

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE FEDERATION STAR  
TO MAJOR BRETT REEVES  
REMARKS  
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024**

Good morning, everyone, and a warm welcome to this presentation ceremony.

May I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky and waters.

Members of our Australian Defence Force are eligible for recognition through a long service medal when they have served for 15 years. Each successive five years to 35 years is marked by the award of a clasp to that medal.

For 40 years of service, however, members may be awarded the Federation Star. This Star replaces all the rosettes on the member's ribbon bar but is recognised on decorations with another clasp.

The Federation Star is quite a rare insignia to see, as the recipient must have served for at least 40 years and still be serving so that the Star is visible on their ribbon bar in uniform.

Today it is my pleasure to present the Federation Star to Major Brett Reeves from our Australian Army Museum – Tasmania.

It is wonderful to see Major Reeve's family and friends here today, as we all know what significant support family, friends, and others provide for our Defence Force members.

Congratulations, Major Reeves. Your work serving our Nation is recognised and appreciated. May you wear your Federation Star with pride.

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