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The Month That Was

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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

Battle for Australia Day - Sydney

The Battle for Australia Day service held at the Martin Place Cenotaph was well attended with the Guest of Honour being General Peter Cosgrove. I think sadly age is wearying our veterans because we seem to have less and less attending nowadays. But I made a statement in many NewZletters that even if we have one NZ veteran flying the flag and/or banner then that keeps the NZ alive and apart from Sarah Craig (Consul General) myself, Margaret and Neville attempted to do just that.

Sydney Event: Commemorative Service
Date: 3 September 2008
Time: 11:00am
Location: Cenotaph, Martin Place, Sydney
Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO (TBC)
The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP
General Peter Cosgrove AC MC (Retd) and Mrs Cosgrove
Mr David Price AM, President, Battle for Australia Day Commemorative Committee, NSW
Principle Attendees: RADM Nigel Coates AM RAN and Mrs Coates
AIRCDRE Geoff Michael AO OBE AFC (Retd)
Consul Generals of New Zealand, Greece and USA
Ms Tanya Gadiel MP, Parliamentary Secretary, Member for Parramatta
Mr Barry O'Farrell MP, Leader of the

Opposition, Member for Ku-ring-gai
Ms Jennifer Collins, A/g Deputy
Commissioner, NSW

Battle of Britain Day - Sydney

The Battle of Britain Day service held at the Martin Place Cenotaph was held on Tuesday 15 September 2008. I attended this service along with Sarah Craig. However, this service was confusing because the RSL Diary had Monday 14 September and it goes some way to explain why there were no other veterans attending apart from the official guests.

LEST WE FORGET

Other Notices

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





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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 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 30 November 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.

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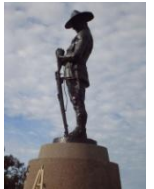
RNZN Reunion

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
Alister MacAskill 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 www.bronzeaussie.com.au to get more details.



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.

The War Pensions Act 1954 Review

The War Pensions Act 1954 is currently being reviewed and all the information on this is included under the RNZRSA News below. However, it is the Sub-Branch intention to submit a response to the Law Commission and the RNZRSA on behalf of the many veterans out there. Therefore if you have any comments you would like included please let me know. I hope to have a summary response by end of the month with any changes, additions before the submission date of 25 November 2008. Please note (thanks to the RNZA Association) that consultation meetings in NZ will take place as follows with times and venues yet to be advised:

28 October - Nelson
29 October - Christchurch
30 October - Dunedin
4 November - Wanganui
5 November - Wellington
6 November - Whangarei



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7 November - Auckland
 10 November - Napier
 12 November - Tauranga
 14 November - Ruatoria

Hawkins, Colin McDonald, Jim Dove, Rick Harawira, Graeme Bolton, David Winkelman and John Leatham.

Membership 2009



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2009 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
 - 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 **Malcolm Jackman, Noel Baigent, Eddie**

The Last Post

Dear veterans,

Please note the passing of another veteran as advised by Roger Carter.

Greetings all,

Here is some sad news of another good and keen bandsman gone. Many of us remember Ken as our CSM in Singapore 1970 - 71, and later he was head of army recruiting for the South Island and organised many New Zealand Army Band tours around the country. He was an extremely enthusiastic band supporter and at one stage recruited the famous Dunedin singer Judy Barnes into the TF so that she could tour and sing with the band. This greatly enhanced the bands popularity over several years before Judy went to Australia and the really big time. I did not know Ken in the earlier bands but I remember him as a very lively band supporter in 1970 - 71, especially of the "Kiwi Five." Ken walked with a slightly proud swagger, and always had a twinkle in his eye that often foreshadowed a good yarn or some new idea. Ken was very proud of his association with the New Zealand Army Band and always did his best to see that we had the best staging, lighting, sound, and meals and accommodation that he could arrange. Ken also loved a social hour or two with us, and was always full of ideas to improve our humble lot. I spoke to Ken's wife Gay, and a daughter today and they expressed their thanks to everyone who is sending condolence messages. Gay reminded me of the many times that they danced to our music and the thrill of seeing many of us last year at the 1RNZIR 50th reunion. Ken will be missed by many. Rest in Peace Ken.

Subject: Last Post

We have been advised of the following:

972443 Kenneth James (Ken) KENNEDY ex 1NZ Regiment
 1957-59 Malaya,
 1RNZIR

1963-65 Malaysia/Borneo, 1RNZIR 1969-71 Singapore, passed away at Christchurch on Friday, 19 September 2008 aged 72. Ken was a drummer in the bands of 1957-59 and 1963-65.

His funeral service is to be held at the John Rhind Chapel, London Street, Christchurch, on Wednesday, 24 September 2008 at 1300hrs followed by interment at the RSA Section of the Ruru Lawn Cemetery.



Messages to: The Kennedy Family, C/- 19 London Street, Christchurch 8013.

Lest we forget

Other News



Kiwi Klassic Twin Peaks Challenge

Competitors in the Kiwi Klassic Twin Peaks Challenge, Afghanistan. (WN 08-0110-01)

1 September 2008
by Lt Col Garry Brosnan

Members of the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT) in Bamyan, Afghanistan and invited Coalition Force partners competed in the inaugural Kiwi Klassic Twin Peaks Challenge on 27 August.



The race concept was devised by two NZPRT members, (myself and Inspector Dave Stone) and became a reality through the efforts of a race committee.

The intent behind the race was to provide a physically demanding and competitive challenge for NZPRT personnel, to promote fitness goal -setting and accomplishment, and to enjoy a unique & culturally distinct activity during the TG CRIB 12 deployment.

The focus for the race was the two peaks that dominate Kiwi Base; the historic hilltop citadel of GHOLGOLA and the imposing heights of PT HILL. GHOLGOLA is famous from the era of Ghengis Khan, whose army captured the hill and destroyed its

inhabitants in 1221. Today, GHOLGOLA remains an historical archaeological site that is heavily mined from more recent conflict.

The Twin Peaks Challenge saw both peaks conquered by race competitors, over a distance of 8.3 kilometres and a vertical rise of 340 metres. Competitors had a choice of two race categories. The Battle-March category comprised 2-person teams, with each team member carrying a minimum of 22 kg of body armour, webbing and weapon. The second category was an individual runner's category and was a straight running race.

Race morning shone bright and clear. The 46 battle-march competitors set off first, followed 45 minutes later by 51 individual runners. The early ascent of GHOLGOLA saw the serious contenders make their breaks from the packs. Tactical jockeying through the local countryside and villages followed as the leaders approached the imposing heights of PT HILL. The ascent of PT HILL proved the defining race section for both categories whereby the strength of the hill climbers enabled them to establish unassailable leads over their challengers. The descent of PT HILL saw a few tumbles down the steep slopes and was followed by a relatively flat home stretch for the final 1500 metres.

Of the ninety-seven competitors, only two failed to complete the course. The smiles of exhaustion and accomplishment on individual faces as the finish line was crossed confirmed that the race's intent had been achieved. The evening function and prize-giving saw the same smiles as trophy winners, finishers, and race officials were all applauded.

Special thanks to the major trophy sponsors: Hirepool NZ, AFCC Hotshots, and the in-theatre food suppliers, Supreme. Likewise to the prize sponsors: Ford NZ, Swazi Apparel, Cadburys, Arena Lodge, Fishing NZ, Pacific Brands, the US Embassy, NZ Army and RNZAF.

The Kiwi Klassic Twin Peaks trophies and race package will now be handed over to the incoming Provincial Reconstruction Team, which we hope becomes an established event as an enduring race to be competed for by every subsequent TG CRIB contingent.

Race Results:

Battle-March Open Champions: Lt Col G. Brosnan, NZ Army and Insp D. Stone, NZ Police (1 hr, 15 min)

Battle-March Master's Champions: Lt J. Mutch, NZ Army and Sgt S. Crawford, NZ Army tied with Sgt K. Brown, RNZAF and Sgt K. Murrell, RNZAF (2 hr, 21 min)



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Battle-March Veteran's Champions: W/O R. Connochie, RNZAF and WO2 C. Dewes, NZ Army (1 hr, 54 min)

Battle-March Patrol Champions: FOB Security Section (LCpl N. Edwards and LCpl D. Wrightson, Pte H. Paki and Tpr F. Hoffman), all from 1RNZIR

Runners Mens Open Champion: Maj J. de la Haye, NZ Army (51 min)

Runners Women's Open Champion: Cpl L. Muir, RNZAF (57 min)

Runners Master's Champion: Capt A. Warden, NZ Army (53 min)

Runners Veteran's Champion: Supt P. Carpenter, NZ Police (55 min)

Christchurch VC honoured in Belgium

Henry Nicholas VC, a plaque in his honour was unveiled in Belgium this weekend (image courtesy: Army Museum Waiouru).

15 September 2008

New Zealand Defence Force personnel took part in the unveiling of a special plaque to honour Christchurch VC holder, Sergeant Henry James Nicholas VC, in Belgium on Sunday 14 September.

Around 300 people attended the ceremony including New Zealand's Ambassador to Belgium HE Mr Peter Kennedy, New Zealand Defence Force personnel and many of the citizens of West Flanders.



SGT Nicholas VC was the first soldier from the Canterbury Regiment to be awarded the Victoria Cross, for his actions during the First World War. The plaque is located near Geluveld to the south of Polygon Wood, close to the spot where Nicholas won the VC.

Military Adviser Defence Staff London, Lieutenant Colonel John Boswell said:

"The story of Sergeant Nicholas' exceptional bravery is truly inspirational. He single-handedly captured a German machine-

gun post that had opened up on the New Zealand advance, killing 12 of its occupants and taking the other four prisoner. His actions saved many lives and enabled the New Zealand attack to continue."

Following the unveiling those attending the ceremony were guided through Polygon Wood to visit the dug-outs built by New Zealand engineers in 1917. The short walk concluded at the New Zealand Memorial to the Missing at Buttes New British Cemetery where around 500 people attended a remembrance service.

The plaque was erected by the Community of Zonnebeke and the New Zealand Embassy in Brussels.

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- [Three golds for Defence Team at NZ Worldskills](#)
- [First of WW2 Division banners to be presented](#)
- [Christmas parcels for Kiwi Defence Personnel](#)
- [Army Silver Service Dinner up for grabs](#)
- [Officer cadets march on Mangakino](#)
- [Territorial Force Challenge](#)

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Navy, Air Force successfully test fire missile

Live firing of a maverick missile from a Seasprite helicopter, launched from the Navy's frigate HMNZS TE KAHA (WN08-0048-75)

Two air-to-surface live missile firings were successfully conducted today in a joint exercise involving New Zealand's Navy and Air Force.



In a joint operation utilising the Navy Frigate TE KAHA, Naval Seasprite Helicopters from 6 Squadron and an Air Force P3



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Orion, two AGM65 Maverick air-to-surface missiles were test fired at 9.45am.

Maritime Component Commander, Commodore Tony Parr says that in a first, the Mavericks were fired from Naval Seasprite Helicopters against two targets at sea east of Great Barrier Island.

"This is an important demonstration of the Seasprite and Maverick missile capability. It is also a very good example of sailors and airmen working together to bring to bear that capability," he says.

"The activity involved a 'start to finish' validation of current Royal New Zealand Navy and Royal New Zealand Air Force standing operating procedures, orders and instructions, and to verify the Seasprite as a firing platform for the Maverick missile."

Commodore Parr says the 'Maverick' missile was introduced to service seven years ago by the New Zealand Defence Force but this was the first live-firing from a SH-2G (NZ) Seasprite, against either maritime or land targets.

"Regular weapons firings are part of our development and maintenance of operational capability," he said. "Exercises like today's allow air and ground crews to practice preparation, loading and firing procedures – as well as the handling of live forward firing ordnance on board our ships."

Commander Mat Williams, Commanding Officer of HMNZS TE KAHA says: "The firing was very successful, the air-to-surface missile performed as expected and has proven the capability".

Argentinian Frigate visiting Wellington

The Argentinian Tall Sail Ship ARA LIBERTAD with her ship's company of 220 will be berthed at Queen's Wharf, Wellington from Monday 29 September until her departure on Sunday 5 October 2008.

The purpose of the ship's visit is to strengthen bilateral relationships between the two countries and two Navies, and to make official calls.

During the visit, the Commanding Officer of ARA LIBERTAD, Captain Juan Jose Iglesias will be calling on the Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral David Ledson and the Deputy Mayor of Wellington, Mr Ian McKinnon.

The ship will also be holding official functions for invited guests.

Media are welcome to attend the following events:

Sunday 28 September

ARA Libertad will sail into Wellington Harbour and anchor off Soames Island at approximately 10.00am (possible photo op/weather shot).

Monday 29 September

ARA LIBERTAD will sail from Soames Island and berth at Queen's Wharf at 10.00am. The Argentinian Ambassador will meet the ship at the wharf.

Ship is open to the public 2.00pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 30 September

The Commanding Officer and Ship's Company will arrive at the National War Memorial, Buckle Street, to lay a wreath at 10.00am.

Ship is open to the public 2.00pm-6.00pm

Thursday 2 October

Ship open to the public from 2.00 – 6.00pm

Friday 3 October

Ship open to the public from 2.00 – 6.00pm

Saturday 4 October

Ship open to the public from 2.00 – 6.00pm

Sunday 5 October

ARA LIBERTAD sails.

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Christmas parcels for Kiwi Defence Personnel



Gingernuts anyone? Navy Sub Lieutenant Elizabeth Lewer was among the NZDF and Police personnel packing parcels for personnel who will be overseas at Christmas.

Most people don't usually get Marmite for Christmas but New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel and members of the Police Force who will be overseas on Christmas Day will receive jars of Marmite among a parcel of Kiwi goodies from home.

Over 490 parcels were packed today by personnel from the NZDF, NZ Police, and Royal New Zealand Returned Service Association (RNZRSA). The parcels, which included items such as ANZAC biscuits, gingernuts, Marmite, Watties tomato sauce, chippies and onion dip ingredients, toothpaste and chewing gum will be sent to 13 countries including Afghanistan, Antarctica, Solomon Islands, Egypt and Timor Leste.

"The RSA parcels are a way to bring a small part of New Zealand to those personnel who are away from their families at Christmas," said Commander Joint Forces New Zealand Major General Rhys Jones. "I am extremely proud of the work our people are doing overseas and I hope that seeing these typical Kiwi items will bring them all a smile on Christmas Day."

The RSA tradition of sending parcels to troops overseas began during World War I. The annual project is funded by generous financial donations from local RSA branches throughout the country, contributions from both the Army and RNZAF Central Welfare Funds and individual members of the public.

Navy Leading Writer Rangitekohe Stark said she received a parcel when she was in the Persian Gulf on the HMNZS Te Kaha in 2003. She said, "It was fantastic to get a parcel from home. The chippies and dip went down a treat and I especially remember the tomato sauce."

ENDS

Note to editors: As at 18 September 2008 the New Zealand Defence Force has 661 personnel deployed on peacekeeping operations, UN missions, and defence exercises in 16 countries, including Afghanistan, Solomon Islands, Sinai and Timor Leste.

Air Force puts crew through paces at 250 feet

Central North Island residents and residents of Central Otago and the West Coast of the South Island should not be alarmed at the sight of Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) C-130 Hercules aircraft flying as low as 250 ft over the region from 15 – 26 September.

As part of exercise TACEX 08 aircrew from RNZAF Number 40 Squadron, based at Whenuapai in Auckland, will conduct formation flying, operations from various landing zones, the dropping of light equipment to targeted drop zones and mountain flying that makes up training for RNZAF C-130 Hercules operations.

The training we undergo during TACEX is essential for the operations that we conduct overseas, especially in Afghanistan, said C-130 Hercules captain Squadron Leader Andy Scott.

"The mountain flying is especially crucial to what we do on deployment. It gets pretty rough and bumpy down the back when you are as low as 250ft but the training environment provides ideal conditions for what we can expect when we deploy," Squadron Leader Scott said.

South Island residents will see the large military aircraft over the period 17 – 19 September as crews conduct flying operations from the Wanaka airfield.

Residents of the Central North Island in and around the Raumai Drop Zone should keep an eye out for the C-130 as it conducts low level approaches and air drops to the dedicated targets from the 22nd.

The bi-annual exercise for RNZAF 40 Squadron aircrew and maintenance personnel will operate from the Air Force base at Ohakea.

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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.

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



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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:

Lecretia Seales
Senior Legal and Policy Adviser
Law Commission
PO Box 2590
Wellington 6011
Email: veterans@lawcom.govt.nz

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](#)

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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

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| Vice Presidents | Brian Meyer Taawhi Kerehona |
| Honorary Secretary | Greg Makutu |
| Honorary Treasurer | Greg Makutu |

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| 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.

November Monday 10th 0630 Poppy Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)

Tuesday 11th **0630 Poppy Day Selling Martin Place Station (Wear Medals)**
1100 Remembrance Day Service Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flags/Medals)

Sunday 30th **1030 Committee Meeting**

December Sunday 14th 1200 NZ Sub-Branch Xmas Lunch Chatswood RSL [Committee Members, Official Invites: Consul General, Presidents Chatswood RSL/Sub-Branch]

2009

January Sunday 25th **1030 Committee Meeting**

February Thursday 5th 1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Lindsay)

March Thursday 5th 1100 ANZAC Participants Meeting (Lindsay)

Sunday 8th **1030 Committee Meeting**
1100 AGM

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)

May Sunday 31st **1030 Committee Meeting**

Sunday 11th 1030 ANZAC Church Service Te Wairua Tapu Maori Anglican Church Redfern (Korowai/Lemon Squeezer/Medals)

July Sunday 5th 1100 Reserve Forces Day Hyde Park (Banner/Flags/Medals)

Sunday 12th 1200 Mid-Year Lunch Chatswood RSL (Wear Medals)

Sunday 26th **1030 Committee Meeting**

August Friday 14th 1100 Victory in the Pacific Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Saturday 16th 1100 Battle of Long Tan Day Martin Place Cenotaph (Banner/Flag/Medals)

Sunday 17th 1130 Vietnam Veterans Day Springwood (Banner/Flags/Medals)

September Wednesday 2nd 1100 Battle of Australia Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Friday 11th 1100 Battle of Britain Martin Place Cenotaph (Wear Medals)

Sunday 27th **1030 Committee Meeting**

"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 : _____

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
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No later than: Friday 29th August 2008.