MINISTER FOR YOUNG TERRITORIANS

BON VOYAGE TO THE ANZAC SPIRIT STUDY TOUR

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Minister for Young Territorians, Peter Styles, farewelled the 2013 ANZAC Spirit Study Tour today at Darwin Airport.

Mr Styles said the 10 day trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity to honour an important part of Australian history.

"These three young Territorians will represent the NT at the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial in Villers-Bretonneux in France.

"They will also travel to Belgium to visit World War I and II sites of significance.

"By sharing memories about the trip upon their return, they keep the ANZAC spirit alive and show continued support for the Australian Defence Force today and pride in the Anzacs who went before them.

The group will lay a bouquet of Northern Territory flowers at the dawn service and will present a book, by Darwin historians Peter and Sheila Forrest, ‘Battling: Territorians and their War’, to the Victoria School in Villers-Bretonneux.

The 2013 tour is made up of Shannon Hunt and Lauren Northcote from Darwin High School and Tamara West from Kormilda College.

They will be chaperoned by Dripstone Middle School teacher Toni Smid and Lieutenant Karina Galliford from the Royal Australian Navy Headquarters Patrol Boat Group.

These students were awarded the tour opportunity after submitting winning entries that addressed the question ‘What inspiration does the legend of the Anzac provide for youth in the 21st Century?’

Entries received included essays, videos, power point presentations and songs. The winning entries are available on www.anzacsspirit.nt.gov.au

The ANZAC Spirit Study Tour journey can be followed on www.facebook.com/anzacsspirit

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