



THE SALVATION ARMY
AUSTRALIA TERRITORIAL HEADQUARTERS

Official Notice

PROMOTED TO GLORY

Lt Colonel Edward Schmidtke

14 December 1935 – 15 August 2026



Lt Colonel Edward Schmidtke was Promoted to Glory on 15 August 2026 aged 90 years and entered his eternal reward after faithfully serving God as a commissioned officer for 67 years. Edward trained in the Courageous session, being commissioned on 12 January 1959.

*The Master said to Edward 'Well done, good and faithful servant.
You have been faithful Enter into the joy of your master.' Matthew 25:23*

Our love and prayers, along with our heartfelt sympathy covers Paul and Dianne Schmidtke, Majors Karen and Greg Saunders, and Helen Mason. Grandchildren; Megan, Karlee, Ryan, Brett, Katrina, Michael and Isaac. And great-grandchildren; Edward, Murdoc, Otis, Franklin and Kora.

A private funeral for the family will be held at Jonathan Hepner Funerals Geelong, at 11am followed by a Thanksgiving & Celebration of Edward's life on:

Date: Wednesday 26 August 2026

Time: 1pm

Venue: The Salvation Army South Barwon Corps
180 Francis Street
Belmont, VIC 3013

Livestream on: https://youtube.com/live/gE5Fe5x0_B4

Light refreshments will be provided after the service at the hall.

For those who may want to convey condolences, please see the following contact information:

Name: Major Karen Saunders
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Lt Colonel Edward Schmidtke

Appointment History*

*The Australia Territory of The Salvation Army
acknowledges and honours the service of
Courageous Session*

Out of Geelong Corps		
Corps Officer, Carnarvon	Australia Southern Territory	1959
Corps Officer, Rivervale	Australia Southern Territory	1960
Corps Officer, Kalgoorlie	Australia Southern Territory	1962
Tai Hang Tung Centre	Hong Kong & Macau Command	1964
Thompson Youth Hostel & Public Relations Kowloon	Hong Kong & Macau Command	1964
Corps Officer, Kowloon Central Corps	Hong Kong & Macau Command	1967
District Officer Hong Kong Island & Cheung Chau District Pro-tem	Hong Kong & Macau Command	1970
Property Officer (Additional)	Hong Kong & Macau Command	1973
Property Officer (Full Time)	Hong Kong & Macau Command	1970
Property Secretary	Hong Kong & Macau Command	1979
PR Dept. THQ Melbourne	Australia Southern Territory	1980
Property Department	Australia Southern Territory	1981
Assistant Property Secretary	Australia Southern Territory	1982
Divisional Chancellor Eastern Victoria	Australia Southern Territory	1986
Divisional Secretary	Australia Southern Territory	1987
Assistant Territory Finance Secretary, THQ	Australia Southern Territory	1987
Executive Officer Melbourne Staff Band	Australia Southern Territory	1989
Assistant Secretary for Personnel, THQ	Australia Southern Territory	1991
Associate Property Secretary. THQ	Australia Southern Territory	1993
Property Secretary THQ	Australia Southern Territory	1994
Territorial Secretary for Personnel	Australia Southern Territory	1994
Assistant Chief Secretary	Australia Southern Territory	1998
Retired	Australia Southern Territory	2001
Assistant to the Officer Commanding	Hong Kong and Macau Command	2001 June - Oct

*"Well done, good and faithful servant!"
Matthew 25:23*

*"Having fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4:7*

**Appointment History as recorded on Officer Personnel file*