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12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association

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1. Information regarding NOK of SSGT John Hall, 12 Field Regiment Vietnam '71:

Some of our 2nd tour members may be able to help Dave Mathers with his request regarding NOK for John Hall.

Trevor, Last year the Victorian Vietnam Veterans Association conducted a special service at the Shrine in Melbourne on the 18th August.

Part of this involved replica crosses with attached hand knitted poppy and Australian flag.

Crosses for Long Tan KIA went to the VVAA Museum at Philip Island, some to next of kin and some to schools via the VVAA Education team.

The remainder are looking for homes. I have obtained the Cross for SSGT John Hall 243015 12 Fld. Regt. 2nd tour 1971. If anyone has knowledge of his next of kin can they please give them my contact details and I will forward the Cross on. There are no other crosses for 12 Fld. among those remaining so I presume they have been claimed or gone to the above mentioned.

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2. Formation of a New Regiment of the Royal Australian Artillery:

Peter Geelen has sent us a copy of a recent Order of the Day to the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery, and signed by Brigadier Craig Furini AM, CSC, Head of Regiment.

The Order establishes a new regiment of artillery to be called the 9th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery (9 Regt RAA). A copy of the Order is attached for those interested.

3. The Funeral of Mick Ekman:

Member Chris Coape-Smith attended Mick's funeral last month and sent us this report. Nice to see that the Association was well-represented. Thanks Coapey and all members who attended.

Just a note that Mick Ekman had a nice Send Off today.

Don Tait, Chris Coape-Smith, Blue Knight, Dodger Noonan, Terry Lees and Andy Forsdike attended.

Interestingly, an act of Gallantry was described by Andy, during Coral, where Mick recovered an M60 and the wounded member, Vic Page, who incidentally died this week in Atherton. RIP to both Members.

Coapey

4. Some Pertinent Quotes About Government:

Flood has sent us this list of memorable quotes which clearly sum up our modern view of government:

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government. *John Adams*

If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. (How true is that!!!) *Mark Twain*

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of government. But then I repeat myself. *Mark Twain*

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. *Winston Churchill*

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. *George Bernard Shaw*

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries. *Douglas Casey, classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University*

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys. *P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian*

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else. *Frederic Bastiat, French economist (1801-1850)*

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. *Will Rogers*

If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free! *P.J. O'Rourke*

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to the other. *Voltaire (1764)*

Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you! *Pericles (430 B.C.)*

No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session. *Mark Twain (1866)*

Talk is cheap...except when government does it. *Anonymous*

The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other. *Ronald Reagan*

The only difference between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the skin. *Mark Twain*

What this country needs are more unemployed politicians. *Edward Langley, Artist (1928-1995)*

A government big enough to give you everything you want, is strong enough to take everything you have. *Thomas Jefferson*

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. *Aesop*

5. Irish Medical Dictionary:

(Is this allowed these days of Political Correctness??)

An anonymous member has sent us this dictionary – apologies to our members who hail from Ireland.

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"IRISH' MEDICAL DICTIONARY

ARTERY	The Study of Paintings
BACTERIA	Back Door of a Cafeteria
BARIUM	What Doctors Do When Patients Die
BOWEL	A Letter like A,E,I,O,U
CAESAREAN SECTION	A Neighbourhood in Rome
CAT SCAN	Search for Kitty
CAUTERISE	Made Eye Contact with Her
COMA	A Punctuation Mark
D & C	Where Washington Is
DILATE	To Live Longer
ENEMA	Not a Friend
FESTER	Quicker
FIBULA	A Small Lie
GENITAL	Not a Jew
G.I. SERIES	A Soldier Ballgame
HANGNAIL	Coat Hook
IMPOTENT	Distinguished, Well Known
LABOUR PAIN	Getting Hurt at Work
MEDICAL STAFF	Doctor's Cane
MORBID	A Higher Offer
NITRATES	Cheaper Than Day Rates
NODE	Was Aware Of
OUTPATIENT	A Person Who Has Fainted
PAP SMEAR	A Fatherhood Test
PELVIS	A Cousin to Elvis
RECOVERY ROOM	Place to do Upholstery
RECTUM	Dang Near Killed 'Em
SECRETION	Hiding Something
SEIZURE	Roman Emperor
TABLET	A Small Table
TERMINAL ILLNESS	Getting Sick at the Airport
TUMOR	More than One
URINE	Opposite of "You're Out!"
VARICOSE	Nearby
VEIN	Bigheaded

6. Deniliquin Vietnam War Memorial:

Our member Phil Cormack was impressed with the new memorial in Deniliquin, NSW and sent us this report and photos. Good to see so many of our country towns recognising the Vietnam War. Thanks Phil.

Hi Trevor, I thought you may be interested in these photos.

Over Easter this year I drove down to Deniliquin in the southern Riverina where I had spent two years in the Bank of NSW from 1964-66. I hadn't been back since then so it was a nostalgic trip. I was quite moved by the memorial to those who had served in VN and also quite surprised that a little town like Deni had over 30 of its young men serve in VN. I knew quite a few of the names as they had been good mates over the two years I spent there. You will note that the Late Pepe Prendergast's name listed as well as Barry Chamberlain and Terry McCleary. Along with Pepe's brother Terry we had some good and outrageous times.

The statue of the digger, giggle hat and all in gleaming white marble is quite striking and very tall. The memorial is situated just off the main street in a beautiful and peaceful garden. While at the memorial, I struck up a conversation with a fellow who was in the mortar section with the infantry at Coral and he thought that the majority of names on the memorial list were nashos.

On my travels through NSW this is the first memorial of its type I have seen apart from an avenue of names etc on the New England Highway near Singleton and I wondered if there were other such memorials around Australia. Perhaps some of our members might know

Regards, Phillip Phillip Cormack FNIA; SF Fin; ADFS (FP) Financial Adviser Stripey Pty Ltd



7. Future of Our Association:

Since my last report to you on this matter, there has been no change to the status quo. We still have 5 members (thank you) who have volunteered to take on committee and Welfare Officer positions after the current committee steps down at the AGM, but there have been no nominations for the legally-required executive positions of President/Public Officer, Treasurer and Secretary.

Unless the Association can fill these roles after they become vacant at the AGM later this year, then it cannot continue to function and will need to be wound up. (Note that if this happened, the current committee has agreed to stay on for the remaining time that it would take to affect the dissolution and to make sure that all legal and ethical requirements are met.)

Because of the length and complexity of a wind-up process, the committee needs to know its options very soon, hence the cut-off date of 31st July to receive nominations. So, if you're still thinking of volunteering to take one of these three crucial executive roles, you only have until Monday to get your nominations in to the Secretary. It's up to you.

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