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The
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**** LUNCHEON SEMINAR ****

Tuesday, 19 April 2011

at the Royal Canberra Golf Club, Yarralumla

Speaker: ACM Angus HOUSTON AC AFC
Chief of the Defence Force

From the President

As you know, the 31 March 2011 marks the 90th anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force. The anniversary is being widely celebrated, commencing at the Avalon Air Show. This birthday falls within a significant period for the RAAF, with major fleet changes under way: the retirement of the Caribou after 42 years; the retirement of the F-111 after 37 years of service, the arrival the F/A-18F Super Hornets as the interim New Air Combat Capability aircraft, the entry into service of four C-17 Globemaster Strategic Airlifters to complement the C-130J Hercules, last year's acceptance of the first two of six Wedgetail AEW&C aircraft, the imminent arrival of the KC-30A Multirole Tanker Transports, and not to be overlooked, the expected delivery to the Commonwealth of the first two F-35A Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter in 2014.

The RAAF Staff College Association's participation in the 90th anniversary celebrations commences with a Canberra luncheon at which Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston will speak to us as our current Association Joint Patron. This will be the last opportunity the Association will have to hear from the current CDF as he retires from the position mid-year.

Please indicate early that you wish to attend, and if you also wish to invite a guest on this occasion ensure you tell us early. We expect a much larger gathering than normal and seating may become limited.

Note: *Due to CDF's schedule the lunch will commence at 11:30am (please arrive by 11:15am) and the CDF will depart at 13:00 but we can continue on for a bit if there are members so inclined.*

See you on 19 April...

regards

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(See separate page for Luncheon Notice & Registration Form)