

# RESUME – CANDIDATE DAVE MENZ

## STATE EXECUTIVE MEMBER (METROPOLITAN)

**Nominee Name** Dave Menz

**Sub-Branch** Hawthorn

**Region** 1

### RSL Service History

#### Sub-Branch

RSL Membership

- Hawthorn Sub-Branch 10+ years



### Work Experience (Service and/or Civilian) Service and/or Civilian

#### Employment

1981-2003 Australian Army (Sergeant)  
2003-2008 Kellog Brown & Root (Technical Specialist)  
2008-2011 Australian Public Service (APS 5 Senior Inventory Manager)  
2011-Present Totally Permanent Impairment Pensioner  
Veteran Advocate

#### Hobbies

- Riding motorbikes

#### Appointments

- Current President Aussie Veterans' Association since 2016
- Advocate for Veterans specifically in relation to Comsuper claims
- Member of the Call for Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicide since 2015

#### Awards

- Australian Active Service Medal (Clasp Cambodia and East Timor)
- Defence Long Service Medal with Clasp
- Australian Defence Medal
- United Nations Medal Cambodia with Numeral Two (Two tours)
- United Nations Medal East Timor
- Meritorious Unit Citation for Cambodia
- Return from Active Service Badge

#### Statement of Suitability for appointment (max 400 words)

I am a military veteran, who served 22 years in the Australian Regular Army. I attained the rank of Sergeant. I was deployed overseas for 13 months to Cambodia from 12 May 1992 to 10 June 1993. As well as serving in East Timor in 2002, where I was medically evacuated after three weeks due to injury.

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I am married to my wife Kim (now 30 years) and have three adult children and two dogs. After life in the military, I became a contractor serving Defence, then I became a Public Servant working on the Overlander Project “replacing the Land Rover, Unimog, and Mack truck fleets”. The majority of my adult life has been in one way or another serving our nation.

Sadly in 2011 I became a Totally & Permanent Impairment (TPI) pensioner due to my injuries illnesses that are attributed to my military service.

In 2016, I was heavily involved in the initial call for the Royal Commission into DVA, later to become The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. Even though at the beginning many Ex-Service Organisations (ESO) fought against this Royal Commission I and others fought for this Royal Commission. When it became obvious, we were going to get this Royal Commission These ESO’s suddenly jumped on board. This Royal Commission commenced on the 08 Jul 21.

I was heavily involved with pursuing an RSL Sub-Branch President who was a medal cheat, I pursued this person through the legal system, and subsequently he received the correct sentence. It should be noted at the time that the RSL VIC HQ did not desire to pursue this Individual.

One of my first task would be to have ALL RSL Sub-Branch Presidents verify the service and medallic eligibility. The reason for this is I am over the RSL continually receiving “black eyes” over these types of people. Then I would task ALL RSL Sub-Branch Presidents to verify their Sub-Branch member’s service. Yes, this will be a large task, however, it will be a worthy task, so as to stamp out this type of behaviour.

I am currently the President of The Aussie Veterans’ Association, which is independent of government and self-funded.