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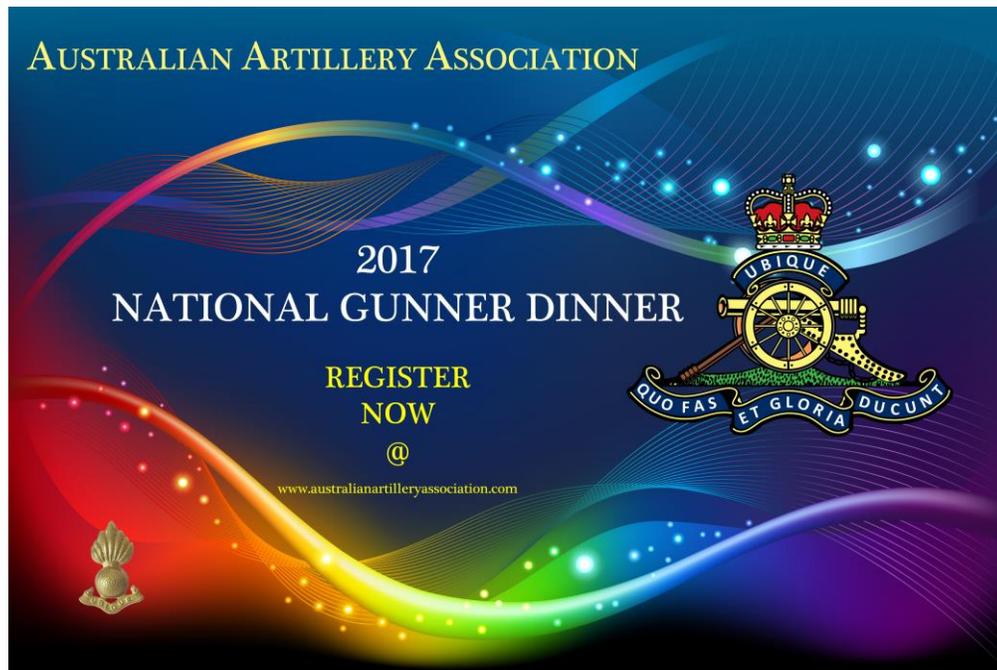
12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

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1. 2017 Reunion and National Gunner Dinner:

Later this year, members will receive information detailing the full program and Registration Forms for our Association reunion at Maroochydore which is being held in conjunction with the National Gunner Dinner put on by the Australian Artillery Association.

In the meantime, we are reliably informed that registrations for the National Gunner Dinner are filling fast, and those of you who are intending to attend the Gunner Dinner may need to register with the Artillery Association within the next few months rather than wait for the Association reunion details.



Members can register for attendance via the following Link. We have reserved a table under "12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association", so please make sure you nominate that you wish to be seated at this table.

http://australianartilleryassociation.com/2017_national_gunner_dinner/2017_national_gunner_dinner.htm

2. Honours for One of Us:



In the recent round of Queen's Birthday Honours, our esteemed member David Brook (102 Battery, Vietnam 1968, Coral) was awarded the OAM (Medal of the General Division). The award read "Lieutenant Colonel David Newbold Brook (Retd). For service to military history, and to the pleasure boat industry."

Those of you who have read any of the excellent books on gunnery and artillery history that he has been involved in, will recognise how much hard work must have gone into his meticulous research. And to cap that off, he is recognised as a major authority on South Australia's magnificent Coorong region, and an expert on yacht sailing. He is the author of several authoritative books, charts and maps on this subject.

Heartiest congratulations to David from the Association on this well-deserved award.

3. The Coral/Balmoral DVD:

Cossie has passed on news from Leonie Jones regarding the "They'll Come Looking For You" DVD. After the disappointment of Fox deciding not to screen it around Anzac Day, it seems that they have now scheduled it for screening on Remembrance Day. As Cossie says, "I hope that it makes it this time around!"

For those of you who are into social media, Leonie has also set up a Coral Facebook Page as per this message from her. Note that she's inviting contributions to the Page from any of you who want to elaborate or add your views.

Hi Pepe and Cossie.... it's barely there yet, but thought I'd at least match Long Tan's Facebook page as a public page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/577768285737827/>

Happy to include any and all things/people etc you might want to put up here.

Leonie

4. Coming to a City Near You – the RAAHC's 18-Pounder Limber and Horses:

Scrubber Ahearn has let us know that the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company's magnificently restored WWI era gun and limber will be taken around Australia for exhibition later this year.

The full program is yet to be released pending negotiations over financing and locations, but two venues have already been locked in. The gun and limber (without horses) will be on display in Adelaide on 6th -8th September as part of the Land Force Conference at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The gun, limber and horse team will also be on display in Harden, NSW, at the Harden Show on 10-11 September for those of you in that part of the country.

5. The 104 Battery Reunion 2016:

Ian Macauley wants to advise members as follows:

Hello Trev

Can you please mention in the next newsletter that photos have been added to the website for the recent 104 Bty reunion including the group shot and copies are easily downloaded.

Also, photos from an earlier HQ Bty reunion have also been added.

Regards Ian Macauley

6. More Accolades for Grimo:

Like a good wine, our member Geoff Grimish (102 Battery 1968-69, Coral) just keeps getting better and better with age. He is a man of many interests and passions. I attach a copy of an article which appeared in the Brisbane Courier Mail which says a lot about the sort of bloke he is.

7. Update to an Aussie Icon:

Those of you who love traditional Australian bush poetry might be interested in this modern version of a real classic, as sent in by President Flood.

Clancy of the Overflow, 2016 (with apologies to A.B. ("Banjo") Paterson)

*I had written him a text
Which I'd sent, hoping the next
Time he came in mobile coverage
He'd have time to say hello.
But I'd heard he'd lost his iPhone,
So I emailed him from my smart phone,
Just addressed, on spec, as follows:
clancy@theoverflow
And the answer redirected
Wasn't quite what I'd expected
And it wasn't from the shearing mate
Who'd answered once before.
His ISP provider wrote it
And verbatim I will quote it:
'This account has been suspended:
You won't hear from him any more.'
In my wild erratic fancy
Visions come to me of Clancy:
Out of reach of mobile coverage
Where the Western rivers flow.
Instead of tapping on the small screen,
He'd be camping by the tall green*

*River gums, a pleasure
That the town folk never know.
Well, the bush has friends to meet him
But the rest of us can't greet him:
Out there, even Telstra's network
Doesn't give you any bars.
He can't blog the vision splendid
Of the sunlit plains extended
Or tweet the wondrous glory
Of the everlasting stars.*

*I am sitting at the keyboard,
I'm too stressed out to be bored
As I answer all the emails
By the deadlines they contain.
While my screen fills with promotions
For 'Viagra' and strange potions
And announcements of the million-dollar
Prizes I can claim.
But the looming deadlines haunt me
And their harassing senders taunt me
That they need response this evening
For tomorrow is too late!
But their texts, too quickly ended,
Often can't be comprehended
For their writers have no time to think
They have no time to wait.*

*And I sometimes rather fancy
That I'd like to trade with Clancy:
Just set up an email bouncer
Saying 'Sorry, had to go.'
While he faced an inbox jamming
Up with deadlines and with spamming
As he signed off every message:
clancy@theoverflow.*

8. Merchandise:

The Association is still selling all-weather jackets and they remain at the very competitive price of \$55 including postage. With winter coming on, these warm, wind-proof and water resistant jackets would be a great asset. Also don't forget the usual shirts (\$27), caps (\$15) and ties (\$27) etc. that are still available, as well as the CD featuring the 102 Battery theme song The Toucan Battery Blues, and a tribute song to the Centenary of Anzac called Lone Pine Lament (\$10).

To order please contact Cossie on email at cossie0102@bigpond.com or ring him on (02) 4930 3359.



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