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The Month That Was

It was another quiet month in September for NZ Veterans all around Australia.

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](#)

NZ Veterans in Australia (New South Wales) Notices

ANZAC Day Church Service at The Sydney Maori Anglican Fellowship Church of Te Wairua Tapu is available on Kiwi TV

Dear Veterans,
NZ Veterans in NSW ANZAC Church Service was filmed by the producers of Kiwi TV which is a local TV company focussing on local NZ news.



There is about 15 minutes of screening showing our service including our guest speaker Sir Ian Turbott. Sir Ian Turbott also led our march this year.

Please register and logon to [Kiwi TV](#) to view the screening

Battle of Britain at Martin Place Cenotaph Thursday 16 September 2010



A small group of NSW Veterans attended the Battle of Britain service on 16 September 2010 at the Martin Place Cenotaph. In attendance were the governor of NSW Prof Marie Bashir and many

other dignitaries including Brian O'Donohue representing NZ Veterans. Also in attendance were Neville Berridge, Margaret McInroy, Brian Meyer, Sqn Ldr (Retd) David Winkelmann AFC MID, Consul General Martin Welsh and Greg Makutu.

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.

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.

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.



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

Dee Why ANZAC Day and ANZAC Sunday Services Request Singer

Dear Veterans, a request has been forwarded on to us via the RNZRSA from Dee Why RSL requesting a singer to sing the NZ National Anthem at their ANZAC Day and ANZAC Sunday services as follows:

From: jbridle@tpg.com.au
Sent: 5 August 2010 6:17 p.m.
Subject: RSA Website Enquiry

Form Submission:
Fullname: John Bridle
Email: jbridle@tpg.com.au
Member: No

Message: I am the Hon Secretary of Dee Why RSL sub-Branch. (Suburb of Sydney) The RSL has recently incorporated the NZ Flag into our memorial services on ANZAC Sunday and ANZAC Day, and I am looking for a Maori singer if possible resident in the area to sing God Defend NZ and Aotearoa on these days. Are you aware of any NZ ex-servicemen in our area, if so, a contact would be appreciated? I noticed several Maoris at our ANZAC Day Dawn Service on April 25, but do not know who they are.

John Bridle

Veterans, if you can help please contact John as it would be absolutely wonderful to have a NZ Veteran or NZ Citizen sing our National Anthem at their services.

Note: I apologise if my next comments offend anyone. However, I wish to explain that I personally prefer ANZAC spelt in capital letters and have taken the liberty to ensure it is always written this way in the NewZletter. I am aware that Anzac is legal but nevertheless my preference is capitals.

Reminder: Christmas Lunch Sunday 12th December 2010

Veterans are reminded of the Christmas lunch this year.

Courtesy of Brian Meyer the following is provided:



(Picture above: 95yr Frank Harlow and 96yr Maj (Retd) Bob Wood POW - Bob was guest speaker)

WARNING ORDER

Fireplan Christmas Luncheon

Time on Target 1200 hrs Sun 12 Dec 2010

Target CHATSWOOD RSL Club Auditorium

Ammunition Required \$ 25 00 per head

This will provide great 3 course lunch

Drinks

Great entertainment

Vegetarians catered for

All Welcome

Further details to follow

Brian Meyer

Vice Pres

Other Notices

RNZRSA Notice

CIRCULAR NO 4436 – RSA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

On Saturday 4 September 2010 a magnitude 7.1 earthquake struck Canterbury with devastating effect.

Reports from RSAs throughout Canterbury reveal that in the main RSAs and RSA members have managed to “get through”,



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although some have suffered damage to their buildings and homes. The coming days, weeks and months will be a further challenge and we are examining how we can assist our RSAs and members as well as the wider community in Canterbury.

As a start, and with our motto of "People Helping People", RNZRSA believes that it is important to support the citizens of Christchurch and Canterbury in their hour of need, and with this in mind we invite RSAs and RSA members, outside Canterbury District, to make a donation to this Appeal.

It's about the organisation of the Red Poppy putting all its strength behind the "Red" of Canterbury and to complete the circle all donations received will be given to the Red Cross for distribution. Your help is important in restoring the economy and lifestyle of this proud RSA District and Province of New Zealand.

Please send your cheque made payable to: 'RNZRSA Earthquake Appeal' and post to RNZRSA National Office, PO Box 27248, Marion Square, Wellington 6141.

As mentioned above the RNZRSA is also on Facebook

[RNZRSA Facebook](#)

[NZ Veterans in New Zealand Notices](#)

CMT and National Service Association Notice

Greetings from the North City Branch of the CMT and National Service Assn.

We have just held our AGM and have had an update on progress with the manuscript on the History of CMT and National Service.

Accordingly, could you please arrange for the following short item to be published in the Australian NZ Sub-Branch NewZletter:

"NZ CMT men and NZ National Servicemen in Australia are encouraged to contact the author of a manuscript on CMT and National Service, Mr Peter Cooke PO Box 9724, Wellington 6141 or at petercooke@paradise.net.nz. Peter is interested in personal accounts, photos, memorabilia etc. He can also supply a Questionnaire Form that can be filled in.

The manuscript should be completed early in 2011 and Book Publication is being planned for August 2011, circa the 62nd

Anniversary of the passing of the Military Training Referendum. The project is being sponsored by the North City Branch of the CMT and National Service Assn."

Regards,

Malcolm Faulls
Vice President
North City Branch
CMT and NS Assn

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.



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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 cooperation will be greatly appreciated. However, please note Cheques should be made out to Pearce Battalion.

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 royojones@dreamtilt.com.au.

Ex-Malaya Veterans



Please be advised that the NZ Malaya Veterans Association Inc has a new website <http://www.malayavets.co.nz/>

Ex-Vietnam Services Association Inc

Reminder for all NZ Vietnam Veterans to keep in touch with your fellow comrades and keep up to date with the latest information through your association.



The website address as follows:

www.evsa.org.nz



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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 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: Lt Cdr (Retd) Malcolm Jackman, Noel Baigent, Allen Sutton, Roger Pleydell, Eddie Hawkins, Colin McDonald DFC, Lester Radford, , Jim Dove, Rick Harawira, Graeme Bolton, Maj (Retd) Ross Himona, Sqn Ldr (Retd) David Winkelmann AFC MID, Tanya White, John Leatham, John Williams and Lou Ehrler

The Last Post

Last Post Reminders in NZ

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

Last Post Reminder

Veterans, I can honestly say (albeit with great sadness) that after attending many funerals in NSW, the families have been overwhelmingly grateful, appreciative and welcomed our ability to coordinate the military aspects of the funeral for our fallen comrade. It is incredibly moving to see the pride in the families not only when they hear and sometimes first learn of our fallen comrade's military service, but also when they see the Casket



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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



HMNZS WELLINGTON ready for first visit to the capital

HMNZS WELLINGTON (MC 10-0297-012.jpg)

20 September 2010

The Offshore Patrol Vessel, HMNZS WELLINGTON, under the Command of Lieutenant Commander Simon Griffiths, will be conducting a first ever visit to her



homeport this week.

HMNZS WELLINGTON will berth at Queens Wharf, No 1, Port of Wellington at 9am on Thursday 23 September 2010.

During this historic visit WELLINGTON will be involved in a Ceremony of Welcome, she will be open to the public, her officers and crew will conduct a Charter Parade through the city's streets and host a large number of organised tours.

The Chief of Navy Rear Admiral Tony Parr, will attend the Charter Parade at 1030 Saturday 25 September 2010, where the crew of WELLINGTON will march from Queens Wharf to Civic Square. At the parade the ship will be presented the Charter to

the City. This allows the ship's company the freedom to march through Wellington with swords drawn, bayonets fixed, colours flying, band playing and drums beating.

WELLINGTON will be open to the public from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday 26 September at Queens Wharf. The Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Simon Griffiths warmly invites the public of the Wellington region to tour the ship and to meet the members of the crew.

The ship will also use the visit to Wellington to launch a new association with Kimi Ora School, Thorndon. The school has been "adopted" by HMNZS WELLINGTON to build a long lasting relationship benefiting both students and crew.

The ship will depart Wellington at 5pm on Tuesday 28 September 2010.

- [Defence on mission to assist food banks](#)
- [HMNZS WELLINGTON ready for first visit to the capital](#)
- [Kiwi troops return from supporting election security in Solomon Islands](#)
- [Defence personnel get kiwi icons for Christmas](#)
- [Change of command for Christchurch Reserve division](#)
- [Defence support continues for Canterbury region](#)
- [Defence Force Reservist of the year competition](#)
- [Scouts leave Navy's Rotoiti in ship shape](#)
- [Scouts relaunch Bob a Job](#)

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Military hero of Battle of Long Tan remembered

The Australian High Commission Defence Attaché presents Australian Unit Citation for Gallantry at Long Tan to Morrie Stanley on Sat 24th July at the Stanley home in Campbell's Bay, North Shore City (AK-10-0453-008tn)



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Vietnam veteran and battle of Long Tan hero Morrie Stanley passed away peacefully yesterday in Auckland.

Then a Captain, Morrie was the officer in charge of an Artillery Forward Observation (FO) Party from 161 Field Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery, during the battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966.

His FO Party was attached to Delta Company 6 Royal Australian Infantry Regiment which engaged the Viet Cong (VC) 275 Brigade and elements of the Local Force Battalion. The party radioed in more than 60 artillery fire missions in support of the 108 Australian soldiers from D Coy.

Facing impossible odds Capt Stanley's FO Party called in accurate and devastating artillery fire to repel the estimated 2500 Vietnamese soldiers bearing down on their position.

Many, including the Long Tan veterans, current New Zealand Army personnel and military historians credit the skill, professionalism and gallantry of Morrie Stanley in keeping much of the enemy at bay. At critical points during the battle he was directing artillery to within 50 metres of the Australian front line positions.

Morrie received an MBE in 1967, and retired from the Army in 1976

In further recognition of his efforts Morrie was presented with the Australian Unit Citation (UCG) for Gallantry at a ceremony in Auckland earlier this year. In an unprecedented move, due to Morrie's failing health, both the Australian and New Zealand Governments fast tracked the offer and within a few hours of the offer being made the New Zealand Prime Minister had approved it.

Morrie will be farewelled by family, friends and servicemen in a service next week.

- [Military hero of Battle of Long Tan remembered](#)
- [Law student wins Defence Reservist of the year](#)
- [Timaru girl rocks Royal Edinburgh military tattoo](#)
- [RSA Christmas parcels](#)
- [Timor soldiers first in electronic health records project](#)

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Royal New Zealand Air Force assists in Christchurch

USAR personnel boarding a C-130 Hercules at RNZAF Base Ohakea heading to Christchurch for earthquake assistance. (WN 10-0006-16)

4 September 2010



A Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) C-130 Hercules is currently en route to Christchurch carrying Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)

personnel and dogs.

Forty two USAR personnel, their equipment and three USAR dogs from the Auckland and Palmerston North areas are on board. The aircraft is due to land at Christchurch airport shortly. Two Iroquois helicopters from No. 3 Squadron at Ohakea have also been tasked to assist in Christchurch. They will be available to undertake aerial reconnaissance and damage assessment as required by Civil Defence.

Due to potential contamination of the fuel at Christchurch airport, a RNZAF fuel tanker is heading from Ohakea to Christchurch to supply the RNZAF aircraft.

- [New Air Force pilots get their wings](#)
- [RNZAF Orion in Antarctica Medevac](#)
- [Rare panel on display for one day](#)
- [Air Force's newest recruits graduate](#)
- [Low flying Hercules takes on Manawatu](#)
- [Royal New Zealand Air Force assists in Christchurch](#)
- [Air Force Boeing completes Antarctica trial flight](#)
- [Air Force officers graduate](#)
- [Prestigious award for Air Force recipient](#)

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