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"The price of liberty is eternal vigilance"

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EDITORIAL**

Gary Roser, Editor

Talk about consistent lying by our RSLNSW. The letter from the Board refusing our request for Incorporated Association was a made up concoction of untruths. Every excuse was contrary to The Constitution of RSLNSW. They obviously don't know our Constitution, or using BS to try and stall us from getting it.

But they will regret saying these untruths if we take it to Court. And when we win we will ask the Court for costs. When that happens it might make ANZAC House realise there are Members who won't accept their opinion on face value.

Luckily we have Trustees and Members who are well versed in the Constitution. It's a shame that our money has to fight them as I (also) don't like legal expenses that could be used for our charitable purpose. But they have forced us into it. Let's hope we get that money back.

***The editorial is entirely my own opinion and does not reflect the Sub-Branch Executive.*

Sub-Branch Meetings	
<u>Committee</u> Monday 16:30	<u>Sub-Branch</u> Sundays 10:30am
22/07/24	28/07/24
19/08/24	25/08/24
Sat 11:30 - 07/09/24 Spring Luncheon	
16.09.24	22.09.24

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Greetings Members.

I hope you are all well. Stay fit and don't be like me and take a couple of tumbles. Just waiting for *My Aged Care* to fit rails at the back steps and in the bathroom.

6th June Padstow Chapter of Kingsgrove sub-Branch hosted the District Council meeting. Not a lot was discussed at this meeting and the next will be at Panania Diggers in August.

On the 13th June we took the second half of Birrong School to Kokoda and I ended up helping with the cooking.

I attended the ARVN Day Dinner at the Crystal Palace on 14th June and laid a wreath at their Commemoration Service on the 15th at Cabra Vale.

I have been on both RSL Auxiliary bus trips and thoroughly enjoyed both, particularly the clubs that Ron and Gary have selected for lunch.

We have now purchased Chester Hill Carramar's bus and have transferred the registration. We will be using this bus for as many things as possible and relying less on taxi's. This will also include 2025 Congress at Tamworth.

Stay safe and see you at the meetings

Ian Muirhead

President



SECRETARY'S REPORT



Well I'm back again. It's always nice to come home. Although, (I have to admit), I would move to Whakatane tomorrow if I had a chance. But not at the moment.

Since returning a number of things have had to be done.

Both Ron and I are on the Victory in the Pacific commemoration at Cabra-Vale Park, Cabramatta, planning committee on Wednesday 14th September. Then there will be another V.P. Day at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway the next day, Thursday, 15th September.

Coming up is also the ARVN Vietnamese function on Friday, 16th August and the Vietnam Memorial Day at Cabra-Vale Park the next day, Saturday, 17th August. All of these events are listed on your Events calendar.

As shown last general meeting in June we received a letter from RSLNSW refusing to allow us to Incorporate as an Association. In the letter it lists their reasons WHY. A load of bunkum. Every point they raise is untrue and we are taking it further. Our former solicitor Paul James is now on the RSLNSW Board and due to a conflict of interest was not allowed to speak on the matter neither was his legal colleague (our RSLNSW President) Mick Bainbridge. So we have engaged another solicitor Caitlin Whalan who is used to dealing with RSLNSW.

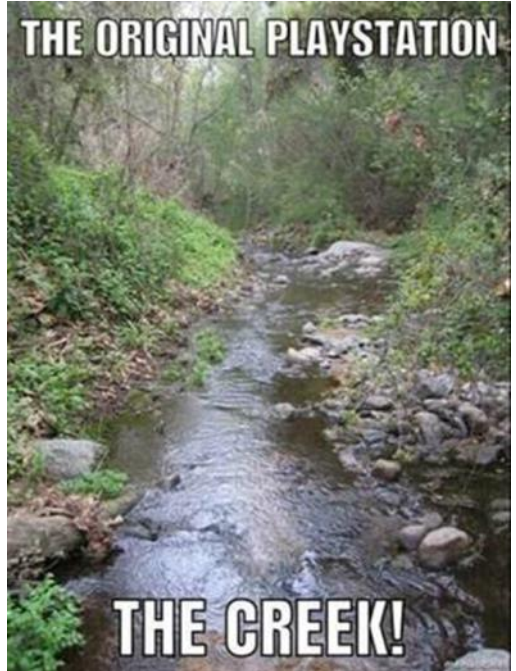
Our sub-Branch challenge each and every reason RSLNSW have given for refusal to let us Incorporate as an Association. If necessary, we will take RSLNSW to Court.

Now, another thing of great interest to all members.

From January 2025, every Member who has an email address will not receive a printed copy of the Newsletter. If you have an email address you will be notified by email the address to go to where you can view the latest Newsletter on line. So if you have an email and don't receive the details, make sure we check our records so you can be notified.

Those people who don't have email will have theirs posted by mail. Keeping in mind that those to be posted will be printed in hard copy and available at the general meeting before being posted. This will save us \$3.00 per copy. A great saving over 12 months. All the best, and the best of health, *Gary Roser, J.P.*

You Know When Your Over the Hill When.....



By replacing your morning coffee with green tea, you can lose up to 87% of what little joy you still have left in your life.

Re-education Camps

Editor Some members will be saying “Why is Gary writing about this subject? I can understand their questioning, because most of us in Australia are lucky to have not had the pain and suffering inflicted upon us by regimes that are ruthless and barbaric. But there are many amongst us who have. Nearly all of our Vietnamese Members have served time if they weren’t lucky to get out after the Communist invasion of South Vietnam after the war. Some of our Members spent years in those prisons under terrible inhumane hardship.

The following information is both past and present history. Re-education camps are still operating in countries today. People who have a religion or ideals different to the current governments are the persecuted. I’ll start with Communist Russia through to current governments who are committing crimes against humanity.

Re-education camps (Russia) (1)

From 1923 to 1939 the Solovki Archipelago, a small group of islands in the White Sea off mainland Russia, was home to one of the Soviet Union’s earliest labour camps. The Solovki Camp, also known as the Solovki Special Purpose Prison Camp or SLON, is widely regarded as the 'first Gulag' of the USSR. These forced labour camps were instated by Vladimir Lenin for the ‘re-education’ of undesirable citizens. It is hard to estimate how many prisoners passed through the Gulag system during the years the Soviet Union was active, but under Stalin the Gulag came to symbolise the systematic repression of any citizen who was seen to oppose the state.

The innumerable arrests which followed the Revolution and the Civil War (1918-1922) made it necessary for the Soviet state to find solutions for housing the mass of prisoners. For this reason, the state led by Vladimir Lenin, commissioned the conversion of the monastery and surrounding buildings to be utilised as a 'special purpose' camp on the archipelago, as stated in a decree dated 13 October 1923. The running of the camp was entrusted to the political police with the request of finding an efficient economic use of forced labour.

The Solovki Camp became one of the most violent and horrifying places in the USSR, the 'laboratory' of the Gulag, which tested the techniques for the exploitation of prisoners later used in the system of Soviet camps.

When the Soviet government decided to build the White Sea-Baltic Canal in 1930 and during the years of its construction, many prisoners and technical equipment were sent to the mainland. In the 1930's hundreds of prisoners were shot and in 1939 the camp was officially closed."

Re-education camp (Vietnam) ⁽²⁾

After the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese men, from former officers in the armed forces, to religious leaders, to employees of the Americans or the old government, were rounded up in re-education camps to "learn about the ways of the new government." They were never tried, judged or convicted of any crime. Many South Vietnamese men chose to flee on boats, but others did not flee. After hearing President Dương Văn Minh surrendered, some ARVN generals and officers, such as General Lê Văn Hưng (known for the Battle of An Lộc) and General Nguyễn Khoa Nam (the last major general of IV Corps who defended Can Tho and other Mekong provinces), chose to commit suicide rather than fleeing overseas or risk being sent to a re-education camp.

Re-education camps (Vietnamese: *Trại cải tạo*) were prison camps operated by the Communist government of Vietnam following the end of the Vietnam War. In these camps, the government imprisoned at least 200,000-300,000 former military officers, government workers and supporters of the former government of South Vietnam. Other estimates put the number of inmates who passed through "re-education" as high as 500,000 to 1 million. The high end estimate of 1 million is often attributed to a mistranslated statement by Prime Minister Pham Van Dong, and is considered excessive by many scholars. "Re-education" as it was implemented in Vietnam was seen as both a means of revenge and as a sophisticated technique of repression and indoctrination. Torture was common in the re-education camps. Prisoners were incarcerated for periods ranging from weeks to 18 years.



Those imprisoned in re-education camps from 1975 basically fell into two categories: those who collaborated with the Americans and its allies during the war, and those who were arrested in the years after 1975 for attempting to exercise such democratic freedoms as those mentioned in Article 11 of the 1973 Paris Agreements. (Possibly in violation of said agreements.)

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Re-education camp (China) ⁽³⁾

In China's western province of Xinjiang, barbed wire fencing surrounds the multiple factory compounds. Inside these factories, a multitude of workers are bruised and beaten, whipped, exhausted after toiling long hours of labour for little or no pay, and some the scars of electrocution.

The victims of such abuses are predominantly Uyghurs - a Muslim minority group in China's Xinjiang region long persecuted for their cultural differences.

The Chinese government has reportedly arbitrarily detained more than a million Muslims in re-education camps since 2017. Most of the people who have been detained are Uyghur, a predominantly Turkic-speaking ethnic group primarily in China's northwestern region of Xinjiang. Beyond the detentions, Uyghurs in the region have been subjected to intense surveillance, forced labour, and involuntary sterilizations, among other rights abuses.

Religious Repression in China ⁽⁴⁾

China continues to violate the right to freedom of religion, although the worst forms of persecution - long-term imprisonment and physical abuse of religious activists - appear to have eased, in part because of the effectiveness of other means to achieve the same ends. The number



Bound Uyghurs awaiting transport to re-education camps

of believers in all religions has increased sharply, with Buddhism growing the fastest of all. As interest in religion has increased, so have efforts by the state to control it, in part because the government is convinced that religion breeds instability, separatism, and subversion, with Christianity and Islam in particular seen as vehicles for foreign influence and infiltration.”

“Falun Gong practitioners (an illegal organisation) have been one – and probably the main – source of (human) organ supply. It’s estimated between 60,000 and 90,000 transplant operations occurred per year, much more than the official figures of 10,000 from the Chinese government. (5)

Re-education camps (North Korea) (6)

North Korean prison camps are of two types: large internment camps for political prisoners (Kwan-li-so in Korean) and re-education prison camps (Kyo-hwa-so, in Korean).

North Korea continues to operate nine re-education camps, where the number of inmates detained for violating the country’s law to “eradicate reactionary thought and culture” has recently increased, Daily NK has learned. (*Daily NK English is a website that provides news and analysis on North Korea based on sources inside and outside the country.*)

Speaking on condition of anonymity for security reasons, a Daily NK source in North Korea said last Wednesday that the Corrections Bureau of the Ministry of Social Security “is still operating nine re-education camps, including the Chongo-ri Re-education Camp in North Hamgyong Province and the Songgan Re-education Camp in Chagang Province.”

This means that the number of camps run by the Ministry of Social Security’s Corrections Bureau and their activities have remained essentially unchanged since a Daily NK survey of the camps in 2020. This stagnation contrasts with the political prison camps, where several closed or downsized camps have been reopened or expanded.

The re-education camps had been following the teachings of North Korea’s late founder Kim Il Sung, who instructed [the camps] to halve the sentences of recommended prisoners who worked well and led exemplary reform lives, but this changed with an order in July 2023 that called for the selection of candidates for reduced sentences based on the crimes they committed.

Editor: I have tried to show the inhumanity of some countries from to 20th century to modern day. No doubt this has always occurred throughout humanity and the Nazi era was one of the worst. But nothing has changed. Communism and dictators are still abusing humanity. We must always be aware of dealing economically or militarily with offending countries and be vocal to expose their crimes against humanity. The RSL motto “The price of liberty is eternal vigilance”. We do not want to be sucked into the hands of these perpetrators.

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My goal this weekend is to move just enough so that no one thinks I am dead.





"Is the lady coming back, sir?"



"Why did your nurse want to know my 'next-of-kin'?"

Angry Wife: "I should have married the devil, he would make a better husband than you."

Hubby: "They would have arrested you! Marriage between relatives is illegal in this country."



A blonde woman visits her **husband in prison**. Before leaving, she tells a correction officer:

"You shouldn't make my husband work like that. He's exhausted!"

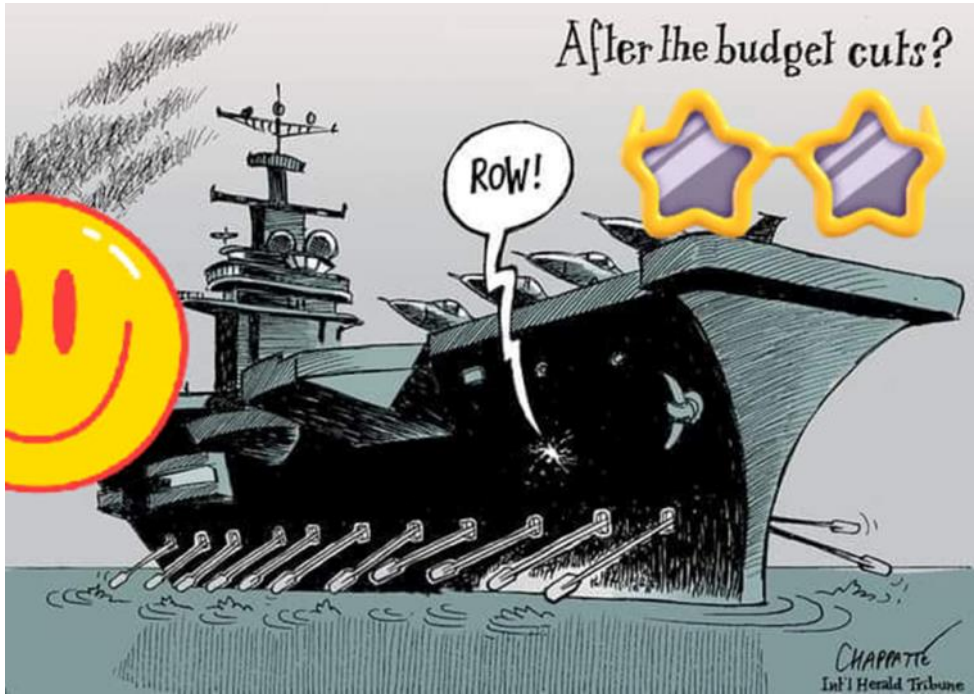
The officer laughs and says, "Are you kidding? He just eats and sleeps and stays in his cell!"

The wife replies: "Bullshit! He just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months!"

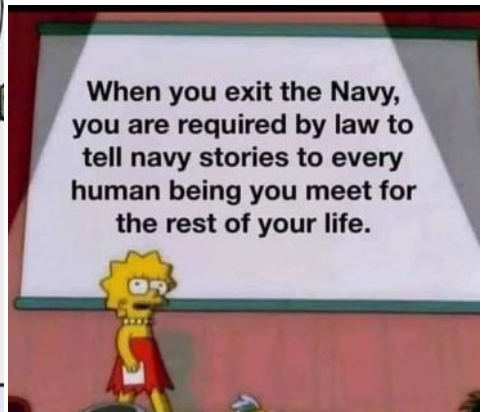


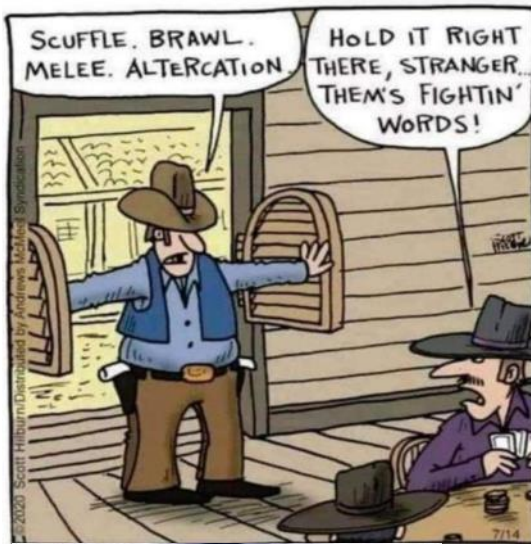
Ahhh. On the ocean blue





After the MEU embarks – what the crew doesn't see





"Open wider." requested the dentist, as he began his examination of the patient.

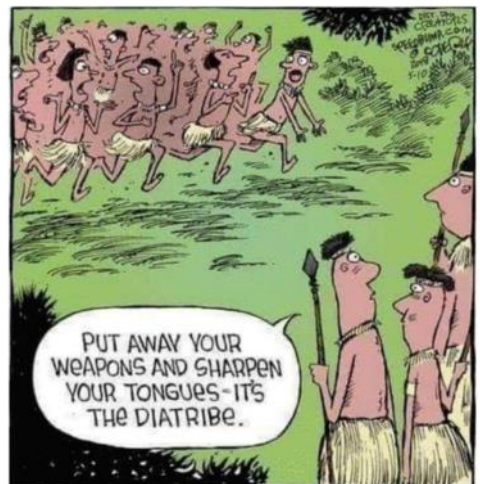
"Dear God!" he said startled. "You've got the biggest cavity I've ever seen - the biggest cavity I've ever seen."

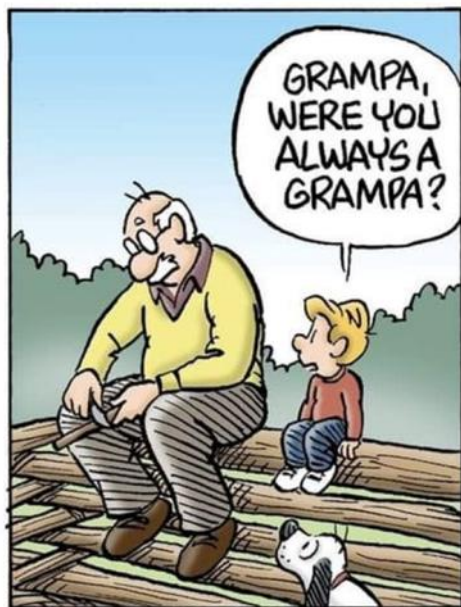
"OK Doc!" replied the patient. "I'm scared enough without you saying something like that twice."

"I didn't!" said the dentist. "That was the echo."



"It's some kind of silly note from the barbarians, sire. It says, 'We will, we will, rock you. We will, we will, rock you' ..."





Navigating two decades of service

By Lt Carolyn Martin—NAVY News July 18 2024

While participating in the world's largest international maritime exercise, two RAN personnel mark career milestones.

LCDR Kimberley Healy is celebrating a significant personal milestone while deployed as part of the Sea Combat Command in Battleship Row at Pearl Harbor – 20 years in the RAN.

The anniversary coincided with Exercise RIMPAC, where LCDR Healy is one of more than 300 Australians taking part in the biennial international military exercise scheduled by Commander US Pacific Fleet.

LCDR Healy celebrated the milestone – and the US Independence Day holiday – with friends and colleagues from New Zealand and the US.

“It’s great to see familiar faces and reconnect after years apart,” LCDR Healy said.

“In some ways it feels like no time at all has passed, we just picked up where we left off.”

It is LCDR Healy’s second RIMPAC. The principal warfare officer was at RIMPAC 2016, serving on HMAS *Ballarat*.

“Being on an international exercise on the day I celebrate my 20th anniversary in the Navy reaffirms my decision to join,” she said.

“I never thought I would be here 20 years later with still so much yet to experience. The old adage was ‘Join the Navy, see the world’ and, for me, this has absolutely rung true.

“I reflect on the last 20 years and look forward to seeing what the next have in store.”

The highlight of LCDR Healy’s career so far has been serving as CO HMAS *Bathurst* from 2021-23 after serving on the newly commissioned ship as a midshipman in 2006.



LCDR Kimberley Healy and RNZN LCDR Elton Drylie on board HMNZS Aotearoa during Exercise RIMPAC at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii. Photo: CPL Adam Abela

“When the signal came out announcing me as CO *Bathurst* – that was a full-circle moment for me,” LCDR Healy said.

“To have served on her as a midshipman and then to return 15 years later as her captain was pretty awesome.

“In 2021, it was post-COVID and we took the ship on deployment to Singapore. Two-thirds of the ship’s company hadn’t been off the Australian station so it was really exciting to take the ship and her crew into international waters, conduct a crossing-the-line ceremony and pay a port visit to our friends and neighbours in Singapore.

“Being CO of a ship is truly the time you get to cement your leadership and demonstrate all the training you’ve undertaken over many years.

“My crew was exceptional, and because of them my boat was consistently operationally ready and we achieved every mission assigned to us.

“I’ve enjoyed all my sea postings but being the CO is the best posting I’ve had so far.”

LCDR Healy has also served on HMA Ships *Warramunga* and *Arunta*, and achieved her Bridge Warfare Certificate on HMAS *Adelaide* in 2007.

Shore postings include gunnery officer at HMAS *Stirling*, Defence Force Recruiting in Brisbane and principal warfare officer exchange to New Zealand, where she was the operations officer on HMNZS *Canterbury* and the commissioning operations officer on the tanker HMNZS *Aotearoa*.

As you would expect in a career of 20 years, it hasn’t all been smooth sailing, but LCDR Healy said even during challenging periods there was always something to be learned.

“I think you learn a lot from failure and mistakes equally as you do from the leaders who inspire you,” she said.

“It’s important to recognise that even our most junior members have a lot to contribute and providing them the space and opportunity to shine can positively impact the success of the mission.

“We all come from different walks of life and we can learn from everyone. Diversity of thought is the creator of amazing things. Consider what you want your legacy to be and make sure you leave behind a positive experience.”

LCDR Healy has been selected to undertake Australian Command and Staff Course in 2025.

Routine day at work ends with a bang

By: Bob Zhang Photos: Army News July 18 2024



The World War 2-era UXO disposed of by the North Queensland Joint Explosive Ordnance Support team after it was unearthed at the Stokes Hill waterfront precinct in Darwin.

WO2 Kyle Johnson arrived at work on June 26 expecting a routine day. But after a phone call from Northern Territory Police later that afternoon, his team members were on their way to Stokes Hill waterfront precinct in Darwin to dispose of a World War 2-era Japanese bomb.

It started with workers at the upcoming Larrakai Cultural Centre in Darwin discovering an odd find rolling around in their excavator bucket. The North Queensland Joint Explosive Ordnance Support (JEOS) team was contacted to assess the situation.

WO2 Johnson said the workers did the right thing calling the police, who called the unit and provided a photo. “We originally were told it was a possible grenade, which is something that we see quite regularly,” WO2 Johnson said.

“But after hearing it was about 45 centimetres long, this raised our alarm. We lighted up the vehicle and proceeded down to the waterfront to get our eyes on it.” The unexploded ordnance was a 60kg Type 98 No.7 Mk 6 incendiary bomb Model 1. Despite its age, the risk of it malfunctioning was high and needed to be safely managed by the JEOS team.

“Older unexploded ordnance are still very dangerous. You never know. Having it tossed around in an excavator bucket could have been the last straw for that fuse, even after 80 years,” WO2 Johnson said.

“Following best practice, a cordon was established allowing only essential personnel. We then conducted the procedures necessary to make the area 100 per cent safe.”

WO2 Johnson and Cpl Russell Forrest, with support provided by 1CSSB, transferred the bomb to an excavated 1.8-metre-deep hole for destruction by explosives. “It’s not as dramatic as in the movies, but the explosion lifted two tons of covering sandbags a good 30 metres in the air. I wouldn’t want to be standing on it, put it that way,” WO2 Johnson said.

The ADF JEOS team’s personnel deal with about 420 UXO callouts in Australia each year.

Brigade evolves with unified move

By Major Matt Grant Army News July 18 2024



Flag orderlies stand to attention at the 8 Bde transfer of authority ceremony.

Photos: Maj Martin Hadley

“This move under Forces Command is a new chapter in our brigade’s history. It is a positive development which will bring us closer to other training establishments and enable us to bring part-time Army training even closer to training delivered by the full-time force.”

Despite this change, HQ 8 Bde and university regiments will remain in their current locations.

“This transfer will result in Army Reserve basic soldier and officer cadet courses, through initial employment training, promotion and specialist courses right around Australia being given equal focus by the G7 staff at Headquarters Forces Command.”

Following its designation as the Australian Army Reserve training formation in 2018, 8 Bde assumed command of 525 personnel across all six, state-based university regiments.

“The 8th Brigade has played a significant role in Army’s contribution to the nation through all conflicts during our 112-year history, including having fought at the Battle of Fromelles in 1916 and more recently through the provision of personnel to domestic support tasks,” Brig Hassell said.



Commander 2 (AS) Div, Maj-Gen David Thomae, hands Commander 8 Bde, Brig Arran Hassell, the brigade pennant at the 8 Bde transfer of authority ceremony.



CO 37SQN WGCDR Charles Freebairn (L) presents WOFF Graeme Paroz with his second Federation Star at RAAF Base Richmond. Photo: LACW Maddison Scott

Growing up on a citrus orchard in small town Palmwoods behind the Sunshine Coast, WOFF Graeme Paroz never dreamed his decision to join the Air Force at 15 would lead to receiving his second Federation Star.

Reflecting on more than 45 years of service, he said the time had 'flown' by – pun intended.

“I joined as an apprentice engine fitter 11 days from my 16th birthday,” WOFF Paroz said. “The day after I signed on the dotted line with recruiting at Brisbane, I was flown down in a C-130 to the RAAF School of Technical Training at RAAF Base Wagga Wagga.

“I had to look up on a map where RAAF Base Wagga Wagga was.”

It was big change from farm life, but following a long line of relatives who had served in the Army and Navy, including both world wars, Air Force felt like the right fit.

“I had always liked aircraft and wasn't overly fussed on boats, so I decided to join the RAAF,” WOFF Paroz said.

His career had him posted to RAAF Bases Williamtown, Butterworth, Sale, Glenbrook and Richmond, where he worked on a variety of aircraft such as the Mirage, Caribou, P3 Orion and C-130 Hercules E, H and J models, in positions including aircraft technician, warrant officer engineer and instructor.

“While working as a sergeant instructor at the (then) 503 Wing Field Training Flight, I instructed new aircraft technicians,” WOFF Paroz said.

“A lot now hold senior positions within squadrons, influencing and guiding the junior maintenance technicians. I hope I was able to provide a positive contribution to their career.”²

Some of WOFF Paroz's most memorable experiences were travelling with the Roulettes to air shows, being a flag escort for the 486SQN disbandment, and flying to Norway in a C-130J to participate in an extreme cold weather exercise.

Having served 40 years of permanent service and six years reserve service, RAAF Richmond holds a special place in his heart.

“Twenty-four years of my permanent service were spent at RAAF Richmond. And it was in my role as warrant officer engineer that I really gained an appreciation for how quickly the maintainers could react to short notice tasking and changing circumstances,” he said.

“The C-130 would have to be my favourite – the versatility of the aircraft to support operations, going to places not normally visited by ADF personnel, and the interaction between aircrew and maintenance.”

Receiving his second Federation Star and sixth Clasp to his Defence Long Service Medal felt ‘surreal’ to WOFF Paroz.

“My initial sign-on was for nine years, which seemed a long time when I was a 15-year-old,” he said.

“A career in the Air Force can be quite rewarding and it can equip you with skills and experiences not easily found in civilian life.

“I still enjoy turning up for work each day and always try and get in a good laugh with my workmates.”

WOFF Graeme Paroz at 16 (back row, second from the left) with apprentice engine fitters in the engines training hangar at RAAF School of Technical Training, RAAF Base Wagga Wagga, 1979.



Looking at our Allies

In this edition of the Newsletter we look at what other countries are up to regarding weapons.

The AN/SEQ-3 Laser Weapon System

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/AN/SEQ-3_Laser_Weapon_System

The **AN/SEQ-3 Laser Weapon System** or **XN-1 LaWS** is a laser weapon developed by the United States Navy. The weapon was installed on USS *Ponce* for field testing in 2014. In December 2014, the United States Navy reported that the LaWS system worked perfectly against low-end asymmetric threats, and that the commander of *Ponce* was authorized to use the system as a defensive weapon.



Purpose

The LaWS is a ship-defense system that has so far publicly engaged an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV or drone) and a simulated small-boat attacker. LaWS uses an infrared beam from a solid-state laser array which can be tuned to high output to destroy a target or low output to warn or cripple the sensors of a target.

One of its advantages over projectile weapons is the low cost per shot: Each firing of the weapon requires only the minimal cost of generating the energetic pulse; by contrast, ordnance for projectile weapons must be designed, manufactured, handled, transported, and maintained, and takes up storage space.

The LaWS is designed to be used against low-end asymmetric threats. Scalable power levels allow it to be used on low power to dazzle a person's eye non-lethally to turn away a threat, and to be used at high power, up to 30 kilowatts, to fry sensors, burn out motors, and detonate explosive materials. By lasing a vital point, LaWS can shoot down a small UAV in as little as two seconds. When facing small boats, the laser can target a craft's motor to disable it, then repeat this against other boats in rapid succession, requiring only a few seconds of firing per boat. Targeting the platform is more effective than targeting individual crewmembers, although the LaWS is accurate enough to target explosive rockets if on board, whose detonations could kill the operators. Against a larger aircraft like a helicopter, LaWS can burn through some vital components to cause it to crash.

If you think you are smarter than the previous generation...50 years ago the owners manual of a car showed you how to adjust the valves. Today it warns you not to drink the contents of the battery.

When my husband and I arrived at the garage to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it.

We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door.

As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked.

'Hey,' I announced to the mechanic, 'it's open!' His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'



I SPEAK MY MIND
Because
IT HURTS TO BITE MY TONGUE ALL THE TIME

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang.

Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!'

'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

**Just before I die,
I am going to
swallow a bag
of popcorn
kernels.**

**My cremation is
going to be epic!**

LAST POST

“We are all here”



Lest We Forget

STOP PRESS



**Spring Luncheon,
11:30 hrs
7th September 2024**

**Refundable Deposit of \$25.00 each
Tickets must be obtained from the
sub-Branch**