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Mickelberg: Check On Your Mates This ANZAC Day

At dawn on ANZAC Day this year I will be standing at the end of my driveway, with my wife and young children, remembering the sacrifice of those who have gone before. Thankful for those who serve still and reflective of what we can all do to help those who have sacrificed for our country and for our values.

I have spent a large portion of my life in the Army, so I've spent quite a bit of time reflecting on what ANZAC Day and serving your nation means to me. I was raised in a very military family, my father served in the Army for 44 years, my grandfather in WWII and my great-grandfather in WWI. My wife Anna also deployed to East Timor in the Army, so military service is a big part of our combined belief system as well.

For me, serving your nation is about putting the interests of others ahead of your own. It's about the principles of mateship and loyalty. It's also about not backing down when the chips are down and it's about hooking-in and getting the job done. It doesn't matter what theatre of war we consider those traits are enduring. The nature of war changes and it is true to say that our national identity evolves, the core values that bind us together as Australians remain the same.

This ANZAC Day will be tough for many veterans. They won't have the chance to stand shoulder to shoulder at a dawn service, or swap stories over a beer. At the dawn I'll be thinking of my mates, their families and their battles. I'll be giving my mates a call to check-in for a yarn and make sure they are going ok. I encourage others to do the same.

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