



# Press Release

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## **Mayor Kindig to present Key to the City**

Mayor Doug Kindig and the City of La Vista will be presenting a key to the City to Peter Smith at the City Council meeting tomorrow, June 7, at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Mr. Smith is representing Australia as part of the Freedom Flight for Vietnam veterans. Australia has been a strong ally of the United States since World War II and continues to support and serve alongside our military.

For those reasons, Mayor Kindig will be honoring Mr. Smith.

Following is Mr. Smith's biography:

- Australian Regular Army, serving in the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery for nearly 25 years. Progressed from Gunner to Warrant Officer Class One to Captain.
- Active service with 4<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, in Vietnam, February 1970-February 1971.
- Other overseas service in Singapore, Malaysia, Germany, Canada, United Kingdom and New Zealand.
- Career highlights included:
  - Field Force and instructional appointments within Australia and overseas
  - Australian Exchange Instructor at the Royal School of Artillery in the United Kingdom
  - Master Gunner of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery
  - Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List, 1989

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