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**Representative Colonel Commandant,
Colonels Commandant,
Commanding Officers,
Regimental Sergeant Majors,
All Ranks of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery,
Associations and affiliated friends of the Regiment.**

SAINT BARBARA'S DAY GREETING 2009

Traditionally, we celebrate Saint Barbara's Day in a variety of ways across the Regiment. Today, I ask you to celebrate through your reflections on the achievements of 2009 and also to prepare for the changes in 2010.

2009 has seen a continued high tempo with individuals, troops and batteries required to serve Australia through deployment to support bush-fires, floods and a wide range of overseas operations. Today as we celebrate, there are gunners whose tours of duty are ending that are looking forward to their up-coming return to Australia whilst the next rotations are preparing to deploy over the Christmas and New Year period. I would like to thank those who have deployed this year for your continued high levels of readiness and wish you all a safe and speedy return to Australia. Our special thanks must go to their families for their great on-going support.

2010 will see the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery continue to develop, to change and move towards our goals in Joint Fires and Battle-space Management. Do not expect that the tempo of operations will reduce. Look forward to the challenges, maintain the mindset, you have been well trained, you are ready. The goals are within your reach, the coming year will see the introduction in to service of a wide range of equipment, doctrine and concepts. Keep informed; be ready for change; your continued effort and example at all levels will achieve the goals.

Today also signifies the change of appointment of our Colonel Commandant Central Region with Colonel R.J. Foster completing his appointment. Please accept our thanks for your continued service to the Regiment. I would like to welcome and congratulate Major Geoff Laurie, RFD who has been appointed as the Colonel Commandant Central Region.

On behalf of the Representative Colonel Commandant and Colonels Commandant, I congratulate and thank all ranks of the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, serving and former, for their service. Enjoy your celebrations today.

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