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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

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1. Reunion 2014:

The good news is that we now have at least 64 attendees registered. However we still occasionally hear about members who have said that they might come but haven't yet got around to registering. If you're in this category, please pull your finger out and send us the Rego form. I attach a copy of the form for your use. Also attached is the current Register of Attendees. If your name is on there, please check to see if you have any outstanding balance to pay and get it to Beery soon. Also, if you feel you have already registered but can't find your name on the list, please let Beery know.

2. Reunion Auction:

Our Q-store staff-sergeant Lawrie Bird advises that we have already received some fantastic items for our auction. Full details will be advised to members a bit closer to the reunion to give everyone a chance to participate, even if they can't actually attend the reunion themselves. Our auction is a major fund-raiser for the Association, so we would be grateful for any extra items that you can donate. Please let Lawrie know on (02) 4954 8248 if you can help.

Lawrie also reminds members that he will have caps, shirts and ties for sale at the reunion.

3. RAAA 2014 National Gunner Dinner:

Our member Graham Hampton has sent us an update regarding the upcoming national gunner dinner being held at Caloundra on the Saturday of our own Association reunion. A copy is attached for those involved.

4. Request from RAAHC for Information:

We've received this request from the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company for information regarding a past CO of 8/12 Regiment. If you can help, please contact Graham Hampton.

Hi Trev, I have been working on the RAAHC website, specifically on the Commanding Officers section and have just completed the 8th / 12th Regiment section which includes past units i.e. 8/12 Mdm Regt, 8 Medium Regiment, 12 Field Regiment. Use this link to view: http://artilleryhistory.org/gunners_past_and_present/commanding_officers/units/8th-12th_regiment.html

We have been unable to identify who the 12th Field Regiment Commanding Officer was during the period April 1966 to April 1967 as is shown on the webpage. Could you ask around your Association if anyone remembers who the Commanding Officer was during this period so that we can update and complete this particular webpage.

Your help would be greatly appreciated by both the RAAHC and myself. Take care, Ubique, Graham

5. Agent Orange – a Win for Vets:

Member Mick Grimes has sent us some information regarding the latest government position on the effects of Agent Orange. The report is attached.

6. Ingleburn RSL Annual Ceremony for the Battles of Coral and Balmoral:

Once again, this event was an outstanding success attended by a number of our members. As usual the service was meaningful and reverent. One of our members was selected to lay the official wreath. Attached is a photograph from John Beer showing our blokes who attended.

7. Entertaining Vietnam – A Documentary about the Entertainers who Performed in the War:

Mick Grimes has sent us the following link which tells the story of the entertainers who came all the way to Vietnam to perform for us.

<http://www.cultureunplugged.com/documentary/watch-online/play/10371/Entertaining-Vietnam>

8. Rolling Thunder Vietnam:

President Flood points out that the much advertised musical stage show called “Rolling Thunder Vietnam” opens in Brisbane on 14th August 2014 and will therefore be showing around the time of our reunion. Some members might like to catch this show while they’re visiting Queensland for the reunion. A copy of the details is attached.

9. Possible Exposure to Asbestos:

Member Ian Ryan has forwarded this information for any members who think they may have been exposed to asbestos, especially during their army service.

My name is Breanna Burns and I'm a member of the Public Outreach Department for the Mesothelioma Center. While I was browsing through a number of Veterans sites I came across your website. Countless veterans are currently suffering from life-threatening illnesses that are a result of exposure to asbestos, a material that was commonly used in hundreds of military applications, products, and ships because of its resistance to fire. We have created a veterans-specific section on our website in order to help inform about the dangers of asbestos exposure.

Please feel free to take a look at our website asbestos.com, and let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best Regards, Breanna Burns Public Outreach Mesothelioma Center at Asbestos.com

10. Stan Carbines' Book:

I've had the privilege of reading a sneak preview of the book “Duty of Care” (photo of cover attached) written by our member Stan Carbines. Stan's book is the story of his life and gives a wonderful nostalgic look at society in the times we all grew up in. It also dwells on his time in the army and the way his experiences in Vietnam affected the rest of his life. It is a great read and if anyone is interested copies will be available at the August reunion for \$20.

If you can't make the reunion and want to discuss buying a copy, you can contact Stan on (02) 4934 8326.