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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as “the Great War.”

Though the Treaty of Versailles, signed on June 28, 1919, marked the official end, the public saw November 11 as the date that marked the end of the Great War.

At 2.05am on 11 November 1918, after four years of conflict, a German delegation sat down in the railway carriage of Allied supreme commander Marshal Ferdinand Foch, a few hours' north of Paris.

Talks had gone on for three days, and the German delegates were close to accepting the terms for an armistice, a formal agreement to end the fighting.

In the early hours of 11 November, final terms were laid out and at

5.12am, the armistice was signed. It declared the “cessation of hostilities by land and in the air six hours after the signing”.

Terms of the agreement included: the immediate German withdrawal from the territories they had acquired during the conflict; the disarmament and demobilisation of the German military; and the release of Allied prisoners. The terms made it impossible for Germany to resume any fighting.

This was the last of the September–November 1918 armistices between the warring nations, and peace came into effect six hours after the armistice was signed. During the time between the signing and the announcement of peace, the war produced a further 11,000 casualties. **Services, Page 3.**

**PHOTO: “Thank God it’s over ...”
All quiet on the Western Front.—
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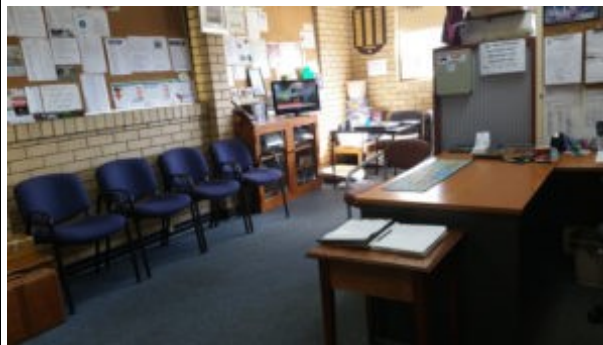
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OUR MISSION: To assist all veterans and their dependents in all matters relating to their health, welfare and well-being.

Budget focus on mental health and well-being

The 2020–21 Budget focuses on supporting the mental health and wellbeing of veterans and their families, the Federal Government says, with \$11.7 billion allocated to DVA for a range of services and supports for our 220,000 veterans and 100,000 dependants.

As well as focussing on supporting the mental health and wellbeing of veterans and their families, it will provide the best possible support for those transitioning to civilian life and into meaningful employment.

Budget measures where DVA is the lead agency, include:

- \$101.7 million to boost mental health support for veterans, including the expansion of Open Arms and expanded eligibility of the Coordinated Veterans' Care Program to certain White Card holders;
- \$64.1 million in supplementary funding to support DVA's claims processing, accessing treatment and support services, as well as to improve data sharing and analytics between DVA and the Department of Defence;
- \$25.9 million for additional support for

Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) veterans, particularly for those paying private rent;

- \$6.0 million to broaden the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program;



- \$1.1 million to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the End of the Second World War.

Ricochet has made inquiries regarding demands for the standardisation of funeral benefits for veterans as reported in the March issue, quoting retired Major-General and Vietnam veteran Brian "Horrie" Howard.

A Productivity Commission report still

being considered by the government has recommended that the funeral allowance for earlier veterans under the Veterans Entitlement Act (\$2000) should be aligned with that for more recent veterans under the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (\$12,000).

An inquiry has been made through the office of Federal Member for Fairfax Mr Ted O'Brien, but a response had not been received by deadline.

The Budget also includes a number of measures managed by other Australian Government departments that benefit veterans and their families including establishing the Joint Transition Authority within the Department of Defence, which will run in partnership with DVA and the Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation, and a range of health-related measures to promote better wellbeing outcomes for our veterans and their families.

The Budget provides for two additional Economic Support Payments as part of the pandemic response with one-off payments of \$250 each to eligible Australians including many DVA benefit recipients from 30 November 2020 and 1 March 2021. There is no need to lodge a claim.

Passing of member Trevor Wedding

Valued member Trevor John Wedding passed away on 24 October aged 79. He was born on 5 June 1941.

He joined the Royal Australian Air Force on 12 January 1959, did his "rookies" at Rathmines, NSW, and was posted to RAAF Base, Wagga Wagga, on 6 April 1959 for training at Aircraft Training School where he did an initial course, Engine Fitter Training.

Trevor (**pictured**) was then posted to East Sale to get some practical experience before going back to Wagga Wagga to continue training from 8 September, 1961 to 5 February, 1962.

As a fully-fledged Engine Fitter he served at many bases including, Woomera, Edinburgh (four times), Salisbury, Butterworth, Ubon (Vietnam War), Pearce, Williamtown, and back to East Sale.

Trevor served until 11 January, 1986, attaining the rank of Warrant Officer Engineer and was highly respected by his peers and the officers of his sections. He is survived by wife Nola, Nambour. May He Rest in Peace. – from Mal Sayer.



Remembrance Day services

Sunshine Coast Remembrance Day services, 11 November (not a complete list):

Buddina: From 10.45am, War Memorial (SE corner), Coopers Lookout carpark.

Caloundra: March starts 10.15am from West Terrace RSL carpark between the RSL and Centaur Aged Care Facility, then service in Memorial Garden.

Kawana Waters RSL and Kawana Surf Club : 10.45am.

Maroochydore: From 10.30am, Cotton Tree Cenotaph, The Esplanade.

Mooloolaba: The Surf Club, 10.30am.

Mudjimba: From 10.40am, Sub Branch grounds, 43 Cottonwood Street.

Nambour: From 10.40am, Quota Memorial Park, Matthew Street.

Palmwoods: From 10.45am, Memorial Hall, Main Street.

From the President

Hi Everyone, I sincerely hope that you and yours are fit and well. I am very glad to report that the Thursday morning breakfasts are back on at the Mooloolaba Surf Club's back balcony.

I have attended the last two and it was great to see the crowd getting back together again, swapping stories and telling jokes. People have been telling me that you don't realise how much you miss things until they are not there. Well, that's certainly the case with the Thursday morning Brekky Club.

I hate to sound like a broken record all of the time but we are still not in a position to carry out many functions due to the Covid19 limitations. It has the same impact insofar as grant applications go. It's a bit hard to apply for a grant when we have nothing to show what the grant is actually for, or for what benefit it will assist our veterans! Still, we will be patient and just hope for the best; not much else we can do really.

The Library has indicated that they may be in a position to open the Meeting Rooms at the Drop-In Centre, possibly during early November. However, we have also been told that it will more than likely early January before we can get back to having our regular/normal monthly meetings once more. It's very, very frustrating!

We will be having a Committee Meeting shortly after Remembrance Day although the venue is yet to be decided. Luckily for us, Gordon Hall, our Junior Vice President, has somehow arranged for a Remembrance Day stall at the Sippy Downs shopping centre. Gordon runs that stall each and every year and it has always been a great source of income to the Association. Unfortunately, that is the only stall we will be running this year, once again, COVID !!!!! Anyway, extra well done Gordon, we knew we could rely on you.

As I indicated at the beginning of this report, Thursday morning Brekky is back on and it would be great to see some of you there. It's a great spot, great company and a great time. Come on down. Finally, I understand that the Surf Club will be holding its regular Remembrance Day Ceremony on the 11th. Spectators are requested to gather at the rear of the Surf Club at 10.30am for the Flag Ceremony. See You there.

Please take care of yourselves and remember, if anyone has any good ideas on how we can advance our association, then please let us know.

**Best Regards,
Mick Howe,
President.**



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from 50
years ago?
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A remarkable photo — all VC recipients — with names attached that re-appeared recently (It is on the Australian War Memorial site ID C45356).



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FROM THE EDITOR

November a time to pause and remember

November is a special month for war veterans particularly, as well as for many other people around the world.

As our front-page story reads, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Allied nations and Germany signed an armistice leading to the end of the First World War, then known as “the Great War.” It became known as Armistice Day.

So now, 11 November is known as Remembrance Day. It is certainly a day to remember that for Australia, the war remains the costliest conflict in terms of deaths and casualties: from a population of fewer than five million, 416,809 men enlisted, of whom more than 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded, gassed, or taken prisoner, says the Australian War Memorial.

Australia’s first significant action of the war was actually closer to home when the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force’s (ANMEF) landed at Rabaul on 11 September 1914, taking possession of German New Guinea; two

months later HMAS *Sydney* destroyed the German raider SMS *Emden*.

Then came 25 April 1915 when members of the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) landed on Gallipoli in Turkey with troops from New Zealand, Britain, and France. With New Zealand forces, they became the ANZACs. Over the next two years, losses there and on the Western Front were heavy and gains were small.

It was the first armed conflict in which aircraft were used; some 3000 Australian airmen served with the Australian Flying Corps in the Middle East and France.

Australian women volunteered for service in auxiliary roles: as cooks, nurses, drivers, interpreters, munitions workers, and farm workers. The effects of the war were felt at home. Families and communities grieved for the loss of so many men, and women increasingly

assumed the physical and financial burden of caring for families.

As the war was drawing to a close, when the monumental task of repatriating countless soldiers began, the world faced a ‘Spanish Flu’ pandemic that would be more deadly than “the war to end all wars”.

The pandemic killed an estimated 17 to 100 million people: as many as five times the number of people killed during the war; though Australia experienced one of the lowest recorded death rates of any country.

Eventually peace did come, though not necessarily for the thousands of those directly and indirectly affected by the war. A depression was to come a decade or so later and then another war. World War One did not “end all wars”.

Kerry White

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Lieutenant Colonel Green (left) with Intelligence Officer Lt A. Argent. – AWM photo.

3RAR lost young CO in Korea

Seventy years ago on 1 November, the respected Commanding Officer of 3 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel Charles Green, 30, died from wounds received when hit by shrapnel while resting in his tent.

“Born in 1919, and raised in Swan Creek, NSW, he joined the militia at 16. During the Second World War of the 2/2nd Battalion, he served as an infantry officer in North Africa, Greece and New

Guinea, receiving a Distinguished Service Order aged 25.

When war broke out in Korea, he was appointed Commanding Officer of 3RAR. He had led his men through battles at Yongju, Kujin, and Chongju before his death.

He was buried in the United Nations War Cemetery in Pusan, South Korea. He was awarded posthumously the US Silver Star medal.

NEW BOOK LOOKS AT MEDICAL LEGACIES OF VIETNAM

The Vietnam War continues to cast a long shadow over a generation of Australian servicemen and servicewomen, says the Australian War Memorial. Based on interviews with veterans and analysis of hundreds of medical and scientific studies of veterans’ health, *The Long Shadow: Australia’s Vietnam Veterans Since the War* is a comprehensive examination of the entire range of medical legacies of the Vietnam War.

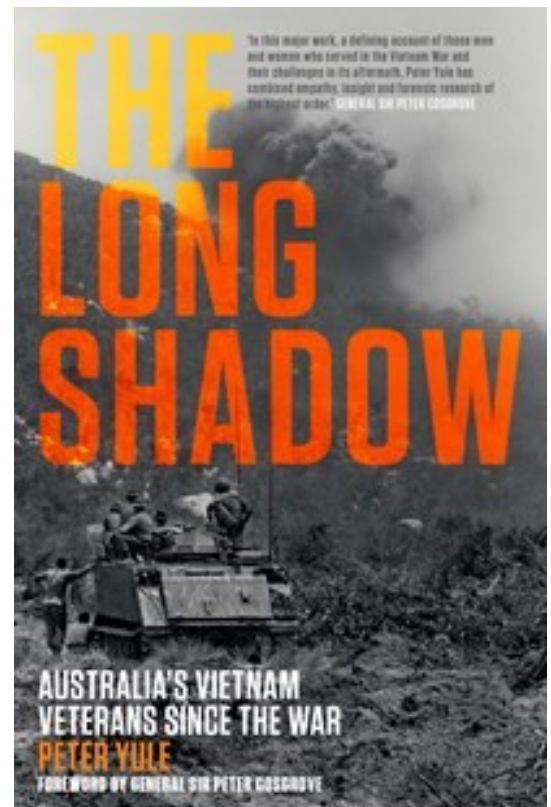
In this book author Peter Yule (**below**) also tells the story of the political battles over veterans’ health, and examines the reactions of government to veterans’ health issues.

Director of the Australian War Memorial, Matt Anderson, said: “This medical history lays to rest some of the misconceptions and establishes for the first time an accurate picture of the health of Vietnam veterans.

Many veterans believe that their service and sacrifice were never properly recognised and that their health problems were ignored, trivialised or denied altogether.

This book provides a way to share those experiences from a veteran perspective,”

Follow this link to purchase your copy of ‘The Long Shadow’ <https://www.awm.gov.au/visit/TheLongShadow>



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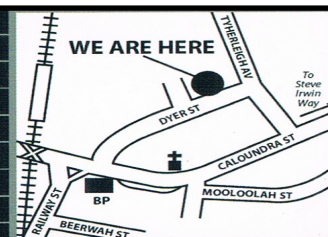


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Navy withdrawing from Middle East

The Australian Department of Defence has announced plans to reduce its naval presence in the Middle East region. Throughout South East Asia and the Pacific, a continued commitment to initiatives under the Pacific Step Up, and several highly successful activities with our regional partners.

For more than 30 years, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) has been supporting freedom of navigation, maritime security, and free flow of commerce in the Middle East. “We now face an increasingly challenging strategic environment, which is placing greater demand on ADF resources closer to home.”

The move will allow the country to focus more on the Indo-Pacific region under the government’s 2020 Defence Strategic Update. The historic changes will see the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) stop the annual deployment of a ship to the Middle East.

Australian Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said: “This year alone has seen navy respond to the bushfire and Covid-19 crises, a five-ship deployment to the Middle East under Operation Manitou was Anzac-class frigate HMAS Toowoomba.



PHOTO on Page 4 is of former Ricochet editor John Cunnington and Eileen on their wedding day 50 years ago, on 2 October; (above) cutting the cake on their golden anniversary. — from Facebook.



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OUR R.A.A.F. TURNING 100

The Royal Australian Air Force will mark 100 years of service to Australia on 31 March next year.

“Air Force 2021 will be a once-in-a-generation opportunity to engage with the Australian nation, showcase Australian air power, inspire the next generation of aviation specialists,

and acknowledge the critical role industry and the community play in Air Force’s success,” the RAAF says.

“This will be an important time to reflect on and acknowledge our enduring contribution to Australia’s national security.

“Air Force 2021 (AF2021) will be a nationwide program of carefully selected events and initiatives that:

- honour the service and sacrifices of our people over the last 100 years;
- engage the Australian commu-



nity and demonstrate today’s highly capable force; and

- inspire young Australians to consider a career in the Air Force or aviation industry.

“Planning for the centenary is already underway. The first stage was a public consultation in late 2015 and early 2016. We received more than 320 suggestions to mark the centenary.

“In assessing all of the ideas against our key criteria of safety, value for money and maximum effect, we are now examining some of the submissions in more detail.

In planning for 2021 the RAAF is: continuing to raise awareness of the centenary; exploring options for Youth Development activities; continuing discussions with Defence industry for potential partnering with some initiatives; and meeting tourism and major events agencies to discuss other options.



New member, recently retired Infantry Colonel Clay Sutton (centre) welcomed by Ian Atkinson and Rick Brittain at breakfast. A recent arrival on the Coast Clay lives at Alexandra Headland with wife Annie. Welcome.



ESTEEMED member Scotty loves to get his photo in Ricochet, as we know, but he did not stage the unfortunate accident that saw him in hospital. Stitches to the head resulted with leg and other injuries. He is on the mend and visiting his usual haunts.

Five brothers lost on ship

On 13 November 1942 five American brothers were lost in one wartime incident.

The Sullivan Brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, were members of the crew of the cruiser USS *Juneau* when it was sunk by a torpedo off Guadalcanal.

Following their deaths, the US Navy changed regulations to prohibit close relatives from serving on the same ship.

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New retreat taking shape

A new veterans retreat is taking shape at Adavale and is expected to be open early next year.

Member Tony Ey recently reported on progress through Facebook:

The former Elliot family home known locally as 'The Hut' located between the former Post Office and the Police station lay abandoned and derelict for many years before being bought by a group of Vietnam Veterans who made the building liveable.

It was used as a base for rest and recreation for them and for the wider veteran community at the annual AN-ZAC Day ceremony in Adavale.

This property was to be sold but due to the closure of the Alaric Station Veteran's retreat 100km north west of Quilpie, Tony and his mates decided to donate both the hut and the two blocks to the registered non-profit Alaric Veteran's retreat with the property to be renamed 'The Adavale Veterans Retreat'.

They were awaiting delivery of 2 x 4 bedroom en-suite accommodation modules – which arrived on 25 September. They are air-conditioned with inner spring king single beds, bar fridge and



televisions.

The property is to be re-fenced with rainwater tanks, paths, fire pit, kitchen and gardens installed, with the old hut to become a museum. Contact details still alaricoutbackretreat@gmail.com

Secretary is Alan Christie.

Assistance has been provided by VVAA Sunshine Coast with provision of some items from Alaric.



Digger in last issue

In the October issue of Ricochet we printed a photo (left) of a 4 RAR Digger as a comparison with photos of modern-day Diggers' gear. It drew this response from Gordon Watt OAM: "In the October issue of Ricochet the 4 RAR soldier is my wife's brother, Private Raymond Foster from Griffith NSW, who was in Vietnam 70-71 the same time that I was in 9 Sqn. Raymond passed away a few years ago in Darwin." Lest We Forget.

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RAR presentation to local retired Colonel

The monthly Riflemen's Lunch provided the venue for a special presentation recently when retired infantry Lieutenant Colonel Graeme Mickelberg (pictured) was presented with a RAInf honour board by the Colonel Commandant of The Royal Australian Regiment, Major General Shane Caughey, AM, CSC (Retd).

Graeme said the campaigns and battle honours of the RAInf represented the commitment of generations of infantrymen, including those present at the lunch, among them former colleagues.

He retired from the Army in January 2018 and lives in the Sunshine Coast hinterland. His service included 27 years as a Regular Army officer, having previously served as a rifleman in the CMF (now Army Reserve).

He was commissioned into the RAInf from OCS Portsea in July 1974 and served in 2/4 RAR, 8/9 RAR and 3 RAR (PARA). His other postings included 2 years on exchange as a tactics instructor at the UK School of Infantry, staff appointments as the SO1 Infantry at the Directorate of Infantry, SO1 Operations at Headquarters 1st Division and four years teaching officers tactics at Canungra.

When Graeme left the Regular Army in 1999 he transferred to the Army Reserve where he was responsible for coordinating Defence support to the Queensland Government, including in response to natural disasters and counter terrorism.

Graeme also facilitated training by the Singapore Armed Forces at Shoalwater Bay Training Area and has been in-

involved in major bilateral training activities in Australia.

His service has been recognised by the award of commendations from the Chief of Defence Force and the Chief of the General Staff.

In retirement Graeme has focused on supporting veterans and was actively involved in having the unique nature of military service recognised by the Australian Parliament in the *Australian Veterans' Recognition (Putting Veterans and their Families First) Act, 2019*.

It is tradition within the officers of the Infantry Corps that those who serve in excess of 20 years get presented with a Battle Honours print (all Battle Honours won by Infantry Units) together with their Certificate of Service upon leaving the Army.

Graeme is on a rural property at Kenilworth and Shane lives at Pelican Waters. Graeme has a brother who is a Vietnam veteran and a son an Afghanistan veteran and MP.



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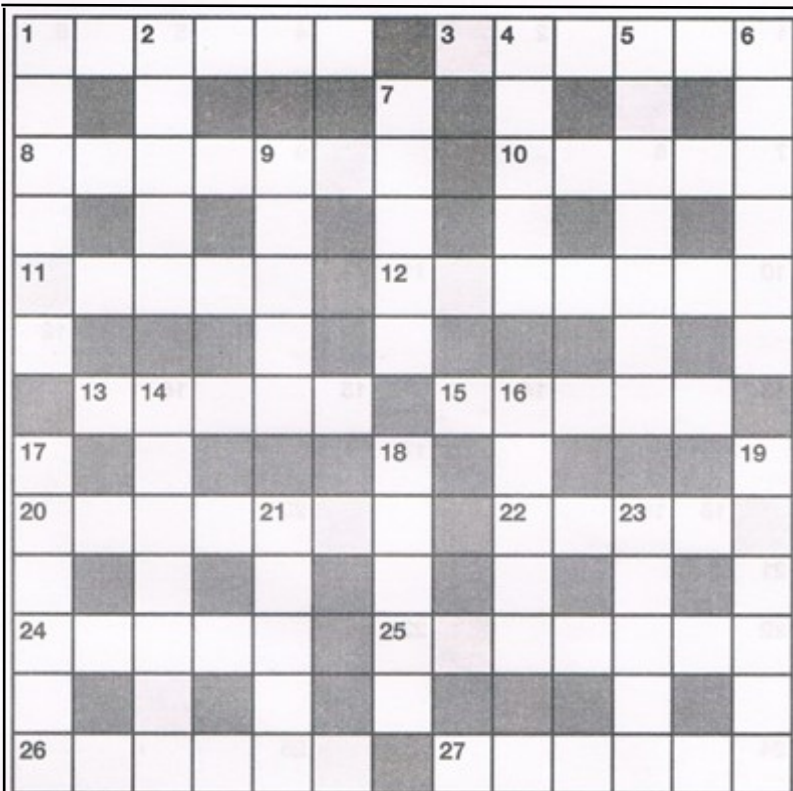
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| 3 Receive something offered (6) | 12 Out of the ordinary (7) | 25 Imbue (7) |
| 8 Circuitous (7) | 13 In front (5) | 26 Firstborn (6) |
| 10 Luxury craft (5) | 15 Felt pain (5) | 27 Request for a sum of money (6) |
| | 20 Frequent patron (7) | |
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| 1 Oar (6) | 9 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5) | 21 Parts of a chain (5) |
| 2 Not at any time (5) | 14 Emaciated (7) | 23 Die away (5) |
| 3 Aquatic South American rodent (5) | 16 Item of furniture (5) | |
| 5 Leave out (7) | 17 Colonnade (6) | |
| 6 Aggregates (6) | 18 Juicy fruit (5) | |
| 7 Progeny (5) | 19 Breakfast food (6) | |

Another "Sort of Easy" Quiz

- Whose ship was the first to sail around the world?
- "Freedom" was the first UK top ten hit for which Robbie?
- What was invented by Lewis Waterman in the 1880's?
- Which US President was nicknamed "The Comeback Kid"?
- Which instrument usually has 47 strings?
- What is the name of Dennis the Menace's dog?
- Who wrote, "Help Me Make It Through the Night"?
- Moving anti-clockwise on a dartboard what is the number next to 4?
- Who pricked her finger on a spinning wheel and slept for 100 years?
- Who became Earl of Stockton on his 90th birthday?

November Trivia

- 1997 Will Smith film: "Men In WHAT"?
Options: Tights, Love, Black, New York.
- Which word contains a smaller word that can mean 'seek the affection of'? Options: Blowhole, Swooped, Awoken, Bewitched.
- The Great Smog of London that killed over 4,000 people occurred at the start of WHICH decade? Options: 1900s, 1850s, 1950s, 2000s.
- 2008 Beyoncé hit "Single Ladies": 'Cos if you liked it then you should have put a WHAT on it'? Options: Sauce, Fiver, Ring, Kiss.
- In which country did 'Pokémon' originate? Options: Japan, Germany, France, Cuba.
- What does the term 'crenulate' mean? Options: Wavy-edged, Crushed, Pretend, Crusty.
- What does the word 'belie' mean? Options: Fall down, Sleep, Fat, Contradict.
- Which of these is a true definition of the word 'palmate'? Options: Hand-shaped, To pulsate, Friend, Old.
- What is another word for Osculate? Options: Sneeze, Cough, Yawn, Kiss.
- The song, "In the Street", by Big Star is featured as the theme song in WHICH TV series? Options: "Frazier", "That 79s Show", "Scrubs", "Seinfeld".
- Which "Breaker Morant" actor was born in Sydney in 1947? Options: Bryan Brown, Heath Ledger, Mel Gibson, Anthony Hopkins.
- Which British comedian used to be a member of the 60s folk band The Humblebums? Options: Billy Connolly, John Cleese, Stephen Fry, Benny Hill.
- Which English king got rid of Thomas Becket? Options: Henry 11, Henry V111, William of Orange, Richard111.
- In what city did Anne Frank and her family hide from the Nazis? Options: Paris, Potsdam, Amsterdam, Rotterdam.
- The port of Ajaccio's most famous son was WHO? Options: Caruso, Garibaldi, Mussolini, Napoleon.
- How was Rodrigo Diaz de Vivar better known? Options: El Cid, Don Quixote, Casanova, The Scarlet Pimpernel.
- 'The mark of a man' was a slogan for which product? Options: Old Spice, Calvin Kline Under pants, V B Lager, Toyota Corolla.
- What was used for the first time in the Somme on 15th September 1916? Options: Steel Helmets, Mustard Gas, A Tank, A Browning Machine Gun.

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Brekky on again

WEEKLY breakfasts for veterans are back again — in front of the Mooloolaba Surf Club on Thursdays from 7am for only \$5, cooked by our top chefs, Geoff and Johnno (above); other helpers Scotty and Bunny absent for unavoidable reasons. Also at the first one for a few months were (top right and below) quite a few of the usual suspects.



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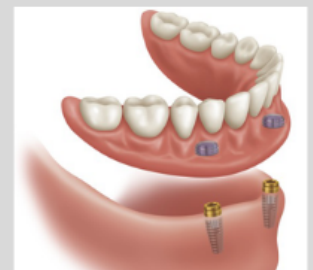
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McNamara's quest to 'Understand your opponent'

It was the necessity of resisting the United States, the generals and diplomats in Hanoi would say, that drove North Vietnam into a temporary, pragmatic reliance on Chinese and Soviet aid.

"The basic lesson is: understand your opponent," McNamara concluded sorrowfully as he strode along the lake. The lesson worried him. "We don't understand the Bosnians, we don't understand the Chinese and we don't really understand the Iranians."

It was more than intellectual interest that brought some of McNamara's colleagues to Hanoi. Unfinished business drew Chester L. Cooper (pictured), a veteran C.I.A. analyst, White House aide and State Department adviser who had been present at practically every fork in this rough road since the French war in Indochina in the early 1950's. He had been the point man in the Johnson Administration's secret, failed diplomacy of the mid-60's, running all over the world to send offers to the North Vietnamese. "Many of the names we will be confronting are names that I remember being these elusive, gray, unfriendly, unfathomable people whose attention I had been trying to get for several years," Cooper said before leaving for Hanoi. And he also sought something more personal. "How do these people feel about me walking around, going back to a place after you've destroyed it? How will they feel? How will I feel?"



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Continuing from the October issue, a feature article by David K. Shipler about a visit by Robert McNamara to North Vietnam after the Vietnam War. During the war McNamara was United States Secretary of Defense (1961 - 1968) under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson. The article titled 'Robert McNamara and the Ghosts of Vietnam' was in The New York Times on 10 August 1997 (The article has American spelling).

Feelings were not on McNamara's agenda. "That's not what I'm focusing on," he declared before the trip. "I may not tell you how I'm feeling." And he never did, even when questioned about the thoughts that were running through his head as he walked around this city, among these people. "I try to separate human emotions from the larger issues of human welfare," he replied. "Human welfare requires that we avoid conflict. I try not to let my human emotions interfere with efforts to resolve conflict." It seemed an odd dichotomy, one that recalled McNamara's inability to invest his policy making with the compassion he may have felt.

Self-revelation was not the style of these aging men, now in their 70's and 80's. The Vietnamese, meanwhile, had been ordered in writing not to give interviews. "Stone statues" was how one American described the Vietnamese after the first day's discussions -- an image that mercifully broke down somewhat as time passed.

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The Americans were less guarded. Cooper told the Vietnamese that he had resigned from the White House in quiet protest in 1966 and then agreed to work "on negotiations only" at the State Department until he concluded in December 1967 that the diplomatic feelers were "a charade." Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, who was Under Secretary of State from 1966 to 1969, had "some responsibility for negotiations," he said, "but there was always somebody around to sabotage them." Francis M. Bator, deputy national security adviser from 1965 to 1967, specialized in European affairs and only listened to Lyndon Johnson's anguished monologues about Vietnam. Gen. William Y. Smith, now retired from the Air Force, never served in Vietnam; as a major, he was an aide in the White House and for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The delegation's single combat veteran of the war was from the Army, Lieut. Gen. Dale Vesser, who is now retired, a sturdy man with a laconic style. From 1966 to 1971, he did two tours and several special missions in Vietnam. How did he feel being in Hanoi? "I have never had anything but respect for the people we fought," General Vesser (pictured)



said. "They were very good, and they were fighting for what they believed in. So being in Hanoi, other than feeling an obligation to those Americans who didn't come back, doesn't excite strong emotions."

Deciding to attend this conference brought Vesser considerable flak from colleagues in the Army, the service most badly wounded by the war and most bitter about McNamara and his book. At least half a dozen generals declined invitations. One of them, John H. Cushman, came close to going but then pulled out. A former brigade commander, he remembered the pain of returning to old battlefields a few years ago and meeting officers from the other side. "I'm just not comfortable being seated opposite these people exploring the missed opportunities," he said. "My constituency is my brigade. I think my constituency would not quite understand why I linked up with this effort to find out what we did wrong."

Something of the same concern made the trip to Hanoi unattractive to Gen. William Westmoreland, who commanded U.S. forces in Vietnam and who, at age 83, sounds as if he were frozen in time. "We did not lose a single battle against those people," he insisted. "They defeated us psychologically. I must say, I can just imagine the attitude of my troops when they read in the paper that the old man goes to Hanoi." To do so "would suggest that we're submitting to them, because we never lost a battle," he repeated. "It would be totally inappropriate for me as having led our troops to go and make homage to the enemy."

Walt W. Rostow, President Johnson's hawkish national security adviser, did not go because he anticipated that most information would come from American documents

Delegation had only one veteran

and memoirs. "I don't think that Hanoi's in a mood to give us anything equivalent, like the access to American policy in this period," he predicted. "After all, they are Communists. I don't want to join in an exercise that will be 90 percent American and 10 percent Hanoi."

Furthermore, he added, "we were awfully well informed about them. I know all the answers to those questions."

The skepticism also infected foundations, 13 of which turned down requests for financial support, according to James G. Blight of Brown University's Thomas J. Watson Jr. Institute for International Studies, the American organizer of the meeting. Only the Rockefeller Foundation came through.

The doubts raised the stakes for the Hanoi meeting. The Americans, especially McNamara, were keen to prove the skeptics wrong by making sure the conference would succeed in opening up the secretive North Vietnamese decision-making process. The aim was to persuade the Vietnamese to break with their closed tradition and provide official documents from the period as well as personal recollections. The conference organizers provided voluminous background material from newly opened archives in Moscow, Washington, Eastern Europe and even Beijing, which included, for example, Chinese minutes of conversations in the 1960's between Mao Zedong and the North Vietnamese Prime Minister, Pham Van Dong.

Only Vietnamese documents were missing and the Vietnamese organizer -- the Foreign Ministry's Institute for International Relations -- pledged early on to provide archival material.

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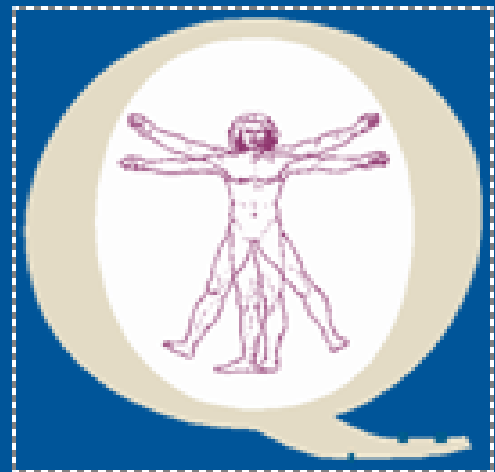
According to the research, the optimal breathing rate is four to six breaths per minute. Repeat: four to six per minute is optimal. That means each breath we take should be between 10 to 15 seconds. Wow!

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November Timeline: From King Tut to Holden

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4 November 1979: About 500 young Iranian militants stormed the US Embassy in Teheran, Iran, and took 90 hostages, including 52 Americans who they held captive for 444 days.

7 November 1830: In response to a virtual state of war between Tasmania's Aboriginal population and Europeans, Lieutenant-Governor George Arthur ordered thousands of able-bodied settlers to form what became known as the 'Black Line', in an attempt to intimidate, capture, displace and relocate the remaining Aboriginal people.

7 November 1861: About 4000 people gathered at Flemington Racecourse in Melbourne to watch the first Melbourne Cup, a horse race that would become one of Australia's most important sporting events. Sydney



horse Archer was the winner by a staggering six lengths.

8 November 1965: 1 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, (1RAR) fights the first engagements of the Vietnam War between Australian forces and the Viet Cong in the Battle of Gang Toi.

10 November 1964: Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies (knighted 1963) announces introduction of national service to increase the army's strength from 22,750 to 37,500. A Morgan Gallup Poll in November 1966 finds that 63 percent are in favour of conscription, but only 37 percent approve of sending National Servicemen to Vietnam.

11 November 1975: After a series of dramatic events including a 1974 double dissolution and a budgetary supply crisis, the Gough Whitlam-led federal Labor government became the first (and only) government in Australian history to be dismissed by the Governor-General. **PICTURED: The former Prime Minister addresses media soon after his sacking. — National Library photo.**

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12 November 1894: Australian inventor, astronomer, explorer and historian Lawrence Hargrave connected four box kites of his own design, added a seat and flew 16 feet (4.8 metres) off the ground, thus proving to the world that it was possible to build a safe, heavier-than-air flying machine.

16 November 1920: W. Hudson Fysh, Paul McGinness and Fergus McMaster established the Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd with two open-cabin biplanes. That became Qantas, the second oldest airline in the world with the company and its flying kangaroo livery becoming Australian icons.

20 November 1947: England's Princess Elizabeth married Philip Mountbatten. Elizabeth was the first child of King George VI and became Queen Elizabeth II upon the death of her father in 1952.

22 November 1963: At 12:30 pm in Dallas, President

November timeline

John F. Kennedy's motorcade slowly approached a triple underpass. Shots rang out. The President was struck in the back, then in the head. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital, but at 1 pm the 35th President of the United States was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 pm, Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President.

29 November 1948: The launch of Australia's first locally made mass-production car was a milestone in Australian manufacturing. The FX, as it became known, was an immediate success, as was the FJ, launched in 1953. The Holden transformed suburban Australia, boosted national pride and quickly become a national icon. Holden ended its Australian manufacturing operations in October 2017.

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'When you're laughing, the whole world laughs with you'

Patrick O'Hara was leaving Port Aeran, Ireland for London for the first time away from the village. The evening before he left a neighbour called in and asked him if he would do their family a favour.

"Yes" said Patrick, "What is it?"

Well said the man, "My old Auntie Brenda Dunne's daughter, Nelly, left for London five years ago., and the poor old mother hasn't heard from her since. As you are going to London would you look her up and tell her to write to her poor old mother."

"Certainly" said Pat, "Do you have an address?"

"Well we know Nelly is in WC1 London; that should be enough we think."

"Fine" said Pat, "I'll give her the message."

Pat duly arrived in London and as he was walking down the road he came to a stairway leading down to a basement with WC written next to it, so Pat trotted down the stairway and there was a row of doors; No. 1 was right in front of him.

Pat knocked on the door to No. 1 and a lady's voice answered, "Hello."

Pat shouted, "Are you Nelly Dunne?"

"Yes," said the voice, "But I've no paper!"

"That's no excuse for not writing your Mother," said Pat.
– from Peter Rogers.



Wiremu, a Maori New Zealander, was in Australia to watch the upcoming Bledisloe Cup Test and was not feeling well, so he decided to see a doctor. "Hey doc, I dun't feel so good, ey," he said.

The doctor gave him a thorough examination and informed Wiremu that he had long existing and advanced prostate problems and that the only cure was testicular removal.

"No way doc," replied Wiremu, "I'm gitting a sicond opinion ey!"

The second Aussie doctor gave Wiremu the same diagnosis and also advised him

that testicular removal was the only cure. Not surprisingly, Wiremu refused the treatment.

Wiremu was devastated, but with the game just

around the corner he found an expat Maori doctor and decided to get one last opinion from someone he could trust.

The Maori doctor examined him and said, "Wiremu Cuzzy Bro, you huv Prostate suckness ey."

"What's the cure thin doc ?" asked Wiremu hoping for a different answer.

"Wull, Wiremu," said the doctor, "Wi're gonna huv to cut off your balls."

"Phew, thunk god for thut!" said Wiremu, "those Aussie bastards wanted to take my test tickets off me!"

– from Mick Howe.



A group of Hell's Angels was riding along in the Lockyer Valley west of Brisbane when they saw a girl about to jump off a bridge. So they stopped.

Rod, their leader, a big burly man of 53, gets off his Harley, walks through a group of onlookers, past the copper who was trying to talk her down off the railing, and says, "Hey Baby, whatcha doin' up there on that railin'?"

She says tearfully, "I'm going to commit suicide!!"

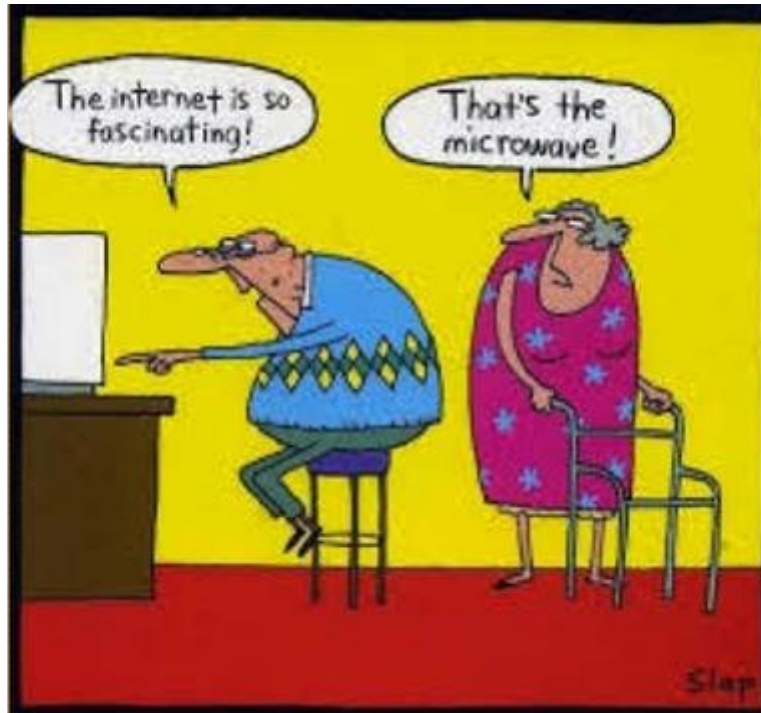
"Why don't you give ol' Rod here your

best last kiss?"

So, with no hesitation at all, she leaned back over the railing and did just that. and it was a long, deep, lingering kiss followed immediately by another even better one.

After they breathlessly finished, Rod gets a big thumbs-up approval from his biker-buddies, the onlookers, and even the copper, and then says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting there, Sugar Shorts. You could be famous if you rode with me. Why are you committing suicide?"

"My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl." It's still unclear whether she jumped or was pushed. – from Mick Howe.



I have a close friend, Ray, who I served with in two RAAF Units all those years ago and have continued our friendship in post-service life. I have valued his friendship, as well as his wife and family's friendship, over the past 50-odd years.

He has just spent three weeks in Greenslopes Hospital where they discovered his deteriorating health over the past 18 months has been caused by an incurable and rare disease.

He wrote the following thoughts and has given me permission to reproduce them. I have done so here, without further comment, except to say, this friend does not go to any church, but has a deep spiritual and personal commitment. I trust you find what he wrote as interesting as I did, and how he has dealt with the disturbing news about the remainder of his days on this earth.

"My God went with me for a walk this morning, and, like a previous walk of a month earlier, as we ventured into the quiet, calm beginning of another glorious day there was not a cloud in the bright, brittle, clear blue sky and the air was slightly chilled by

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the faintest breeze as it wafted, slowly, lazily, almost as if it couldn't be bothered to cross the clear, glassy lake out the front of our apartment complex.

"The grass glistened, covered with small mirror-like droplets of dew, shining brightly to let us know they were still there before their inevitable melting away in deference to the increasing presence of the waking sun.

We stopped for a while, just to look at and appreciate the myriad of sights before us – the lessening shadows, as they knelt in deference to the ever-brightening sun and reluctantly withdrew to reveal the jewels of creation they had previously hidden; budding blossoms stretched in their waking response to the sun's ever-increasing brightness; small birds fluttered from blossom to blossom, their

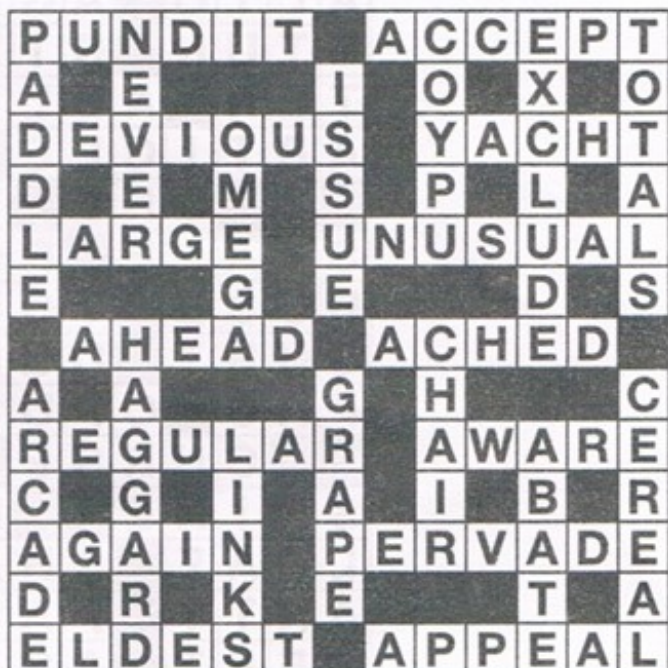
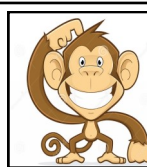
wings beating out a muted tattoo; the scratching of land-bound lizards and larger birds, as they scrimmaged through the leaf litter and plant debris left from earlier mornings; the incredible pallet of natural colours and textures that spread before us, exposed by the ever strengthening light; but the most incredible element of all during that whole wondrous experience was the overarching sense of serenity and peacefulness that surrounded us.

"Slowly, reluctantly, our walk was eventually over, and as I opened the door to my apartment I thanked my God for his company and his watching over me, and entered my home, comforted in the knowledge that, without question, He would be waiting to walk with me again tomorrow."

May each one of our readers find the peace and serenity that my friend, Ray, has found after his lengthy stay in hospital. Peace in our lives is something I know we all crave as we approach our late senior citizen years. Enjoy your 'walk' with your God. I do with mine.

Arthur Fry
Honorary Chaplain

Answers from page 12



Quiz Answers

1. Ferdinand Magellan
2. Robbie Williams
3. Fountain Pen
4. Bill Clinton
5. Harp
6. Gnasher
7. Kris Kristofferson
8. 18
9. Sleeping Beauty
10. Harold Macmillan (pictured)



Trivia Answers

1. Black
2. Swooped
3. 1950s
4. Ring
5. Japan
6. Wavy-edged
7. Contradict
8. Hand-shaped
9. Kiss
10. "That 70s Show"
11. Bryan Brown (pictured)
12. Billy Connolly
13. Henry11
14. Amsterdam
15. Napoleon
16. El Cid
17. Old Spice
18. A Tank



Vietnamese baulk and compromise

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When a deadline passed in April without the promised papers having appeared, McNamara pounded the table at a Washington meeting of the American team and threatened not to go to Hanoi. "They have not met this condition!" he said. "I'm very skeptical that we can add to history unless we have documentary evidence. If we can't achieve that, I don't know if the conference should go forward." But he was bluffing, and in the end, no Vietnamese papers materialized.

That failure turned out to be a telling sign that the American skepticism about the conference was being echoed in Vietnam's corridors of power. Two weeks before the sessions, Hanoi rejected a proposal to hold daily, American-Vietnamese news briefings for fear that hardliners in the Communist Party press would use them to attack the moderates who had organized the meeting. Then, hours after the American delegation arrived in Hanoi, the Vietnamese hosts at Hanoi's Institute for International Relations reneged on a longstanding agreement to allow CNN to tape the conference.

The development soured the atmosphere at first. McNamara fretted that the mood would be too guarded for candid discussion. The American team met alone to consider canceling the conference -- an empty threat with the entire delegation already in Hanoi. The Vietnamese then made a small compromise: CNN could get one of the four days on tape. And so went the negotiations about discussing 30-year-old attempts to start negotiations.

The nervousness about the TV camera reflected the uncertain boundaries of Vietnamese political discourse. Open debate on foreign or military policy is still taboo, especially on so sacred a topic as the war.

But acerbic complaints about the economy, which is increasingly geared to private enterprise and foreign investment, are now acceptable, and the police apparatus that once conducted block-by-block monitoring of ordinary residents in the former South Vietnam has been considerably relaxed. Political jokes are popular, and real life is often funnier. An irreverent young man who spent a year in prison after trying to escape by boat in the early 1980's recently received a surprise invitation: to join the Communist Party. He was amused, and he declined.

Vietnamese in political life, adrift in crosscurrents of ambiguous guidelines, must swim skillfully. Though the former Foreign Minister, Nguyen Co Thach, championed this conference, he sought to rein in his delegation. He often answered probing questions smilingly but with enigmatic single sentences. Sometimes he bluntly put subjects off-limits. When pushed to reveal what disagreements had existed among policy makers about negotiating with Washington, he said quietly, "There were



discussions, but we are not permitted to publicize them." Because of Vietnam's long history of foreign domination, "our habit is to keep secrets in order to defend ourselves," he explained. "Sometimes we cannot even get access to our own secrets, so how can we share that with others?" Thus were McNamara's principal objectives foiled. But he soldiered on without evidence of despair, obsessed by the task of flushing information out of every hiding place.

It is a tricky time, as Vietnam casts one eye warily on China and the other expectantly on the United States and its powers of investment. The museum in Ho Chi Minh City that was once called the Museum of American War Crimes became the Museum of War Crimes and is now simply the Museum of War Remnants. Inside, however, the condemnation of America remains searing. On the one hand, the victory over the United States stands as a landmark of national heroism. On the other, with half its population having been born since the end of the war, Vietnam seems poised to move on. It has warmly welcomed Pete Peterson, the first American Ambassador to Hanoi and a former prisoner of war. In what seems apt symbolism, the prison where he was held, the "Hanoi Hilton," is being partly demolished for a luxury high-rise, with some outer walls of the prison to be retained as a monument. Peterson drives by two or three times a day, "and it doesn't bother me," he said, "which is good. It means I have healed."

Healing is usually easier for the victors than the vanquished, and the Vietnamese at the table displayed none of the Americans' anguish. As winners, they also seemed less impelled toward self-criticism. McNamara and the

other Americans came to Hanoi eager to get the Vietnamese to admit that they, too, had made mistakes in failing to pursue policies that might have avoided or curtailed the war. But that would have amounted to an unimaginable confession that Vietnamese reunification and independence could have been won with less sacrifice. No national myth is shattered lightly.

The Hanoi conferees met in a bright, cool room at the French-renovated Hotel Metropole (pictured), removed from the sultry streets. Reference books and papers were stacked and strewn before the participants, who wore earphones to hear the interpreters in windowed booths. The shape of the table was not an issue: it was a square, created from many long tables.

But there had been differences over the scope of the discussions.

- **Continued next issue. Robert Strange McNamara, who was born on June 9, 1916 in San Francisco, died on July 6, 2009 in Washington DC. His books included *In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam* (1995). Your comments are welcome.**

Roll of Honour – Vietnam, month of November 1962-75 ... Lest We Forget

November 1965

Gillson, Peter Raymond (37857), 20, 1RAR, Pte, Fawkner Crematorium & Memorial Park, Melbourne.



Hillier, Reginald Hedley (42774), 26, 1RAR, Cpl, Adelaide River War Cemetery, NT (originally Terendak, Malaysia).



Parker, Richard Harold J (213963), 24, 1RAR, LCpl, Woden Cemetery, ACT.



Swanton, Ronald James (13841), 29, AATTV (attached RAI), Sgt (TempWO2), Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.



Wheatley, Kevin Arthur (29890), 28, AATTV (attached RAI), Sgt (TempWO2), Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.



November 1966

Hendle, Terence Edward (18256), 20, 6RAR, LCpl, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.



Kirkwood, John Lynden (A113169), 19, Base Squadron Ubon (RAAF), AC, Ipswich, Qld.



Nilsen, Erald Herman (1200083), 20, 5RAR, Pte, Dunwich Cemetery, Qld.



Pracy, Noel Arthur (216044), 20, 5RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.



Watson, Bryan Phillip (5713748), 21, 5RAR, LCpl, Karrakatta Cemetery, WA.



November 1967

Allen, Norman George (2784699), 21, 7RAR, Sydney War Cemetery, Rookwood, Sydney.



Bell, Ronald John (5714249), 22, 2RAR, Pte, Allambie Park Cemetery, Albany, WA.



November 1967 (continued)

Cullen, Bryan Thomas (217314), 20, 7RAR, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.



Fallon, Barry Edmond (216906), 31, 7RAR, Pte, Southport Cemetery, Qld.



Hawker, Norman Victor G (3789232), 22, 7RAR, Pte, Kaniva and Lillimur Cemetery, Vic.



Hutchison, Maurice John (1200455), 28, 1FIdSqn, Spr (TempCpl), Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.



Moore, Barry John (242811), 30, 1 ED Sqn (RAE), SSG (TempWO2), Urunga Cemetery, NSW.



Pettitt, Noel Charles (3790094), 21, 2RAR, Pte, Merbein Public Cemetery, Vic.



Rivett, Jeffrey Clive (4410710), 24, 2RAR, Pte, Murray Bridge Cemetery, SA.



Tregear, Barry (2412508), 29, 4FIdRegt, Gnr, Rookwood Military Cemetery, Sydney.



November 1968

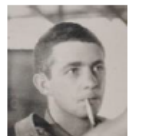
Annesley, Frederick John (2784162), 22, 1RAR, Cpl, Eastern Suburbs Crematorium, Botany, Sydney.



Donnelly, William Wayne (217898), 19, 1RAR, Pte, Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.



Gibbs, Ian James (5715657), 21, 1RAR, Pte, Wandering Cemetery, WA.



Hughes, Rodney Donald (1201350), 20, 1RAR, Pte, Bowen, Qld.



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November 1968 (continued)

Langlands, Terrance Edward (2786939), 23, 1RAR, 2Lt, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.



Quigley, Anthony Vincent (4719160), 21, 3RAR, LCpl, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.



November 1969

Bink, Martin (2275420), 25, 9RAR, LCpl, Woden Cemetery, ACT.



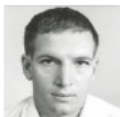
Convery, Robert Tom (38627), 22, 9RAR, Lt, Fawcner Memorial Park, Moreland City, Vic



Linton, Matthew Philip (1734491), 21, 5RAR, Pte, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.



Lisle, Anthony (2791437), 23, 1 FldSqn, Spr, Rockhampton Cemetery, Qld.



Suttor, Henry Edward (218006), 26, 5RAR, LCpl (TempCpl), Canobolas Orange Crematorium, Orange, NSW.



November 1969 (continued)

Troy, Kevin John (22696), 47, AATV (attached RAI), WO2, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.



White, Michael Paul (217191), 20, 5RAR, LCpl, Dawson Cemetery, Taree, NSW.



November 1970

Carver, Robert Charles (O119223), 24, 2Sqn RAAF, Pilot Officer, (remains retrieved 2009) Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane, Qld.



Herbert, Michael Patrick John (O44310), 24, 2Sqn RAAF, Flying Officer, (remains retrieved 2009) Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.



Fleming, Robert (38129), 24, 1ARU, Sgt, Rookwood Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Sydney.



Black, Barbara Frances (F35135), 25, 1Field Hospital (RAANC), Lt, (died of illness in Australia), Burwood General Cemetery, Melbourne.



- Information and photos from Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour; Department of Veterans Affairs; Virtual War Memorial, Australia; Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Wall of Faces; Find A Grave.

‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them ...’



CONTINUING our series on Australian Memorials for the Vietnam War: A memorial established by the Vietnamese Community of Australia, Queensland Chapter (left) at Kangaroo Point, with inscriptions in both languages, only English shown (photos Kerry White); and below, this Caribou military transport plane was unveiled to commemorate the first flight of the Caribou in the Vietnam War in August 1964. It is at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Newhaven, Victoria. — latter from <https://monumentaustralia.org.au/>

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