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The Month That Was

NZ Veterans in AU is now on Facebook.

After unsuccessfully attempting to generate NZ Veteran discussion using an online forum from within the NZVIA website (www.nzvia.com.au) it was decided that Facebook may be better forum as it is used by many other Veteran organisations including the RNZRSA not to mention that Facebook is immensely popular. Therefore, whilst most information including pictures will be on the website, please use NZVIA Facebook as a possible form of discussing issues regarding NZ Veterans [NZVIA Facebook](#)

National President in Hospital

Dear Veterans, please be advised that the National President WWII/Korea Veteran Neville Berridge is in Hospital receiving treatment for cancer. Neville collapsed with a heart attack at the end of an ANZAC Day March in Sydney in 2002. However, he was very lucky that St John's was close with a defibrillator and he recovered with very little problems. The only thing he cannot remember is the time he collapsed and when he woke up in hospital a few weeks later. Neville is 82 years old and is continuing to battle a more aggressive, persistent and unseen enemy now but his determination to fight this enemy remains strong and we wish him all the best in his struggle.

ANZAC Day March and Church Service in NSW



Dear Veterans, I attended the NSW RSL ANZAC Day March Participants Meeting and announced that our March Commander this year was Sir Ian Turbott. Sir Ian led our March last year and did

very well for his age although he was very tired at the end. Unfortunately Sir Ian has just come out of hospital since going in before Christmas and advised that he has cancer and is not able to attend the March and Church Service this year. We wish Sir Ian all the very best and will keep him in our prayers.

Sadly due to Sir Ian's unavailability, I am looking for a NZ Veteran to lead the March and give the ANZAC Address at the Church Service (Preferably in order of conflict WWII, BCOF, Korea, Malaya, Indonesia, Vietnam, Gulf, Peacekeeping...). If you can help please let me know. The march will continue to be on ANZAC Day and we march at 9am.

The ANZAC Church Service is held at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, on Sunday 1 March 2011 (always the first Sunday after ANZAC Day) and starts at 10:30am. Our first dignitary has accepted the invitation to the Church service, the Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney Cllr Marcelle Hoff. Cllr Hoff is well known in Redfern and as a result there will be a large aboriginal attendance as well as the 100+ Veterans that attended last year.



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NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Annual General Meeting

The NZ Veterans in NSW held their AGM on 30 January 2011 and the following Executive appointments were announced:

President: Lt (Retd) Ron Haira TF
Vice Presidents: Lindsay Taylor (Vietnam), Brian Meyer (Vietnam)
Treasurer/Secretary: Brian O'Donohue (Malaya)

ANZAC Day Services in the Central Coast

Dear Veterans, a request has been received from Vietnam Veteran Clarence Ormsby JP seeking NZ Veterans to represent us at two ANZAC Day services in the Central Coast as follows:



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Kia Ora,

I have been invited to conduct an ANZAC service in the bush out west at Hartwood country music festival.

Grahame Crossing from the Central Coast is seeking a New Zealand veteran or persons who can represent New Zealand at two ANZAC Services...one at Palmdale Memorial Park @ 9am and the other at Greenway Memorial Gardens @ 11am.

We do have Private Ashley James Down, the only member of the 28th Maori Battalion at rest at Palmdale Memorial Park, Ourimbah.

You may contact Grahame Crossing @ (02) 4355 4070 mobile: 0400 926 169 or email: grae_c@bigpond.com

The Maori Battalion supporters at Te Wairua Tapu may wish to do the ANZAC speech and sing Po Ata Rau in closing.

I hope someone can support Grahame.

Kia kaha,
Clarence Ormsby JP NSW

ANZAC Church Service at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu



A reminder that the next biggest event for NZ Veterans in NSW is the ANZAC Day March and the ANZAC Church Service which is always held on the first Sunday after ANZAC Day which is Sunday 1 May 2011. Invited Guests include CDF of NZDF and ADF, Lord Mayor of Sydney, Cpl Apiata VC, Tpr Donaldson VC, NZ Consul General, State President of the RSL, Presidents from the many NZ and AU Veteran organisations in NSW including Indigenous Veterans Representative sub-Mariner David Williams.

This is the only event where it is managed by NZ Veterans for NZ Veterans with the support of the only NZ identifiable Church in NSW.

Go to the www.nzvia.com.au for more information and news of NZ Veterans.

Go to www.tewairuatapu.com.au for more information and news from the Church.

NZ Veterans in Australia (Tasmania) Notices

Last Post, Reveille, Rouse, Long Reveille, Naval or Charlie Reveille

Courtesy of Roger Carter, please read with interest the confusion surrounding the use of the above at services, funerals, commemorations and other Veteran events.

Last Post, Reveille, Rouse, Long Reveille, Naval or Charlie Reveille? Who really knows which one should be played or sounded and when? I thought I had some idea, after all I have been around the military music scene for some time, but when an old friend contacted me and asked a simple question, I thought I'd better do a bit of checking myself to find out the truth. Me ole kiwi mate, Alastair, has successfully started Dawn Services on Anzac Day in Poona, a happy little coastal village in the Great Sandy Straits up in Queensland, and his simple question was, should he play Reveille or Rouse at the Dawn Service.

Being the clever bugger that I am, I quickly checked the internet but became more confused the further I went into it. I realised that for the past, well a long time anyway, I had believed that the Rouse was Reveille, and in the NZ Army we had sounded Rouse for Reveille!! Confused??.....so was I, so off to the big city I went. It took all of five seconds to find a park in the manager's slot at the Tasmania RSL Headquarters, and shortly I was in the possession of a recorded disc which gave me the Australian Government Department of Veterans Affairs official version of music for Anzac day etc. On the disc is recorded the Last Post, One Minutes Silence (yes!!!) The Rouse, and Advance Australia Fair. All very good, but what did they call Rouse. A quick play back confirmed that Rouse is what I had always thought was Reveille. The manager chappie confirmed that that is what he has always played and no one has ever complained.

With these words of wisdom ringing my ears, I then stopped off at the headquarters of the Australian Army Band Tasmania and the RAN Band Tasmania. Finding an easy park in the No Parking Zone, I consulted the two regular force matelots; as the two army musicians were not in..... probably out running, or



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on stand down from a late night in the mess. The navy guys, one of them a brilliant trumpeter, informed me that they have played both Rouse and Reveille at different times but had no idea what time of day each call should be played.

Now I did know that Rouse is shorter than Reveille and I, like many others, have also called Reveille the Long Reveille but also calling Rouse, Reveille. Armed with this enlightenment I recalled the first time that I had heard the Long Reveille. I was in Singapore with Denis Dewe's great little battalion band. We had come down from Malacca to be the duty band for a month and on the 4th and 5th of April 1966 we played at a couple of funerals for two British soldiers who had drowned in Borneo. Both bodies had been in the water for a long time, so because of the lack of refrigeration and the resultant stench, the graveside internments were hurried along. Imagine our dismay when an old, unshaven, overweight, grubby looking British staff sergeant ambled out with a bugle and attempted to sound the Long Reveille after blundering through the Last Post. Reveille goes on for nearly a minute, compared to 16 seconds for the Rouse. I am sure that this old staff sergeant must have taken three minutes to play his version of the Reveille as he kept miss pitching notes in nearly every bar and decided to correct his mistakes on the spot.

I think that was the critical time in the history of music in the NZ Army, when the "smart kiwis" decided that they should never play the Reveille but stick with the much shorter Rouse and call it Reveille!

Now to confuse me further I discovered that the navy has its own Reveille, which is a lively tune consisting of three repeated eight bar stanzas in three eight time. I believe that it is used for calling all Hands, and follows Last Post at Naval Funerals.

An official NZ site giving advice to the citizens of Turkey on Anzac Day says that after the Last Post has been sounded "the bugler plays Reveille to signal the end of the silence and announce the beginning of the day." It goes on to say that at the "Lone Pine and Chunuk Bair service, the Last Post is followed by one minutes silence. The bugler then plays Rouse (if an Army Bugler) or Reveille (if a Navy bugler) to call the soldier's spirits to arise."

This proves to me that the army is still using the much easier and shorter version (clever scoundrels), but does the NZ Navy sound the Naval Reveille sometimes called the 'Charlie' Reveille.....whoever Charlie was or is?

Several Australian sites give details on which calls should be sounded, and British Army Bugle Calls authority gives three possibilities. They say that after the Last Post and a minutes silence you can play either: the Rouse, the Long Reveille or the Naval Reveille.

The Aussie internet sites give you several choices, but they at least provide the sheet music, which to most, though not all bandsmen, should make things very clear IF you read music. As many buglers are drummers who can not distinguish pitch notation, and ex RSM's run these parades on Anzac Day, it means diddly squat to most!!! One reference says "Rouse is the bugle call more commonly used in conjunction with the Last Post, and to the layman is often incorrectly called Reveille. Reveille is rarely used because of its length".....and that is why the smart Kiwi bandsmen advised the "powers that be" in BS castle, that Rouse is really Reveille.

The NZ Army Band has recorded the First Post, the Last Post the Reveille and the Rouse, but there are no instructions as to when to play or sound them. The Australian Army site is emphatic on what they think, so to confirm the information on this site I managed to contact the local band Sergeant Major, and he gave me the following good advice. Reveille (the long one) is used for the Dawn Service only and Rouse for all other times of the day. As for the Navy 'Charlie' Reveille.....I guess they can please themselves, as they are the senior service!!!! But do not play the Retreat when under way.....the navy may run but never retreat!!

Over the past twelve months or so, many fine friends have sent me a film clip of a 13 year old girl called Melissa Venema (she is now 16) playing Il Silenzio accompanied by the Andre Rieu Orchestra. For the last time this is not the Last Post. It is a piece of music made famous by trumpeter Nini Rosso, and became a world wide hit in 1965. It was later covered by a top Maori vocal group in Auckland who put words to it, and later by the RNZIR Band of 1980 -82 who featured their fabulous singers and the golden sound of Butch Green on trumpet. Hmnn I wonder who their bandmaster was? Il Silenzio is based on the American bugle call Taps, and was put together during the American Civil War in 1862.

There must be hundreds of bugle calls and many have words to them, some jovial and some downright rude, as is the custom of servicemen all over the world. And finally, bugle calls should always be played on a Bb bugle and are sounded not played.

Reunion Notices

1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion Singapore 22-29 April 2011



Dear Veterans, just a reminder for those Veterans that served in 1RNZIR in Singapore. There are also very nice Polo Shirts available for purchase in memory of



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the Reunion. My discussions with many Veterans in NSW have indicated strong support for this Reunion but sadly you will be missed at the ANZAC Day March in many parts of AU. However, for NZ Veterans in NSW you are welcome to attend the ANZAC Day Church Service on Sunday 1 May 2011.

V3 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion 3-6 June 2011

Following the very successful V3 Company reunion held in Te Araroa last year it has been decided to hold a further reunion in Greymouth over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2011. All members of the V3 family are most welcome to attend. Full details can be found on the reunion website

<http://www.premierstrategics.com/victor3/victor3.html>

RNZN Reunion in Gold Coast 2011

RNZN Veterans please be advised that the next reunion will be held in the Gold Coast in 2011. The reunions are blessed with a large attendance of Navy veterans and I am sure the 2011 reunion will also be the same.

For more information please go to www.nzvia.com.au

RF Cadet 50th Anniversary Reunion 2013 (Bennett Class)

Reminder for any RF Cadet Bennett Class veterans to please contact Roy Jones or Ben Hadfield as follows:



Ben Hadfield benzza@iprimus.com.au.

Roy Jones royojones@dreamtilt.com.au.

Ex-Malaya Veterans



Please be advised that the NZ Malaya Veterans Association Inc has a new website

<http://www.malayavets.co.nz/>

Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

Reminder for all NZ Vietnam Veterans to keep in touch with your fellow comrades and



keep up to date with the latest information through your association.

The website address as follows:

www.evsa.org.nz

NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2010



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2011 RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) membership renewal is due.



As stated in my email, the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association 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 (NSW) (picture above new Members Peter and Jan Dicken receiving their membership badge from Lindsay Taylor 2009). 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. Application forms are also on the NZVIA NSW page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column or email nsw@nzvia.com.au

Now that the NewZletter goes to Veterans in other States, I have been asked how they can become involved in the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW).

Please note the following:

1. Interstate veterans can join the NSW Branch of the RSL via the NZ Sub-Branch (NSW) 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 (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.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia NSW so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the NSW RSL.



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NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2010

VIC Veterans are reminded that the **2011** RSL and NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) membership renewal is due. As stated in my email,



the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic) would welcome your contribution to the operations of the association



regardless of whether you retain your voting and speaking rights with your parent Sub-Branch and remain as a

member of the NZ Sub-Branch (Vic). So for \$35 please send in your application form. Forms are available from the NZVIA Victoria page of the www.nzvia.com.au website. Just scroll down to the end of the Membership column.

Just a reminder, the NZ Sub-Branch is the legal entity for the NZ Veterans in Australia VIC so membership must remain with the NZ Sub-Branch in regards to its association with the VIC RSL.

Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to: **Margaret McInroy, David pepper-Edwards, Ian Esler, Ron Fowell, Rebecca Brierton, Brian Gridley, Ivan McNicholl, David Randall, Jim Robinson, Bruce Jenkin, Dick Wharera, Campbell Yates and Roger Shortt.**

The Last Post

Last Post Reminders in NZ

Dear Veterans, there are notices sent for our Veterans that pass away in NZ. I do not repeat them in this NewZletter but if you want to keep in touch with notices regarding Veterans in NZ please let me know and I will send you the link(s). I think most Veterans here get the notices anyway.

Last Post Reminder

Veterans, I can honestly say (albeit with great sadness) that after attending many funerals in NSW, the families have been

overwhelmingly grateful, appreciative and welcomed our ability to coordinate the military aspects of the funeral for our fallen comrade. It is incredibly moving to see the pride in the families not only when they hear and sometimes first learn of our fallen comrade's military service, but also when they see the Casket covered with the NZ Flag, respective service hat (Army, Airforce or Navy) and Korowai. Furthermore, all the families I have coordinated funeral details with have also been very comfortable with photos being taken knowing the reason for such photos e.g. veteran only distribution. You would have seen such photos in previous NewZletters.

Therefore, please let us know as veterans pass away in Australia so I can advise all the veterans in Australia. For NSW veterans, we try to attend wherever possible funerals of our comrades so please keep us informed.



Lest we forget

Other News



NZDF Medal Update

Applications for the NZ Defence Service Medal (NZDSM) are expected to open in early April 2011 for the oldest ex-Service persons. Applications can only open after Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Royal Warrant, and the Governor-General has signed the Regulations.



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The proposed design of the medal has been finalised by the Herald of Arms Extraordinary and will be sent to The Queen shortly for approval. Manufacturing will occur once the design has been approved by The Queen.

Around 160,000 personnel qualify for the NZDSM and the Defence Force Medals Office expect to issue around 116,000 medals over the next three years. With such high numbers a priority programme is necessary and the Minister of Defence has directed that the priority will be:

1. Those living ex-Service personnel over the age of 70
2. Those living ex-Service personnel over the age of 60
3. Then other living ex-Service personnel.

Terminally ill ex-Service personnel will be given priority over all other applicants but will still need to apply in the usual manner.

Families of deceased ex-Service personnel will be invited to apply for their late relation's (husband/father/mother etc) medal entitlement after the processing of the initial applications from older living ex-Service personnel is well underway, possibly in late 2011.

An initial NZDSM presentation will be made to a selected group of ex-Service personnel at a ceremony in Parliament in the first half of 2011. For logistical reasons it is anticipated that the majority of these personnel will be drawn from the Wellington area.

Regional medal presentations will be arranged by local RSA branches from late May 2011.

Interviews are currently taking place for additional staff to process the medal applications.

The hard copy form has been tested and the online version of the form is currently under construction.

For further information please read the NZDSM FAQ sheet <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdsms/faqs.html> which is being updated regularly basis in line with questions received through the medals site.

Once the application process opens the Medals Office aim to deliver medals to those entitled to receive them as quickly as possible and will be providing frequent updates about the NZDSM Project on the website at medals.nzdf.mil.nz



Navy proud to celebrate Auckland's Anniversary birthday celebrations



Photo -
HMNZS
WELLINGTO
N in Auckland
Harbour
26 January
2011

The Royal New Zealand Navy's newest Offshore Patrol vessel, HMNZS WELLINGTON has the honour to be the guard ship for the 171st Auckland Anniversary Day Regatta.

This honour has been bestowed on a naval vessel since the 1860's. In 1862 HMS Miranda and Fawn, stationed in New Zealand, were present at the regatta in Auckland Harbour after the conclusion of the Taranaki War(1).

Between the 1860s and 1920s the presence of a naval vessel was sporadic and it wasn't until the development of the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy in 1921 that the navy's involvement was more consistent.

This year, HMNZS WELLINGTON will be the 'Start Ship' for the races and will be anchored off Bean Rock. Onboard the ship will be The Governor General Sir Anand Satyanand hosted by Commodore Ross Smith, Maritime Component Commander.

Also, as part of this year's Auckland Anniversary Birthday Celebrations and Regatta, HMNZS WELLINGTON will be open to the public.

What: HMNZS WELLINGTON will be open to the public
When: 10:00am to 4:00pm Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 January 2011 (last visitors at 3:00pm)Where: Queens Wharf, Ports of Auckland.

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222,303 nautical miles were steamed by Navy ships during 2010 as part of operations, exercises and activities. For further



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information please contact Lieutenant Sarah Campbell, Senior Media Adviser (Navy) - mobile 021 244 0638.

(1) The Taranaki War was an armed conflict over land ownership and sovereignty between Maori and the New Zealand Government in the Taranaki district from March 1860 to March 1861.

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ISAF investigation confirms NZSAS fired in self-defence

14 January, 2011

An investigation by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force and the New Zealand Defence Force has confirmed that New Zealand SAS soldiers fired in self-defence in a joint NZSAS and Afghan operation in Kabul on Christmas Eve.

Video footage of the operation shows that the New Zealanders were fired upon first, says Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae.

Lieutenant General Jerry Mateparae says varying accounts were reported of what should have been a relatively straightforward "cordon and search" operation late on the night of 23 December. The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) has Full Motion Video of the events of that evening. This shows that the New Zealanders came under fire first.

The video imagery has not been released by ISAF because of its security classification, but Lt Gen Mateparae has viewed the footage as part of an internal NZ Defence Force review of the operation and agrees with ISAF's conclusions. As part of a review process Lt Gen Mateparae has thoroughly considered

operational and legal aspects related to this operation and he says he is entirely satisfied the NZSAS carried out this operation appropriately.

The joint New Zealand and Afghan operation had been tasked at short notice by ISAF after credible intelligence was received about an imminent rocket and/or explosives attack on the US Embassy in Kabul. Lt Gen Mateparae says that the Afghan authorities had been alerted and approval for the Afghan Crisis Response Unit (CRU) participation had been gained. The New Zealand unit was appropriately tasked, and partnered with the CRU.

Lt Gen Mateparae says that as the New Zealanders were in uniform and as they approached the compound they clearly identified themselves as ISAF forces.

"The video imagery has captured the heat plumes from weapons as they are fired," he says. "It clearly shows the New Zealanders came under fire from an Afghan 'security guard' and that the New Zealanders only returned fire in self defence because they were at risk of death or serious injury. The guard was wounded during the exchange of fire and then retreated into a nearby building."

The video imagery goes on to show two further Afghan security guards armed with AK 47 weapons running into the compound and taking up firing positions metres away from members of the NZSAS.

"The New Zealand forces yelled a command for the Afghans to stop. Because they were in immediate danger they then returned fire at the two Afghan security guards, which resulted in their deaths. The video imagery shows what appears to be a heat plume coming from one of the security guards weapons, indicating that at least one of them opened fire at close range on the New Zealanders before they returned the fire."

Lt Gen Mateparae says in total the time elapsed from the first shot being fired to the last was just 37 seconds. He says that after this exchange of fire, the NZSAS cleared nearby buildings. A NZSAS medical officer immediately gave medical treatment to the wounded Afghans. The weapons of both the dead Afghan guards were checked and both weapons were found to be loaded with a round chambered in each weapon - establishing the security guards' ability to open fire on the NZSAS members. In addition, items consistent with the initial intelligence report were found in the compound, further validating the operation.

Lt Gen Mateparae says he has been advised that ISAF do not intend investigating this operation any further because they are more than satisfied that the NZSAS acted appropriately.



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"The video imagery is consistent with the version of events given at the time by members of the NZSAS. Having reviewed the circumstances I am satisfied that members of the NZSAS responded with discipline, professionalism and courage to the threats they faced," says Lt Gen Mateparae.

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For more information please contact: CDR Phil Bradshaw,
Defence Communications Group, on 021 441 493

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