Honour

Thank you for being involved with this Honour. These notes have been developed to assist in teaching / instructing this honour. We recognise that there is much more information available and we are grateful that you should share your expertise.

Please remember that Honours are designed to develop our Pathfinders in many ways; their interests, their knowledge and their relationship with their Saviour and Creator. Your enthusiasm and creativity will have a huge impact on those doing the honour.

To complete an Honour, the following (where applicable) must be completed satisfactorily:

- Physical and Practical Requirements.
- Honour Workbook.
- Honour Assessment Sheet. (*On SPD Honour Website but Leader's level access is required*)

### Additional Reference Material

Please use trusted websites for online searches with verified information.

### Acknowledgements

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## **REQUIREMENT 1: What is ANZAC Day?**

ANZAC Day is an annual commemoration of Australians and New Zealanders who have served, fought or died in armed conflicts and actions defending the Commonwealth and its interests. It is a memorial service for men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our freedoms. It is not a glorification or celebration of war, but a reminder of what it costs in order for us all to work together towards peace.

## **REQUIREMENT 2: What does the acronym ANZAC stand for?**

Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. This was the name of the combined forces of Australians and New Zealanders that participated, along with many other nations, in the First World War.

## **REQUIREMENT 3: What date is ANZAC Day and why is it held on that date?**

ANZAC Day is held each year on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April

It commemorates the landing of Australian and New Zealand forces on the shores of Gallipoli on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1915. This was the Australian and New Zealand forces' first major engagement in the First World War.

## **REQUIREMENT 4: List 4 things people do to commemorate ANZAC Day.**

Along with Remembrance Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, ANZAC Day is one of only two days in the year when current and ex-service people can wear their awards and campaign and service medals with their formal civilian attire on the left side of their chest. Citizens with an ancestor who was awarded medals may wear them to honour that person, however they must wear them on the right side of their chest.

Another way to honour the fallen is to wear a poppy which grow wild in Flanders' Fields in Belgium.

Citizens may congregate at their local community's War Memorial for services lead by the local Returned Serviceman's League (RSL) club at dawn and/or mid-morning. These services include the National Anthem, a prayer, a hymn, wreath laying, addresses by the local RSL president, a local Defence spokesperson, a local clergy person and a local Member of Parliament. There is also a minute's silence to remember the fallen.

People may also participate in an ANZAC Day parade, or purchase keepsakes from the RSL or Legacy to raise money for veterans and their families. Local schools and community groups (such as Pathfinders) may also apply to the local RSL to march in the ANZAC Day parade or lay a wreath at one of the memorial services if they wish.

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## **REQUIREMENT 5: List five (5) ways we can show respect and observe ANZAC Day when attending an ANZAC Day Dawn Service.**

### Attend ANZAC Day Dawn Service

- It is customary to dress as nicely as possible at ANZAC Day commemorations. That is in formal uniform if we are attending with our Pathfinder club, or in “church” clothes if attending with our families.
- If attending services, we stand quietly and listen.
- We do not clap our hands after the speeches.
- When directed we observe the minute of silence by not speaking and we can sing the hymn and the National Anthem when invited.
- If we are in our Pathfinder uniform, we should have our hats off and stand to attention during the National Anthem, the minute of silence and when the Australian/NZ National flags are being raised and lowered.
- We should show reverence and respect in the same way as someone might behave at a funeral.
- If we have been asked to lay a wreath during a service, we approach the cenotaph and lay the wreath, then take one step backwards and hold the right hand over the heart for a moment (if in uniform we salute instead) then turn around and walk away the same direction we approached.
- If there are current or ex-service members present, it is respectful to say hello to them after formalities, thank them for their service, and ask them about their service.

**NOTE:** DO NOT ask them if they have ever killed anyone. This is a very unkind question that many young people very often ask veterans without realising how hurtful it is. There are many branches of service that protect our national interests, not all of which involve direct combat (medical, transport, engineering, etc.). Asking that question assumes that, if they didn't directly participate in combat, then their service is somehow less valuable. However, what if the answer is yes? That's even worse. Taking a human life is a deeply traumatic and painful event. It isn't easy and fun like in the movies. Many combat veterans carry deep emotional, physical and psychological wounds because they were called on by their nation to take life in defence of our freedoms. Asking that question assumes that what they went through was somehow “cool”. It's not a nice thing to say.

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**REQUIREMENT 6: Research (online or published books) on each\* of the following names and answer the following questions:**

**Private John Simpson Kirkpatrick**

**Date of Birth:**

**List three interesting things you have learned:**

**Grace Margaret Wilson**

**Date of Birth:**

**List three interesting things you learned:**

**Lieutenant Colonel Henry William Murray VC**

**Date of Birth:**

**List three interesting things you learned:**

**\*Or an ANZAC from your local area**

**Date of Birth:**

**List three interesting things you learned:**

**REQUIREMENT 7: Were any other Pacific Island countries involved in the ANZAC campaign? Name these countries**

Yes. Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, the Cook Islands, Kiribati (Gilbert Islands) and Tahiti

Source:

[https://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2015/04/25/were-there-pacific-islanders-at-gallipoli-in-1915/?back=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fsearch%3Fclient%3Dsafari%26as\\_qdr%3Dall%26as\\_occt%3Dany%26safe%3Dactive%26as\\_q%3DDid+pacific+islanders+fight+in+Gallipoli+in+the+First+World+War%26channel%3Daplab%26source%3Da-app1%26hl%3Den](https://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2015/04/25/were-there-pacific-islanders-at-gallipoli-in-1915/?back=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fsearch%3Fclient%3Dsafari%26as_qdr%3Dall%26as_occt%3Dany%26safe%3Dactive%26as_q%3DDid+pacific+islanders+fight+in+Gallipoli+in+the+First+World+War%26channel%3Daplab%26source%3Da-app1%26hl%3Den)

<https://blog.tepapa.govt.nz/2015/04/25/were-there-pacific-islanders-at-gallipoli-in-1915/>

**REQUIREMENT 8: With your club or family, bake a batch of ANZAC biscuits.**

The instructions are available at the RSL website: <https://rslqld.org/News/Latest-News/ANZAC-biscuits>

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**REQUIREMENT 9: With your club or family, make an ANZAC Day wreath.**

The instructions are available at the RSL website: <https://rslqld.org/News/Latest-News/How-to-make-an-ANZAC-Day-wreath>

**REQUIREMENT 10: With your club or your family, attend an ANZAC Day service.**

**Personal reflections:**

**Why is it important for us to commemorate this day each year.**

**What did you learn by attending that you didn't know before?**

**How did it make you feel to know somebody died so that you can be free?**

Discuss/debrief these questions with your club after the ANZAC Day service.  
Best to be done immediately after the event or soon after so it is easier for the Pathfinders to reflect on.

**REQUIREMENT 11: In ANZAC services, chaplains often quote John 15:13 and engraved on many memorials. This verse is associated with armed service in Australia and New Zealand. Read John 15:12-14. What do you think we can learn about God's love for us by remembering those who served?**

*"<sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command"*  
*John 15:12-14*

Read the passage

Read the passage again (ask another person to read it out)

Ask someone else to summarise these verses in their own words

As the Pathfinders to reflect on these questions:

- What is new?
- What surprises you?
- What can we learn about God's Love and remembering our ANZAC's?
- Is there a way we can show this love/respect back to our returned soldiers?
- What will you share with someone this week?