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As I reflect over the last 12 month period it becomes obvious to me the the biggest thing that I give to Veterans and their families is the gift of time.

Time sharing alongside them during their times of suffering and grief, whether it be at home, in hospital or at the hospice.

Time planning and officiating at the funeral for a loved one. (Far too many.)

Time sharing with them their joyous occasions... like Thanksgiving for the gift of a child, Weddings and renewal of marriage vows .

Time planning and officiating at special services, whether it be ANZAC DAY...REMEMBRANCE DAY, MERCHANT NAVY DAY and Reunion Church Parades.

Time being alongside Veterans & their families within the confines of the R.S.A. Club rooms,

but mainly time being on call and available to respond when called upon to do so.

So time does certainly become a concept that there doesn't seem to be enough of.

It has been a very important and fullfilling Ministry alongside and with those veterans that are still here.

As time marches on they continue to march off, as we all do.

In Christian love & service.



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