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Photography exhibit celebrates 90 years of Australia-US military cooperation

The Embassy of Australia will host “Partners in Arms,” a photographic tour of the enduring military relationship between Australia and the United States, from 18 April to 11 May 2007.

This month marks the 90th anniversary of military cooperation between Australia and the United States. Australian and U.S. soldiers joined together as allies on 6 April, 1917, and first fought together in World War One at the Battle of Hamel on 4 July, 1918. The two countries have served together in seven major conflicts: the First and Second World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq.

“This exhibition demonstrates the depth and breadth of the alliance between Australia and the United States. Simply put, Australia is the only country to have stood side by side with the United States in every major military conflict since 1917,” Australian Ambassador Dennis Richardson said.

The enduring military partnership between our two nations is based on more than shared strategic interests. Australia and the United States embrace similar values, particularly a commitment to the preservation and spread of democracy. The populations of Australia and the United States, though different in size and character, share similar histories and a common language, that have fostered strong diplomatic and military relationships.

“Partners in Arms” begins with the arrival of the ‘Great White Fleet’ in Australia in 1908 and follows the story of the alliance up to our present day cooperation in Iraq. It will be opened on Tuesday 17 April by The Hon. Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense, in the company of Maj. General Steve Gower, Director of the Australian War Memorial.

The exhibition was coordinated by the Australian War Memorial in Canberra in association with the Embassy of Australia in Washington, D.C.

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