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Exercise Pitch Black Shows Employers the Benefit of Reserve Service

Twenty-two leaders of industry and business will get a taste of military life in the Northern Territory this week participating in the Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division's Boss Lift to Exercise Pitch Black.

Exercise Pitch Black is the Royal Australian Air Force's (RAAF's) largest and most complex Air Exercise that enables the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to train with international air forces in the Northern Territory once every two years.

The exercise also involves participants from the Australian Army and elements of the Singapore, New Zealand and Thailand air forces that will participate in the tasking, planning and execution of Offensive Counter Air and Offensive Air Support operations in a coalition environment.

Exercise Boss Lift is designed to show employers the vital contribution Reservists are making to the Australian Defence Force's operational commitments.

Head Cadet, Reserve and Employer Support Division, Major General Greg Melick said he believed the participants would gain a valuable insight into the benefits that Reservists can bring back to the civilian workplace.

"As the ADF's commitments grow, Reserves are bringing increased levels of capability to Australia's Defence Force," said Major General Melick.

"We aim to highlight the skills Reservists gain from being in the ADF and how those skills can benefit civilian employers."

For more information on the Reserves go to www.defence.gov.au/reserves

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