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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

INFORMATION BULLETIN No.9 20/02/2013

TO ALL MEMBERS, from President Graham (“Flood”) Floyd

1. Your “New” Committee:

First up this issue, I wanted to welcome the new Committee as nominated and elected by members at the recent AGM. If you refer to the Minutes attached, you’ll note that all members of the previous Committee who stood for re-election, were elected un-opposed. Due to a family tragedy I was unable to attend the AGM as planned. My personal thanks go to Neil, Trevor and John for shouldering the extra “work load” during the meetings. I’m proud to remain as your President and I’m delighted that Neil Mangels and Trevor Bryant are no longer “acting” as in their roles as VP and Secretary respectively, and are now officially in those roles. We are indeed fortunate that John Beer continues as our Treasurer and I couldn’t be happier about that.

The rest of the Committee is made up by Life Member Laurie Bird, Rick Cranna (who thankfully continues as Welfare Office), John “Blue” Ericsson, Tony Marshall, Hugh Ritchie, Graham Rylands, and Don Tait. It is personally pleasing to note that the complete committee is made up of representatives from all batteries of the Regiment from both tours of Vietnam.

Our Association is lucky to have this much experience, knowledge and ability in its managing committee and I look forward to working with all these blokes for the benefit of the Association and all members. 2013 will be a terrific year for us!

2. Annual General Meeting:

The Association’s AGM for the year ending 31 August 2012 was held on Wednesday 13th February 2013 at the Georges River Golf Club in western Sydney. In all, we had 18 attendees, of which 17 were members eligible to vote, so a quorum was achieved – just. Thank you to all the members who were able to attend. The meeting went smoothly and all motions were carried. A full copy of the Minutes and addendum to the Minutes is attached for your interest. Please let our Secretary Trevor Bryant know if you have any questions or comments regarding the proceedings.

3. Special General Meeting:

An SGM was conducted immediately after the conclusion of the AGM, and the members attending unanimously approved the amendment to our Rules which clarified our membership criteria. The amendments have now been assimilated into the official Rules, dated 13/02/2013. These are available on-line or through Australia Post just by requesting a copy from the Secretary. A copy of the Minutes and addendum to the Minutes is attached for your interest.

4. Seymour Commemorative Walkway:

The plans for the opening of this project on the 9th March are very advanced and it should be a terrific event for all those members planning to attend – and there are plenty of you. Most of you have already made your arrangements for travel and accommodation by now, but if you're still thinking you'll have to sleep in a scrape somewhere, our member David Keall, who lives in nearby Nagambie, has a spare room with a divan bed available for two. He's kindly offered it for use by member and partner. Thanks, David.

If you're interested you can contact him direct on aussievet68@bigpond.com or (03) 5794 2458.

5. 1RAR Battle Group Coral Reunion 2013, Rockhampton:

This event scheduled for May is also well on track. Many of our members have already registered to attend. One of the key activities will be a "Battle of Coral" Race Day, and our Association is proud to be a sponsor of one of the races – The Maiden Plate. On behalf of all our members, the Association will supply and present the "12 Field Regiment RAA Battle of Coral Trophy" to the winning owner. The trophy will be a classy and valuable cup mounted and emblazoned with the Association logo, kindly built and donated to us by that genius of design and engineering, Blue Ericsson. Thank you, Blue. *(For those of you who don't know Blue, he has his own business which makes medals, castings, plaques etc. He is a natural designer and comes from an advertising and marketing background. His work over the years on behalf of the Association and many of its members has always been first class and we thank him for his generous support.)*

6. Special Request from Blue:

To complete the wonderful trophy he is making for us to present at Rocky, Blue desperately needs a Royal Australian Artillery badge which has to be identical to the hat badge we were all issued, but in miniature – as per the lapel badge which some of us received. Does anyone have one they could spare? If so, please ring Blue direct on (02) 9999 3378. Much appreciated.

7. 1RAR Battle Group Coral Reunion 2014:

While we're on the subject of the 1RAR reunions, we've been given the heads up that the 2014 Reunion will be held in Adelaide from Friday 16th May to Sunday 18th May, 2014. So put it in your diaries so you won't forget.

8. A Message from the Welfare Officer:

Our Welfare Officer Rick Cranna, is planning to send out the next Welfare Report on 16th March 2013. Would members please advise Rick of any Welfare issues or information concerning our members by that date. Rick's email is: rgcranna@bigpond.com. His mobile number is: 0407572048.

9. Merchandise:

Laurie Bird reminds us that he has "quality Chambray Shirts specifically designed for our Association members & ladies at reduced prices. These shirts are ideal to wear at our functions/meetings, and look good anywhere.

Mens L/Sleeve Shirt: sizes S – 3XL = \$26, sizes 4XL – 5 = \$28.

Ladies ¾ Sleeve Shirt: sizes 8 – 18 = \$25, sizes 20 – 24 = \$26

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Delivery is \$6.50

Please give him a ring on (02) 4954 8248, or email him at birds_12@optusnet.com.au if you're interested.

(Note that Laurie will also have Association shirts available for purchase at the Seymour Walkway opening next month.)

