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12 FIELD REGIMENT (VIETNAM) ASSOCIATION

(A Branch of the Royal Australian Artillery Association NSW Inc)

I trust that you all had a wonderful ANZAC day and the 104 Battery fellas had a successful reunion. I know that on talking to a few of them on ANZAC day that they all were more than happy with the proceedings to that point. It is more than gratifying to know that after all these years that we still clutch on to the good memories we shared with our mates nearly 40 years ago.

The purpose of this letter is to remind all of the stragglers who have not yet joined our group, and I did get a lot of enquires on Anzac Day about it, to join us if they wish to. I do know that all who asked me about the Association did get applications to join us, but were put into the too hard basket or just forgotten as is prevalent amongst a lot of blokes of our age.

The cost of joining us is a mere \$20.00 and \$10.00 a year thereafter or \$100.00 for perpetual membership which covers you for the rest of your life. We also have Associate members which also allows your wife / partner and children to join us as well. I know that a couple of attempts were made in the past to get a 12 Field Regiment Association up and running and they fell over. I give you my upmost assurance we will not follow suite. We were only born on the 17th of May last year. We now have 220 members and are in a very viable financial position which has been helped along by a D.V.A. Saluting their Service grant of \$3000.00. I remind you that we are not a profit making organisation and our funds will be diverted back to our membership by way of functions every two years, as well as some lower key events in between, and I hope in a few years to come a funeral benefit for all our members. I just hope that I live long enough to see the latter come to fruition.

I am sure that if you attended ANZAC Day in any capital city in our great country you would have noticed our Badges that just jump out and grab you they are unlike any badge that I have seen. And our great new ties look equally as good. We also have our Regimental caps. All these and other items are available at just above our cost price from our Treasurer. The Badges of course come with your initial yearly membership. The designs and manufacture for all was done by a member of our Association who will not accept anything that is not perfect.

In the end the choice is yours as to whether you join us or not. But I do appeal to you to think about it very strongly. We are not here to interfere with any sub units reunions within the Regiment. We are here to represent and cater for all members of the Regiment and supporting units. WE DO NOT SHOW FEAR OR FAVOUR ANY UNIT THAT SERVED WITHIN OUR GREAT REGIMENT.

I also point out that we are after representatives from all Batteries to be on our sub committee so that all have equal representation for all concerned. Remember many hands make light work for all concerned and you could help your mates in your unit if you give them your representation. Should you decide to join. I hope you do.

Please fill in the application form attached and post it with a cheque or money order to our Secretaries address on the top of the application form. I remind you that you all asked me on Anzac day to forward you further details and I have done this in good faith. I assure you of my immediate response at all times.

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Rob Costello
President and all of our Committee.