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## 12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013

**To all members:  
From President Graham “Flood” Floyd and the Committee.**

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a terrific Christmas and we wish you a healthy and happy 2013!

### 1. AGM and SGM:

Members are reminded that the AGM and SGM are scheduled to be held starting at 1400hrs at the Georges River Golf Club, Sydney on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. Understandably, we are nervous about getting a quorum for these important meetings so it would help us greatly with our planning if you would let us know in advance if you are intending to attend. If you are going to be there, would you please let Secretary Trev Bryant know by email or phone so he will stop getting ulcers worrying about numbers.

Also in relation to these meetings, if you're still intending to nominate anyone for a committee or executive position, or if you're intending to lodge a Proxy vote for the SGM, and haven't already done so, would you please get these to the Secretary in plenty of time.  
See you there!

### 2. Opening of Stage 2 of Vietnam Vets Commemorative Walk on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013:

As you know, our members raised \$1000 for a donation to this major project and as a result, the Association is represented on the Walkway as a contributor and supporter.

We have received preliminary advice of the day's program which is attached for those of you with email addresses who might be thinking of attending. Members receiving this Info Bulletin by APO mail are invited to contact Trev Bryant if you would like him to mail you a copy of the program.

### 3. The Shed:

Our esteemed founding member Rob Costello who, more than anyone I know is always thinking about the well-being of other members, has asked us to pass on the following information which might be of interest.

*Trevor,*

*Maybe in one of your upcoming news emails to the members you could mention that there is a web site called **The Shed on Line**. This is similar to a Men's shed that have popped up all over the country in the last few years and includes discussions on how to do differing things, Men's health and many other varying activities.*

*It is a great site for Fellas like us. The Web address is [WWW.theshedonline.org.au](http://WWW.theshedonline.org.au)*

Thanks, Cossie!!

#### **4. 102 Coral Battery:**

Maj. Duncan Anderson, who has been the BC of the re-raised 102 Coral Battery based at Edinburgh SA, has advised us that he has received a new posting. He is now OPSO 2OSTA (*whatever the hell that means – perhaps one of our esteemed ex-officer members can enlighten us?*) Anyway, those of you who met him during his participation in our Adelaide Reunion will agree that he is a beaut bloke. On behalf of all in the Association, we wish him well in his new role, and thank him for his support of, and interest in, our Association.

Command of the Battery will temporarily be in the hands of Maj. (?) Anthony Mumford who will hold the fort till Maj. Eugene Shanasy takes over later in the New Year.

#### **5. Missing Member:**

Does anyone know the current address of member Nev Lemon (ex 102 Battery and FCC Sergeant in Vietnam 1968)? Letters to the address we have for him are bouncing back, so he has obviously moved and forgotten to let us know.

#### **6. Kiwi Reflections:**

I draw your attention to the attached document detailing the recollections of the Coral battles by Neil Bradley who was a Lieutenant in NZ's 161 Battery. It is an interesting summary from a slightly different viewpoint, and members will find it interesting. (*Sorry to members who are not on email. There are too many pages to mail you all a copy. If you're interested you can request Trev Bryant to mail you a copy.*)

We have a few ex-161 gunners as members of our Association and it is important that all of us continue to be aware of the crucial role played by the NZ Artillery not only at Coral-Balmoral, but throughout the whole Aus/NZ commitment to Vietnam. It's often hard for these Artillery vets, who were part of 12<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment at the time, because some of them feel they don't fit comfortably with either NZ Vet organisations or with Aussie Vets – they sometimes feel they have fallen through the cracks.

I speak for all of us when I say that they have always been an integral part of our membership and we would **gladly welcome any new members from 161 Bty.**

#### **7. Welfare Officer's Report:**

Welfare Officer Rick's final Report (Number 5) was emailed to members in early December. For those of you who receive our information by APO mail, we have enclosed a copy in the envelope with this Info Bulletin. I apologise that it's a bit out of date.

#### **8. Memorabilia:**

The Association has professionally designed & made Chambray cotton shirts & Polo Shirts with the Assn embroidered badge on the front. The Polo shirt is coloured in the Arty blue & red with the latest "dry cool" fabric & the Chambray shirt is coloured light blue. These shirts will be on offer at our next AGM at vastly reduced prices for our members, prices vary from \$25 – \$28. The shirts would be ideal to wear at our future Association meetings, and remember that all proceeds from sales assist in funding future events in our effort to minimise members' costs.