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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

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Unfortunately this issue is a bit light on for articles, due to the fact that I haven't received much in the way of news, reports or stories lately. Remember that this Information Bulletin is your vehicle for communicating with other gunners so you are welcome to send me items at any time.

1. Anzac Day:

Another one has been and gone. I hope you all enjoyed catching up with a few mates. As usual, I marched in Sydney and I noticed that crowd numbers were lower than in recent years. News reports however seemed to indicate that numbers across Australia were as high as usual, especially for the Dawn services.

Ian Macauley has sent us this report about his Anzac Day with mates from 104 Battery. I guess Ian's experiences were typical of what most of us got up to.

Hello Trev

Anzac Day this year saw WA Germs gather at the town of Peaceful Bay at the home of Bob and Katie Eddington. After the dawn service overlooking the bay, the RSL and locals put on a Gunfire Breakfast. We then traveled to Albany for the march down York Street to the Peace Park for a drizzly service. Even though we got a little bit wet, we soon dried out in time for lunch at a winery in Denmark. Evening meal back at Bob and Katie's topped off a great day.

Regards Ian Macauley



Banner photo L-R Ian Macauley, Joh Paskulich, Phil Burns, Keith Smith, Bob Eddington and Tony Ferraro.

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2. Research into Myleo-proliferative Neoplasms:

Our member Terry Earle is looking for Vietnam Veterans who may have contracted this illness and who are willing to take part in a survey.

Hi Trevor

A long-time colleague and friend of mine sent me this email last week.

It seeks, as I understand it, Vietnam veterans who have contracted MPN (Myleo-proliferative Neoplasms) to participate in a survey.

The link is below.

Could you please circulate this to 12th Field Regt members.

*Many thanks and warm regards Terry Earle, Director, Without Pier Gallery
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Hi Terry,

The following email is from an email list I subscribe to regarding MPNs (Myleo-proliferative Neoplasms). These are a type of chronic leukaemia. Our daughter Anthea has an MPN (Myelofibrosis), hence my interest.

The website: <http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Seeking-Veterans-for-MPN-Questionnaire.html?soid=1112795508012&aid=qDZtr5FiHJ4> is seeking input from Vietnam veterans with MPNs. If you have access to any Vietnam vets networks could you please forward this on to them with a view to assisting any of them with MPNs.

Kind regards

Rob

3. Reunion:

The organization of the reunion is going well, and all who attend will have a terrific time.

Unfortunately, 4 of our registered attendees have been forced to pull out due to illness (see Rick's Welfare Report) and we wish them a speedy recovery. However, the end result is an even smaller number of participants, and at this stage, we have only just got the minimum number required to meet the requirements of our venue.

It is still not too late to register! So if you have suddenly decided that you might like to attend, please get back to me and I will make sure you are included.

Next issue of the Info Bulletin will include coverage of this great event.

4. Welfare Report:

Our esteemed Welfare Officer Rick, hopes to distribute his next Welfare Report later this week. In the meantime, if any members have news or stories about the health and well-being of our ex-gunners, please send them to Rick ASAP so he can include them in his Report.

Email rgcranna@bigpond.com or phone 0407 572 048

Remember that we all like to be kept informed about how our mates are faring, and we can only achieve this if you let us know.

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5. Cossie's Colossal Q-Store Sale:

Members..... this is it! The big one! The mother of all Q-store sales! Our esteemed QM has excelled himself. You'd be mad not to take advantage of his exceeding generosity. See the following flyer for all his insanely-priced offerings!

12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association pre-Reunion run-out Sale

SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE SALE



Come on you blokes, those caps that you bought years ago would be pretty disgusting by now. Where else can you buy a quality cap @ **\$8.00??? Nowhere, I imagine!!!!!! Order now and get free postage if you purchase the following items!!!!!!**

Quality Tees cheaper than **TARGET??????**

You have got it!!! Association badged T shirts at run-out prices. Buy one for **20 Bucks or buy two for **30 bucks**. All sizes **available!!!!!!** **Free postage on a purchase of two shirts if you buy a cap as well!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!****



Our quality chambray shirts were a winner, money spinner for the Association in their day, and still look great on Anzac Day. Adorned with the Arty Badge and embroidery defining our Associations name. There are limited sizes and sleeve lengths available only in the following sizes, 2 only, **5XL long sleeve, 2 only, **2XL Short sleeve** 1only, **2XL Long sleeve** 1 only, **3XL Short sleeve** and **2 M Long Sleeve**.**

Crikeys!!!!!! These will clear for the **CRAZY price of **\$15.00 each + postage**.**

Phone or email Cossie now should you wish to order on **0249303359 or email:**cossie0102@bigpond.com** Please buy these items so I can clear the wardrobe!!!!!!**

Postage applies and caps if you don't take up the Tee shirt offer.

6. Extra Benefits for Medical Expenses:

Neil Mangels wants to draw your attention to the following announcement from the Minister that may affect many of our members. Thanks, Neil.



MEDIA RELEASE

THE HON DAN TEHAN MP

MINISTER FOR VETERANS' AFFAIRS
MINISTER FOR DEFENCE PERSONNEL

MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER FOR CYBER SECURITY
MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE CENTENARY OF ANZAC

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Increased reimbursement for medical expenses

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan today said veterans could now claim up to \$1,000 reimbursement for medical expenses when they have applied to the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) or the Specialist Medical Review Council (SMRC) review process.

Mr Tehan said the reimbursement amount had been increased from \$467.50 to \$1,000 for each medical condition to encourage the early submission of medical evidence.

"This measure fulfils another election commitment and will encourage veterans applying for a review at the VRB to get any necessary medical evidence as soon as possible to help speed up the review process," Mr Tehan said.

"Increasing the amount that can be reimbursed will ensure those applying to the VRB are appropriately remunerated for any relevant out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred as a result of obtaining evidence for VRB hearings."

"The Government is committed to supporting the veteran community and their families, and this new measure further demonstrates work to strengthen this support."

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Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) can be reached 24 hours a day across Australia for crisis support and free and confidential counselling. Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 8 8241 45 46). VVCS is a service founded by Vietnam veterans.

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