



# New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated NEWZLETTER



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## The Month That Was (2012 Theme: Family/Whanau)

### National Presidents Address



Dear NZ Veterans in Australia, July was another light month for us around the country.

**WW100 Centenary:** For those not aware there will be a lot of services and commemorations from 2014 in both NZ and AU as we acknowledge 100 Years since the First World War. I encourage NZ Veterans

all around Australia to have a look at how we can contribute to this significant time in our military history within our local areas or at State/Territory level. I know NZ Veterans in NSW are planning a number of activities and I look forward to hearing of other NZ Veterans involvement.

Please go to [WW100 Centenary](http://www.ww100.org.nz) website for more information.



Thanks again for your support and continuing interest in NZ Veterans in Australia.

Lest We Forget

Ron Haira

### New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated

Dear Veterans, please be advised that the New Zealand Veterans in Australia Incorporated was officially registered as a Not-For-Profit organisation in NSW in 2011 with subsequent



financial accounting requirements as at 1 July 2011.

Please go to [www.nzvia.com.au](http://www.nzvia.com.au) to view the Constitution and if you would like to join the Council as a State Representative can you please submit your registration of interest to [nzvia@nzvia.com.au](mailto:nzvia@nzvia.com.au).

Also go to our FaceBook page to see many articles from NZ Veterans all around Australia and many more photos of the events we attend [NZVIA Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nzvia).

Please note, the organisation is new, it has no intention of taking over other well established organisations such as the Vietnam Veterans but is attempting to represent all NZ Veterans that have an interest in NZ Veteran Matters. We would consider seeking a nominal membership \$5 per year just to cover administration costs as it is the intent that everything we do will be done electronically. Furthermore, all financial members only will receive monthly financial statements with an Annual Report being posted on the website.

Membership can be made as follows:

New Zealand Veterans in Australia Inc  
Westpac Martin Place  
BSB: 032024  
ACCT: 849523

### 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/nzdsml/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.

### **Veterans Funded for WWII Commemorations**

Dear Veterans, a second letter has been sent to VANZ advising of an additional four WWII Veterans interested in attending commemorations overseas as part of the NZ Government funding of



WWII Veterans who wish to travel to 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorations overseas. Picture above: Maj (Retd) Bob Wood and left are Frank Harlow, Maurice Borland and Arch Campbell.



The WWII Veterans who have so far been nominated are:

NZ1221 Frank Harlow (Greece/Crete) DOB 10.08.1913  
NZ82871 Maurice Borland (Egypt/Italy) DOB 27.06.1918  
NZ42758 Arch Campbell (Pacific) DOB 29.11.1920  
NZ4261 Maj (Retd) Bob Wood POW (Italy/North Africa) DOB 12.08.1914  
NZ436370 Capt (Retd) Sir Ian Turbott (Pacific/Middle East/Italy) DOB 09.03.1922  
NZ439873 Ken Frank (Japan/Korea) DOB 26.08.1925  
NZ279154 Capt (Retd) Bruce Harris (Italy)  
NZ827634/461617 SSgt (Retd) John Rayner (Japan) DOB 22.06.1927

If you know of any other WWII Veterans that should be considered can you please support them and register their details with VANZ or let me know so I can follow up on your behalf.

### **NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices**

#### **NZ Veterans in NSW Mid-Year Lunch Sunday 15 July 2012**

Dear Veterans, a small group of NZ Veterans in NSW enjoyed lunch at the Chatswood RSL Club. Joining us was Taawhi and Kathleen Kerehona travelling by train all the way from Salamander Bay along with David and Anne Winkelmann from Newcastle and Peter and Jan Dicken from Aberglasslyn. Alex Wilson and a group from the North Sydney Sub-Branch RSL also joined us which was nice as did Detective Inspector Phil Jones and his wife Christine from the NZ Consulate. And whilst it is always a small event we always have a guest speaker and this year it was NZ WWII (Korea/Japan) Veteran Ken Frank. Ken gave a very in-depth and informative speech about his experiences in Korea as a war correspondent. Ken

was in Korea for three months with Ian Watkins recording messages from NZ Veterans to their loved ones back home but Ken also recorded many other people including Gen MARR West, Commander Commonwealth Forces talking about the NZ Troops. Gen West's interview was played at the end of Ken's speech and what was surprising was Gen West ended his interview by saying "Kia Ora Koutou Katoa". Thanks Ken and thank you to those Veteran that attended.



#### **NZ Veterans in NSW (Officially NZ Sub-Branch RSL) General Meeting Sunday 29 July 2012**



Dear Veterans, the general meeting of the NZ Sub-Branch of the RSL was held on Sunday 29 July 2012. It is always held on the last Sunday of every second month at 10:30am at the Chatswood RSL followed by a lunch and more camaraderie. The next meeting is on Sunday 30 September 2012. The NZ Veterans in NSW receive a separate email with items of interest from the Sub-Branch meetings but also a list of services, events and activities for the year. NZ Veterans are not official attendees at most of the events but try to attend wherever possible even if it is just to fly the Flag and NZ Returned Services Banner.

#### **NZ Veterans in NSW iPad Training Launch Sunday 5 August 2012**

The NZ Veterans in NSW are launching a two year Training Agreement with the Church of Te Wairua Tapu. The NZ Veterans in NSW secured a grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs for the following:

- Internet at the Church
- Seven (7) iPads
- Printer

The purpose of the funding is to:

- Promote the mental well-being of NZ Veterans by providing a means for interaction with other Veterans and educational learning opportunities.
- Support quality independent living at home by upskilling NZ Veterans in electronic media capabilities so they can actively participate in online social networking forums such as Facebook, keep abreast of Veteran and community activities via the internet websites such as NSW RSL and communicate with their families and dependents using email, instant messaging and Skype. It also has a mutual benefit in that their families and dependents can also contact the NZ Veteran.
- Encourage involvement in community activities by providing educational opportunities for NZ Veterans that would like to talk on their experiences or contribute to the many research projects being conducted.
- Reduce social isolation by providing a safe and supportive learning environment with other Veterans in a more

relaxed environment supported by organizations that are Veteran inclusive.

- Increase access to community services through online access to community information and interaction.
- Support carers by providing a learning environment with technical and professional support.

A small ceremony will be held at the Church of Te Wairua Tapu, 587 Elizabeth Street, Redfern NSW 2016 at 10:30am on Sunday 5 August 2012 to launch the training. Following the launch, we will be having lunch and celebrating our NZ WWII (Greece/Crete) Veteran Frank Harlow's birthday as he turns 99 on the 10th August 2012. Frank has an iPad and we took him to the big Apple store in George street where the Apple staff gave him a Guard of Honour and huge welcome followed by one-to-one training. Frank uses his iPad for Emails, News, Internet and Facebook. The birthday lunch was originally going to be on the 12th but as we will have some Veterans at the Launch, we decided to seize the opportunity to acknowledge Frank's birthday at the launch.

The training will be specifically using an iPad and cover the following:

- How to use an iPad
- How to use the Internet via the iPad
- How to use iPad software 'Pages' (Word) and 'Numbers' (Excel)

The first session will start on Sunday 5 August 2012. The second session will be on Sunday 12 August 2012 and then every second Sunday after that. The time will always be from 1pm-3pm.

However, please note that there are only seven (7) iPads so Veterans are encouraged to bring their own iPads.

There is no cost to the training as it is all voluntary but you are welcome to make a small donation to the Church.



For those that are new to the iPad please go to <http://www.apple.com/au/ipad/> where there are pictures and videos.

For further enquiries please contact:

Greg Makutu  
Email: [nsw@nzvia.com.au](mailto:nsw@nzvia.com.au)  
Mobile: 0404 005 341

## Reminder: Remembrance Day Poppy Selling at Martin Place Station 8-9 November 2012

NZ Veterans, we will again sell Poppies at the Martin Place Station from 0630 hours – 0930 hours on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Our ranks are thinning but our commitment to doing what we can to promote the presence of NZ Veterans and help our own wherever possible remains strong. Anyone is welcome to join us at the station and for breakfast afterwards. As always the trains arrive and the stampede of citizens keeps us busy but their generosity continues to amaze us every year (Photo L-R: Allan Watt, Gil Brogden, Ron Haira).



## Reminder: Remembrance Day ANZAC Bridge Service Saturday 10 November 2012

Dear Veterans, the Remembrance Day ANZAC Bridge Service will be held on Saturday 10 November 2012 at the NZ Soldier Statue at 1100 hours. Planning is still being conducted and more information will be available soon.

## Reminder: Remembrance Day Church Service Sunday 11 November 2012



Dear Veterans, the Remembrance Day Church Service will be held on Sunday 11 November 2012 at the Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu at 1030 hours. Whilst we will continue to present medals to our Veterans, to support the 2012 theme, it is intended that presentations of the NZDSM and any other medal entitlement will also be presented to the families of our Veterans no longer with us. This year to support the partnership we have with the Church and the Community, our guest speakers are the Anglican Bishop from NZ (yet to be advised) and Superintendent Luke Freudenstein, Local Area Police Commander.

## Reunion and Other Notices

### 2RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalions Vietnam Deployments 1967-1968 and 1970-1971 Reunion 2012

Dear NZ Veterans, just a reminder of the 2RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Battalions Vietnam Deployments 1967-68 and 1970-71 Reunion to be held in Townsville during the period 25-29 July 2012.

Please go to the following link to register and for further information <http://www.2rar-association.com.au/>

### **RNZAF No 20 BES/No 2 CET 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**



Dear RNZAF Veterans, please note the below message from Ian Nalder re the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the RNZAF No 20 BES/No 2 CET 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion:

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion for the 20<sup>th</sup> Boy entrant School (BES) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Certification in Engineering (CET) courses, which commenced training at RNZAF Woodbourne in January 1963, has been finalised for Blenheim/Woodbourne on 22-24 February 2013.

Registration forms or further information can be obtained from Rex Ashwell, Email [rex.ashwell@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rex.ashwell@xtra.co.nz), Phone 0011 64 3 578 8385, Postal 8 Scotston Grove, Blenheim 7201

### **RNZN Reunion in Melbourne 2013**



Dear 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.

Please contact Reunion organisers for more information:

Georgina Nelson

Email: [georgina@maramelbourne.net](mailto:georgina@maramelbourne.net)

Mobile: 0419626150

Sonya Holland

Email: [sonya\\_holland@hotmail.com](mailto:sonya_holland@hotmail.com)

### **RF Cadet 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:benzza@iprimus.com.au).

Roy Jones [royvjones@dreamtilt.com.au](mailto: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/>

Dear NZ Malaya/Borneo Veterans, please note a couple of messages from Hiro Hamilton National Secretary:

The National Malaya & Borneo Vets Ass Aust Queensland & Brisbane Branch will be holding its second annual Wreath Laying Service on the 31<sup>st</sup> August at the Enoggera Army Barracks, starting at 1100. We will start the day with a short march (downhill) then a church service followed by lunch prepared by Dads Army. This service is to honour our fallen.

If there are any NZ Veterans that served in Malaya /Malaysia or Borneo & are not members please feel free to contact Laraine or Allen on 3396 6705. Transport from the Main Gate will be organised. Cars, if carrying elderly passengers, will be allowed to take passengers up to The Memorial Walk.

R.S.V.P. 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Secretary N.M.B.V.A.A. P.O. Box 86 Wynnum 4178 Qld

### Inaugural Service of NZ Malayan Veterans' Day September 16 in Wellington

Arts & Culture Minister Chris Finlayson has advised us that the National War Memorial Council supports our proposal for a NZ Malayan Veterans' Day. Accordingly 16 September each year will feature in the Commemorative Calendar as Malayan Veterans' Day.

I ask all Malaya/Malaysia/ Singapore veterans of the Navy, Army & Air Force to join us in Wellington on September 16 for the inaugural service (Notice at end of NewZletter).

### **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.

### Long Tan Charity Screening

Good morning - I think you may already be aware that the original Long Tan Cross will be at the AWM for a period in Aug/Sep on loan from the Vietnamese museum where it is kept. There will be activity around this at the AWM 17 & 18 Aug. Harry Smith is intending to get as many of his team there as well as those that put up the Cross in 1969. Alva Stanley and son Andrew, and Willie Walker and wife are attending. 16 Fd Regt is sending current BC & BSM of 161 Bty, Maj Andrew Fortune and WO2 Nick Shileds. Any Long Tan vet of ours in Aust is welcome. I'll send more detail as it comes up, but could you get this into the NZ net in Aust?

Many thanks

Regards

Barry D

<http://battleoflongtan.reddunefilms.com/2012/07/anniversary-fundraiser-to-unite-soldiers-from-long-tan-to-afghanistan>

The EVSA website address as follows:

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

## NZVIA NSW Veteran Membership 2012



NSW Veterans are reminded that the 2012 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.

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.

## NZVIA VIC Veteran Membership 2012



VIC Veterans are reminded that the 2012 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.

## Lost Contact

Dear NZ Veterans in Australia, NZ16140 Allan Davey is searching for fellow comrade RNZN Veteran Bruce Barnett ex-Waihi. He would be about 70 years old and Allan would

like to contact him. If anyone knows of his whereabouts can you please contact Allan by email [lael9@bigpond.com](mailto:lael9@bigpond.com)

## Acknowledgements / Personal Notices

Happy Birthday to: Reg King, Taawhi Kerehona, Botha Morton, Chris Brownie, Harry Browne, Dick Roach, Christine Young, Bill Casey, Robert Bird, Nicole Haira 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.

### We Will Remember Them:

H777229 Roger Pears  
NZ41721 Kenneth J Dawson  
Neville Berridge  
NZ579502 Hemi Nuku

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## Other News



### Overseas Deployments

Dear NZ Veterans in AU, thought you might be interested in knowing where our current NZDF personnel are deployed around the world.

There are currently 343 New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed on 14 operations and UN missions across 12 countries, including:

Afghanistan (149 personnel)  
Antarctica (0 personnel)  
Indian Ocean (3 personnel)  
Iraq (1 person)  
Korea (3 personnel)  
Middle East (13 personnel)  
Sinai (28 personnel)  
Solomon Islands (43 personnel)  
Sudan (3 personnel)  
Timor-Leste (79 personnel)

There are 553 Defence Force personnel on other overseas deployments and exercises.

members are always excited and proud to perform there when they can.

"We aim to provide an entertaining show for all ages to enjoy. Our talented bunch of musicians will certainly surprise you with the range of music put together in to one performance," says Warrant Officer Jarrett.

The Band of the Royal New Zealand Navy is a full time, professional concert band located at Devonport Naval Base, Auckland. The Band's primary responsibilities include supporting Royal and Vice Regal occasions as well as supporting the Navy with ceremonial, public relations, recruiting and entertainment requirements.

Predominantly a concert band, they have diversified over recent times to meet changing needs of the military and public. New groups have formed to accommodate these changes, which include a Big Band, Rock Band, Jazz Quartet and Brass and Woodwind ensembles

Tickets, priced at \$17 for adults, \$15 for Senior Citizens and \$11 for students, can be purchased through Ticketek ([www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz)) or from the Great Lake Centre (07) 376 0340.

[Successful NH90 trial onboard CANTERBURY Navy frigate makes it to the Moon and back](#)  
[Navy Ships Operational Visit To Wellington](#)  
[Music to your ears - Navy Band to entertain Taupo](#)  
[NZ Defence Force Participation in World's Largest Exercise Gets Underway](#)

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



### Music to your ears - Navy Band to entertain Taupo

20110321\_PH\_T1015674\_0025 The band of the Royal New Zealand Navy  
12 July 2012



The Royal New Zealand Navy Band will play a concert for the people of Taupo next week. On Friday 20th July the band of 23 musicians will play at the Great Lake Centre performing a large array of pieces including big band, marches and Dixie music.

The RNZN Band, led by Warrant Officer Shaun Jarrett, has been playing in Taupo since 2004 when the Council issued a "Freedom of the City" Charter. Given this close tie band



### NZSAS Soldier Posthumously Recognised for Bravery

Darrell Smith receives the Charles Upham Award for Bravery from the Governor-General on behalf of the Smith family.  
3 July 2012



The Charles Upham Award for Bravery was posthumously awarded to Lance Corporal (LCPL) Leon Smith at a ceremony at Government House today.

LCPL Smith has been recognised for his actions as part of a NZSAS Task Force that responded to an insurgent attack on the British Council Office in Kabul on 19 August 2011.

During the response LCPL Smith exposed himself to insurgent fire in order to confirm the location of Corporal (CPL) Doug Grant, who had been wounded. He then ran across open ground to reach CPL Grant, and immediately applied first aid until CPL Grant could be evacuated. Despite his best efforts

and those of medics at the scene, CPL Grant died on route to hospital.

Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant General (LTGEN) Rhys Jones said LCPL Smith's family should be extremely proud of his actions that led to the award.

"Tragically LCPL Smith was also killed serving in Afghanistan, however his actions during this particular incident epitomised the values of comradeship, courage and professional integrity.

"His family can take some comfort from knowing that he was a valued member of the NZ Defence Force and that his outstanding bravery has subsequently been recognised," LTGEN Jones said.

LCPL Smith was tragically killed in action Kabul, Afghanistan on 28 September 2011, while securing a compound during a joint Afghan Crisis Response Unit / NZ SAS operation.

LCPL Smith's brother Darrell received the award from the Governor-General, Lt Gen The Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae, on behalf of the Smith family.

[NZ Army Band: Nine days, 15 performances; 300,000 fans](#)  
[NZ Army Band Trumps Tattoo](#)  
[Kiwis depart for Solomons deployment](#)  
[Queen Alexandra Mounted Rifles move North with LAV](#)  
[NZSAS Soldier Posthumously Recognised for Bravery](#)

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

Warrant Officer Robyn Gell says, "The Air Force Challenge is a recruiting activity designed to encourage interested Year 12 and 13 students [16-17 year-olds] to join the RNZAF.

"The students are split into four teams to compete against each other for the title of '2012 Winner, Air Force Challenge'. The winning team of ten will get a flight in a Seasprite helicopter on the last day."

WO Gell says, "Apart from the unpredictable Auckland weather, the kids are having a great time!"

Forty students were selected from about 190 applicants from schools across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty, Auckland and Northland, to spend five days on Base.

"The selected students have shown their clear motivation towards a career in the RNZAF and were encouraged to apply for the challenge by their school careers advisors," WO Gell says.

"The students spend the week eating, sleeping and living the RNZAF lifestyle. They visit different work areas on Base and have the opportunity to have some 'hands-on' experience of the many trades available as a career within the Air Force."

As well as seeing all the different trades at work, the students will be challenged with the RNZAF 'operational fitness test', a liferaft and water survival experience, and take part in a number of team building exercises.

[Defence Force trains with multinational forces](#)  
[Engineers Vie to Show The World Their Skills](#)  
[School Students Compete in Air Force Challenge](#)

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



### *School Students Compete in Air Force Challenge*

20120704\_AK\_Q1032139\_0001.jpg - The forty Air Force Challenge students, along with RNZAF recruiting staff and aircrew, stand behind C-130 Hercules NZ7004 of No. 40 Squadron, at RNZAF Base Auckland, Whenuapai, on 4 July 2012.



Forty high school students are competing for a flight in a Seasprite helicopter this week, as part of the Air Force Challenge, at RNZAF Base Auckland.

The selected students, chosen from schools throughout the top half of the North Island are experiencing life with the RNZAF while also competing in daily challenges.



## CONFIRMATION - NOTE THIS UPDATE SUPERCEDES ALL EARLIER NOTICES

The inaugural NZ Malayan Veterans' Day Memorial Commemorations will take place at 1300 hours 16 September 2012 at Parliament in Wellington.



The Governor General, Members of Parliament, members of the Diplomatic Corps, NZDF and RNZRSA representatives will attend this one-off event.



Attendance is not limited to NZMVA members. All Malaya/Malaysia veterans, including widows and descendants, of all services including the Malayan Police are urged to attend this historic occasion. Tidy dress to be worn, gentlemen a jacket and tie and fullsize medals, ladies equivalent



Veterans will parade by service, Navy - Army - Air Force, and march past a reviewing officer within Parliament grounds. Veterans and their guests will then enter Parliament's Great Hall for a service and a reception.



An earlier service will take place at the National War Memorial in Buckle Street at 1100hrs. Due to limited seating admission into the Hall of Memories is by invitation only. Veterans are invited to the ceremony from outside if they so wish. Following the service everyone will proceed to Parliament.



Start making your arrangements now! Wellington region based Malayan Veterans may consider billeting veterans from out of town. Register your attendance & availability for billeting with the National Secretary at [hirohamilton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hirohamilton@xtra.co.nz) or PO Box 90 Wairoa.

Now complete and return the invitation to respond overleaf.





## *Invitation to respond*

You are invited to attend the inaugural Malayan Veterans Day Commemoration day service at Parliament Grounds Wellington on Sunday 16 September 2012 commencing at 1300 hrs.

Following a march past review by the Governor General, veterans will proceed into Parliament's Great Hall for a service and reception.

All persons must have a valid invitation for entry into Parliament Building.

To ensure you have this invitation, you are required to complete the request form below to NZMVA National Secretary [hirohamilton@xtra.co.nz](mailto:hirohamilton@xtra.co.nz) or post to PO Box 90 Wairoa 4163 for Hiro to receive not later than Friday 17 August

## *Acceptance of Invitation*

Yes I will attend the Malayan Veterans' Day Commemorations

Name:.....

Address.....

Email:..... Phone..... Mobile:.....

Service No.....

Navy / Army / Air Force (circle one)

Ship / Unit/ Squadron .....

Name & Relationship to Accompanying persons: (Max two). Please use first names

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The above details names will be forwarded to the Department of Internal Affairs' Visits and Ceremonial Office, whereupon an official invitation will be issued

Note: the organisers reserve the right to ballot places in the event that the numbers responding are greater than can be catered for,