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Carers Week 2010: Veterans' carers deserve a special thanks

Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson, said Carers Week 2010 was an opportunity to recognise the tireless efforts of the carers of Australia's veterans.

Senator Ronaldson said the often unsung heroes in our community were carers, and these include the carers of Australia's veterans.

"I encourage all veterans to do something special for their carers this week to say 'thank you'", Senator Ronaldson said.

"The carers of Australia's veterans often put their lives on hold to take care of their spouse, parent, brother or sister, relative or friend in their time of need.

"All Australians owe a debt of gratitude not just to our veterans, but to the people who continue to care for them after the battle is over and they have returned home.

Senator Ronaldson said he hoped veterans and their families continue to access necessary support and assistance through the Australian Government to make care in their later years easier.

"Local members of parliament are able to assist veterans and their families to access services, entitlements and assistance with caring for a veteran in need.

"I also encourage those in the community who know a veteran, ex-service person or war widow to touch base with them during Carers Week to see how they're going. A chat over a cup of tea could be just the thing someone needs to know others are caring.

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