

CHARTER FOR
RAAC OVERWATCH

BACKGROUND

Facebook provides a platform to keep in contact with many former and current serving members of The Royal Australian Armoured Corps and the networks of friends and squadron groups is a way to continue the sense of brotherhood we once had in units. It has been a regular occurrence that these members of the corps require welfare support and have either turned to the group for assistance or have been identified by the group as requiring assistance. This loose network of friends and groups has provided exceptional support and assistance to these members but has done so without a structure, resources and tools on an ad hoc basis.

In March 2015 it was suggested that the group address the issue of welfare by formalising its processes and structures.

WHAT IS RAAC OVERWATCH

RAAC Overwatch is the Welfare structure that sits behind and supports the RAAC Corp Squadron groups and friends networks. It does not change or diminish what these groups have always been, in fact it strengthens and complements the current activities of these groups.

RAAC Overwatch provides/coordinates Welfare Assistance to members of the RAAC Corps – past and present. Welfare Assistance can take many forms including, but not limited to:

- Checking in on members
- Counseling
- Hospital visits
- Supporting family / spouse
- Financial assistance
- Emergency accommodation
- Advocacy
- Assistance with admin (Centrelink etc)
- Social meetings
- etc

RAAC Overwatch is based around geographic Areas of Operation (AOs), with each AO having a small Headquarters of members who coordinate the activities within their AO

MISSION

RAAC Overwatch is to provide welfare assistance to members of RAAC Groups and networks in order to ensure that the mental, physical, financial, spiritual and social health of all members is maintained at the highest possible level.

VALUES

The values which guide all of the operations of RAAC Overwatch are:

- LOYALTY
- RESPECT
- COMPASSION

STRUCTURE

For ease of management RAAC Overwatch is based around geographic AOs.

Each AO constitutes a small Headquarters (3 to 5 men) who work as Leadership Group to coordinate all Welfare Assistance in their AO.

All members of RAAC Overwatch are to allocate themselves to an AO and inform their HQ.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Responsibilities of each AO HQ are:

- Maintain a "Troop Commanders Notebook" (template to be provided) for all members in their AO
- Maintain a "Resources Register" for their AO. This may include contact details for local advocates, counselors, hospitals, ESOs etc (Template to be provided)
- Ensure the AO Headquarters has a minimum of 3 men who are operational at all times
- Coord all individual / group activities in their AO
- Report back to the RAAC Overwatch group at the end of each month regarding their activities in the previous month (a short FB post will suffice).

CONFIDENTIALITY

AO Headquarters need to be mindful of the confidentiality of members however this should never impede the provision of assistance.

FUNDING

At this stage a funding stream does not exist.

OBLIGATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP

Each RAAC Overwatch AO is responsible to the Group to carry out their task in a responsible and effective manner that does not bring disrepute on the group.

CONCLUSION

The Royal Australian Armoured Corps has a long and proud history of supporting its members. RAAC Overwatch is a continuation of this tradition.

It is important that this initiative be supported by us all.

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COURAGE
RESOLUTE
TENACIOUS
FORWARD
FORGE**

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