

**PRESENTATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE
FEDERATION STAR TO TWO MEMBERS
OF NAVAL HEADQUARTERS TASMANIA
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
DRAWING ROOM, FRIDAY 7 JULY 2023**

Good morning everyone. I warmly welcome you all to this presentation ceremony.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community and recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea, and culture.

Members of our Australian Defence Force are eligible for recognition of their service by way of the award of a long service medal. They are eligible after fifteen years' service. Each successive five years is recognised by the award of a clasp to that medal up to 35 years.

On 40 years of service, members of our Defence Force may be awarded the Federation Star. The Star replaces all the rosettes on the member's ribbon bar but is recognised on decorations with another clasp.

The Federation Star is therefore a rare and prestigious insignia. The recipient must not only have served for at least 40 years, but also still be serving.

Today it is my very great pleasure to present two Federation Stars. These two recipients are members of our Naval Headquarters Tasmania.

I am delighted that their families and friends are here to share in this important ceremony. May I recognise and thank them for their support given to the recipients. Everyone is well aware of the support given to our Defence Force members by family and friends.

May I warmly congratulate Commander Tandy and Chief Petty Officer Norman. Your work serving the Nation is very much appreciated and valued. The length of your service is now formally recognised by this award.

You may now wear your Federation Stars with pride.

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