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AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR 2016 INVICTUS GAMES ANNOUNCED

The Returned & Services League of Australia (RSL) is proud to be in partnership with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in sending 20 former and 20 serving ADF personnel to participate in the 2016 Invictus Games from 8-12 May in Orlando, Florida.

Invictus Games is an international adaptive multi-sport competition for wounded, injured and ill service and ex-service personnel.

RSL National President Rear Admiral Ken Doolan AO (Ret'd) said the RSL originally partnered with the ADF in 2014 to support the Australian contingent that competed successfully in the first Invictus Games in the UK.

“The RSL is pleased to support the Australian team again and appreciates the partnership with the ADF that reduces the costs to athletes and their families,” Ken Doolan said.

“We have been working closely with the ADF to deliver an Adaptive Sports Program to assist in the recovery of current and former serving members after the trauma they suffered as a result of serving their country.”

“The physical and mental benefits of the training and competition are invaluable to the individual, their family and friends.”

“The Adaptive Sports Program, including the Invictus Games, is a very tangible way the RSL is supporting younger veterans and their families.”

The Invictus team includes current and former ADF members from all three services. The athletes will be accompanied by up to two family members and a small number of support staff.

The Australian team of 40 will join over 400 adaptive athletes from 15 countries. These athletes will compete ten sports including Athletics, Archery, Rowing, Power Lifting, Cycling, Swimming, Sitting Volleyball, Wheelchair Tennis, Wheelchair Basketball and Wheelchair Rugby.

A list of the team members is available at www.rsl.org.au

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