



New Zealand Veterans in Australia

NewZletter



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The Month That Was

It was a very quiet month in June for NZ Veterans all around Australia.

And again we will have a Veterans Remembrance service at the Church the Sunday after Remembrance Day where the symbols of our service will be displayed and the laying of Poppies will also be included.

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

Reminder: Mid-Year Lunch Sunday 18th July 2010

NSW Veterans are reminded that the Mid-Year Lunch is scheduled for Sunday 18 July 2010 at the Chatswood RSL Club at 12pm. This is an informal gathering of Veterans in an informal environment. However, this year WWII Veteran Frank Harlow will give a short speech of his time in Greece and Crete.



Note: not only the Korowai and Lemon Squeezer but also the Poppies (l-r: Frank, Ron, Greg, Archdeacon Kaio Karipa, Norman, Taawhi, Neville, Brian).

Reminder: Remembrance Day Poppy Selling Tuesday 9th - Wednesday 10th November 2010



As with ANZAC Day badge selling, we also sell Poppies on Poppy Day which helps again from a revenue perspective but also in the profiling and promoting of NZ Veterans to the Australian and New

Zealand workforce in Sydney. Again this is conducted at the Martin Place station from 0630-0930 over two days followed by a breakfast. And again we will be assisted by The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu.

Reminder: Remembrance Day Church Service - Sunday 14 November 2010

In 2009, it was a very nice service at the Church for the Veterans and the Church to remember our fallen. Nowadays, we not only remember our fallen but also those of us that remain (Taawhi reading the Scriptures).



Other Notices

Law Commission Review Courtesy of Malaya Veterans

The review of the War Pensions Act 1954 by the New Zealand Law Commission, has now been completed and tabled in Parliament.

A large number of Veterans, including members of this Association, made submissions during the public consultation phase and we now await with much interest, the response of the Government, to this very important legislation. The website will keep you up to date as information comes to hand.

To access and read the complete review document, please type the link below into your web browser,

http://www.malayavets.co.nz/img_gallery/LawCommissionReviewofWarPensionsAct.pdf

or you can access it through the news item posted on the website <http://www.malayavets.co.nz>



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NZ Malaya Veterans Invited to PJM Presentations Courtesy of Malaya Veteran

The following info is posted on the NZ Defence Force website.
<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/news/index.html>

I personally believe it should be read in acceptance of the fact that it would not matter that the PJM has been issued in NZ for a number of years. The operative factor is a formal presentation of the Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) medal', in that whilst the medal may have been issued, to most it has never been formally presented.

Presentation Of Pjm Medals To New Zealand Veterans At The 53rd Malaysia Independence Day Celebration

The Malaysian Ministry of Defence has been directed by the Cabinet of Malaysia to host a presentation of Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) medals, including presentation to New Zealand veterans, on 29 August 2010. The presentation will be held in Malaysia in conjunction with the 53rd Independence Day (Merdeka) celebrations.

The Malaysian Government will be hosting veterans at the following activities:

29 August 2010: Dinner and PJM medal presentation ceremony

30 August 2010: Veterans attend Merdeka celebration; visit to military camp and cemetery

31 August 2010: Attend and participate in "Merdeka" Parade

1 September 2010 Sight seeing (organised)

New Zealand veterans who are planning on attending any of the above activities, are requested to advise their attendance no later than 30 June 2010, directly to Aaron Hanley, Adviser Commemorations, Veterans' Affairs New Zealand on freephone 0800 483 8372 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting or by email to veterans@xtra.co.nz

Eligibility for the PJM medal will be confirmed by Veterans' Affairs New Zealand, before details of veterans attending the activities are passed to the Malaysian High Commission.

Veterans who attend the activities in Malaysia will be responsible for meeting their own expenses for travel and accommodation.

Reunion Notices

1NZ Regiment 1961-1963 Pearce Battalion Reunion 23-24 October 2010

Although this is primarily a message for those who served in the Pearce Battalion, 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya, we would appreciate your assistance.

There is a plan afoot to hold a "Pearce Bn" reunion in Christchurch over Labour Weekend this year, 2010. We have

been asked to promulgate the following information and attached Registration Form, to all on our email network. which includes not only members of the Pearce Battalion 1NZ Regiment 1961-63 Malaya, but also those who served in Malaya/Malaysia during 1957-1971, plus other NZ Army personnel, in the hope that those not 1961-63 but who know members of that Battalion, will pass on this information and the Registration Form.

Unfortunately, although we have the names of those personnel of the "Pearce Bn" recorded in our database, we do not have contact details for all, and putting out a 'help please' may be the only way we will be able to let them know about this coming reunion.

"The suggested format is:

Saturday 23 October 2010, Registration and Get-together at Christchurch RSA, with a dance in the evening (dinner can be purchased in the RSA).

Sunday 24 October 2010, Visit to Burnham Camp including a Church Parade at the Chapel, lunch and a Parade "March Out" through the Camp Gates.

Arrival back at the RSA will signal the formal ending of the Reunion, however, the RSA Bar will be open and the Restaurant serving meals into the evening.

Please note that details could be changed but the broad outline will remain.

Please also note that Registration Forms must be returned no later than six weeks before Labour Weekend, that is, no later than 10 September 2010."

A Registration Form is attached to this NewZletter and your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. However, please note Cheques should be made out to Pearce Battalion.



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W3 Reunion – Proposed Date 19-22 November 2010



Veterans, please be advised that W3 will be holding a Reunion during the period 19-22 November 2010 in Christchurch. W3 served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. It will be their 40th year reunion and as with the many other reunions, as the ranks diminish, the memorable value of such reunions gets stronger for those that remain. The proposed programme was listed in the December NewZletter.

For ex-Members of W3 please log on to <http://www.w3vietnam.org.nz/>

RF Cadet 24th Anniversary Reunion 2010 (Thorpe Class)

Well there seems to be a number of RF Cadet Reunions coming up which is great as the RF Cadets produced some very high calibre and high profile soldiers so it makes sense that ex-RF Cadets are so proud of their involvement. And the Thorpe Class are also intending to hold a reunion in 2010. So for you Thorpe Class members please email Andrew (Simmo) Simpson with your support and camaraderie and I do hope your reunion goes ahead and is not only enjoyable, but full of memories of your younger Cadet years. Contact Andrew by email below:



sgtsimo@hotmail.com
asimpson@tanknology.com.au

I do hope Thorpe Class and Bennett Class (below) members can support their respective reunions and I wish you all the best for your celebrations.

1 Battalion RNZIR Reunion Singapore 22-29 April 2011



Dear Veterans, attached to this NewZletter is a Reunion Newsletter for those Veterans that served in 1RNZIR in Singapore. There are also very nice Polo Shirts available for purchase in memory of the Reunion.

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 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 NSW Veteran Membership 2010



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2010 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





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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.

NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2010



VIC Veterans are reminded that the 2010 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 **Brett Orme, Greg Makutu, John Rayner, Watson Young, Neil Koorey.**

The Last Post

37137 Brian Raymond TAYLOR

We have been advised of the following Funeral details regarding 37137 Brian Raymond TAYLOR, RNZAC, RF Cadet Shuttleworth Class, ex 2NZ Regiment 1959-61 Malaya, 1RNZIR 1965-67 Malaysia, NZ Component 1ALSG SVN, who passed away on the Sunshine Coast, Australia, on Friday 25 June 2010.

Brian's Funeral Service is to be held at the Drysdale Funeral Chapel, Noosa-Cooroy Road, Tewantin, QLD, Australia, on Friday 2 July 2010 at 1330hrs.

Messages to:
The Taylor Family.
C/- RSL Sub-Branch.
Diyam Street.
Tewantin, QLD 4565
Australia.

OR

The Taylor Family.
C/- Drysdale Funerals.
Noosa-Cooroy Road.
Tewantin, QLD 4565.
Australia.

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



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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



First woman to command Navy Inshore patrol vessel



17 June 2010

Lieutenant Alexandra Hansen will become the first woman to command a Royal New Zealand Navy Inshore Patrol Vessel, HMNZS PUKAKI.

A ceremony to mark the official change of Commanding Officer of PUKAKI, will be held Friday 18 June 2010 at 1000, at the Devonport Naval Base.

During the ceremony Lieutenant John McQueen will relinquish command of PUKAKI and Lieutenant Alexandra Hansen will assume command.

The Change of Command Ceremony is traditionally formal and impressive - designed to strengthen the respect for authority, which is vital to any military organisation. The changing of command takes place when Lieutenant McQueen states "You have the ship" and Lieutenant Hansen "I have the ship".

Lieutenant Hansen said "I have been looking forward to taking command since I joined the Navy and know that it is a challenge that I have been well prepared for. I am fortunate to be taking over a ship that has been well prepared by LT McQueen and the crew to be able to work closely with the other Government agencies in achieving her capabilities."

Lieutenant Hansen will be the second commanding officer of PUKAKI since the ships commissioning in May 2009.

Witnessing the ceremony will be the crew of HMNZS PUKAKI, invited guests, families and friends.

Biography - Lieutenant Alexandra Hansen

Lieutenant Alexandra Hansen joined the Royal New Zealand Navy in January 2005 as a Sub Lieutenant in the General List Seaman Officer (GLX). Before joining, she attended Wellington East Girls' College and studied at Victoria University in Wellington, gaining a Bachelor of Science in Physical Geography and a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration in Economics.

On completion of her Junior Officer Common Training, Lieutenant Hansen finished as dux of her initial GLX qualification course and spent time on HMNZ Ships WAKAKURA and TE KAHA. Lieutenant Hansen posted ashore in early 2006 to complete her GLX qualification courses where she finished in first place and as a result was awarded an exchange to the Royal Navy for twelve months - a posting to HMS EXETER based out of Portsmouth, England.

Lieutenant Hansen participated in the Atlantic Patrol Tasking South which saw a "sea swap" trial. This involved the entire ship's company flying to the Falkland Islands to take over another ship - HMS EDINBURGH. Whilst on patrol in the South Atlantic, she managed to get ashore in South Georgia and navigate very close to glaciers - a career highlight.

While transiting to Portsmouth onboard EDINBURGH in early 2007, Lieutenant Hansen was awarded her Bridge Warfare Qualification. This made the subsequent port visits to Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro and the Grand Canary Islands amongst other ports all the more enjoyable.

Upon returning to New Zealand in late 2007, Lieutenant Hansen completed the Major Fleet Unit Navigating Officer's Course and posted to HMNZS CANTERBURY as the Navigating Officer early 2008. Her time onboard CANTERBURY saw numerous trips to the Pacific Islands (including for the Samoan Tsunami relief effort), Northern Australia, Timor-Leste and Indonesia.



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In early 2010, Lieutenant Hansen completed the Minor War Vessel Command Course before becoming the second Commanding Officer of HMNZS PUKAKI on June 18 2010.

Lieutenant Alexandra Hansen is a keen sportswoman, playing Tennis, Cricket and representing the New Zealand Defence Force at Soccer. Her other interests include surfing, tramping and mountain biking.

- [Remembering the 'forgotten' war](#)
- [Kiwi troops destroy Russian bomb in Afghanistan](#)
- [Navy Inshore Patrol Vessel to rescue of Tug](#)
- [Defence goes grocery shopping with Corrections](#)
- [New Offshore patrol vessel arrives in Auckland](#)
- [Royal New Zealand Navy ships showcased in Canada](#)
- [Defence personnel named in Queen's Birthday honours](#)
- [Minister remembers D-Day, honours veterans](#)
- [Engine trouble delays navy ship WELLINGTON](#)

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Americans honour New Zealanders killed in Vietnam

Warrant Officer Wayne McAsey next to the 173rd Airborne Memorial which shows the names of New Zealanders and Australians



who were killed while serving with the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War.

11 June 2010

Two New Zealanders who were attached the 173rd Airborne Brigade during the Vietnam War have been honoured on a memorial dedicated at Fort Benning, Georgia, in the United States.

The memorial, to all who served in the 173rd Airborne Brigade, is believed to be the only memorial on American soil to list Australian and New Zealanders alongside Americans.

Among the 1750 American names are the names of 30 Australian and two New Zealand members of the First Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment Group (1 RAR Group) and 161 Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery (RNZA), who were killed while serving in South Vietnam and were attached to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, US Army during 1965-66.

Sergeant Alistair Don and Bombardier Robert 'Jock' White were the first two New Zealanders killed in the Vietnam War. The pair died when their vehicle was destroyed by a command detonated mine near the Viet Cong-held village of Ben Cat on 14 September 1965. SGT Don, from Dunedin, was 27 and BDR White, from Kurow in North Otago, was 28.

Lieutenant Colonel Matt Boggs, present Commanding Officer of 16th Field Regiment, said, "No higher honour could be granted to those who died while serving with this elite US unit than to be recognised in this manner."

"The 173rd Airborne Brigade has a long and distinguished history, one which we are proud to share. It is this shared military history, in Vietnam and beyond, that forms the basis of a relationship of respect, trust and friendship.

"The commitment that our two nations maintain in places such as Afghanistan is reflective of our shared values and is a pillar of our ongoing relationship," LT COL Boggs said.

New Zealand Defence Force Land Component Commander Brigadier Dave Gawn, Lieutenant Colonel Andy Shaw, Major Bob Gillies, and Warrant Officer Wayne McAsey were among the small delegation of New Zealanders invited by the 173rd Airborne Brigade National Memorial Foundation to attend the dedication ceremony.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Memorial is located at a prime site on the 'Walk of Honor' at the new National Infantry Museum, immediately adjacent to Fort Benning, Georgia.

The dedication of the Memorial was followed by a reunion to commemorate the 45th Anniversary of the only ANZUS combat unit to serve in Vietnam during the War.

- [Lower Hutt soldier in Top Shot competition](#)
- [21 Gun Salute](#)
- [Sale of surplus Defence Houses could return \\$50M on Frontline](#)
- [Defence Force Youth Development facility opens in Wellington on Tuesday](#)
- [Defence Youth Development facility opens in Auckland on Friday](#)

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/ Air Force Boeing develops ambulance capability



The medium dependency pallet inside the Boeing 757. (AK10-0331-043)

18 June 2010

The Royal New Zealand Air Force is developing an Aeromedical (AME) (air ambulance) capability to enable patients to be transferred safely around the world in its Boeing 757 aircraft. As a result the 757 has become a unique multi-role aircraft capable of being used in various roles including VIP, passenger only, freight only, combination of passengers and freight and now the AME role.

The AME platform will provide care for a wide range of situations from minor illness and injury to critical care. Due to its unique set up it has the ability to complete a bed to bed (hospital to hospital) transfer on one single stretcher.

It is designed as a roll-on roll-off palletised system and includes a High Dependency pallet for a critical care patient, work station pallet and medium dependency pallet that cares two patients.

The AME pallets were installed inside the Boeing 757 and test flown on Monday 14 June. The medical systems were tested in flight and with the exception of minor alterations to equipment and procedures it was very successful.

The Air Force Staff Officer Aeromedical Evacuation, Squadron Leader Jude Telford says, "Its been a long time in the planning and a huge milestone has been achieved to get to this stage. We had several health professionals (two doctors, one from Middlemore Hospital Auckland and one from Bay of Plenty DHB Tauranga plus an ICU flight nurse from Care flight) aboard with us and they were very impressed with what we have achieved."

"The recent Antarctic operations to the Ross Sea ice shelf and the AME capability are examples of these roles. The AME capability is a National asset and provides choice and flexibility to the New Zealand government. It contributes greatly to New Zealand's range of defence outputs which could include, disaster relief, contribution to a military coalition; evacuation of injured NZ citizens in an area of sudden conflict (e.g. Thailand) or in response to a terrorist attack whether or not New Zealanders nationals were involved", says Wing Commander Steve Hunt, AME Project Manager

It's expected to be between 12 - 18 months before the capability is fully realised within NZDF.

Using the Air Force Boeing 757 gives New Zealand modern economic airline running costs while delivering military multi-role capabilities.

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Background: Aircraft Boeing 757-200

Manufacturer: Boeing (USA)

Power plant 2 x Rolls Royce RB211535E4/4B turbofans

Length 47.32m

Wingspan 38.05m

Height 13.56m

Basic weight 57,180kgs

Gross weight 115,680kgs

Max payload 22,460 kgs

Max fuel 43,490L

Range 4000 nm (7400 km)

Cruising speed Mach 0.8 (850km/h at 10,675m)

Fleet History

40 Squadron RNZAF currently operates two Boeing 757 200 aircraft. The fleet undertakes operations to many points around the globe and flies a varied mission profile. The Boeing 757 provides a very flexible and reliable air transport capability that enables the Defence Force to achieve its objectives.

[Air Force Helicopter Operations in the Greater Wellington Area](#)

[Exercise Wiseowl Comes to an End at Napier](#)

[Air Force praises well equipped yachties after search and rescue](#)

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