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Red Beret's medals restored to former glory

As a young man, Kenneth Houghton proudly served as a Red Beret during World War II parachuting behind enemy lines and risking his life for his country; for this sacrifice he was awarded many medals for his service and bravery.

To honour those who have fallen and still serving, Mr Houghton will be attending the Remembrance Day Commemorative Service at Moreton Shores Retirement Community 91-101 King Street at Thornlands proudly wearing his and his grandfather's medals.

Now 92, Mr Houghton is so proud of his service, and his grandfather's, that he wants to leave his granddaughter, a sergeant in the Australian Army, his medals.

However, his medals were tarnished and the ribbons worn. Churches of Christ Care Community Care Program Brisbane South helped Mr Houghton restore his medals to their former glory.

Community Care Program Coordinator, Mavis Dietz, said it was important for Mr Houghton to know that his medals were in good condition so his granddaughter could wear them with pride knowing how important they were to her grandfather.

"The Community Care Program assisted Mr Houghton by resourcing someone in the community that could restore the medals and the cost that would be involved and they have now been restored and he is so pleased with the result."

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Churches of Christ Care is active in the areas of early childhood services, child protection, community and affordable housing, retirement living, community aged care, and residential aged care. We operate more than 144 services throughout Queensland and Melbourne, Victoria with the support of more than 3,100 staff and over 750 volunteers.

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