



Australian Government

Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal

Inquiry into Recognition of unattached Australian Entertainers in the Vietnam Conflict

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal shall inquire into and report on the eligibility of 'unattached' Australian performers who, between 29 May 1964 and 27 January 1973, provided entertainment, in support of the Australian Armed Forces in the area of operations in Vietnam, for the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal.

In conducting its inquiry the Tribunal shall:

- (a) have regard to the terms and objectives of the *Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal Regulations* 1993;
- (b) consider the claims of the 'unattached' Australian performers for eligibility for the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal, or any other form of recognition for their service;
- (c) consider any other material relevant to these claims; and
- (d) make findings and recommendations as to the eligibility of the 'unattached' Australian performers for the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal or any other form of recognition for their service.

The Tribunal is to determine its own procedures, in accordance with the general principles of procedural fairness, when conducting its inquiry as set out in these Terms of Reference. In this regard, the Tribunal may interview such persons as it considers appropriate and consider material provided to it that is relevant to these terms of reference.

The Tribunal is to report, in writing, to the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support on its findings and recommendations that arise from the inquiry. In making its findings and formulating its recommendations the Tribunal is to arrive at a fair and sustainable response to current and future claims for recognition and also maintain the integrity of the Australian honours system and identify any consequential impact any finding or recommendation may have on that system.

Submissions to the Tribunal close on Monday, 1 June 2009.