



CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE



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Mr Allan Pidgeon AM
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Australian National Flag Association
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Dear Allan,

Thank you for your letter of 10 June 2025 inviting me to contribute a Flag Day message for the 124th anniversary of the Australian National Flag (ANF).

The ANF continues to be a significant symbol for the Defence community. The Australian Defence Force proudly displays our flag, with it reminding us of our duty and the sacrifices of those who serve under it.

As requested, I have enclosed my message and emailed you an electronic version.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to issue a message to mark our flag's 124th birthday. I wish your organisation every success with ANF Day celebrations.

Yours sincerely

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1. Chief of the Defence Force Australian National Flag Day Message



**A MESSAGE FROM THE
CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE**

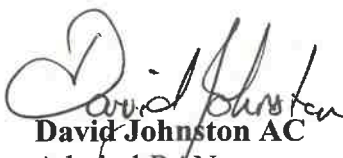
This year marks the 124th anniversary of the Australian National Flag (ANF). As we celebrate ANF Day, we reflect on the history and significance of our chief national symbol.

Since it was first flown from the Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne on 3 September 1901, the ANF has united Australians in times of triumph and adversity.

The ANF holds a special place for the Defence community. It reminds us of our duty to our nation and the people that we serve to defend.

Australian Defence Force members proudly display the ANF as a reminder of all those who have served and sacrificed under it.

On 3 September, I encourage all Australians to reflect on what our flag represents and honour the sacrifices made under it to protect our Australian values and way of life.


David Johnston AC
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Chief of the Defence Force

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