



THE SPITFIRE ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA

“Keeping the memory alive”

Patron: Air Vice-Marshal Mark Skidmore (Ret'd)

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Members and guests are reminded of the ANZAC Day Luncheon which promises to be a very interesting event particularly with such a prominent **Guest Speaker**, Air Vice-Marshal Steve “Zed” Robertson DSC, AM who is the Air Commander Australia RAAF.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL STEVE “ZED’ ROBERTON DSC AM



Air Vice-Marshal Robertson has had a distinguished career in the Royal Australian Air Force as a fighter pilot with over 3000 total hours mostly on F/A 18 Hornet fighters. He completed a joint staff tour in Capability Development Group in Canberra and Australian Command and Staff College. He Commanded 75 Squadron at RAAF Tindal from November 2003 to 2006 and then as Head of the Air Combat Transition Office in Canberra and RAAF Base Amberley. After several other postings in Australia and with the RAF in the United Kingdom, he took the position of Commander Air Task Group 630 in the Middle East in 2014, where he lead RAAF Fighter strikes against the Islamic State. In 2017 he was promoted to the position of RAAF Air Commander Australia. The

Spitfire Association is very honoured to have Air Vice-Marshal Robertson as our guest speaker on ANZAC Day and I am certain that his presentation will be both informative and interesting. Details of the luncheon are as follows;

12 pm Thursday 25 April 2019
Skyview Room – 25th Floor Boulevard Hotel – 90 William Street Sydney
Cost - \$125 per head – includes red and white wine
2018-19 Membership fee also included

Please complete the following booking form; Please reply before 18th April 2019

Name

Email Address

Accompanied by additional Guests. No.....@ \$125 = \$.....

Payment may be made to the **Spitfire Association** by Direct deposit

Bank Account – BSB - **032 293** Account Number – **860894**

Or mail cheque to the Treasurer c/- **The Spitfire Association PO Box 147, Windsor NSW, 2756**

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READY TO STRIKE

The Spitfires and Australians
of 453 (RAAF) Squadron
over Normandy

ADAM LUNNEY



Many of you may already be aware of Adam Lunney's book *Ready to Strike: The Spitfires and Australians of 453 (RAAF) Squadron over Normandy*. On Anzac Day Adam will have copies available for sale. Hardcover will be \$60 and paperback will be \$35. (Cash only).

He will be signing copies, along with AVM (Ret'd) Mark Skidmore, AM – who wrote the Foreword, and our Guest Speaker for the day, AVM Steve Robertson DSC, AM.

To reserve your copy, please contact Adam via his website (www.adamlunney.com) with details of how many copies you would like and in which format.

A per-copy donation (included in the price) will be made to the SMDF for books sold on the day.