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RAASC VIETNAM SUPPLY PLATOON ASSOCIATION

Hi Folks,

Christmas has come and gone and with it the Festive Season. 2014 has begun in earnest and we hope you are making the most of the new year. For those that dislike the heat, cheer up, the weather will get a little cooler soon, probably just after ANZAC Day.

2014 Reunion

Barry and Bridgette have done a great job in shaping our October reunion. We know of 31 sites are booked (Jan 2014) at the Wollongong Surf and Leisure Resort resort, so it looks like we will do even better this year. Looking forward to seeing our widows joining us too.

Wollongong is a lovely spot, right on the beach and there's lots to see and do. The resort has Indoor pool, spa and steam room FREE. Mini golf, tennis, racquet with balls, and bikes HIRE available - see Reception.

Our accommodation is directly opposite TBH, the hotel we will use for the Meet and Greet, BBQ and our Corps dinner.

There will be plenty of free time to explore, and you will find the views from Flagstaff Hill near the city are wonderful. The local Vietnam Veterans have their memorial established there.

Some possibilities for an interesting reunion:



Illawarra Fly near Robertson
<http://www.illawarrafly.com/visit-the-fly/visitor-information/>



Buddhist Nan Tien Temple



Flagstaff Hill and harbour view



Flagstaff Hill Guns



Historical Aircraft Restoration Society Museum



Kiama Blowhole



NOTICEBOARD

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Many thanks to those at the AGM who offered to donate to VSPA. These donations will go a long way to ensure the viability of this newsletter.

To those of you who agreed at the AGM to our three year membership and, continuation of our annual membership, and everyone else that did not attend but wish to continue your membership, **RENEW NOW!**

NOT renewed yet? YOU WILL SEE A RED DOT ON YOUR NEWSLETTER.

This means you are **CURRENTLY UNFINANCIAL** for this FY 13/14, and need to renew to continue receiving your newsletter! This is our main source of income to run your Association.

Please send your money to our PO Box, or do a funds transfer and let Christina know ASAP so we can bring our membership details up to date.

Only 35 members have paid to date!

Corps Dinner Raffle-like to make a donation in money or kind to the prize pool? Let Christina know at your earliest.

SMRC PTSD DECISION MALEVOLENT ENVIRONMENT NOW A FACTOR FOR PTSD COMPENSATION CLAIMS (extract: Vietnam Veterans Federation)

In January 2008 a new Statement of Principle was issued on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. It again insisted on a single traumatic event.

In March 2012, our case was presented at an SMRC hearing. Having heard all our evidence and the concerns of the Repatriation Commission, the Specialist Medical Review Council made its decision.

At the standard of proof required for operational service (reasonable hypothesis), the Council came down on the side of the Vietnam Veterans Federation.

What the Council decided can be summarized as follows:

That Posttraumatic Stress Disorder might be caused by a person having a reasonable perception of threat and/or harm to the integrity of the self or a colleague as a consequence of being in any or all of a threatening, hostile, hazardous and/or menacing situation and/or environment.

Want more information-write/call - dabblers2@hotmail.com.au or 0408947935.

SOME QUESTIONS BROUGHT UP BY A MEMBER

What types of cancer treatment will DVA pay for?

Answer

- DVA will pay for treatment for all cancers, including throat cancer, prostate cancer and skin cancer.
- More information is available in the DVA Fact Sheet *Health Services for Veterans with Cancer HSV66*.

http://www.dva.gov.au/health_and_wellbeing/health_programs/nuctest/Pages/faq.aspx

NEW DEFENCE DISCOUNT PROGRAM - EXCLUSIVE TO DEFENCE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILY

1st October 2013, Canberra: Australian Partners of Defence launched a nationwide discount website to all serving and **retired military personnel (including reservists and APS employees), and their families.**

These discounts are available through a membership program called APOD – Defence Discounts Online available at www.apod.com.au

Products discounted include attractions, dining, accommodation, fashion, jewellery, alcohol and more come on each week. Check out their browse page <http://www.apod.com.au/browse-defence-discounts> for latest offers online, national, local and in the UK through an affiliate program called Rewards For Forces.

<http://www.apod.com.au/membership> To become a member for 2014, membership is free, go to our site and sign up to have immediate access.

<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianPartnersofDefence> 'Like' their Facebook page to keep up to date with new discount offers as they come on board.

Please tell all your friends in Defence including ex serving members as they are all entitled to become members in their own right.

APOD is a private organisation run by partners of Defence, for the whole Defence community. Feel free to distribute this notice to your friends. APOD is not a charity nor is it supported in any way by the Commonwealth Government.

For any further information or should you have any queries about the program please contact hello@apod.com.au

QUINNS ROCKS RSL ANZAC DAY TOUR

Two dedicated RSL 9-day itineraries to mark the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC campaign, along with the best of fascinating Turkey-from **\$4,799***

- Istanbul – the only city to straddle two continents!
- Gallipoli and the Dawn Service (either at official site, or private site)
- Coastal Kusadasi
- Roman ruins of Ephesus
- Pamukkale thermal pools.

if you are successful in the DVA ballot for 2015, or for further information please contact Arthur Ventham – pensions@quinnsrocksrsl.org.au

VERY GOOD !!!!!

Subject: Vietnam - The Trailer

A bit of a light hearted look at Vietnam .

Some photos of 86 Tpt Pl 5 Coy RAASC people in Vietnam and a laugh.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKp90L0y3A4&feature=youtube_gdata

Keep in touch! Next newsletter due mid year. We do advertise regularly in VETAFFAIRS but if you know someone who might like to join us, let us know and we'll send them a free Association badge when they take up membership.

Bruce, Christina, Ray, Russ and Dave
RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association Executive

2014 Reunion of the RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association

REGISTRATION FORM Monday 27th – Friday 31st October, 2014

**Guest Speaker RAASC Corp Dinner
BRIG AM jssc psc D Ed M Bus (RET) Geoff and Mrs Leonie Christopherson**

Veteran's Surname First Name Preferred Name

Partner's Surname First Name Preferred Name

Vietnam Unit / Year _____

Postal Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

E-mail: _____

Expected Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Special dietary or other requirements (eg. Wheelchair access)? _____

I will have a vehicle with me. I have..... spare seats for others.

PAYMENT DETAILS

Please post Registration Form and monies to PO Box 207 Mitchell ACT 2911 by ASAP

You can pay by personal cheque, cash or by electronically (EFT) by direct credit.

Please make cheques payable to:

RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association and post with the registration form.

If paying by EFT (include your name as the reference), our account details are:

Account Name: **RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association**

Bank Name: **Defence Bank** BSB NO: **803 205**

Account Number: **20726970**

If paying by Cash, deposit at any **National Bank** BSB **083 422** Account **207269708**

Please include your NAME as the Reference to assist in account reconciliation

Whichever payment means, please provide Christina with the deposit details

Day	Function	Cost per head	Member	Partner	Total
Wed 29Oct	Cooked BBQ	\$28			
Thurs 30Oct	Corps Dinner	\$37			
		both \$65		TOTAL	

YOURS TO KEEP

2014 REUNION OF THE RAASC Vietnam Supply Platoons Association

Proposed Reunion Schedule/Itinerary/Events

Monday 27th October 2014

1500-1800 **Registration** at Towradji Beach Hotel adjacent to WSLR
Informal welcome and Meet & Greet session. Bistro meals - own
arrangements.

Tuesday 28th October 2014

0900-1200 **Historical Aircraft Restoration Society (HARS)**, morning tea, gold
coin donation Cnr Airport Road/Boomerang Avenue Albion Park Rail

1200--1300 **Lunch RSL Albion Park** 160 Tongarra Road Albion Park NSW
own cost, lunchtime special \$9.90

1300 **Australian Motor Life Museum**, Integral Energy Recreation Park
Darkes Road Kembla Grange Concession: \$10.00 pp - NRMA
Members: \$9.00pp

Wednesday 29 October 2014 (subject to confirmation-payable later)

PLAN A **Cockatoo Run** Wollongong-Robertson-Moss Vale/Carpool

optional Illawarra Fly

PLAN B **Trip to Kiama** and the Blowhole

1800 **Evening BYO BBQ** (details tbc but at Wollongong Surf and Leisure Resort)

Thursday 30th October 2014

0900-1300 Free time

1300 **Homefront - all the good oil!**

1400 **AGM** (venue to be confirmed)

1600 **Plaque laying and Church Service** at Albion Park RSL

1900 **Corps Dinner** at Towradji Beach Hotel

Friday 31st October 2014

1400 **Lunch - at Towradji Beach Hotel** ... for those available, Dispersal

Safe journey! More details to follow in subsequent newsletters. Mark your diary now!!