

**Presentation MAJ Peter Branagan OAM
November 24, 2015**



Support Squadron School of Armour,

315391/8214546 Major Peter Branagan, OAM enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 1 March 1972 and has served continuously until his retirement on 31 December 2015. He served in A and B Squadron, 1 Armoured Regiment as a Driver, Gunner, Crew Commander, Squadron Sergeant Major and Regimental Quarter Master.

His long history of service to the Armoured Centre and School of Armour commenced in 1972 as a trainee and saw him return as the Tank Troop Sergeant in 1981. He went on to serve as Wing Sergeant Major Tactics Wing, Support Squadron's Technical Warrant Officer, the School Quarter Master, the School Second in Command, Senior Instructor Driving & Servicing Wing and finally as the Staff Officer to the Head of Corps.

He rose through the ranks from Trooper to Warrant Officer Class 1 and was commissioned as an Officer in 1992. He has been awarded two General Officer Commanding Commendations for outstanding performance; one from the Land Commander and one from the Training Commander. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on 26 January 2005 for service to the community of the Mitchell Shire, particularly to the welfare of ex-Service personnel.

On the occasion of his retirement from the Royal Australian Armoured Corps and specifically as a tankie; Building 705 one of the last remaining original buildings from the halcyon days of the Armoured Centre, is hereby named the **Major Peter Branagan OAM Hangar** and is to be referred to hence forth as:

“The Bopper”