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Monthly newsletter of VVAA Sunshine Coast Sub-Branch Inc. JUNE 2023



Anzac Day marked in Vietnam

AUSTRALIAN and New Zealand communities gathered at the Australian Embassy in Hanoi to mark the Anzac Day Dawn Service. After a poignant and moving service, the community shared Anzac biscuits, Vegemite on toast and other Australian fare.—from the embassy Facebook page. More follow-up on Anzac Day Page 3, 19.

NO PROGRESS ON FUNERAL BENEFIT ANOMALY

Veterans organisations have welcomed this year's Federal Budget funding for Veterans' Affairs, though calls for a funeral benefits anomaly between different eras appears to have been ignored again.

"The Australian Government is investing an additional \$328.1 million over four years to support the more than 340,000 veterans and dependants accessing services through DVA," the government announced.

"This builds on the \$537.5 million invested in the Octo-

ber 2022 Budget as part of the Government's commitment to ensuring a better future for veterans and families."

However, over the past three years *Ricochet* has been emphasising the need to address the anomaly whereby a funeral benefit of around \$2000 is payable to (mainly Vietnam) veterans under the Veterans Entitlement Act, but up to \$12,600 is payable under two later Acts.

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POSH MEETINGS: Partners Offering Support and Hope meet Friday 1-4pm, informal gathering in the meeting room beside the Drop in Centre. Coffee/tea/chat.

MEMBERSHIP fees are due annually on 31 December. Renewal form on website or with mail-out Ricochet.

NEXT meeting Thursday, 15 June, 11am. NOTE: Meetings on Thursdays until further notice.

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Before the Budget the RSL and Defence Force Welfare Association submitted to Minister for Veteran Affairs and Defence Personnel Matt Keogh that the difference in benefits has been an ongoing issue for veterans.

"The differences between these benefits are difficult to justify," RSL president Greg Melick said. "The RSL and DFWA is recommending the Federal Government amend the Veterans Entitlement Act to align its funeral allowance with Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act funeral expenses."

"Doing so would ensure fairness for older veterans and their families and reduce confusion and frustration at a time of great distress in their lives ... and the Government should act to redress the situation as a matter of urgency."

This newsletter has noted previously that in 2019 then Labor Leader Bill Shorten made an election promise that the anomaly would be remedied.

The previous conservative Veterans Affairs Minister had noted that a 2019 Productivity Commission report, 'A Better Way to Support Veterans', had "identified the inadequacy of the VEA funeral payment" compared with the other two and recommended they be "aligned".

The RSL says bringing the payments together is one of the simpler legislative changes the Government could make and could be achieved relatively quickly.

The RSL and the Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA) have developed a submission to the Government on the reform of funeral benefits' legislation and it has been endorsed by several other ex-service organisations.

Mr Melick said the difference in benefits has been an ongoing issue for veterans and the submission will now be presented to the Minister for Veteran Affairs and Defence

Funeral benefit fix not included in Budget

Personnel, Hon Matt Keogh MP.

Regarding the Budget, the government said it is investing an additional \$328.1 million over four years to support the more than 340,000 veterans and dependants accessing services through DVA. This builds on the \$537.5 million invested in the October 2022 Budget as part of the Government's commitment to ensuring a better future for veterans and families.

"The 2023-24 Federal Budget makes significant investments that will further reduce the veteran compensation claims backlog," it says.

"An investment of \$64.1 million in 2023-24 will retain over 480 DVA staff who are working to deliver frontline services to veterans and families and \$254.1 million over four years has been provided to modernise and sustain ageing IT systems to ensure more timely payments and access to services for veterans and families through DVA.

"These investments support the Government's response to the interim recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide."

EDITOR'S NOTE: While there is a broad consensus of sorts between successive governments, no action appears imminent. Optimistically, opportunities for any announcement could occur on 18 August, marking the 50th anniversary of the official end of the Vietnam War for Australia; or when the final report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide is received; or when a review of legislation to combine the three DVA acts is finalised; or

BUGLER DOUG PLAYING ANZAC DAYS SINCE 1956

Gympie region bugler Doug Lyon is a living legend among Anzac Day bugle players.

He has never missed a beat or an Anzac service – playing The Last Post and Reveille since 1956.

This Anzac Day marked his 66th consecutive year of playing at Anzac services.

Mr Lyon was 14 and playing the solo cornet in the Salvation Army when his bandmaster asked him to fill in for him playing The Last Post and Reveille at a Remembrance Day in Mary Street in Gympie.

"That was the first time I played The Last Post and Reveille," Mr Lyon said. "I've played it probably 1000 times since then. I've played it at least once every year at Anzac Day, at gravestones, raising the flags, I used to play on horseback."

He's played it at services in Memorial Park and the War Memorial Gates in Gympie, Cooroy, Mary Valley, Imbil, all along the Sunshine Coast. When he was living



at Coffs Harbour for a time, he played 17 times in one day.

"They all timed their services for me so I could get there for my five minutes," he laughed. — by Christine Schindler, Gympie Times.



Our volunteers hard at it

BUNNINGS hosted the sub-branch for its famous sausage sizzle recently with eight volunteers turning up. It was a great effort with 60kg of sausages and 40 loaves of bread consumed. It was necessary to make four trips back to IGA Maud Street to restock. Despite that and gas running out at one stage, more than \$2000 was made on the day, but it might have been \$3000 without the drawbacks. Well done chaps. Patron Laurie Drinkwater was there (the one without the red shirt).



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From the Secretary

Well that was May, come and gone almost, just as this year is passing.

This month has been a frustrating time as far as administration is concerned, specifically insurance cover for our sub-branch.

They say that compliance makes things so much easier; this obviously does not include insurance companies!

Because our current Certificate of Currency does not expire until 31 July this year, we have found it very difficult to get cover for our VV Day ceremony and luncheon at Maroochy RSL.

The RSL have been generous with their facilities as per usual, for which we are most appreciative.

Despite determined effort from Jack Cunnington and myself, we are still pursuing the elusive avenue to source C of C beginning August 2023.

Chriss Wessels has been doing a great job looking after holes in the duty officer roster. She also gave me an update on Margo Christie.

She is to see a surgeon in the coming days (as of 27 May) to determine if surgery is required. It will be quite a few weeks before she is able to return to the DIC. We wish her all the best.

On Saturday, 27 May, we were at Bunnings for a Sausage Sizzle after an eight-month hiatus. We organised two shifts, am and pm, to lighten the load somewhat.

IGA at Maud Street, Maroochy, once again assisted us with the goodies.

We welcome back our new Treasurer from holidays and look forward to a revised and more efficient day-to-day running of the association.

That's about it for me this month. Remember, this association runs on volunteers and without them we are no more!

Garry King
Secretary



RICOCHET: TO MAIL OR NOT TO MAIL

In future, *Ricochet* will be mailed only to those who advise same. The *Ricochet* is always available online from month to month and is a very efficient method of keeping up with what is going on with the association from one month to another. It only takes a phone call or email to let us know.



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A SOLDIER who served in Korea and Vietnam, and became RSM of 6RAR, passed away recently on the Sunshine Coast. He was WO1 James (Jim) Husband (26275) OAM, BEM. His funeral was held at Coolumb on 29 May.

He was born in Sydney on 24 June 1933 and joined the Australian Army on 3 June 1952. He went on to serve with 2 RAR in Korea as a signaller and, after the truce, was medically evacuated to Kure, Japan.

He was later an assistant instructor, Regimental Signals, with the British Commonwealth Battle School at Haramura, Japan.. Back in Australia he was an instructor with 19 National Service Battalion at Holsworthy; after completing a PT course, he became a sergeant at 1 Recruit Training Battalion, Kapooka; then to Army Apprentices School at Balcombe, Victoria. There he was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM).

He later transferred back to the Infantry Corps, promoted to WO2 and joined the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (AATT) in South Vietnam in 1964-65. As an advisor he was involved in numerous combat situations and was awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star.

Back home again he was a CSM with 2 Commando Company at Riponlea and Williamstown, Victoria, qualifying for a Green Beret. During a period of leave he was seconded to the Victorian Water Police to assist in the search for the late Prime Minister Harold Holt at Cheviot beach, Victoria.

Later he qualified as a parachute jump instructor (PJI) and was a mem-

A veteran of two wars

ber of the RAAF Dominos Parachute Display Team.

In 1968 WO Husband was attached to the British Royal Marine Commandos, attending a course at the Royal Marine Corps Infantry Training School at Lymington in Devon.

In 1969 WO Husband (**pictured**) was reposted to the Parachute Training Flight at RAAF Williamstown, NSW, then to 7 RAR as CSM A Company for their second tour to South Vietnam (1970-71). He became an instructor on warrant officer courses back at Infantry Centre, Ingleburn, and was promoted to Warrant Officer Class One.

With establishment of the Army Parachute School he became RSM and was a member of the original Army Red Beret Parachute Display Team which performed nationwide, completing 400 plus parachute descents, including a water descent in the UK with the Marines. When the school relocated to Nowra the main drop zone was named "DZ Husband".

WO Husband's final posting was to 6 RAR at Enoggera as RSM and he

was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal. He chose retirement rather than a posting as RSM 1 Division, but completed four years with the Army Reserve at Ingleburn.

He was awarded an OAM for services to the veteran community in 1999.— from 2 RAR Facebook page.



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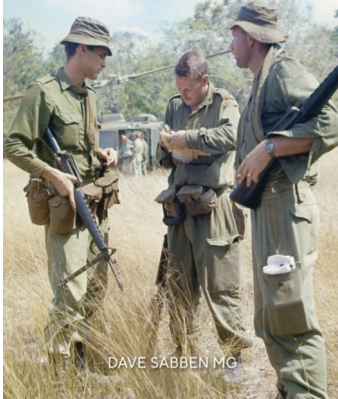
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BOOKS

MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES

An Infantry Platoon in Viet Nam, June 1966 – June 1967



LONG TAN veteran 2Lt Dave Sabben MG has published a new book offering what is described as an extraordinary and fascinating, detailed insight into a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam.

He volunteered for National Service in 1965, completed officer training at Scheyville and was posted to 6RAR. He became commander of 12 Platoon, Delta Company aged 21.

He was recommended for a Military Cross for his actions at Long Tan, but this was downgraded to a Mentioned In Despatches (MID). In 2008 it was upgraded to a Medal Of Gallantry (MG). This high-quality coffee-style book, chock full of 500+ images, along with maps, tables, letters, diagrams, and more, is available directly from him at <https://sabbenmidbook.com>



ACCORDING to the TPI Association of NSW, "Helen Austin's new book, *Like Shadows in the Corner*, is now available in print form due to popular demand.

"The book explores how wives coped while their soldier was fighting the war in Vietnam. Wives were invisible to the Armed Services and the community during this time and Helen's book demonstrates these wives' courage, tenacity and unending ability to manage under enormous pressure while they raised their children alone and went to work, waking up each morning not knowing if their husband would make it through his day. These women are strong and resilient."

The editor is intrigued that there is no contact for the author available, as confirmation is needed for the statement that the author's husband of 55 years, Hilton, served in Vietnam – apparently not under the surname, Austin, as no one of that name is listed on the DVA Nominal Roll.

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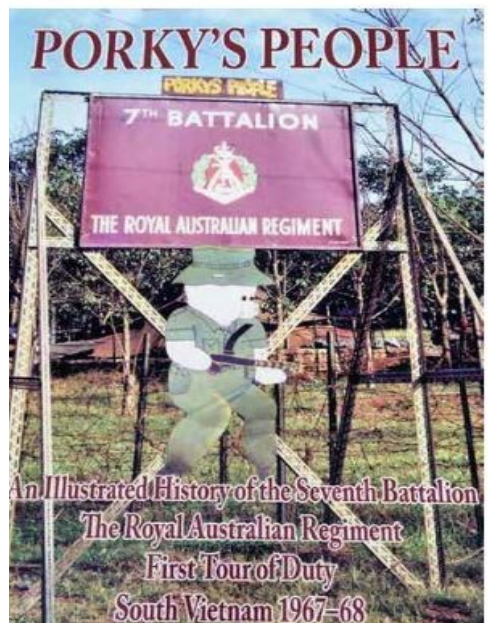
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THE HISTORY of 7 RAR's first tour (1967-68) in Vietnam is told in this illustrated history titles "Porky's People" and compiled and written by Karl Metcalf who was actually Platoon Commander of 4 Platoon, B Company on the battalion's second tour.

The book primarily uses images such as photographs, artwork, maps, and newspapers cuttings to tell the story.

It covers the period from the raising of the battalion through to the return to Australia and "immediate aftermath".

More information is available from 7 RAR Association or emailing Anthony Keech at porky_seven@bigpond.com



Mystery car restored for nurses



In late 1968 on Operation Capital II the New Zealanders of Field Workshops, and painted pink before being donated to a nurse of the Royal New Zealand Nursing Corps in French Citroën near the edge of the Courtenay Rubber Vung Tau. The vehicle was passed on to each of the Australian and New Zealand nurses over the following years. It was brought back and refurbished by the RAEME 102 book.

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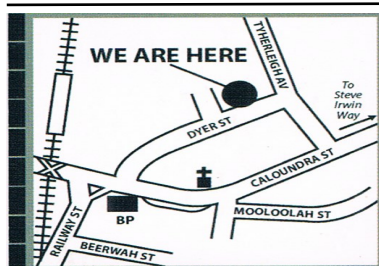
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Marking 50 years



FIFTY years of service with the RAN for Commander Bertram Slape (right) was marked with presentation of a Federation Star by Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Mark Hammond. Photo: Petty Officer Christopher Szumlanski.



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VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
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Main Commemoration Ceremony

Assembly: 1045 hours at the swimming pool complex, The Esplanade, Cotton Tree. A short march to the Cotton Tree RSL Cenotaph commences at 1055 hours.

Service: 11.00 hours—1200 hours.

Luncheon: At Maroochy RSL following the service.
Welcome to guests at 1230 hours.

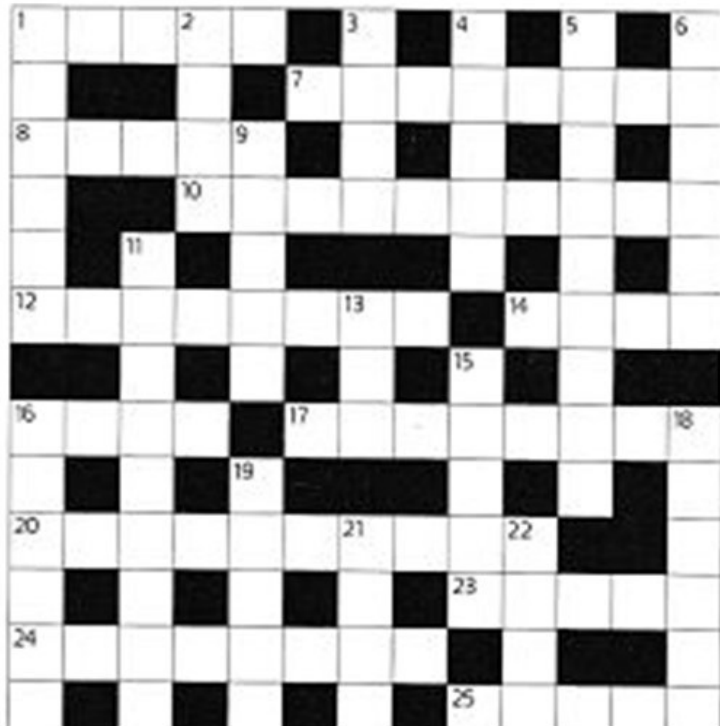
Lunch tickets will be available at the Drop-In Centre from 1 June. Cost: \$40 for members and partners. Non-members price is \$55 per head. Lunch includes a sumptuous three course meal, subsidised beer and wine, entertainment and raffle draws.

IMPORTANT: At the luncheon there will be free seating available. However, If you would like to pre-book a table (groups of 10 is preferable), please notify John Cunningham on 54933513 (0415375968) or email hookin1947@gmail.com and arrange the bookings with him after you have purchased your tickets. Names, addresses and phone numbers are required for each person.

Transport: A bus will be provided to transport guests to and from the Caloundra RSL. Pick-up time will be 0945 hours.
The bus will leave the Maroochy RSL at 1630 hours.
Guests in the Maroochy area can avail themselves of the Maroochy RSL courtesy bus.

Special dietary requirements - leave a message with the duty officer at the Drop-In-Centre or contact John Cunningham on 54933513, (0415375968) or email hookin1947@gmail.com

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ACROSS

1. Cowboy's legging (5)
7. Nickname for New York (3,5)
8. Large residence (5)
10. Genetically transmitted (10)
12. Gazelle, oryx, e.g. (8)
14. Summon (4)
16. Kitchen fixture (4)
17. Order (8)
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25. Desiccated (5)

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2. Bear created by A.A Milne (4)
3. Loathsome (4)
4. Geena ____, US actress (5)
5. Equipment (9)
6. Stevenson tale, *Dr __ and Mr Hyde* (6)
9. Answer (5)
11. Moral values (9)
13. Female swan (3)
15. Cooker (5)
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18. Sampled (6)
19. Bedding (5)
21. Security device (4)
22. Declare (4)

Historical June Happenings.

1. The actor best known for playing the lead role in the long running TV series 'The Adventures of Robin Hood' died in June 1985, can you name him?
2. The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place in June of which year?
3. The Battle of Dunkirk ends with defeat and retreat by the Allied forces in June of which year?
4. Name the actor who died in June 2009 and was famous for playing the part of Shoalin Monk, Kwai Chang Caine in the TV series Kung Fu.
5. Anne Boleyn was crowned queen of England in June of which year? a) 1533 b) 1583 c) 1633



June Trivia

1. Australian breakfast staple Vegemite is known for its salty taste and high levels, of which vitamin?
2. Who is considered having founded the Australia beer industry opening the first commercial brewery in 1798?
3. Who was the first Australian-born person and first living Australian to win an acting Oscar.
4. Which was the only Australian state settled without the use of convict labour?
5. The remains of which spacecraft fell over Western Australia in 1979?
6. Australian singer David Gordon Kirkpatrick is better known in his singing career as?
7. Which of Midnight Oils song features the words "it belongs to them, let's give it back" and was their biggest selling international hit?
8. True or false: crocodiles existed at the same time as dinosaurs in Australia?
9. Who was Australia's first Bachelor?
10. Who took out the first Australian season of The Masked singer as the Robot?
11. Who won the Gold Logie 4 consecutive years from 1997 to 2000?
12. What do Pat Rafter, Kay Cottee, Cathy Freeman and Steve Waugh have in common?
13. Which National Rugby League franchise became the second to join the NRL in 1995?
14. Which player took a plunge in the Yarra after securing back-to-back titles in extreme heat at the Australian Open Tennis tournament in 1993?
15. Which AFL team moved to Sydney in 1982 to become the Sydney Swans?
16. Which Aussie cricketer took the first ashes hat trick in over 90 years in 1994?
17. Which Australian boxer was nicknamed the Marrickville mauler?
18. How many times has Australia won the Rugby Union World Cup?
19. Rugby League's Dally M Award is named after which player?
20. How many ships were in the First Fleet?
21. On November 6th, 1999 Australians official said no to what?
22. Which 2014 Oscar winning film was shot in Australia and based on a novel by F Scott Fitzgerald?

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THE UNIQUENESS OF MILITARY SERVICE

The word unique is over-used. Everything seems to cop the “unique” label even if it is not. The dictionary says that unique means: “of which there is only one; unequalled; having no like.”

Military service is unique in the correct sense of the word despite the efforts of some to equate military service with civilian emergency services. Or worse, bundle military service in with the public service. But servicemen and women are not emergency services workers or public servants. They are not even employees.

This brief article looks at the one key feature that makes military service unique. Genuinely unique.

That key feature is obligation. It is the key difference between military service and disciplined emergency services such as police and fire-fighters, whom some see in the same box.

Here's why. Servicemen and women, and only servicemen and women, are obliged – compelled if you like – to obey lawful commands that involve risk up to and including the possible or probable or even certain loss of their life.

Emergency services people do not share that same obligation. Nor does anybody else.

The difference is not a matter of bravery or courage or oth-

By Win Fowles (Updated from an article originally published in 2015 – and later republished – by the Defence Force Welfare Association)

er individual qualities. Emergency services people demonstrate these qualities in spades frequently. They deserve our admiration for doing so. But emergency services people cannot be ordered to place their lives in mortal danger even though some choose to. ADF people can be so ordered if the order is lawful.

Article 3 of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights says everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person. Australia is party to this declaration. But, unlike all other Australians, ADF servicemen and women can be compelled to give up their right to life if the nation so requires. That's unique.

Servicemen and women of all ranks value their lives as much as any other Australian. Military leaders are obliged to shield their subordinates from harm in any reasonable way possible. So they should. But, in extremis, those leaders can and indeed must order their subordinates into situations where one or more of those subordinates may well pay the ultimate price. So may the leader. And the subordinate, whether volunteer or conscript, has no choice in the matter.

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BRING back memories? "Any man who can ride a motor-bike. One pace, forward, march. You men fall out over here.

"We still men need a few more for this special training we're going to hold. Any man who would like to ride a motor bike. One pace, forward march. Very good. Fall out with the others.

"Right, you lot. F... off down to the mess. They need some potatoes peeled. The rest of you, have a smoke."

HER dog was in heat, but she agreed to look after her neighbour's male dog while the neighbour was on vacation.

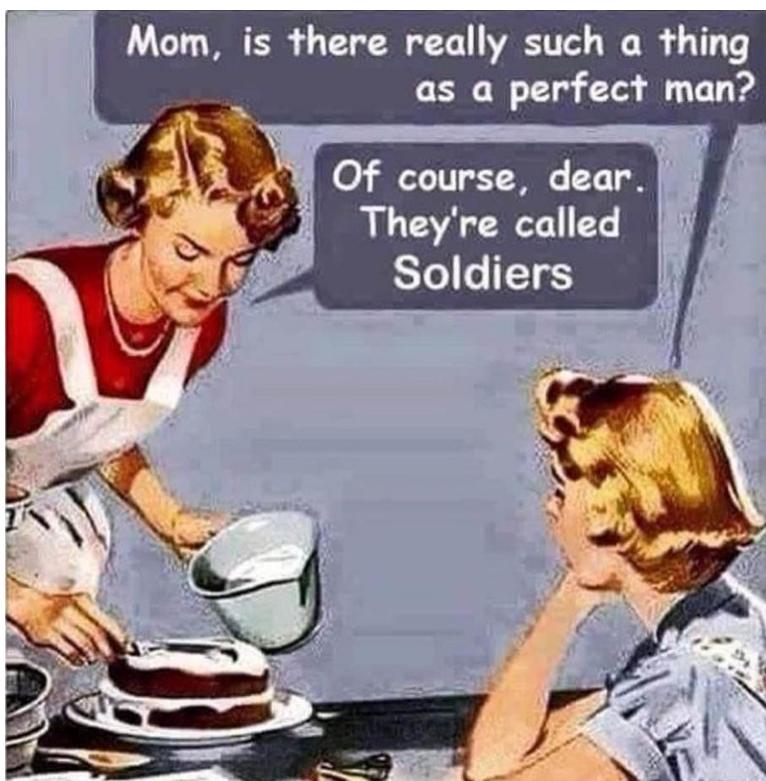
She had a large house and she believed that she could keep the two dogs apart. However, as she was drifting off to sleep, she heard awful howling sounds. She rushed downstairs and found the dogs locked together and unable to disengage, as frequently happens when dogs mate.

Unable to separate them, and perplexed as to what to do next; although it was very late at night she called her vet who answered in a very grumpy voice.

After she explained the problem to him, the vet said: "Hang up the phone and place it down alongside the dogs. I will then call you back and the noise of the ringing will make the male lose his erection and he will be able to withdraw."

"Do you think that will work?" she asked.

"Just worked for me," he replied.



From Barry Vassella Facebook page.



ONLY in Ireland ... from Aussie Vets PTSD Group Facebook page.

SADLY, a National Serviceman's mother died suddenly while he was undertaking basic training.

The unit Commanding Officer called the Regimental Sergeant Major and asked him to break the news to Recruit Jones.

The RSM advised Jones' Platoon Sergeant that he would address their parade the next morning.

After the Sergeant ordered the platoon to fall in, and roll call was taken, the RSM stepped forward.

"Platoon, atten-shun!!" he bellowed out. "All recruits with two living parents, one pace forward, March! Recruit Jones! As you were!"

A COLONEL had just moved into his new office, feeling very important.

A private knocked on the door. Conscious of his new position, the colonel quickly picked up the phone, told the Digger to enter, then said into the phone, "Yes, General, I'll be seeing him this afternoon and I'll pass along your message. In the meantime, thank you for your good wishes, sir."

Feeling as though he had sufficiently impressed the young Digger, he asked, "What do you want?"

"Nothing important, sir," the Digger replied, "I'm just here to hook up your telephone."

DURING an all-service session the question was posed: "What would you do if you found a scorpion in your tent?"

A sailor: "I'd step on it."

A soldier: "I'd squash it with my boot."

A marine: "I'd catch it, break the stinger off, and eat it."

A pilot: "I'd call room service and find out why there's a tent in my room."

With only a few days left in America, before we head home, I must comment on some of the things that really impress me over here.

One is that anyone who has served in the Defence Forces of the United States is identified and thanked at every opportunity. I have been in church services on their Remembrance Day, held on the same day as we have in Australia, when all who had served were asked to stand.

Some 30 per cent of the congregation in that Mississippi Church stood and were honoured and thanked for their service by the church and its Pastor. My friend from Tennessee nudged me to stand, which I did since, during the Vietnam War, I had been seconded to the USAF for three months to the 554 Civil Engineering Squadron, the famous 'Red Horse'.

This was a great honour for me, as when a group of us were the advance party for the RAAF No. 5 Airfield Construction Squadron (Detachment C) to Phan Rang in 1967, we were seconded to the 554 CES and amalgamated into their 'hoochies', one Australian to seven USAF members.

The 554 CES unit had built the airstrip, revetments, the USAF sleeping quarters, messes and officers' clubs and were about to dismiss their local Vietnamese staff. I was placed in their Labour Office to help sort out their pays and function as the interpreter for all their staff. Furthermore, instead of going downtown to the Labour Office in Phan Rang city and recruiting, then security clearing workers to build the RAAF area, I had a ready supply of staff eager to continue working on the base if only for another three months.

Fireside with the Padre



The labour staff came in three grades, V4, V5 and V6. Very few had been tradesmen, but it was a case of if they woke up one morning and desired to be a carpenter, they were a carpenter. The 554 CES USAF local team consisted of carpenters, painters, some electricians, and some plumbers, and as I said, rather than trained workers, they were 'desirous of being' such trades.

When in America, we love to go to baseball matches. What we enjoy about any baseball game, is that after the sixth inning, the service members from Rhode Island who are serving their country overseas are recognised by name for their service to the nation. Equivalents of our Last Post and Reveille are played and a minute's silence is kept for those servicemen and women who will not be returning home.

Once a person has served their nation in the four defence services – Navy, Army, Air Force or Marines – they are recognised and respected publicly for life. We have noticed it afresh this visit as we have for the past 24 years that we have been visiting over here.

I thank God that I had an opportunity to serve in the United States Air Force, if only for three months.

Arthur Fry
Honorary Chaplain

Answers from page 12



June Happenings

1. Richard Greene (right)
2. 1953
3. 1940
4. David Carradine
5. a) 1533



Crossword

Across: 1. Chaps 7. Big Apple 8. Manor 10. Hereditary 12. Antelope 14. Call 16. Sink 17. Instruct 20. Bratislava 23. Event 24. Audience 25. Dried

Down: 1. Camera 2. Pooh 3. Vile 4. Davis 5. Apparatus 6. Jekyll 9. Reply 11. Standards 13. Pen 15. Stove 16. Subway 18. Tested 19. Linen 21. Lock 22. Aver.

Trivia answers

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| 1. Vitamin B | named Australian of the Year. |
| 2. James Squire (Cascade Brewery) | 13. North Queensland Cowboys |
| 3. Geoffrey Rush for Shine in 1996. | 14. Jim Courier |
| 4. South Australia | 15. South Melbourne. |
| 5. NASA's Skylab broke up and scattered over parts of WA on July 11, 1979. | 16. Shane Warne at the MCG |
| 6. Slim Dusty, he adopted the stage name "Slim Dusty" in 1938 at age 11. | 17. Jeff Fenech. Fenech won world titles in 3 weight divisions. |
| 7. Beds are Burning, | 18. Two, 91 99 |
| 8. True 100% | 19. Herbert Henry "Dally" Messenger, who played with Eastern Suburbs. |
| 9. Tim Robards. He met Anna Heinrich and they are still together! | 20. There were eleven ships in the First Fleet, with five carrying convicts and the rest officers and supplies. |
| 10. Cody Simpson in 2019 | 21. The Australian republic referendum. |
| 11. Lisa McCune | 22. The Great Gatsby |
| 12. All have been | |

June Timeline

1 June 1963: Advisor Sergeant William Hacking becomes the first Australian to die in Vietnam when his weapon allegedly accidentally discharged after being caught in vegetation.

3 June 1992: The High Court of Australia recognised that a group of Torres Strait Islanders, led by Eddie Mabo, held ownership of Mer (Murray Island), acknowledging the traditional rights of the Meriam people to their land and holding that native title existed for all Indigenous people.

6 June 1944: D-Day, Allies land in Normandy, opening a third front against Germany ending with Germany's surrender in May 1945.

6–8 June 1969: Australian forces, primarily 5 RAR, took on a large combined force of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong. One Australian was killed and 10 wounded, while enemy losses included at least 107 killed, six wounded and eight captured.

7 June 1968: Australian Prime Minister John Gorton (**pictured, without hat**) visits Vietnam against a background of a growing Australian military commitment.

9 June 1803: British explorer Matthew Flinders became the first person to circumnavigate Australia. Flinders charted much previously unknown coastline, and the maps he produced were the first to accurately depict Australia as we now know it, both proving Australia was a single conti-



nent and by using the name 'Australia' in his maps and writings.

9 June 1928: Australian pilots Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm, along with two US crewmen, became the first people to cross the Pacific Ocean by air in their three-engine Fokker aircraft, the Southern Cross.

10 June 1838: The Myall Creek massacre in the Gwydir region of north-eastern NSW. On 18 December 1838, seven men became the first British subjects to be executed for massacring Aboriginal people in the massacre.

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June Timeline

11 June 11 1994: After 49 years, the Soviet military occupation of East Germany ended. At one time there had been 337,800 Soviet troops stationed in Germany.

12 June 1902: The Commonwealth Franchise Act was enacted, giving women in Australia over the age of 21 a right to vote in national elections and to stand for the Australian Parliament, despite many not possessing the right to do so in their home states. This did not apply to First Nations people until 1962.

21 June 1864: More than 2500 men from the Australian colonies crossed the Tasman to fight in the New Zealand wars.

21 June 1951: 3 RAR was awarded United States Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for "extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance" at the battle of Kapyong, Korea (**presentation below**).

24 June 1852: In the middle of the night a catastrophic flood swept through the New South Wales town of Gundagai. Only three buildings were left standing and between 80 and 100 people died, making it the deadliest flood in Australia's recorded history.



24 June 1935: The cane toad was released in Queensland to help the cane industry deal with insect attacks on sugar cane roots, but it has since spread all the way across to northern Western Australia. It has no known predators and has had a serious impact on the ecosystems of northern Australia.

24 June 2010: The 25th and first female Governor-General of Australia, Ms Quentin Bryce, swore in the 27th and first female Prime Minister, Ms Julia Gillard, who was born in Wales.

26 June 1945: Australia played an important role in the establishment of the United Nations. The countries involved hoped that the UN's formation would prevent a repeat of the Second World War.

30 June 1971: A Census of Population and Housing was the first time Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were included in the population count. Until then they were excluded from being counted as part of the national population.

Sources include:

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_history_of_Australia_during_the_Vietnam_War

<https://www.awm.gov.au/articles/atwar/mar>

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Assuming the military leader's command is lawful, a subordinate is subject to severe sanction for disobedience. Some may say that any sanction is better than being wounded or killed in battle but this then raises the fraught issue of the good of the individual as opposed to the good of the nation. Military service is all about the latter.

The fundamental difference, obligation, is recognised nationally in a number of ways that reflect each ADF member's unique obligation to the nation and, importantly, the nation's mutual obligation to ADF members. These obligations include:

Employment Status

- ADF people are members, not employees. They do not enjoy the same workplace rights as all other Australians, a fact formally recognised decades ago when the now-defunct Armed Forces Federation of Australia attempted to become the ADF's de facto trade union.
- Public servants and emergency services people are em-

Military service 'unique'

ployees who enjoy workplace rights that ADF members do not. And that's fine.

- If our sailors, soldiers and aviators enjoyed the same employee rights as all other Australians then the ADF as a legal entity could not and need not exist as it does today. We would have to use a new word to describe employees who defend the nation. That word is "mercenary".

Structure

The Department of Defence is, uniquely, run by a diarchy under its minister.

Legal System

ADF members are governed by both civilian and military law.

Post-Service Care

- Australia's Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) tangibly recognises the nation's unique mutual obligations to affected ADF men and women. Most civilised nations do likewise.

• Some may still believe that DVA should be subsumed into the civilian welfare system. Such a proposal emerges from time to time and is always rejected, properly, by both sides of politics because of the unique nature of military service. Again, ADF members are not employees.

The Defence Force Welfare Association's magazine Camaraderie has featured articles on the unique nature of military service over the years. This writer knows of no similar steps by other Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs).

But, occasionally, academics and others who are unaware of the unique obligation of ADF members to the nation will attempt to equate military service with civilian emergency services.

That means all ESOs would benefit by being well informed of the key difference, obligation, which makes their members' military service unique.

Of course there's more to all this. But unique means unique.



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AS OUR front page shows, Anzac Day is marked at many places around the world such as (from top) Adavale, where member and past president Ted Robinson and Senior Constable Chris Seng of Adavale Police Station, led the march; and (clockwise from left) Australia and New Zealand military personnel at Wellington Arch, London; Australians at Gallipoli (both ADF photos); and young and 'senior' key players in the Mooloolaba dawn service Rusty Perry, on Jack, and Ian Atkinson.

Roll of Honour – Vietnam, June 1962-75

June 1963

Hacking, William Francis (36448), 30, AATTV, Sgt, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

June 1965

Bourke, Michael Alwyn (37867), 19, 1 RAR, Pte, Cheltenham New General Cemetery, Melbourne.

Carroll, William Thomas (37010), 21, 1 RAR, Pte, Warnambool Cemetery, Vic.

Van Valen, Arie (54320), 21, 1 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

June 1966

Arnold, Kevin John (35956), 31, 2 Comp. Ord. Depot, Cpl, Albury Cemetery, NSW.

Brown, Ian Robert (54157), 26, 1 Div. Provost Coy, Cpl, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Coupe, Brendan Francis (15358), 23, 5 RAR, Cpl, Macquarie Park Cemetery and Crematorium, Ryde, Sydney.

Farren, Leslie Thomas (3786921), 20, 5 RAR, Pte, Fawcner Crematorium and Memorial Park, Melbourne.

Hood, Ronald Dean (4410911), 23, 1 ARU, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Ruduss, Arthur (3410295), 29, 1 ATF, Pte, Springvale War Cemetery, Melbourne.

Sweetnam, John Robert (215958), 19, 5 RAR, Pte, Woronora Crematorium, Sutherland, Sydney.

June 1967

Cox, James George (1731426), 22, 7 RAR, Pte, Crematorium and Garden of Remembrance, Rockhampton, Qld.

La Grasta, Gaetano (A222023), 20, Base Support Flight, LAC, Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

June 1968

Barnett, Stuart John (5715206), 21, 4 RAR, Pte, Shepparton Cemetery, Vic.

Butterworth, Raymond John (R66558), 18, HMAS Hobart, OS QMG, Cornelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Hunt, Raymond Henry (R54257), 27, HMAS Hobart, Chf Elect Wpns Radio, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

June 1969

Bancks, Lindsay Ronald (19220), 52, 17 Const Sqdn, WO2, Rookwood Necropolis, Sydney.

Brennan, David John (2184013), 22, 9 RAR, Cpl, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Dewar, Keith Ivan (5715633), 21, 3 Cav Regt, LCpl, Collie Cemetery, WA.

Jackson, Peter Joseph (2789790), 21, 5 RAR, Pte, Binalong Cemetery, NSW.

James, Barry (1201885), 20, 6 RAR, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Kennedy, John Joseph (216304), 29, 5 RAR, Cpl, Liverpool Cemetery, Sydney.

Sorrensen, Gordon Dennis (2790417), 24, 9 RAR, Pte, Gympie Cemetery, Qld.

Teeling, Wayne Edward (2790880), 21, 5 RAR, Pte, Botany General Cemetery, Sydney.

Turner, Timothy Charles (4720253), 21, 5 RAR, Pte, Kingstote Cemetery, Kangaroo Island SA.

Walsh, Brian (214468), 29, AATTV, Sgt (Temp. WO2), Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

Waring, Anthony Edward Loughran (5716163), 21, 5 RAR, Pte, Karrakatta Cemetery, Perth.

Young, Robert George (1733547), 22, 3 Cav. Regt, Gatton Cemetery, Qld.

June 1970

Cashion, Garry Owen (62036), 19, 7 RAR, Pte, Cornelian Bay Public Cemetery, Hobart.

Dickson, Stephen Warwick (2792089), 21, 7 RAR, Pte, Beresfield Crematorium, NSW.

Larsson, Stanley Gordon (4720583), 23, 7 RAR, Pte, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Morgan, John Leslie (3795756), 22, 2 Adv. Ord. Dep., Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Navarre, Paul John (2792729), 21, 7 RAR, Pte, Beechworth Cemetery, Vic.

Scott, Ian Neil (1735424), 21, 1 Fld Sqd., Charleville General Cemetery, Qld.

Waldock, David John (58625), 30, 198 Wks Sect., Sgt, Centennial Park Cemetery, Adelaide.

Wojcik, Bogdan Kazimierz (R62713), 23, CDT 3, RAN, AB CD, Rookwood RC Naval Cemetery, Sydney.

June 1971

Attwood, Trevor James (2794278), 23, 1 ATF, Pte, Uralla Cemetery, NSW.

Boardman, Kenneth James (218336), 22, HQ Task Force (RAAC), Cpl, Woronora General Cemetery, Sydney.

Driscoll, Roger William (2794265), 22, 1 ATF, Pte, Coonamble Cemetery, NSW.

Dubber, David John (A317809), 28, 9 Sqdn RAAF, Cpl, Garden of Remembrance, Springvale, Melbourne.

Hill, Donald Cameron (2794350), 22, 1 ATF, Pte, Garden of Remembrance, Rookwood, Sydney.

Lance, Everitt Murray (O316996), 43, 9 Sqdn RAAF, FltLt, Woden Cemetery, Canberra.

Mathers, Ian George (2794496), 22, 12 Fld Regt, 2Lt, Mount Thompson Crematorium, Brisbane.

McCarthy, John Noel (3112702), 26, 3 Cav. Regt, L/Cpl, Springvale Cemetery, Melbourne.

Tebb, Peter (1203166), 20, 1 ATF, Pte, Pinnaroo Cemetery and Crematorium, Brisbane.

Towler, Michael (2792254), 22, 1 ATF, Pte, Rookwood Crematorium, Sydney.

June 1972

Hewitt, Ronald David (A118817), 22, 2 Sqdn RAAF, LAC, Albany Creek Crematorium, Qld.

- From Australian War Memorial, Roll of Honour; Department of Veterans Affairs; Virtual War Memorial, Australia; Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund Wall of Faces.

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