



# New Zealand Sub-Branch

## NewZletter



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## Meetings held at Chatswood RSL

### The Month That Was

#### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

This month included more services and commemorations where we keep the NZ alive.

#### Victory in the Pacific - Sydney



The VP Day service at the Martin Place Cenotaph was attended by a small number of veterans but enough to show the flag and banner and surprisingly become noticed by two other veterans; Ron Haira (picture left to right Greg, Barrie,

Ron), Senior Vice-President of the Mortdale RSL Sub-Branch and Sam Wihongi (picture below; Sam, Margaret, Ken, John, Barrie, Selwyn, Greg) from the Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch. Neville also talked to another veteran who had seen the Banner and Flag and introduced herself. Its fantastic that other veterans come and introduce themselves and great that they are around and about in other RSL Sub-Branches. Another small but memorable service with coffee and lunch provided by the Combined Services Club in Barrack Street.



#### Vietnam Veterans Day - Springwood

Every year a lot of Vietnam Veterans AU and NZ participate in the Vietnam Veterans Day march at Springwood. Not sure of the history behind Springwood but nevertheless it is always a big march attended by representatives from all over including the NZ



High Commissioners representative this year Air Commodore Peter Port (left to right: Peters wife, Kathleen, Peter, Greg, Vic, Taawhi, Selwyn, Neville) who was

accompanied by our President Lindsay Taylor in laying a wreath.

Unlike last year where our contingent were wrapped in warm clothing and bright yellow raincoats, this year was absolutely beautiful with a very moving service followed by BBQ afterwards. A little chit chat later saw



Taawhi (ex-Vietnam Veteran) talking to Binh Thamh Le (ex-

Vietnam Airforce Pilot [picture above] and Neville (Korean Veteran) chatting to Lt Col Paul Key-Doug Kim (ex-Korean officer) [picture left]. It was a lovely Sunday attended by a small but always proud



NZ veteran contingent and their families.



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### Battle of Long Tan Day - Saigon



Graeme Bolton from Queensland visited the Long Tan Memorial Cross whilst travelling through Saigon. He also visited Baria and Nui Dat. The Long Tan Memorial Cross is one of only two

foreign war memorials allowed in Saigon. It is also the conflict that saw two NZ Veterans awarded decorations: Captain M. Stanley MBE and Lance Bombadier W. Walker MID. You may or may not have known Willie Walker but for those of us later veterans, he recently retired as the Medals Man from the NZDF. NZ veterans involved in this conflict were as follows:



3,500 served  
37 were killed  
187 were wounded

Thanks for the pictures Graeme. We all know the emotion you would have felt being there.

### Battle of Long Tan Day - Sydney

After the Springwood march we again attended the Battle of Long Tan service at the Cenotaph but unfortunately I was unable to secure photos. Still we were there and will continue to be there every year.

LEST WE FORGET

### Other Notices

#### Change of Sub-Branch Email Address

Veterans please note the change to the Sub-Branch email address which is now [nzsubbranch@virginbroadband.com.au](mailto:nzsubbranch@virginbroadband.com.au). The email address may change again to coincide with the standardised email

addresses for all Sub-Branches. I will advise when this has been introduced. The proposed new email address will be [nzsubbranch@rslnsw.org.au](mailto:nzsubbranch@rslnsw.org.au)

### ANZAC Day 2009

ANZAC Day in 2009 will more than likely be the same format as this and previous years with descendents marching with us. However, just to clarify, the term 'veteran' in today's context refers



to all serving and ex-service personnel not just those that served overseas. So whether you have a medal or not, as long as you served in the military you are considered a veteran and I would be very privileged to march alongside you at ANZAC Day every year. Furthermore, both the Parade Marshall and I will be more controlling next year so that Veterans are at the front of the contingent with descendents behind and any other matters that need addressing based on your feedback.

### The NZ Regular Force Cadets

During the period of the "Cold War" between 1948 and 1991, an average of over 5000 New Zealand boys vied each year for entry into the Army's elite RF Cadet School or the "Club" as it was colloquially known. Less than 3% of those who applied to join, made the grade. The Army accepted them as young as 15 into its ranks offering continued education, trade training and apprenticeships. Most would go on at age 18 to become the backbone of the New Zealand Army serving with distinction in Korea, Borneo, Malaya, Vietnam, Bosnia, Afghanistan, East Timor, Iraq and other regions of conflict as Senior Non - Commissioned Officers (NCOs). A few would earn commissions as officers. Some went on to serve with the SAS and as key personnel of other Regular Force units.



Today they can be found in leadership roles in all aspects of business, social services, government and politics following their successful careers in the Army and other arms of the services, both at home and abroad. Coinciding with the end of the cold war the School closed its doors in 1991.

For you RF Cadet veterans, attached to this NewZletter is the Registration Form for the 60th anniversary reunion celebrations



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to be held at Arena Manawatu in Palmerston North over the Labour Weekend.

<http://www.rfcadet.org.nz/main/>

### Upcoming Events

Veterans please note changes to dates and timings of activities at the end of this NewZletter. Changes have been highlighted in yellow.

### Committee Meeting Matters

The next Committee meeting is on the Sunday 28 September at 1030 hours. Therefore, if you have any ideas or suggestions even if you are not a financial member, then please let me know as we continually look to improve how the Sub-Branch operates.

### Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

[www.evsa.org.nz](http://www.evsa.org.nz)

### RNZN Reunion

For all Naval veterans there is to be a RNZN Reunion in 2009 in Sydney. I included the information on this in a previous NewZletter.

Reunion Contacts: Bill Tahu [btahu@aapt.net.au](mailto:btahu@aapt.net.au)  
Alister MacAskill [alister9@tpg.com.au](mailto:alister9@tpg.com.au)

### NZ Soldier on ANZAC Bridge in Bronze

Alan Somerville will do the NZ Soldier in Bronze for any veteran interested in obtaining one. Please go to the following website to get more details.  
[www.bronzeaussie.com.au](http://www.bronzeaussie.com.au)



### NZ Sub-Branch Victoria

Welcome to Ron Hornblow the Honorary Secretary of the NZ Sub-Branch in Victoria. Ron has a membership of about 16 veterans so whilst this NewZletter goes to veterans in NSW, if you know of any veterans in Victoria, please ask them to contact Ron on (03)9309 3002.

### NZ Veterans in Australia

There is still talk about how we as a collective group of NZ veterans in AU can best be served by the RNZRSA, NZDF and

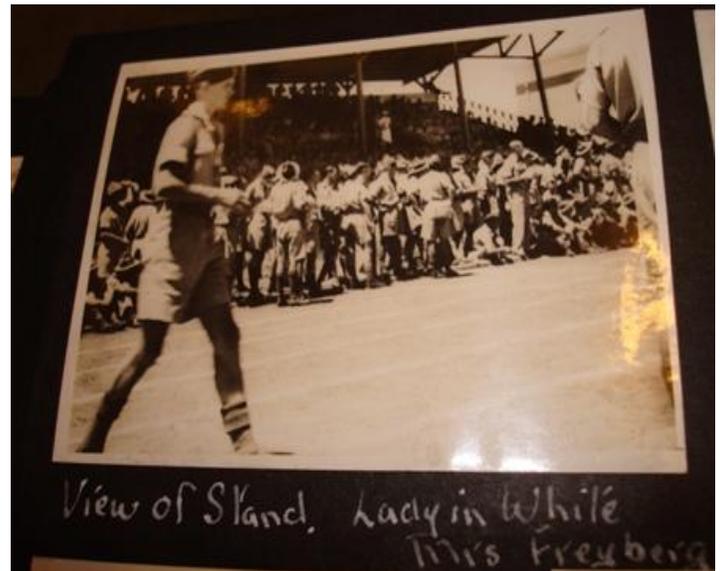
AU/NZ governments or maybe we are best served from within our many collective organisations such as EVSA, RNZA Association and the many others. Anyway, if you have any views on this please let me know.

### WW2 Veteran Story – Janet’s Contribution



Janet on her recent trip home to Dunedin spent a little time with a World War Two veteran 228275 WO11 Dave Hanlin and was pleasantly surprised that Dave still had a lot of his war memorabilia safely tucked away in his home. Not only was Dave in the war but his father was also a World War One veteran. Janet was amazed how much Dave had seen during the war and the types of documents and artefacts he kept

especially one particular photograph Dave had grabbed from Mussolini’s Castle and another distinctly showing Lady Freyberg at a gathering sometime during the war. Dave had a lot more interesting





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memorabilia including a message from the US Army Commander to the 2NZEF all ranks for their contribution to the victory.

Dave has many more articles and memorabilia and Janet was glad that Dave allowed her the time to chat and look through his war memorabilia.

- b. become "Associate" members of the NZ Sub-Branch for \$5 BUT you can only speak, vote & hold office at one RSL sub-Branch in Australia.

Whilst we would gladly accept your membership I would request you contact me so we can discuss your expectations against what is achievable.

### Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to **Wally Butt, Janet Barclay, Frank Harlow, Bob Wood, Valerie Brae, Ken Stevenson, Vaughan Malins and Ken Frank.**

### The Last Post

Dear veterans,



Please note the passing of another veteran. As noted Jim was the founder of the NZ Army Band and what a spectacular history they have:

The history of the NZ Army Band starts in 1957 with Battalions Bands. These bands were normally made up from Infantrymen who had some musical background, and it was the task of each unit Bandmaster to meld this collection of individuals into an efficient musical group.

It wasn't until 1964 that the band became fully professional with the recruitment of experienced musicians. Potential recruits coming from the amateur Brass Band Association and the idea of a professional Band was a new concept for most Bandsmen in New Zealand.

From 1965, members of the New Zealand Army Band were frequently posted to the Band of the 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, in Singapore. This began the bi-annual postings between Singapore and New Zealand that would continue until December 1988, when the 1 RNZIR Band was disestablished and members returned to the New Zealand Army Band.

Throughout the New Zealand Army Band's history, it has played an active role for many illustrious occasions. These include participation in both Commonwealth Games held in New Zealand, Christchurch in 1974 and Auckland in 1990, the VJ

### Membership 2008 Reminder

NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2008 RSL and Sub-Branch membership renewal is due. As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch would welcome your contribution to the operations of the Sub-Branch regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as an associate member of the NZ Sub-Branch (Hini Komene receiving his membership badge from Neville Berridge 2007). So for \$5 please send in your application form for Associate Membership. For current full service members please send \$29 (of which \$24 goes to the NSW RSL). For new members wanting associate or full service membership let me know and I will send you an application form.



Now that the NewZletter goes to Veterans in other States, I have been asked how they can become involved in the Sub-Branch. Please note the following:

1. Interstate veterans can join the NSW Branch of the RSL via the NZ Sub-Branch as Service members, if you are not currently Service Members interstate;
2. If you are currently Service Members interstate you can:-
  - a. transfer to the NZ Sub-Branch in NSW; or



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Day 50th Anniversary celebrations in 1995 and a featured performance at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo at Wellington's Westpac Stadium in 2000. Such events were in addition to performing at official welcomes for foreign dignitaries at Parliament, at official engagements at Government House and at international sporting events.

A popular destination for the New Zealand Army Band has been Australia, with the 1988 Bi-Centennial Tattoo repeat visits to the Brisbane Arts Festival Tattoo, the Perth Royal Show and the Great ANZAC Military Tattoo in Sydney. In 1991 the Band went to Greece and Crete to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete, and in 1995 travelled to Washington DC to participate in the unveiling ceremonies of the Korean War Memorial. More recently the band travelled to Wonju, Korea to participate in the Wonju Tattoo, which featured military bands from ten countries.

2002 saw the NZ Army Band perform at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and has since performed at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo - A Salute to Australia 2005 in Sydney, Australia. In August this year, the NZ Army Band will be performing again as guest band of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland.

The NZ Army Band is an important part of the NZ Army culture and heritage, and is renowned for its professional attitude and high standards. It continues a tradition of excellence wherever it goes.

Jim was also an adjudicator in the Bands Contest in 1982. The contest has been running since 1911.

1982 DUNEDIN

Adjudicators -

Mr. Roy Newsome, Britain - Tests

Major J.D. Carson N.Z. - Hymn

and conducted a number of compositions which are stilling being sold as Collectibles and Nostalgia in LP format.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY BAND Brass To Go. Conductor Major J. D. Carson. NZ HMV HSD1056. VG+/E 12.00

NEW ZEALAND ARMY BAND New Zealand Army Band.

Conductor Major J. D. Carson. NZ Kiwi SLC53. VG+/VG+ 10.00

I am sure those Band members within our veteran community will have a lot more stories and memories but thank you for letting us know of the passing of another or our veterans.

Lest we forget

### Other News



### Commendations for Malaya Veterans

Seventeen commendations are to be presented to New Zealand Army Veterans (or their next of kin) in ceremonies around the country this week.

The 15 "Mentioned-in-Despatches" and two Commander in Chief Far East Land Forces Commendations recognise distinguished service in Malaya in the 1950's and 60's.

They will be formally recognised at four ceremonies in Auckland, Tauranga, Wellington and Christchurch and will be attended by the Chief of Army Major General Lou Gardiner during 19-22 August.

Framed certificates of the official London Gazette record of "Mentioned-in-Despatches" are to be awarded to the following veterans or, as many recipients are now deceased, their next of kin:

PTE H Boylan (Invercargill)

SGT B Hill (Hamilton)

CPL N Sinclair (Tauranga)

LT K Gordon, CPL N Kawha (Tauranga)

LT B Marshall (Wellington)

MAJ RI Thorpe (Rotorua)

MAJ RWK Ainge (Christchurch) - to be presented to next of kin

MAJ B Boyd (Devonport) - to be presented to next of kin

WO 2 GE Butler (Wellington) - to be presented to next of kin

WO 2 PRK Carrington (Opotiki) - to be presented to next of kin

CPL RH Cassidy (Kaikohe) - to be presented to next of kin

LTCOL WRK Morrison (Devonport) - to be presented to next of kin

CPL WA McGee (Taumaranui) - to be presented to next of kin

CAPT D McLeod (Oamaru) - to be presented to next of kin

### Commander in Chief Far East Land Forces

Commendations are to be awarded to:

PTE WTP Nathan (Kaitaia),

SGT L Hepi (Palmerston North) - to be presented to next of kin.



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The awards were given to the recipients after the campaign but were never formally presented and the Army is conducting these ceremonies to rectify the error.

The certificates are identical to contemporary awards. Soldiers wear a bronze oak leaf on their medal ribbon bar to signify they have been Mentioned-in-Despatches.

### NZ's oldest Army Regiment celebrates 150 years service

The 5th Wellington West Coast Taranaki Battalion Group (5WWCT) crest. See below for history of the crest.



New Zealand's oldest Army unit the 5th Wellington West Coast Taranaki Battalion Group (5WWCT) marks its 150th year of service to New Zealand this weekend with a series of activities in New Plymouth and around Taranaki.

The celebrations will begin with a Chunuk Bair remembrance dawn service at the Malone Gates in Stratford this Friday morning, followed by a parade through the streets of New Plymouth on Saturday. The celebrations finish on Sunday with a service in St Mary's, New Zealand's oldest stone church, and where the regiment was garrisoned for short time in 1860.

The charter parade, accompanied by the sounds of blank gunfire, will receive a challenge from the NZ Police as they reach the Puke Ariki Landing where the Charter will be re-affirmed to allow the regiment to march through the streets with swords drawn, drums beating, bayonets fixed, and colours flying. This parade commences at 1:30pm.

During the parade a number of the Regiment's personnel will be presented with medals for deployments to the Solomon Islands and Sinai as well as efficiency medals.

A powhiri will be held at Owae Marae in Waitara to recognise and acknowledge the presence of the Regiment to Iwi in the Taranaki area. The powhiri will be on the 8th August, commencing at 1:00pm.

"It is very important for us to continue our relationship with the people of the area, with whom we now have had a long relationship, and one which we need to recognise alongside our own history," said Warrant Officer Class One Kenny Trinder.

Major Simon Strombom, the Regiments training officer, is continuing the tradition of his family's military service which began in Taranaki and is currently serving in Afghanistan. Major Strombom says he will be thinking of the province and of the regiment this weekend.

"It would mean a lot to be back in the province with the unit in its 150th year where so much of my family history is tied to. I will be thinking of home when the unit parades."

[NZDF personnel cleared of 'double-dipping' NZ / Aussie rivalry to hit the basketball court](#)  
[Mayor Prendergast gets the Army treatment](#)

[www.army.mil.nz](http://www.army.mil.nz)



### Navy Frigate heading to Wellington



HMNZS Te Kaha among the waves

The first of the Navy's ANZAC Class frigates, HMNZS TE KAHA, will arrive in Wellington on Wednesday 20 August and depart on Monday 25 August at 10.00am.

HMNZS TE KAHA has recently been engaged in maintenance on the various systems on board that enable the ship to fight, move and float. TE KAHA is now enjoying a relatively rare opportunity to visit ports in New Zealand before deploying to South East Asia and Australia later next month.

In Wellington, the ship will host various guests on board including the following:

- On Wednesday 20 August at 0945 there will be a 21 Gun Salute from the Maritime Component Commander as a mark of respect to the Governor General as the ship rounds Point Jerningham.
- On Friday 22 August at 9.00am, members of the media are invited on board for a ship's tour and a question and answers session with the Executive Officer, LT CDR Wayne Andrew.



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- On Friday 22 August at 10.00am, TE KAHA's Commanding Officer, Levin born and bred Commander Mat Williams, will welcome on board Mitchell Lewis of Foxton and members of his family for a special tour of the ship.
- Commander Williams and his crew extend a warm welcome to the public of the Wellington region to visit the ship and meet the personnel of your Navy on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th August between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

HMNZS TE KAHA will depart Wellington on Monday 25.

### HMNZS Te Mana leaves Arabian Gulf

Members of TE MANA's approach and assist party gather information from a fishing dhow during a routine inspection.



HMNZS TE MANA has departed her area of operations in the Southern Arabian Gulf and is making her way back to New Zealand.

Over the past three months the frigate and her 173 strong ship's company have reported more than 1700 vessels in the area, and carried out 228 approach and assist visits in support of maritime support and security operations for Coalition Task Force (CTF) 152 in the Central and Southern Arabian Gulf.

Commanding Officer of HMNZS TE MANA, Commander Blair Gerritsen said that the whole team feels a great deal of satisfaction in having played a part in the multinational effort to restore peace, stability and a sense of normality to an area which has seldom seen this.

"Denying the influence of those who pose a threat to the security of the Arabian Gulf's waters whilst protecting the legitimate mariners who operate throughout the area has been a challenging but satisfying task. My ship's company can take a great deal of pride in the professionalism, endurance and good humour that they displayed over a prolonged period in trying conditions."

The Kiwis have also been praised by the multinational partners in the Gulf.

"Many of those we have worked for and with in CTF 152 are staggered that such a small Navy could make such a significant contribution to an operation so far from home," said CDR Gerritsen.

HMNZS TE MANA is expected to return to New Zealand on 7 September.

[NZDF personnel cleared of 'double-dipping' NZ and Singapore Navies to conduct Maritime Exercises](#)  
[Navy frigate heading to Canterbury](#)  
[NZ / Aussie rivalry to hit the basketball court](#)

[www.navy.mil.nz](http://www.navy.mil.nz)



### Air Force Boeing 757 returns to NZ skies



B7571, the RNZAF's upgraded and modified 757 arrives in Wellington (OH08-0454-01).

In what is a major milestone for the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) Boeing 757 modification and upgrade programme, the first of two aircraft (NZ7571) has returned to New Zealand from Mobile Aerospace Engineering in Mobile, Alabama.

After 16 months of extensive airframe and avionics (navigation/communication) modifications, the 757 touched down at the RNZAF's Airmovements Terminal in Wellington this afternoon for its official welcome.



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On hand to greet the aircraft and crew were the Minister of Defence, the Honorable Phil Goff, Secretary of Defence, John McKinnon, Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae, Chief of Air Force, Air Vice-Marshal Graham Lintott, invited dignitaries, and regional Defence personnel.

*"To see the first Boeing arrive back in New Zealand is a reward to all those involved in this project. The increased capability of this aircraft will provide a significant boost to the Air Force's airlift options. We will have the ability to rapidly change the role of the aircraft to any given task, converting from standard passenger configuration to a combination freight/passenger, full freight, Aero Medical Evacuation (AME) and VIP set up," Air Vice-Marshal Lintott said.*

*The aircraft will conduct Introduction into Service activities over the coming months including training, operational testing and evaluation of the upgraded B757 air transport system as a whole. It is expected to be ready for operational tasking before the end of the year.*

*The second of the RNZAF's Boeing 757 aircraft will complete its upgrade programme at Mobile Aerospace Engineering and Boeing Integrated Defence Systems in Wichita, Kansas towards the end of the year. Both modified 757 aircraft will be fully operational and available from early 2009 after completing Operational Testing and Evaluation in New Zealand.*

*The \$221 million dollar acquisition and modification project commenced in May 2003 when the RNZAF replaced its aging Boeing 727 aircraft.*

### **RNZAF Iroquois to tackle mountains**



*A RNZAF Iroquois undertaking mountain flying as part of Exercise Blackbird. Image courtesy of Pacific Wings magazine.*

*The skies around Marlborough, Molesworth, St Arnaud and Dip Flat will soon be humming with the sound of Royal New Zealand Air Force Iroquois helicopters taking part in Exercise Blackbird.*

*The mountain flying exercise from 4 -15 August will involve five Iroquois and nearly 140 personnel, over two rotations, based at Dip Flat.*

*The helicopters and crews will conduct daily flights to test their skills in a low-visibility, high-altitude mountain environment, with night flying being undertaken 5, 13 and 14 August.*

*Detachment Commander Squadron Leader Nigel Cooper said the exercise ensured pilots and crew maintained the skills needed for search and rescue operations that often occurred in mountainous terrain, and for the uncertain conditions that could be faced when on deployment overseas.*

*"You need an increased awareness when you are mountain flying. The way the wind moves over the ridges and down in the gullies and valleys means it can change unexpectedly and can be a bit of a challenge. It is quite different to flying over an open field or the ocean."*

*The uneven terrain and snow makes landing more difficult with false horizons and whiteout, he said.*

[www.airforce.mil.nz](http://www.airforce.mil.nz)

IN REMEMBRANCE



*Launch of Law Commission's "Towards a New Veterans' Entitlements Scheme: A Discussion paper on a Review of the War Pensions Act 1954"*

***Remarks at the Launch by the RNZRSA National President Robin Klitscher at Parliament on 31 July 2008.***

*From the RSA's point of view, this is a momentous day. Fifty years on, we follow in the footsteps of some very capable and very accomplished people, who were veterans, and who had more than a hand in writing the War Pensions Act 1954 – the late Sir John White, for example, was one of them.*

*What we celebrate today could be taken to be critical of the work that they did. But that is not so. They did well for the times in which they did it, and the marvel is that what they did served so many veterans as well as it did for so long.*



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*Over time, the nature of operations has changed. Everybody knows that. But the social and legislative framework has also changed, and it's time to accept that the provisions set so long ago are no longer in proper sync with today's conditions.*

*This is a very large task. It would have to be the largest task undertaken by and on behalf of veterans' organisations in more than a generation. And we are well aware of the quality of those who have gone before – like Sir John White and other RSA leaders of his day; and like the many others who have striven across the years to keep the results of their work in reasonable touch with changed needs.*

*I'm sure that they would approve of what we are now doing. But we also have an obligation to them to ensure that the standards they set for their times are equalled or bettered by us for our times, and for decades ahead.*

*Which does nothing if not emphasise how big this call really is, as we head into the 21st Century. The past has set us high standards for the future.*

*We of the RNZRSA and its Affiliates are pledged to play our part. We have been consulted in the development of this discussion document. I say to the veterans gathered here, however, and will say to others elsewhere in coming weeks and months, that this is not a policy document, nor is it the first draft of new law. It is what it says it is – a discussion document, designed to flush out the questions that must be answered, not to solve them at this stage. And so, what we the veterans must do is respond to those questions as honestly and as thoroughly as possible in order to get to the best answers.*

*This document is the start of that process. The RNZRSA will be doing its own formal response to it. So, I hope, will individuals. Indeed, Sir Geoffrey Palmer will be travelling the country in October and November in order to encourage just that. And all of this is just one step in a process that will go on well into next year as the law is prepared for tabling in the House of Representatives and the ensuing Select Committee processes. It is most important that veterans remain engaged throughout all of this.*

*I would like now to thank the Minister and the present Government for accepting that this needed to be done, and for setting the process in train through the Law Commission. Whatever the polls may deliver later in the year, I would hope that the processes now so energetically and productively put in hand by Minister Barker and his colleagues will continue, and will be brought to the conclusions as yet only in promise.*

*We also thank Mr Barker for not falling into the misapprehension that Tribute08 was the end; done and dusted; everything fixed up in public; what's next? Tribute08 was certainly a part of the MoU. But only a part. I don't want to try to be Churchillian, but Tribute08 was not an end, only a beginning. That this Veterans' Entitlements Act process is now going on is evidence enough of that. And there are other important parts of the MoU that are yet to be implemented. None of us should lose sight of the fact that this is part of an ongoing process, not something that ended on the streets of Wellington in June.*

*I would also like to thank Sir Geoffrey for his whole-hearted embrace of this very large and complicated task. Indeed, on occasion we have had to ask him to slow down a bit so that we can keep up. And we thank him for understanding that, too.*

*We also thank his staff, particularly Lecretia Seales and Marion Wilson who have produced what I think is the most thorough and most informative document on the New Zealand veteran support system ever produced. It gives us a very sound foundation from which to move forward. We in the veterans' movements need now to take up the invitation it contains to ensure that the most satisfactory answers possible are achieved.*

*Finally I would like to thank the NZDF but particularly VANZ itself as it takes up its new shape. It must be very difficult to work for such a prolonged period under the uncertainty not only of review and organizational upheavals, but also in the shadow of changes to the legal underpinnings. The fact that the system hasn't collapsed altogether under the very heavy weight of scrutiny that has been its lot for an uncomfortably long time testifies to its fundamental soundness, and to the quality of those who are obliged to make it work. To them, in particular, we say "Thank You".*

**Law Commission's Issues Paper "Towards a New Veterans' Entitlements Scheme: A Discussion paper on a Review of the War Pensions Act 1954" (NZLC IP7, Wellington 2008).**

*The Commission welcomes any comments or submissions on the Paper. The closing date for submissions is **Friday, 28 November 2008**.*

**Submissions should be directed to:**

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Please note that the Law Commission has only a limited number of printed copies of the Paper. It can be downloaded free below or from the Law Commission website:

### [Discussion paper pg 1-104](#)

 3.35MB PDF Document (requires [Adobe Reader](#))

[HTML](#) (on the Law Commission website)

### [Discussion paper pg 105-286](#)

 1.59MB PDF Document (requires [Adobe Reader](#))

[HTML](#) (on the Law Commission website)

**Note:** There will also be consultation meetings held at RSAs where people can express their views on the options of the Issue Paper. These will be held at the end of October and the beginning of November 2008 in Whangarei, Auckland, Tauranga, Ruatoria, Napier, Wanganui, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin. Dates to be advised shortly.

### **In Brief**

**What:** Law Commission's "Towards a New Veterans' Entitlements Scheme: A Discussion paper on a Review of the War Pensions Act 1954". Download:

### [Discussion Paper pg1-104](#)

 3.35MB PDF Document

[HTML](#) (on LC website)

### [DP pg 105-286](#)

 1.59MB PDF Document

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**When:** Submissions due by 28 November 2008.

**How:** Submissions to:

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**Note:** Consultation Meetings during Oct-Nov 2008 at RSAs throughout the country. Dates to be advised shortly.

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### NZ Sub-Branch Executive Appointments 2008

President	Lindsay Taylor
Vice Presidents	Brian Meyer Taawhi Kerehona
Honorary Secretary	Greg Makutu
Honorary Treasurer	Greg Makutu

### NZ Sub-Branch Delegates 2008

Honorary Auditors	Janet Barclay Barrie Leslie
Trustees	John Rayner Ken Frank David Winkelmann
Publicity	Greg Makutu
State Congress Rep	Lindsay Taylor Taawhi Kerehona
Pension/Welfare	Barrie Leslie
Chaplain	Archdeacon Malcolm Karipa
Returning Officer	Barrie Leslie
Solicitor	Not Needed
Patron	Bob Wood
IMDC Rep	Lindsay Taylor Taawhi Kerehona

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans please note that the dates are tentative and subject to change as invitations and confirmation of activities are received. **Yellow** highlight indicates there has been a change.

September Wednesday 3rd	1100 Battle of Australia Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
Friday 12th	1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
Sunday 28th	<b>1030 Committee Meeting</b>
November Monday 10th	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)



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## NewZletter

Tuesday 11th	<b>0630 Poppy Day Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)</b> 1100 Remembrance Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flags/Medals)	May	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>1030 Committee Meeting</b>
Sunday 30th	<b>1030 Committee Meeting</b>		Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/Medals)
December Sunday 14th	1200 NZ Sub-Branch Xmas Lunch Chatswood RSL [Committee Members, Official Invites: Consul General, Presidents Chatswood RSL/Sub- Branch]	July	Sunday 5th	1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde Park (Banner/Flags/Medals)
			Sunday 12th	1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood RSL (Wear Medals)
<b>2009</b>			Sunday 26th	<b>1030 Committee Meeting</b>
January Sunday 25th	<b>1030 Committee Meeting</b>	August	Friday 14th	1100 Victory in the Pacific Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)
February Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Lindsay)		Saturday 16th	1100 Battle of Long Tan Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)
March Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Lindsay)		Sunday 17th	1130 Vietnam Veterans Day Springwood (Banner/Flags/Medals)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>1030 Committee Meeting</b> <b>1100 AGM</b>	<hr/>		
April Friday 17th	1900 Chatswood RSL Dinner -Invitation Only (Wear Medals)			
Saturday 18th	1400 Kapyong Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)			
Sunday 19th	0930 Coogee/Randwick Service and March (Wear Medals) 1000 St Stephens ANZAC Church Service Willoughby (Wear Medals) 1500 North Sydney ANZAC Service and March (Banner/Flags/Medals)			
Thursday 23rd	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)			
Friday 24th	0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)			
Saturday 25th	ANZAC Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banners/Flags/Medals)			
Sunday 26th	1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/Medals)			

# "60 years on" 1948 2008

*A Reunion for all who served with the Regular Force Cadet School*

It is proposed to hold the above reunion at Arena Manawatu, Palmerston North, during Labour Weekend 2008 for all ex cadets, ex cadet staff & their wives/partners. If you wish to attend, please complete the registration form below and return to the Association Secretary asap, to enable accurate planning to be undertaken.

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Surname : \_\_\_\_\_

Company/Class/Staff : \_\_\_\_\_ Year : \_\_\_\_\_

Wife/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number:(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attending: Yes / No. Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** The registration fee has been set at **\$ 150** per ex-Cadet, ex Staff Member or ex Cadet Widow's. and **\$ 100** for a wife or partner. Cheques are to be made payable to: RF Cadet Association.  
Please forward this form together with your cheque for payment to :-

RF Cadet Association  
P.O. Box 272-1219  
Papakura 2110  
New Zealand

**No later than: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008.**