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1. New Members:

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the Association.

- Leo Nicholson: Nicho served in Vietnam from 4th May to15th December 1971. He spent most of his time with 104 Battery on its second tour. He reached the rank of Sergeant, and spent 20 years in arty. He and his wife live in Queensland and they will both be a

- Lawrie Bennett: Lawrie also lives in Queensland. He was a Gunner with 104 Battery and served in Vietnam from 4th May to 17th December 1971. He and his wife Mary will also be attending our reunion.

2. A Laugh!!

Stan Carbines sent us this story which says it all about officers and NCOs.

<u>The difference between Officers and NCOs</u>

A young Army officer was severely wounded in the head by a grenade, but the only visible, permanent injury was that both of his ears were amputated. Since his remaining hearing was sufficient, he remained in the Army.

Many years later he eventually rose to the rank of Major General. He was, however, very sensitive about his appearance. One day the General was interviewing three servicemen who were candidates for his headquarters staff.

The first was a Captain, a tactical helicopter pilot, and it was a great interview. At the end of the interview the General asked him, 'Do you notice anything different about me?'
The young officer answered, 'Why, yes, Sir, I couldn't help but notice that you have no ears.'

The general was displeased with his lack of tact and threw him out.

The second interview was with a Navy Lieutenant, and he was even better. The General then asked him the same question, 'Do you notice anything different about me?'

He replied sheepishly, 'Well, sir, you have no ears.' The General threw him out also.

The third interview was with an old Sergeant Major, an Infantryman and staff-trained NCO. He was smart, articulate, fit, looked sharp, and seemed to know more than the two officers combined.

The General liked this guy, and went ahead with the same question, 'Do you notice anything different about me?' To his surprise the Sergeant Major said, 'Yes, sir, you wear contact lenses.'

The General was very impressed and thought, 'What an incredibly observant NCO, and he didn't mention my ears.'
He asked, 'Sergeant Major, how do you know I wear contacts?'
'Well, sir,' the soldier replied, 'it's pretty hard to wear glasses with no effing ears.'

3. Report from Ken Marsden:

Our member Ken Marsden sent us this report while he was in Hoi-an, Vietnam last month. Like so many of our fellow vets who want to give something back to people who lost so much in the war, Ken does a great job of helping the locals, for which we thank him. He has not asked for donations, but if you would like to help with a few bucks anyway, you can reach him on kennylmarsden@gmail.com

Giday, I would like to to report from Hoi-an Vietnam. Yesterday I had Problem
Departure delayed 2 hours, what a worry
Arrived safely, a bit late, a bit tired today but having a Jameson and ice (cold)
Then going to bed. For tomorrow I have another day of doing nothing.
I travel to Hoi-an twice a year, I have a family which I support plus an
Orphanage which I help, and a young girl from a primitive mountain village
I have enrolled in an English speaking College to enhance her chances
of getting a decent Job, a bit Irish, having to speak a foreign language
in your own country to get a decent job.
Just having a look around and a little bit goes a long way spent correctly.
This trip I bought over approx.