

ANZAC DAY IN NEW ZEALAND

Most Anzac day services _____ with a march of returned service personnel wearing _____ medals, and marching behind banners and standards. The veterans _____ joined by other community groups, including members _____ the armed forces, the Red Cross, cadets etc.

The march continues _____ the local war memorial, where a service takes place. This includes the laying of wreaths _____ various organisations and members of the public. Flowers have traditionally _____ laid on graves and memorials in memory of the _____. Laurel and rosemary are often _____ in wreaths. Laurel _____ used by the ancient Romans as a symbol of honour and was woven _____ a wreath to crown victors or the brave. Rosemary is used _____ remembrance. The wreaths are laid to honour the people _____ have died fighting for New Zealand.

The poppy has become the symbol _____ Anzac Day. The Flanders poppy as it is _____ called grew in the trenches and craters of _____ war zone in Belgium and at Gallipoli. These poppies _____ wild in the spring. The soldiers thought of the poppies as soldiers who had _____. The poppy was _____ famous by Colonel J.M. McCrae's poem _____ in Flanders' Fields. Poppies are sold on the _____ before Anzac Day to raise money for the R.S.A. [Returned Services Association]

In most ceremonies of remembrance _____ is a reading of a poem. This is often "The Ode to the Fallen" _____ Laurence Binyon. It _____ first published in the Times newspaper in 1914.

They shall not grow _____ as we that are _____ grow old.
Age shall not weary _____, nor the years condemn.
At the going _____ of the sun and in the morning.
We _____ remember them.

The last post _____ the trumpet call sounded in army barracks at 10pm _____ night to mark the end of the _____ activities. It is also _____ at military funerals and commemorative services to show _____ the soldier's day has drawn _____ a final close.

This is usually followed by a period of silence for one _____ two minutes as a sign of respect for those _____ have died. After observing the silence the _____ are raised from half-mast to the masthead. The Rouse is _____ played. The Rouse called the soldier's spirits to arise and _____ for another day.

The Reveille is played at _____ dawn services instead of the Rouse. The Reveille is played only _____ the first call in the _____. It woke the soldiers _____ at dawn.

Often hymns _____ sung and speeches made. The important part of the ceremony is to _____ those who died.