Air Force Association (South Australia)

2026 Commemorative Calendar

The annual AFA-SA Commemorative Calendar identifies key national and local commemorations and anniversaries of Air Force importance.

January

- 1 Jan 16: 10th anniversary of Air Warfare Centre formation

February

- 15 Feb 26: Bangka Day Service
- 19 Feb 26: Bombing of Darwin Day
- 24 Feb 26: National War Animals Service Day

March

- 1 Mar 26: 100th Anniversary of RAAF Laverton
- 3 Mar 42: Battle of Bismark Sea
- 14 Mar 71: RAAF Canberra lost in action to SAM
- 18 Mar 43: Actions of FLTLT Newton lead to awarding of Victoria Cross
- 20 Mar 17: Actions of Lt McNamara lead to awarding of Victoria Cross
- 27 Mar 53: Last RAAF air to air victory (Korea)
- 31 Mar 26: Air Force Birthday Sunset Wreath Laying

April

- 20 Apr 56: 70th anniversary fatal Sabre accident at
- 25 Apr 26: ANZAC Day
- 26 Apr 91: P-3C ditch's at Cocos Is with one fatality
- 30 April 51: 75th anniversary of 24SQN Reforming

May

- 4 May 42: Battle of Coral Sea
- 8 May 26: Victory in Europe Day
- 15 May 26: Veterans Families Day (SA)
- 30 May 26: Bomber Command Service (TPG)
- 29 May 26: Aboriginal Veterans Service (TPG)

June

- 5 Jun 46: 80th anniversary first RAAF jet flight
- 8 Jun 21: Australian Flying Corps Association Formed
- 10 Jun 76: 50th anniversary of RAAF UNEF deployment
- 12 Jun 66: 60th anniversary of 9SQN arrival in Vietnam

July

- 1 Jul 06: 20th anniversary of 87SQN reformation
- 2 Jul 56: 70th anniversary of RAAF Roundel with Kangaroo approval
- 4 Jul 41: Actions of WGCDR Edwards lead to awarding of Victoria Cross
- 27 Jul 26: Korean War Veterans Day
- 29 Jul 51: 75th anniversary - 1st RAAF jet mission
- 30 Jul 15: First AFC aviator killed in combat (Lt Merz)

August

- 15 Aug 45: Victory in Pacific Day
- 18 Aug 26: Vietnam Veterans Day
  60th anniversary of Battle of Long Tan
- 29 Aug 51: 75th anniversary 1st all jet combat involving RAAF

September

- 4 Sep 26: Battle of Australia Day
- 8 Sep 26: Dardanelles Cenotaph Ceremony
- 12 Sep 26: Battle of Britain Ceremony (TPG)
- 14 Sep 26: National Peacekeepers Day
- 28 Sep 26: SAAM Air Force Memorial Service
  70th anniversary of Meteor crash at Woomera

October

- 19 Oct 26: National War Widows Day

November

- 9 Nov 01: 25th anniversary of F/A-19 deployment to Diego Garcia
- 11 Nov 26: Remembrance Day
- 20 Nov 17: 2SQN distinguished action in Battle of Cambrai
- 29 Nov 42: Actions of FLGOFF Middleton lead to awarding of Victoria Cross