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## 12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

### INFORMATION BULLETIN No. 28

#### 1. Annual General Meeting:

A reminder to all members that this year's AGM will be held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Ingleburn RSL. Elections of office bearers and committee members will be held, and I'm pleased to advise that, although all your current committee members are required to step down this year, they have all offered themselves (and have been duly nominated) for re-election. This includes President Flood who, after careful consideration of the new Rules is eligible for one more term if re-elected.

However, there are still a few spots available on the committee if anyone else wishes to nominate. Also there is nothing to prevent any voting member standing against any of the current incumbents, so don't hesitate if you would like a shot at a particular office or as an ordinary committee member.

#### 2. Have a Laugh:

Member Stan Carbines has sent us the attached joke which is close to the bone for our artillery ears.

##### The Deaf Wife Problem

Bert feared his wife Peg wasn't hearing as well as she used to and he thought she might need a hearing aid.

Not quite sure how to approach her, he called the family Doctor to discuss the problem.

The Doctor told him there is a simple informal test the husband could perform to give the Doctor a better idea about her hearing loss.

'Here's what you do,' said the Doctor, 'stand about 40 feet away from her, and in a normal conversational speaking tone see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response.'

That evening, the wife is in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he was in the den. He says to himself, 'I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens.' Then in a normal tone he asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?'

No response.

So the husband moves closer to the kitchen, about 30 feet from his wife and repeats, 'Peg, what's for dinner?'

Still no response.

Next he moves into the dining room where he is about 20 feet from his wife and asks, 'Honey, what's for dinner?'

Again he gets no response.

So, he walks up to the kitchen door, about 10 feet away. 'Honey, what's for dinner?'

Again there is no response.

So he walks right up behind her. 'Peg, what's for dinner?'

**(I just love this)!! 'For F\*-\*#?? sake, Bert, for the FIFTH time, CHICKEN!'**

#### 3. More from the Reunion:

Laurie Bird has sent us the attached photo from the recent reunion taken at the breakfast on the last day, showing a fine bunch of ladies. They're looking pretty sprightly considering a few of them probably had fierce hangovers. Do you recognise any of them?

### 3. Message for HQ Battery Blokes:

Member Stoney Burke is very keen to get as many of his HQ Battery mates to join him for an informal reunion of the battery in Sydney on ANZAC Day next year. He proposes that you all meet at the march, then afterwards for a quick coldie at the Coronation Hotel in Park Street. Lunch and more refreshments to be then taken at the old Catholic Club in Castlereigh Street.

If you want to discuss it further, you can reach him at [bburkey@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bburkey@bigpond.net.au) or on the blower at 07 5535 8202.

### 4. Ingleburn RSL sub-Branch Military Gala Day 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014:

Member John Beer wants all members to be aware of a huge Military Gala Day being organised and hosted by the Ingleburn RSL sub-Branch, and to which all ex-military are especially invited. The event, which commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the departure for war of the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Imperial Force from Albany, WA, includes a helicopter display and a performance from the Roulettes.

Attached is a brochure describing the event in more detail, and containing contact info for those wanting to know more.

### 5. An Apology. We got it wrong:

In the last Welfare Report dated 20th September 2014, there was an error concerning Les Partridge. In that Report, we mentioned the very sad passing of Les's son, Christopher and that our thoughts were with Les and his wife Pat. Les' rank was referred to as 'W.O.2 HQ Bty, 1971. Les of course, was the REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR (RSM) of 12 Field Regiment RAA, SVN 68-69. All of us who served in Vietnam with 12 Field Regiment at that time remember Les as the RSM. In those days of course it was SIR not Les. Our sincere apologies to Les for the error.

Regards, Rick Cranna. (Welfare Officer) and Trevor Bryant (Secretary)

### 6. Merchandise:

A reminder from our QM Laurie Bird that he still has some of those magnificent weather jackets available. They are well sought after and quality-lined to withstand bad weather conditions, and are professionally made. They have the Association logo embroidered on the front. They come in most sizes and as we are able to obtain these jackets at very competitive prices the Association can market these to our members for the low cost of \$55 plus postage. To order please contact Laurie Bird on his email address of [lawrence.bird@bigpond.com](mailto:lawrence.bird@bigpond.com) or phone 02 49548248.

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