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The Hon. Graham West MP
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on Veterans' Affairs

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Parliament House plays host to the Federal Naval Ship Associations

The Minister assisting the Premier on Veterans' Affairs, Graham West, today hosted the Federal Naval Ship Associations ANZAC Day function at NSW Parliament House.

The Federal Naval Ship Associations consist of 70 separate groups of naval veterans - and was formed 54 years ago.

Mr West said the Federal Naval Ship Associations had long been instrumental in helping to organise the naval veterans for Sydney's ANZAC Day March.

"This year will be the 55th ANZAC Day march that the Federal Naval Ship Associations will be involved in," Mr West said.

"The Federal Naval Ship Associations is a volunteer body, formed to represent the interests of naval veterans.

"In the lead up to Anzac Day it is important to remember the role of Australia's servicemen and women in past and current conflicts.

"Veterans have played an important role in Australia's history and they are to be commended on their continuing role and importance in the commemoration of events such as ANZAC Day".

"The Luncheon was a great way to celebrate the 55 years of the Federal Naval Ship Associations and it was a pleasure to be involved," Mr West said.

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