



New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated NEWZLETTER



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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](#)

New Zealand Defence Service Medal



Dear Veterans, please be advised that applications are now being taken for the NZDSM.

You can apply directly online, or download the application form. Click on the following link

<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdsdm/index.html>

For those that can assist, please help out our Veterans complete their application if

they are not in a position to do this. Brian Meyer has been very active advising NZ Veterans of this entitlement and I have been assisting some older NZ Veterans apply with the easiest method being online.

Medallic Recognition of New Zealand Military Service in South-East Asia since 1950

Some aspects of the service by New Zealand military personnel in South-East Asia between 1950 and 1989 are currently not eligible for medallic recognition. In 2005, the Minister of Defence instructed that this situation be researched and reported upon for the period 1950-1975. An independent historian was employed by the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) to research the subject and prepare a report covering the period up to 1975. His full report is available on the NZDF Medals website at <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/seasia/about.html>

Public consultation has now closed, and the working group expects to report back to the Government by 31 October 2011.

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

NZ Veterans in NSW Mid-Year Lunch Sunday 31 July 2011



Dear Veterans, the mid-year lunch was held on Sunday 31 July 2011 following the bi-monthly general meeting. This is always a small but memorable lunch and a great opportunity to catch up again and chat about anything and

everything. It was a great attendance especially the three over-90 year old Veterans (l-r): Frank Harlow, Maurice Borland and Arch Campbell.

Maori Battalion Production 24-26 September 2011

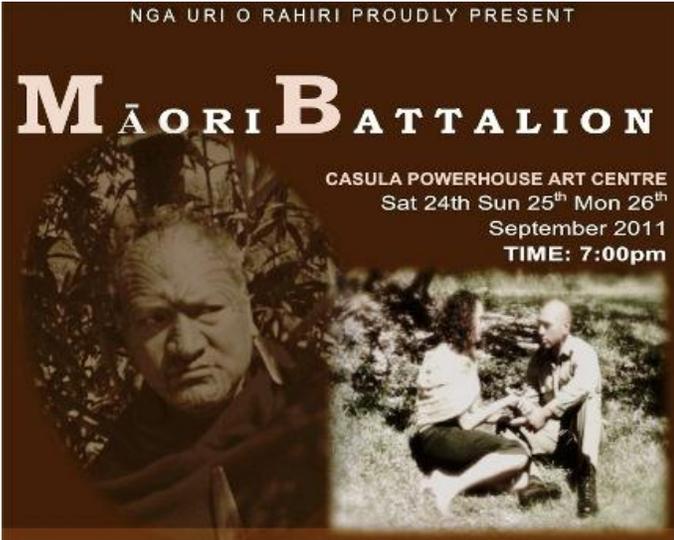
Maori Battalion This breathtaking production is based on a true story called, 'Our Journey to the Other Side of the World'. The story attempts to bring to life the experiences of Edison Te Kanae Wineera of D Company, a direct descendant of the Maori chief Te Rauparaha. Edison, like many of his comrades served in the

New Zealand Armed forces under the mantle of the 28th Maori Battalion. Tickets \$30.

NGA URI O RAHIRI PROUDLY PRESENT

MĀORI BATTALION

CASULA POWERHOUSE ART CENTRE
Sat 24th Sun 25th Mon 26th
September 2011
TIME: 7:00pm



TICKET SALES
E: ngauri@live.com.au or P: 0409 394 955
\$ 30.00

An overwhelming performance encapsulating the awe-inspiring narrative of **EDISON TEKANAE WINEERA** No.805274, a direct descent of Maori Chief Te Rauparaha. A true story that emulates commitment, determination & sacrifice that communicates life & death

WORDS OF TE RAUPARAHA
Ka mate ka mate ka ora ka ora
I live I live I die I die



Director: Kiri Barber

This play is part of the Niu Warrior Exhibition that will be at the Casula Powerhouse from 24 Sept – 4 Dec 2011, Maori Battalion play will be in the theatre on 24,25 & 26th September. To book your tickets you can go the this link: <http://www.casulapowerhouse.com/booknow/>

NIU WARRIOR - EXHIBITIONS

24 September - 4 December 2011

Who : All ages

Where : Casula Powerhouse Galleries

When : 10am Saturday 24 September 2011

Time

Exhibition opening times Monday - Sunday 10am - 5pm

Cost : Free

Info : Phone (02) 9824 1121 or email reception

Marketi, food, arts and crafts, exhibitions, theatre and more

Ten exhibitions, theatre performances, one festival weekend

Following on from the success of Body Pacifica in 2010, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is proud to present Niu Warrior.

The Niu Warrior program is composed of exhibitions, performances, workshops and special events created by a selection of artists from the Pacific Rim.



Niu Warrior identifies these artists as 'modern warriors', using art to promote inter-personal and cross-cultural understanding, reconciliation, bravery and leadership. Modern warriors stand in direct contrast to behaviours of violence, alienation, colonialism and racism.

An essential element aspect of the Niu Warrior program is the inclusion of urban Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island artists who through their own sophisticated art practices embrace the progress of cultural understanding.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people of the Pacific Rim share with Pacific Islanders an affinity with the natural resources of the land. This is a basic tenant of respect that our cultures accord with each other.

EXHIBITIONS

Pacifica: The Art of War - 10 Pacific war objects selected from the Australian Museum Pacific collection. Artists Tevita Havea and Dion Hortsmans respond to the Australian Museum Selection chosen by curator Leo Tanoi. Hopper Gallery.

Niu Warrior - Frank Puletua Photographic exhibition of emerging Pacific players from the National Rugby League. Turbine Hall Gallery.

Niu Tube Project - Warriors once fought for their culture with weapons and war. Today, culture is represented a different way – spears and shields have been replaced with paintbrushes, laptops, mics and decks. Who is your Niu Warrior? What do they have to say about your culture and what is their medium of communication? Are they a rapper, an artist, a community worker? Upload your ideas about culture and representation at our quick-capture YouTube station. Pacific Corner.

Niu Pasifik Warriors - 50 Artists works from the Pacific rim. Curated by Giles Peterson. Giles shares with us his Pacific rim collection which he has travelled throughout the Pacific and America. This exhibition expands on Giles exhibition 'Niu Pasifik' idea and combines another level of curatorial by now looking at these artists as 'Niu Warriors'. Switch Gallery

Te Wairua Tapu Ball Saturday 8 October 2011



Dear Veterans, if you are looking for a nice evening of food, drink and dance at a very good venue, please be advised that The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu are holding a Ball on Saturday 8 October 2011 at La Mirage

Function centre and Restaurant, 65 Ramsey Road, Five Dock. Tickets are \$120 each and the Ball starts at 1830 hours.

The NZ Veterans in NSW have partnered with the Church to host the ANZAC Church Service and the Remembrance Day Church Service both of which are held the first Sunday after ANZAC and Remembrance Day.

Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

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Reminder: Remembrance Day Church Service Sunday 13 November 2011

The Remembrance Day Church Service is on Sunday 13 November 2011 at 1030 hours, the first Sunday after Remembrance Day. The service is held at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern and includes Laying Poppies at the altar.



Important Notice (NZDF Medal Presentation):

However, this year it is hoped that some of the NZ Veterans that have received their NZDSM will have them formally presented at the service this year which would be great. The service is always followed by Coffee/Tea and something to eat.

If you have received your NZDSM can you please advise me so I can make suitable arrangements for the presentation; inviting dignitaries, guests and families of Medal recipients, briefing the Archdeacon, inviting the Bishop and Mayor of Sydney, NZDF representative from Canberra and High Commissioner Maj Gen (Retd) Martyn Dunne.

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Reminder: ANZAC Day March Wednesday 25 April 2012

The ANZAC Day March next year will be the same format as every other year. However, just a further reminder, 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.

Reminder: ANZAC Day Church Service Sunday 29 April 2012

The ANZAC Day Church Service will be held at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern, on Sunday 29 April 2012 at 10:30 hours, the first Sunday after ANZAC Day.



Reunion and Other Notices

V3 1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion 3-6 June 2011

(Thanks Bruce Weir for the feedback on the Reunion)

I attended the V3 Reunion in Greymouth. There were 5 of us from Australia including Billy & Dawn Teatonga from West Australia, Ian & Della Michie from Sydney and myself from the Gold Coast. It was great to catch up with old friends and there was about 30 of us including family members.

A special thanks to Bev Christie (Sam's) widow a very dedicated Pensions Officer for her assistance in looking after us.

We all came from far and wide, Australia, North Auckland to Invercargill.

Mick Collins (Crumpy) put on 50 Kg's of whitebait (that was why he won the bid for the V3 Reunion to be held in Greymouth) and Dave Rarare who were the organisers did a great job and also put on a great Hangi for us. It was great to experience a Kiwi Hangi again with its unique taste as well as pigging out on whitebait fritters. I feel that most of us enjoyed the huge amount

of fritters made available over the weekend but are will be quite happy to leave whitebait the off the shopping list for a while.

A visit to the local Brewery was interesting as was the bar we went to, to sample their products. They brew 8 different types of beer. We were shown how to pour a beer the correct way with a proper head. The highlight being allowed to have the bar to ourselves to pour our own beers for another 20 minutes was great.

A visit up to Punakaikai the pancake rocks and the blow hole was memorable as was the visit to the pub. A very nice pub with the high beams having paper money from all over the world attached as a feature. There was a pot belly stove keeping the place warm and I think that the dog in front enjoying the warmth was the security. Anyway the money is well out of reach.

The stop on the way back at the Runanga Working Mens Club was enjoyable and was surprised at how big it was.

A huge thanks to Crumpy and Dave for a well organised reunion.

On the way back to Christchurch on the Monday of Queens Birthday there was a 6.3 earthquake and lying in bed at 11pm that night I awoke to see the ceiling of the hotel we were staying at moving and then realised hang on, its another earthquake. It turned out to be a 5.5 earthquake. I am led to believe since the October earthquake last year there have been nearly 3000 after shocks. Its certainly a very scary feeling. Christchurch is my home town and to see and feel some of the devastation is gut wrenching. The CBD is closed off from inside the 4 Avenues Bealy, Rolleston, Fitzgerald and Moorhouse. My family and friends I was able to contact were OK but 3 of the houses were damaged. Next day I must admit it was a feeling of relief to get on the plane and get back safely to here on the Gold Coast.

It looks like we will have our next V3 Reunion in Napier Easter weekend 2013. We are expecting a big turnout.

Cheers Bruce

Vietnam Veterans Reunion 2012

REUNION UPDATE #2

Planning for the 2012 National Reunion to be held at Waitangi over Queen's Birthday Weekend 2012 is well underway under the able leadership of Rihari (Dick) Dargaville (V2). Dick is ably assisted by an enthusiastic team determined to make this the best reunion ever especially given the historic significance of Waitangi as the birthplace of our nation.

This is the second of a series of updates designed to keep you informed of developments prior to the opening of the registration process scheduled for early 2012.

The reunion will be centered on the Copthorne Hotel & Resort just across the bridge at Waitangi and adjacent to the Treaty grounds which will play a prominent part in proceedings.

The outline programme is as follows:

Friday PM - Registration at the Copthorne followed by 'Meet and Greet' as you like it. Various venues in Paihia will be offering special hospitality including Jimmy Jack's Rib Shack with Tiger beer on tap for the discerning at a discounted rate for all attendees (many of you grew up on that brew). Other venues on offer that night include the Paihia Servicemans Club and the Russell RSA. We are negotiating with Fullers Ferries and we hope to be able to advise that all ferry travel Paihia/Russell/Paihia will be complementary to reunion attendees.

Saturday AM - Powhiri and welcome at the Ti Ti (lower) Marae followed by the EVSA Bi-Annual General Meeting at the Copthorne followed by luncheon. For the ladies a special trip to KeriKeri has been arranged including visits to the Stone Store; Enz of the Earth (souvenirs, clothing and gifts) and the Makana Chocolate Factory.

Saturday PM - For those who don't want to attend the EVSA Pensions Seminar (to be held at the Copthorne) we are chartering a ferry for a 'once in a lifetime' trip to, and through, the Hole in the Rock. We have secured a major discounted rate for you at less than half the normal cost. There are limited places on a first come, first served basis which will be picked up in the registration process.

Saturday Evening - President's Happy Hour (complementary wine/beer/juice) followed by a four course, sit down, formal meal (with complementary wine) plus entertainment. It is possible the Governor General will be in attendance

Sunday AM - Parade followed by the Memorial Service at the Treaty Grounds. The Royal New Zealand Navy Band will lead the parade and a youth choir will be in attendance for what is for many the most significant part of the weekend. This will be followed by a luncheon at the Copthorne followed by the traditional Kangaroo Court.

Sunday Afternoon - Free Time

Sunday Evening - BBQ at the Copthorne, Western theme and entertainment to match.

Your committee has carefully evaluated the costs in the knowledge that some of our colleagues are doing it hard.

Our initial estimate of around \$175 per person (covering venue hire; luncheons (2); Presidents Happy Hour and dinners (2)) will be discounted by that generated from a series of fund raising schemes we have in place. We have set ourselves an ambitious five figure target and we are committed to achieving this. We hope to reduce the \$175 figure substantially.

There will be a range of accommodation options on offer. We have put our hands on our hearts and booked 100 rooms at the Copthorne at the discounted rate of \$130 per night per couple including breakfast. Other options including a caravan park for those with mobile homes will be advised in our next update. Attendees will book and deal direct with their preferred host. Our involvement will be limited to providing the booking discount number for those places where we have secured special rates.

Finally, there is a possibility of a bus being run from Auckland to Waitangi on the Friday returning to Auckland Monday AM. This will be entirely dependent on numbers. We need a minimum of 40 to make this happen with a return fare of around the \$40 mark. We will be asking or EVSA to manage this on our behalf. Further details will be advised in due course.

Pencil the dates into your diaries. This is a weekend where you step back in time to celebrate who we are and what we did.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Copthorne Hotel and Resort Bay of Islands ... Conference HQ. A four star resort. \$130 per room per night (based on a twin share i.e. 2 persons) inclusive of a full cooked restaurant breakfast. Website is <http://www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/copthornebayofislands> Telephone 09-4027411. E-Mail copthorne.bayofislands@millenniumhotels.co.nz Booking reference quote 'VVet Reunion Queen's Birthday 2012'

Haruru Falls Resort Hotel ... 3k from Copthorne. \$124 per room per night (based on a twin share i.e. 2 persons) inclusive of a full buffet (continental & cooked combo). Camper wagons specially catered for @ \$22 per person per night. Resort has own restaurant and bar facilities. Website is www.harurufalls.co.nz Telephone 09-4027525. E-mail resort@harurufalls.co.nz Booking reference quote 'VVet Reunion Queen's Birthday 2012'.

BayView Motel ... on the Waterfront near the centre of Paihia 1k from Copthorne. \$80 per room per night (based on twin share i.e. 2 persons with each add person \$10 extra). Each unit has a fully self contained kitchen. Heated spa pool. Bakst available next door at the Kingsgate Hotel Autolodge.

Website is www.bayviewmotel.co.nz Telephone 09-4027338. E-mail bayviewmotel@xtra.co.nz Booking reference quote 'VVet Reunion 2012 Bay View'.

Averill Court Motel ... 62 Seaview Road 2k from Copthorne. \$80 per room per night. Each unit has a fully equipped kitchen. Heated spa pool. Bakst available next door at Alfresco's Restaurant. Website is www.averillcourtmotel.co.nz Reservations Freephone 0800-801-333. E-mail averillct@xtra.co.nz Booking reference quote 'VVet Reunion 2012 Averill Court'

RNZN Reunion in Melbourne 2013

RNZN Veterans, please be advised that the next reunion will be held during the Melbourne Easter weekend in 2013. The reunions are blessed with a large attendance of RNZN Veterans and I am sure the 2013 reunion will also be the same.

Will advise RNZN Melbourne contact person once notified.

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 royvjones@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 Pension Matters

Dear Veterans, please be advised that Wayne Lindsay will be publishing Pension information for all NZ Veterans in Australia. Wayne is a very experienced Veteran pensions advocate for NZ Veterans and the first of his articles is attached at the end of this NewZletter.

NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2010

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 \$30 (of which \$25 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.



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: **Reg King, Taawhi Kerehona, Neville Berridge, Botha Morton, Chris Brownie, Harry Browne, Dick Roach, Christine Young, Bill Casey, Robert Bird and Lt Col (Retd) Brian Hewitt.**

The Last Post

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.



NZ403592 F/Sgt Kelvin William EVERETT

Dear Veterans, please be advised of the passing of NZ403592 F/Sgt Kelvin William EVERETT, who passed away in Sydney, Australia, on Friday, 24 June 2011.

The sad part about the passing of Kelvin was that the Funeral Director had no family to ring as he had no immediate family in Sydney. Fortunately they rang the RSL who in turn rang me to arrange the appropriate Veteran service. Thanks to Taawhi and Kathleen Kerehona who attended the service with me along with a representative from the Salvation Army.

Kelvin was born on 29th October 1914 and served in the Royal NZ Airforce from the 27th October 1940 through to the 4th April 1944 a total of three years and 159 days of loyal and dedicated service. Just over three years of service doesn't seem a long time. But if you include the fact that Kelvin entered WWII in January 1941 through to September 1942 and again in April 1943 through to the November 1943, you begin to understand what importance three years of service was to a country with a population of only 1.6 million but had 140,000 of its men and women involved in the greatest conflict ever to engulf the world.

Kelvin served with No75 Squadron in Europe with the Vickers Wellington bombers and No9 Squadron in the Pacific with the New Zealand Bomber Reconnaissance squadron. Kelvin was serving with No75 Squadron in Europe at the same time that Sgt James Allen Ward, also in No75 Squadron, was awarded the VC when he climbed out onto the wing of his Vickers Wellington bomber to smother an engine fire in flight on the 7th of July 1941.

Kelvin served his war years in Bomber squadrons and of the 3,687 NZ Airforce personnel that died in WWII, the majority served in Bomber squadrons.

For his services in the Royal NZ Airforce, Kelvin was awarded the War Medal 1939-45 for full-time service in the Armed Forces, NZ War Service Medal for services to New Zealand and the Pacific Star for operational service in the Pacific.

Lest We Forget

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.

Lest we forget

Other News



The New Zealander takes command of multinational counter piracy task force



Photo Caption: CAPT Gilmour takes command of CTF 151 during a ceremony in Djibouti. 1 July 2011

Captain Jim Gilmour has relieved Republic of Singapore Navy Rear Admiral Harris Chan Weng Yip as Commander Combined Task Force (CTF) 151, during a Change of Command ceremony onboard USS MASON berthed in Djibouti.

It is the first time that a Royal New Zealand Naval Officer has commanded a major multinational task force in recent decades.

Two NZ Defence Force staff officers will support CAPT Gilmour in his role as Commander of CTF 151; a coalition task force which disrupts piracy, protects maritime vessels and secures freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Aden and Somali basin region.

New Zealand is impacted by piracy, even far from our shores.

This deployment demonstrates NZ Defence Force's commitment to protecting security and stability in the international maritime environment.

Upon taking command of the task force, CAPT Gilmour paid tribute to his predecessor. "My team and I are looking forward to the challenge of commanding this task force's vital mission and carrying on the excellent work of my predecessor, Rear Admiral Chan and his very talented team.

"Over 23,000 vessels transit through the Gulf of Aden and Somali basin annually and the risk of piracy in this region is very real. However, since CTF 151 was established there has been a significant reduction in the number of successful piracy attacks," says CAPT Gilmour.

CTF 151 is one of three task forces operated by US-led Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), a 25-nation coalition based in Bahrain. CTF 151's operations focus on the Gulf of Aden and Somali basin, an area encompassing 1.1 million square miles.

NZ Defence Force's previous contributions to counter piracy have been recognised with the request by US-led CMF to fulfil the command role for CTF 151

"I will be leading a multinational team with personnel from Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States, the Netherlands, the Republic of Korea, and Canada until late September.

"We have brought together a high-performing team, capable of commanding a task force of coalition maritime assets as CMF continues to achieve tangible positive effects in protecting regional and global trade," adds CAPT Gilmour.

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There are currently 688 NZ Defence Force personnel deployed on 19 operations, UN missions and defence exercises across 10 countries.

Photo Caption: CAPT Gilmour takes command of CTF 151 during a ceremony in Djibouti.

For further information contact Kirsty Taylor-Doig, Defence Communications Group, 021 806 926.

[The New Zealander takes command of multinational counter piracy task force](#)
[Using new technology to attract future recruits](#)
[NZ Navy Ship shows off NZ culture at international fleet review](#)

[Kiwi Commander of Multinational Counter Piracy Task Force meets EU Naval Force Somalia Commander](#)
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[NZ commanded Task Force intercepts suspected pirates in Gulf of Aden](#)

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NZLAV assists US apache helicopter in Afghanistan



Photo captions: 001 - A NZLAV is used to tow a disabled US Army Apache helicopter inside the wire of Kiwi Base.
11 July 2011

In an unusual and impromptu operation, one of the NZLAV vehicles in Bamyán province has provided assistance to a disabled US Army Apache helicopter.

The Apache experienced an engine problem on take off and had to land again. Inspection of the engine showed extensive damage caused by ingested debris.

The helicopter was in an exposed position on Bamyán airfield and the decision was made to tow it into the safety of Kiwi Base, home of the NZ Provincial Reconstruction Team (NZPRT).

Despite being on the wrong side of the perimeter wire and the ditch, the NZPRT workshop team manufactured a towbar and led the helicopter recovery team comprising US Army air and maintenance crews, NZPRT and US personnel.

The Apache had a very limited threshold for sideways tilt, requiring a lot of ground preparation and load spreading using sheets of plywood. SGT George Alexander from the NZPRT guided the NZLAV as it slowly pulled the eight tonne helicopter around a corner, across the ditch and up the hill into Kiwi base.

US maintenance Crew Chief, SGT Judy Beltowski, 10th Mountain Division, US Army, praised the ingenuity and quick action of the NZPRT personnel.

"I've never seen that level of craftsmanship from a maintenance team anywhere. Whatever we needed the NZPRT provided, and if they didn't have it, they made it."

It took two days to make the repairs and the Apache, from 101st Airborne Division, returned to its home base on 22 June.

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RNZAF pilot's helmet returned after nearly 60 years in the Netherlands

Photo

Captions: 20110721_OH_K1001337_0004.jpg: Mrs Muriel Sefton looks at the flying helmet of her brother, Flying Officer Henry John Burt, with Flight Lieutenants Dan Pezaro and Barbara Findlayson of RNZAF Base Ohakea.



22 July 2011

It was an auspicious day for Muriel Sefton of Wanganui when she received her late brother's leather flying helmet which had resided in the Netherlands since he was shot down near Tilburg over the Netherlands in 1944 during WWII.

Flying Officer Henry John Burt was captain of a Lancaster Bomber engaged in operations against Homberg, near Duisberg in Germany during WWII. The aircraft failed to return to its base and Flying Officer Burt and his crew were reported missing.

Flying Officer Burt's helmet had been safely looked after by Arthur de la Vieter in the Netherlands. Mr de la Vieter's efforts to discover the origins of the helmet resulted in correspondence between Mr de la Vieter and Flying Officer Burt's niece Sue

Little from Wanganui. That correspondence led to the return of the helmet to New Zealand and to the family.

Dutch Ambassador to New Zealand Mr Arie van der Wiel handed over Flying Officer Burt's helmet and a remembrance medal to Muriel Sefton in Wanganui yesterday afternoon on what was a significant occasion. The helmet arrived via the diplomatic courier service from the NZ Embassy in The Hague direct to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Wellington.

Mrs Sefton said the return of the helmet brings closure to a remarkable journey. "It's a time for closure from being notified that he was missing, to being informed of his death, and then all these years later to have his helmet returned to me. It's an extraordinary feeling to be holding the helmet my brother was wearing when he was shot down. Henry was a family man and it would please him immensely to have his flying helmet home in New Zealand. I am very happy and grateful to all who have made this day happen."

Royal New Zealand Air Force Flight Lieutenant Dan Pezaro says, "It's an honour to be invited here today to help facilitate and witness the return of a treasured possession belonging to a fallen comrade. I represent the RNZAF and the people of New Zealand when I say we are very proud of Pilot Officer Burt and very thankful for everything he did for his country. In the spirit of ANZAC, we will remember him."

John Henry Burt's grave is in Tilburg, The Netherlands along with other members of his crew.

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For further information please contact Vivienne Sanders, Senior Communications Adviser Air Force, on 04 496 0286.

About the medal

The (Dutch) National Committee 'Thank You Canada & Allied Forces', was formed in 1979 to express appreciation to veterans who participated in the liberation of the Netherlands and to ensure the Dutch youth will know the shared experiences of sacrifices made in 1944-1945.

Before WWII allied countries had decided against double decoration of military staff for military campaigns. Each country, including New Zealand, decided to decorate their own soldiers, also for merits in the Netherlands. In this respect the Netherlands government renounced a remembrance medal and, as a private enterprise, the Nationaal Comité "Thank You Canada and Allied Forces" together with the Foundation "Welcome again Veterans", organised remembrance programs and offered a remembrance medal to foreign military staff, for which the Ministry of Defence supplied a once-only subsidy. In 1996 Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands presented the first 1945-2010 Thank You Canada and Allied

Forces Medal to Canadian and Allied Forces Veterans who helped to liberate the Netherlands in 1944/1945. The ceremony was held at Het Loo Palace, in Apeldoorn.

Throughout the years, on their website http://www.tycaf.com/index_eng.html the Nationaal Comité "Thank You Canada and Allied Forces" announced activities such as, celebrations and commemorations organized by the National Committee "Thank You Canada & Allied Forces". From 1980 till 2010 this has been done every 5 year, but in 2010 they finished those big National Programs. The same happened in French and Belgium. Remembrance ceremonies will still be held every year, but at a lower level.

Outside the Netherlands, individual medals are presented through the Netherlands Embassies.

[Air Force takes on Southern mountains - Media day Exercise Blackbird](#)
[Stormy skies slow but don't halt Air Force alpine flying RNZAF pilot's helmet returned after nearly 60 years in the Netherlands](#)

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Wayne Lindsay **NZ Veteran Welfare Information**

Hello fellow Kiwi Veterans. My name is Wayne Lindsay - a Vietnam Veteran (W1) and I live in Brisbane. I am an Advocate for NZ Veterans in their pension matters with both VANZ and DVA here in Australia. I am a DVA trained Advanced Pensions Advisor.

I will be contributing an article to the NZVIA Newsletter on a regular basis.

In Australia, DVA operates under 3 different Acts - Veterans Entitlement Act 1986. SRCA and MRCA.

This month we will look at NZ Veterans entitlement to the Australian Service Pension under the Veterans Entitlement Act 1986

I have copied the most important document - **DVA Factsheet IS62** and have pasted it below:



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

DVA Factsheet IS62

Qualifying Service Commonwealth and Allied Post World War 2 Veterans

Overview

This Factsheet explains qualifying service for Commonwealth and allied veterans who served post World War 2.

A Commonwealth or allied veteran with qualifying service may be eligible for an Australian service pension and other associated benefits.

What is qualifying service?

Qualifying service is defined in the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA) and is one of the criteria used to determine whether you are eligible for a service pension.

For a person who served as a member of a defence force established by a Commonwealth country, qualifying service is service during a period of hostilities either:

- in an area and at a time when you incurred danger from hostile forces of the enemy outside the country in whose defence force you served; or
- within the country of enlistment for which you received, or were eligible to receive, a campaign medal.

Note: A Commonwealth country is a country (other than Australia) that is, or was at the time of service, part of the British Commonwealth.

For an allied veteran, qualifying service is service during a period of hostilities within or outside the country of enlistment when danger was incurred from hostile forces of the enemy.

In each case the Naval, Military or Air Forces of Australia must have been engaged in those war or war-like operations.

What is incurred danger?

A Commonwealth or allied post World War 2 veteran incurs danger when he or she is at risk or in peril of actual bodily harm from hostile forces. Danger is not incurred by merely perceiving or fearing danger. It is an objective test of facts.

Who is a Commonwealth veteran?

A Commonwealth veteran is a person who has continuous full-time service as a member of:

- the naval, military or air forces;
- the nursing or auxiliary services of the naval, military or air forces; or
- the women's branch of the naval, military or air forces
- of a country (other than Australia) that is, or was at the time of service, part of the British Commonwealth.

Who is an allied veteran?

An allied veteran is a person:

- who has been appointed or enlisted as a member of the defence force of an allied country; and
- who has rendered continuous full-time service as such a member during a period of hostilities.

When am I not eligible?

You are not eligible if you have ever served:

- in the forces of a country, or its allies, that was at war with Australia at that particular time; or
- in any forces that were engaged in hostile operations against Australia at that particular time.

What are the defence forces of allied countries?

The defence force established by an allied country or Government in exile includes:

- the regular naval, military or air forces; and
- the nursing or auxiliary services of the regular naval, military or air forces; and
- the women's branch of the regular naval, military or air forces.

What are the periods of hostilities?

Periods of hostilities for a Commonwealth or allied post World War 2 veteran are as follows:

- 1) Korea - 27 June 1950 to 19 April 1956
- 2) Malaya - 29 June 1950 to 31 August 1957
- 3) Warlike operations in operational areas from 31 July 1962 to 11 January 1973.

This includes:

- Sabah & Sarawak (now part of Malaysia) & Brunei – 8 December 1962 to 16 August 1964
- Malay – Thai border – 31 July 1962 to 16 August 1964
- Malaysia, Brunei & Singapore – 17 August 1964 to 30 September 1967
- Vietnam – 31 July 1962 to 11 January 1973

Note: There are no dates past 11 January 1973 which give VEA entitlements to Commonwealth or allied veterans.

How do I confirm qualifying service?

If you believe you have qualifying service as a Commonwealth or an allied veteran for periods of hostilities post World War 2, you may lodge a Form D2673 Application to Determine Qualifying Service by a Veteran or Mariner which is available from any Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Office or can be downloaded from the DVA website at <http://clientforms.dva.gov.au/clientforms/>

You can have your qualifying service determined at any time even if you are not going to immediately apply for any related benefits such as a service pension.

What supporting documents are required?

With your application you should send in certified copies of any documents that support your claim, such as a discharge certificate.

What is a certified copy?

A certified copy is a copy of an original document that has been signed and dated by a Justice of the Peace, medical practitioner, person in charge of a Post Office or other authorised person.

You can also have copies certified at any DVA office.

Other Factsheets

Other Factsheets related to this topic include:

- IS01 Service Pension Overview
- IS56 Qualifying Service Overview.

More information

All DVA Factsheets are available from DVA offices, and on the DVA website at www.dva.gov.au.

You can phone DVA for the cost of a local call on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 for country callers.

You can send an email to DVA at: GeneralEnquiries@dva.gov.au. You can get more help from any DVA office.

In addition to the above information, the following is an extract from the DVA **Factsheet IS50** which relates to the requirement for a 10 year residency in Australia before you become eligible for the Australian Service Pension:

Additional residency requirements for Commonwealth veterans, allied veterans and allied mariners

Commonwealth veterans, allied veterans and allied mariners may claim service pension if:

- they are an Australian resident; and
- they are residing in Australia; and
- they have, at any time, been an Australian resident for a continuous period of at least 10 years.

Documentary proof of 10 years' residency must be provided.

Additional residency requirements for Commonwealth veterans, allied veterans and allied mariners, continued

The 10 year residency requirement is modified if a Commonwealth veteran, allied veteran or allied mariner has been an Australian resident during more than one period. You should contact DVA for more information.

Exceptions to the 10 year residency rule for Commonwealth and allied veterans, allied mariners

Commonwealth veterans, allied veterans and allied mariners may not need to satisfy the 10 year residency requirement if they are permanently incapacitated for work, and:

- they became permanently incapacitated while an Australian resident, in Australia or during a temporary absence; and
- the permanent incapacity was not brought about with a view to obtaining a service pension or a pension from Centrelink; and
- there is no enforceable claim against any person, under any law or contract, for adequate compensation.

In cases like this, we establish the state of the person's health at the time of arrival in Australia before making any decision.

My Summary: This information is applicable under the Veterans Entitlement Act (1986) to Veterans who served on Active Service (now called Warlike Service) up until 11 January 1973. I have deliberately selected this Act to discuss as the subject is related to those who are of pension age now.

Unfortunately, those NZ Veterans who served in Malaya between 1 September 1957 and 1 August 1962 are not eligible for an Australian Service Pension. I have come across this anomaly a number of times and DVA won't budge on the qualifying service matter. It is not only us Kiwis affected – Australian Army personnel who served there during the same period don't qualify either!

Following are DVA Factsheets which are available on the DVA Website which may be assistance to you :

 **IS01 Service Pension Overview** (12:28 23-Jun-2011)
[\(Acrobat PDF Version\)](#) [\(HTML Version\)](#)

This Factsheet explains what a service pension is, what the eligibility criteria are, and provides information on associated benefits. For more information on specific topics contact your nearest DVA Office.

 **IS02 How to Claim Service Pension** (16:31 01-Jun-2011)
[\(Acrobat PDF Version\)](#) [\(HTML Version\)](#)

This Factsheet explains how to claim a service pension.

 **IS44 Age and Invalidity Service Pension** (15:10 10-Aug-2010)
[\(Acrobat PDF Version\)](#) [\(HTML Version\)](#)

This Factsheet explains the eligibility criteria for the service pension when granted on the basis of age or invalidity. For further information on other topics related to service pension, or to find out the eligibility criteria for partner service pension, please contact DVA.

 **IS62 Commonwealth and Allied Post World War 2 Veterans** (12:19 09-Aug-2010)
[\(Acrobat PDF Version\)](#) [\(HTML Version\)](#) (As shown in full above)

This Factsheet explains qualifying service for Commonwealth and allied veterans who served post World War 2. A Commonwealth or allied veteran with qualifying service may be eligible for an Australian service pension and other associated benefits.

I will provide Service Pension information under the other 2 Acts that DVA use in the next NewZletter.

Should anyone require clarification of any matters regarding Service Pensions, I can be contacted as follows :

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I hope that this information is of assistance to some of you at least.

More in the next issue of NewZletter.