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Heritage Rifles Presented to Honour Centenary of Armistice

On behalf of the Department of Defence, Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck today presented Wynyard RSL with heritage rifles in the lead up to the Centenary of Armistice.

Senator Colbeck said it was a special honour to recognise the service of local veterans and contribute to their preservation of our military history.

Senator Colbeck: “The Wynyard RSL is a passionate custodian of the local military heritage, with a collection of artefacts and memorabilia from conflicts spanning more than a century.

“The presentation of M16A1 rifles is significant because they are weapons of high heritage value and are immediately recognisable as a weapon used by the Australian Army during the Vietnam War.

“In many ways Centenary of Armistice this Sunday is a reminder of the sacrifice of generations in the hundred years since the end of the “War to End All Wars.”

“The presentation of these heritage rifles to Wynyard RSL reminds our veterans of later conflicts that their stories are intrinsic to the story of Australia at war, and to the freedom we all enjoy today.

“North West Coasters played a vital role in all wars fought in the name of this country and the presentation today is a reminder of the sacrifice of our region in the pursuit of peace.”

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