

ANZAC DAY & The Ode of Remembrance

I want to share with you just ONE characteristic that I believe is important not just on ANZAC Day, but throughout the whole year.

And that is to remember and use the strength of the ANZAC Spirit. A term that is often hard to define. So let me help you.

You see, the spirit of the ANZAC is something so powerful, yet it is also fragile. It's sometimes so obvious, yet invisible. We can all feel it - but not everyone will see it.

This ANZAC Spirit is:

- Helping others through time of struggle.
- Putting service above self and yes, this means it may not be convenient for you. It may not be a 'great time'. And you STILL do it.
- The invisible bond that exists when you achieve something by not giving up.
- The ANZAC energy is not one of sacrifice - but of love, of mateship, of doing whatever it takes to help someone else.

ANZAC Day as I'm sure you've heard many times is not a celebration of war or death. I've been there – and it's not fun. It's a day to be grateful and acknowledge the depth and compassion of the human spirit - the ANZAC Spirit.

Don't focus on the challenge as it is. But rather on the outcome once it's completed. Successfully or not - embrace this Spirit to serve yourself and to be part of something bigger than you.

And know, that just like the ANZACs who forged a place in history 105 years ago - lifelong impacts are made, people are remembered by their character and the people they helped along the way. The ANZAC Spirit is yours. Use it.

*They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eyes, steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

Lest we forget.

Verses 3 & 4 from the poem

For The Fallen - Written by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943)

