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**Leader of the Opposition**  
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Message from the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon Tony Abbott MHR

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**RESERVE FORCES DAY**

I am very pleased to join with Australians across the country in celebrating Reserve Forces Day in 2013.

The day is an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of our armed forces Reserves. They do a magnificent job which deserves the widest possible recognition.

The 2013 Reserve Forces Day pays particular tribute to those who served in the Boer War and subsequently played such a crucial part in the formation of the Australian Army. It will also celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy.

As someone who has never served our country in military uniform, I am in awe of those that have. Our armed forces, regular and reserve, embody our country's best traditions.

I send my thanks to past and present members of the Reserves for their service to our nation and to the Reserve Forces Day Council for their ongoing work to support and honour Reservists.

Yours sincerely

TONY ABBOTT

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