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Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga and U. S. Veterans Commemorate ANZAC Day in Samoa



On April 25, 2024, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga and a few U.S. Veterans participated at the Australia & New Zealand Army Corp (ANZAC) parade and dawn service program in Samoa. Attendees included His Highness Tuimaleali'ifano Va'aletoa Sulauvi II, the Honorable Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mataafa Mulinu'u II, the Royal Samoa Police band, Australian and New Zealander Army Corps members, representatives from the British Government and the Chinese Embassy, New Zealand and Australian law enforcement personnel, as well as leaders, school groups, and members of the community.

Prime Minister Fiame delivered the keynote address for the ANZAC event. Reflecting on Samoa's peaceful blessings, she expressed gratitude and honor for all who served. The service then moved to tributes to comrades and a wreath-laying ceremony. Governor Lemanu had the

privilege of laying a wreath on behalf of the people of American Samoa, paying respects to the fallen ANZAC heroes.

Within the Atoa o Samoa initiatives, American Samoa veterans and representatives from the Samoan Government, led by Deputy Prime Minister Honorable Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio, persist in collaborating to honor both ANZAC and U.S. Veterans Day. This partnership aims to promote shared values and discipline among the youth and younger generations of both nations. The groups actively explore avenues to exchange and advocate experiences, fostering capacity-building initiatives such as leadership development, problem-solving, and adaptive skills derived from military and peacekeeping services.

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