

# VETERAN SOUL ALBUM

Hello all,

'Angels Beyond the Abyss' is the title of a new, 18 original song CD that will be released in late November this Year.

This album is the introduction album for Veteran Soul and will be promoted for being what it is; a 'Not for Profit' effort being made, through Veteran Soul and notable others, by all Australian Vietnam Veterans acting in aid of Australia's homeless and disadvantaged members of the wide community. It is not about vets helping vets: it is about vets being seen as a still, very vital part of society who are doing something proactive on behalf of their fellow Australians in need.

All profits, after amortized production costs, are split equally between three charities. They are: Wesley Mission, St Vincent De Paul and Father Chris Riley's 'Youth Off The Streets'

The 24 page CD cover booklet contains photos of all the contributing artists on the album (includes Little Pattie) as well as a forward commentary from MP Alan Griffin, Federal Minister for Veteran's Affairs and MP Tanya Plibersek, Federal Minister for Housing and Women's Affairs.

Politics have nothing to do with this. I called on these Ministers for their support because they are members of the Government of the day - which happens to be from the party it is.

The real need out there in this area goes beyond the influence of personal politics!

I / we have great support here in NSW from such people as our patrons, Little Pattie and Lorrae Desmond, as well as iconic radio personality Bob Rogers and others.

With the help of our fellow veterans in other States, I hope that our collective cause can really get some legs on a National basis and enable us all to get the job done and maybe as a side effect, also finally be seen in the softer lights that were undeservedly turned off on us all those years ago.

I am asking for volunteers nationwide who feel inclined to raise their hands and join us as the State 'Point Person' for their State and this project in promoting the release and clarifying the intent of this album to the media, radio stations and the various state branches of the ESO's.

To be honest, it's a thankless job for some reason but hey! who wants to go down as someone who gave up in their twilight years because they were convinced they were already beaten?

If you feel that you can be of help then please contact me directly at [franced@bigpond.net.au](mailto:franced@bigpond.net.au) should you wish to take the raging bull by the horns, kick down the gates of complacency and let Australia know that while they slumber -

We All Fight On!

Best Wishes

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