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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

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1. Reunion May 2017:

Registrations for this event are still just trickling in. Currently we have 38 confirmed attendances, with another 6 registrations pending. This is still too few to guarantee a successful and vibrant reunion and to justify all the hard work that has gone into preparing it. **We need you!**

Please take the time to send us your Rego forms soon.

Don't forget what you get for just \$55

*3 dinners *1 big breakfast *almost all your drinks *3 leisurely bus trips *entry to the Air Museum and to Australia Zoo with transport included, and *transport to and from Caloundra for the Gunner Dinner.

Obviously this is sensational value! Take advantage of it!

And while we're talking about the reunion, remember that we're still looking for raffle prizes, so if you have anything of value that you could contribute, it would be much appreciated.

Members who have already registered are:

- Ray and Denise Hiles
- Rob and Kath Costello
- Mark Jamieson
- Trevor and Jean Bryant
- Ian and Verna Black
- Neil and Merrill Ahern
- Matt Cleland and Ann Bromwich
- StuartMcKeown
- Greg and Lorraine Ayson
- Graham and Rosalind Ryland
- Vince Dunn
- Graham and Judi Floyd
- Larry D'Arcy
- Ian and Vyvienne Warren
- Peter and Pat Geelen
- Ross Bland
- John and Sue Harms
- Vic and Elaine Alsbury
- David and Lois Keall
- Robin and Judith Parkinson
- Dave and Lyn Thomas
- John Foxwell

Notice: You can see that this issue is a little bit light-on for information. It could be that many members have been away over the holidays, but for whatever reason, not much interesting stuff has been submitted by members. Remember: This Info Bulletin is for everyone's us, so if you have any interesting matters, facts or photos you want to share, please send them in!

2. Do You Recognise These Fine Gentlemen?



The soldier on the left, resplendent in his dress uniform (which still fits!!!) , is none other than Major LWL Partridge OAM Rtd, former RSM of 12 Field Regiment (including Vietnam 1968-69) Royal Australian Artillery.

His partner-in-crime here is Lt Colonel DN Brook OAM Rtd., former BK of 102 Field Battery (including Vietnam 1968-69) 12 Field Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery.

The photo was taken at the Unley RSL sub-Branch on Remembrance Day last year, and both men look to be in great spirits. (We're not sure if the photo was taken before or after they deployed themselves to the bar.) Both are looking particularly fit and well. Andy Forsdike also caught up with Les just after this photo was taken and reported to us that Les at the age of 90 is doing well.

3. Ingleburn RSL sub-Branch:

The Association has once again benefitted from another payment to us of \$500 from this RSL Club. We appreciate their ongoing support, and thank them for their great interest in Vietnam veterans.

Their annual Coral remembrance service each May is an extremely respectful, well attended and well organized function, and we are grateful for the time and effort they put into recognizing that battle. Many others don't. Our members who have attended the service in previous years are always impressed.

The club in Ingleburn is friendly and welcoming. It is very well appointed and a great place for a beer or a meal if you live on that side of Sydney.

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4. Major Peter Badcoe, VC:

Chris Coape-Smith has reminded us that April 7th will be the 50th anniversary of the death of Victoria Cross winner Peter Badcoe. He also reminded us that our own A Field Battery had the honour of providing the ceremonial artillery presence at Major Badcoe's funeral in Terendak.

Chris has supplied a copy of a tribute article that appeared in Forestville RSL sub-Branch Newsletter Jan/Feb 2017 for those who would like to be reminded of the exploits of this modern day hero. Thanks Coapey.

Lest we forget.

5. Nui Dat Health Survey:

This is a message from Ross Dunn, who was in HQ Battery during the 1971 tour. He is now an advocate for the Vietnam Veterans' Federation of Australia (VVFA) working at Page in the ACT. If you were part of the Regiment's second tour in 1971, and meet his criteria, please get in contact with him.

Later this year the VVFA will be starting a health survey of people based at Nui Dat in 1971.

To start off, there will be a pilot survey, focusing on 12 Field Regiment.

We'd like to locate all the people from the 1971 tour.

If you are one of them, please contact the survey organiser to get more information.

Contact: Ross Dunn

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6. Victorian Artillery Lunch:

A reminder of this message from Neil. A copy of the Flyer is attached for more information.

The Victorian Artillery lunch is on Wednesday 1st March. I have attached the flyer. Would you be kind enough to circulate it to the 12 Fd Regt Assn email list.

I suggest that members who wish to go put 12 Fd Regt in the last line of the reply slip so we can sit together.

Thanks a lot.

Neil Graham

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