



THE HON. DR MIKE KELLY MP
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support

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**RETURNED FROM ACTIVE SERVICE BADGE TO BE
ISSUED TO RECOGNISE SERVICE IN POST-
ARMISTICE SOUTH KOREA**

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon Dr Mike Kelly AM MP, today announced the eligibility criteria for the Returned from Active Service Badge (RASB) for service in post-Armistice South Korea.

“The RASB will be issued to those former Defence Force personnel who completed 30 days in South Korea during the post-Armistice period from 28 July 1953 to 19 April 1956 and would be linked to the criteria for the proposed Australian General Service Medal for Korea (AGSM), that I also announced on 29 October 2008”, Dr Kelly said.

“The 30-day eligibility criterion for the AGSM is consistent with the recommendations of the Post-Armistice Korean Service Review Report, which was released in December 2005. The linking of the RASB to the AGSM is also consistent with the linking of eligibility for the badge to specific service medals for other operational service during that era”.

“Although the AGSM needs yet to be formally established, a process which could take at least 12 months, the RASB is ready now for issue to these former Defence Force personnel. I am also pleased to say that once eligibility for the RASB has been established for each applicant, the AGSM will be issued automatically after it has been formally introduced, so they will not need to re-apply for the medal”.

Applications are now being accepted from former Defence Force personnel who served in South Korea during the above mentioned period. Applications should be made to the following address:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
T-1-49
Department of Defence
CANBERRA ACT 2600

If an applicant for the RASB changes their address before they receive the AGSM, they should advise the Directorate of Honours and Awards of their new address as soon as possible to ensure they receive it.

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