

# THE VOICE

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## Anzac Day Report

Unlike Anzac Day 2012, a day of wind and rain of biblical proportions, this year's parade took place under a weak but welcome Autumn sun and with no wind to speak of, which is just as well given the presence of a certain kilted individual in our ranks. Speaking of rank, with our President and Vice-President either indisposed or serving elsewhere, KVAA Inc. Treasurer, Gerry Steacy, and Secretary, Alan Evered, this year led our (thinning) numbers.

Despite the calm conditions, fewer marched than in previous years – for obvious reasons. Special mention should be made of the extensive family of the late Ted Moseley who participated in the march and filled an entire table at the gathering at the Stella Maris afterwards, and also to a group of U.S. ex-servicemen who joined us at the Stella Maris after the march. Your presence was most welcome and appreciated.

Our patron, and constant butt of the Editor's warped sense of humour (see Page 14), General James Hughes (retired) joined the after-march festivities at the Stella Maris, as did KVAA President, Vic Dey, who is still recovering from major heart surgery. One missing stalwart was our padre, John Brownbill. He was elsewhere, a commanding figure complete with jeep, leading the Post-1945 (BCOF onwards) section of the march then attending their reunion.



John Brownbill leading the charge.



The KVAA Inc. Scottish contingent, or in the case of Canadian-born Gerry Steacy on the right, Nova Scotia-ish. The two genuine Scots are John Gillespie and Don Scally.

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International Federation of Korean War Veterans  
Korea & South East Asia Forces Association of Australia  
Sister with Korean War Veterans Association Australian Chapter  
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Association of Queensland Korea Veterans Inc.  
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Korea War Veterans Association of NSW  
Australian Korea Veterans Association Inc.

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Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemaker Veterans' Association Inc.



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KVAA Inc. lapel badge	\$10.00 .....	\$	RAN print: Ships in Korea	\$ 5.00 .....	\$
KVAA Inc. windscreen decal	\$ 5.00 .....	\$	Tie (with KVAA Inc. logo)	\$20.00 .....	\$
Korean War bumper sticker	\$ 2.50 .....	\$	Car number plate surrounds (set)	\$10.00 .....	\$
Korean War map (laminated)	\$ 6.00 .....	\$			

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# Report From Canberra

by Col Berryman

(KVAA Inc. A.C.T. Delegate)

On Tuesday afternoon, 14 May 2013, my wife Jan, and myself, with assistance from my Granddaughter Sarah (aged 13), hosted a delegation from the Republic of Korea for afternoon tea at our home in Canberra. The Delegation included Mr Choi Min Soon, Governor of Gangwon Province (which includes the area occupied mostly by the Commonwealth Division after the ceasefire); one of the historians from the War Museum in Seoul; an 83-year-old Korean Army Veteran who served with the ROK 7th Infantry Division from 1950 until after the Truce (and was lucky to survive); a camera crew from the Museum; Colonel Diem, the Defence Attaché from the Embassy; our friend, Mr Min Yeong Kim, Chief Officer from the Embassy, and also Sharon, the head interpreter from the Embassy. A total of twelve Koreans.

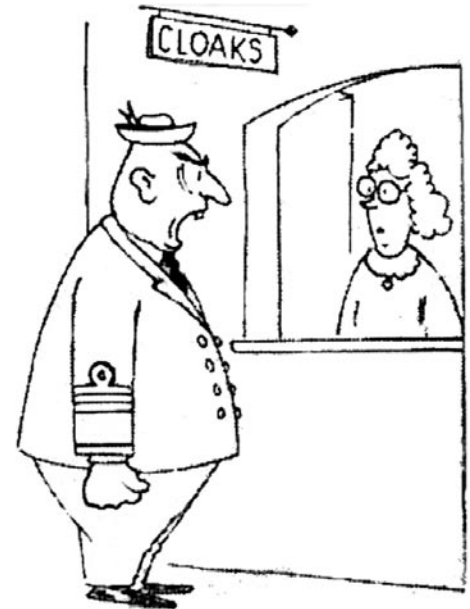
Colonel John Church was also in attendance. John as some of you may know, was an original young Platoon Commander of 3 RAR, who was also in Japan with BCOF, prior to the battalion being deployed to Korea, under Colonel Green. John was wounded at the Broken Bridge battle. The object for the visit, I think, was to interview an original veteran from the first deployment (John) and one of the veterans who served shortly after the Cease Fire (myself).

As you know we played an important role in the resettlement of the villages back into the area after the Truce. We were both interviewed by the historian, and both were also presented with beautiful engraved plaques, embossed with the figurehead of the Province, by the Governor.

The whole thing came about when I received a call from Mr Min Yeong Kim, asking if we could do the interviews at my house. (I have performed liaison here in Canberra, with both Mr Min, and the Defence Attaché now, for some time, both prior to and after my appointment as ACT Delegate). It was all done fairly quickly, and I think fairly successfully. There were certainly no complaints about the afternoon tea, and they all stayed on for over two hours. Plenty videos were taken of my humble abode, its inhabitants, and its contents. I believe it is also going to be shown on the South Korean television.

## A Note From the Editor...

The Editor is busy moving house and has been for some time now. Pause for nod of sympathy from those who have also done this before. He is currently living in two houses (though not at the same time) as a third is being built, and most of his possessions (including boxes of KVAA Inc. material) are in storage at one or more locations. As you read this, the old telephone number as per Page 2 will likely have been disconnected. The e-mail address will remain current for the time being. For those without Internet access, you can contact me via the phone of members of the Executive (see Page 2). For those who have it, the postal address will also remain the same for another two months followed by a three-month mail redirection. None of this is expected to affect production of *The Voice* although (depending on other variables) my attendance at the monthly General / Committee Meeting might become sporadic.



*"I don't care if it is the last one, this is NOT MY HAT!"*



*Says he wasn't drunk, sir. Claims somebody hit him with a tram ticket.*



*"Permission to bring my pet snake aboard, Sir!"*

# Notices

## Seeking...

Seeking relatives of Alexander Kenneth (Ken) Garden, MBE, Squadron Leader in the RAAF (resigned 1954) and was awarded the MBE for his contribution to the Emu Atomic Tests in 1953. Contact Bruce Henderson on (08) 8542 5930 or [bruce\\_henderson@bigpond.com](mailto:bruce_henderson@bigpond.com)

## Seeking...

Seeking information or photos of my late husband AB Cyril Desmond Winter, ex-Navy 1948-57. Served in Korea 1951-1952 on HMAS *Bataan*. I am trying to document his life for my grandchildren. Contact Audrey Minter on 02 4362 1092 or [rick@pnf.com.au](mailto:rick@pnf.com.au)

## Seeking...

Seeking LAC Michael John Seton, RAAF, A23953, born in Narromine NSW and served in Korea with 77 Squadron RAAF. Awarded the Air Force Medal for assistance during the 1955 NSW floods. I am conducting research into the floods and would like to interview him on his role as a member of the RAAF. Contact Graig Ronan, NSW SES on 0418 476 254 or [Craig.Ronan@one.ses.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Craig.Ronan@one.ses.nsw.gov.au)

## Seeking New Members...

Did you serve in Malaya, Sabah, Sarawak, Singapore or East Timor post-WWII with any Australian or Allied Armed Forces including 2/30 Battalion RAR Rifle Company Butterworth? Sign on now with the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association Australia Inc. Contact (07) 3396 6705 (QLD), (02) 6258 8988 (NSW/ACT), (03) 5428 3623 (Vic), (03) 6228 5034 (Tas), (08) 8387 1672 (SA/NT), (03) 5428 3623 (WA).

## Korea War Veterans Memorial Reunion

### *60th Anniversary Armistice 2013*

**Where:** Quality Hotel (cnr Badham & Cape Streets), Dickson, Canberra, 2602

**When:** 25, 26 & 27 October 2013

October 2013 sees the gathering of veterans, family and friends, for the annual commemorative service and functions in Canberra. Total package cost per person for the reunion is **\$430** on a *Twin Share* basis. (A different rate applies for single accommodation). Portions of the Package are also available. Please ring for pricing.

Booking deposit \$50 per person due by 15 August 2013

Final payment due by 27 September 2013

For information packages, bookings and payments, please contact Ms Wendy Karam on 0418 124 677 or (02) 4988 7224 or email: [wendykaram@yahoo.com.au](mailto:wendykaram@yahoo.com.au)

## Korean Commemorative Service

The DVA Repatriation Commission is conducting a service at the Australian National Korean War Memorial on Anzac Parade at **11:00am on the 27th July 2013** to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice. The Repatriation Commission invites all veterans to attend the service. RSVP to:

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## Healing the Wounds of War

On Sunday 25th August, the St. Georges Uniting Church in East St. Kilda will be holding their "Healing the Wounds of War" Service. This Service started in 1917 to honour their Minister, the Rev. Andrew Gillison, who died at Gallipoli on August 22nd 1915. This years service commemorates the end of the Korean War 60 years ago. A Reading and Candle Lighting will be undertaken by a Korea Veteran.

**St. George's East St. Kilda Uniting Church**  
**4 Chapel Street, East St. Kilda**  
**Sunday 19 August 2012, 10:30am**  
**Annual Memorial Service**

# The End

by Des Guilfoyle

*Des Guilfoyle served in Korea from 6 August 1952 to 8 August 1953 where, as he always put it, he rose to the exalted rank of private. Post-war activities included a stint in the 1980s as assistant editor of The Voice, KVAA Inc. pensions officer, and throughout the 1990s he was a member of the KVAA Inc. committee. And yes, for those who don't already know, the shared surname of this former editor and the current one is not coincidental, the current editor being the son of the former.*

My enlistment had only a few more weeks to run and *The Hook* was the last place I wanted to spend the time. *The Hook* was a piece of high ground jutting into the Chinese position. Naturally, they didn't like this and made repeated attempts to capture this barren and cratered yet strategic piece of real estate. Every unit that had previously occupied *The Hook* had found themselves battered by mortar, artillery, and machine gun fire. My chances of finishing my tour of duty unscathed diminished with this posting.

Within days of Don Company moving into place, the number of artillery shells lobbed our way started to increase. Some morbid amateur statistician in the company kept a total of incoming shells. At its peek the barrage exceeded 30 rounds per minute. They caused few casualties. We were too well dug in. However, we found it unsettling for it meant an attack was coming.

They hit us on the morning of July 25th. A U.S. marine company took the brunt of the fighting. Their thrust towards us was a subsidiary attack. Accurate counter battery and machine gun fire halted them. They replied with an artillery barrage of their own which only slackened towards night fall. From experience, we knew they would try to infiltrate our position during the night or perhaps launch an all-out assault. Charlie didn't give up easily.

They did this time. I couldn't believe their offensive had so easily ran out of steam. But there was no fighting that night or the next morning. We spent a nerve-racking day under arms in the trenches and hootchies.

Another one of those "peace" rumours did the rounds. We'd been getting these for months and treated this latest one with all the derision it deserved. But this one was different: it had official backing. Formal notification came on the 26th. A cease-fire agreement was to be signed at 10am the next morning and come into operation at 10pm that night.

It didn't exactly have the memorable resonance of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that brought The Great War to a close. But who cared? Korea was an even more pointless conflict. And it was ending.

There was one anxiety left: the reaction of Charlie. Would he make one last grab for *The Hook*; one last supreme effort? We spent a tense night waiting for the answer. By morning it was clear that the Chinese commanders had decided against the idea. To me it indicated that the current front line was not to be the new boundary between the Koreans.

To my amazement our OC ordered us to assemble to have a statement about the peace treaty read to us. This was before 10am. The treaty hadn't yet been signed. What was to stop Charlie from lobbing a few shells onto the gathering for old times sake? I thought the idea insane and foolishly expressed this opinion too loudly. An officer heard me and I received a thorough dressing down.

For reasons of their own Charlie decided not to interrupt the gathering. Despite this I stayed at the very edge of the crowd and within diving distance of the nearest bunker. Just in case.

During the day the Chinese sent in a few mortars and we replied in kind. No one suffered any injury. I think both sides did it more to relieve the tension than in anger. That night we sent the usual patrols out. No contact was made with the enemy and, frankly, contact was the last thing the soldiers in these patrols desired. Who wanted to be remembered as the last battle death of the war?

I spent the time sitting anxiously in a hootchie and constantly looking at my watch. How those last hours dragged. At last 10pm came and went. An immense feeling of relief washed over me. I'd survived.

There was no movement along the lines; no light, no sound. One cheered or lit flares. It was different in the rear positions. Flares wound their way into the sky and we could hear the sound of merriment. Officially it was all over. I should have slept well that night but didn't. No one quite trusted Charlie not to make a surprise attack. I have no doubt they thought the same about us and kept their forward troops on alert.

However the night passed peacefully, if uneasily. At first light, and still wary of snipers, we peered over the trenches at the enemy lines and found the Chinese doing the same. We emerged slowly. They emerged slowly. Curiosity impelled us forward. They same emotion was at work on them.

We met in the middle of 'no mans land' and eyed each other. So this was the Red Menace, the Barbarian Horde, the Korean version of the evil Hun. They looked neither menacing or evil. They were all very young

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and identically dressed. It was hard to tell one from the other. I could see in their faces that they were having the same trouble with us.

None of them spoke English and our Chinese consisted of a few derogatory words which, given the circumstances, we kept to ourselves. We made do with sign language. After a tense beginning both parties soon got the hang of it. We exchanged cigarettes and smiles. I got the impression that like me they were farmers long before they became soldiers. Someone brought out a bottle of whisky with the idea of drinking a toast to peace.

Before we could do so two differently dressed Chinese made an appearance. They spoke fair English and their faces showed they did not approve of this hobnobbing. I thought them to be political rather than military officers. The Chinese soldiers immediately fell silent and their faces became expressionless. It brought the festivities to a crashing end. The two officers started giving us the standard Peking line about the evils of capitalism and the oppression of the proletariat. Seeing the party was over Corporal Simms made a few choice remarks about Chairman Mao and ordered us back to our own lines. There was no further contact.

A condition of the cease-fire called for both sides to move back two kilometres thus creating the infamous D.M.Z. which still divides the Korean Peninsula. We were given two days to achieve this relocation which meant evacuating everything portable and destroying the rest.

It was an exhausting job in the high summer humidity, one not helped by a myriad of sightseeing rear echelon troops up for their first look at the sharp end of the fight. The OC finally ordered all unauthorised visitors back to the rear. Much to our delight, one group which managed to evade this stricture and was caught and found themselves ordered to join the working parties.

The Chinese were not inactive either. Their first task was to remove those who died in the battle on the 23rd. Caught in the open they had been cut down in droves, their bodies littering the approaches to our position. Summer and corpses did not go well together. We saw a hospital tent spring up indicating that some of these casualties had survived.

On schedule two days later we moved back to our new quarters spending a miserable night under pup tents in the pouring rain. It soaked everybody to the skin. The morning brought the return of the summer sun and we all dried out in no time. Later squad tents arrived and I spent my last nights with the unit in comparative comfort.

My travel orders came through. John Land and Roy Clayton also received theirs. A year before four of us had arrived together to join Don Company. Three were going home. Ron Rackley's luck ran out six weeks before the cease-fire.



A group of soldiers receiving news of the cease-fire. Photo Harry Kammerman via Bruce Henderson of the Port Augusta RSL

# Humour

## Honk For Jesus!

The other day I went up to a local Christian book store and saw a *Honk if you love Jesus* bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance, followed by a thunderous prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper.

Boy, I'm glad I did! What an uplifting experience followed!

I was stopped at a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thought about the Lord and how good He is...and I didn't notice that the lights had changed. It is a good thing someone else loves Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed!

I found that LOTS of people love Jesus! Why, while I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out of his window and screamed, "For the love of God! GO! GO! Jesus Christ. GO!" What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus!

Everyone started honking! I just leaned out of my window and started waving and smiling at all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love!

There must have been a man from the Sunshine Coast because I heard him yelling something about a "sunny beach." I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air; then I asked my teenage nephew in the back seat what that meant, he said that it was probably a Fijian good luck sign or something. Well, I've never met anyone from Fiji, so I leaned out of the window and gave him the good luck sign back. My nephew burst out laughing. Even he was enjoying this religious experience.

A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the lights had changed. So I waved to all my sisters and brothers grinning and drove through the intersection before the light changed again. I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Fijian good luck sign one last time as I drove away.

Praise the Lord for such wonderful folk!

## The Sin of Lying

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17." The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

## Goodbye Mum

A guy shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore, she kept staring at him. She finally overtook him at the check-out, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease. It's just that you look so much like my late son."

He responded: "That's okay."

She then asked: "I know it's silly, but if you'd call out "Good bye, Mum!" as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."

And so after she went through the checkout and was on her way out of the store, the man called out: "Goodbye, Mother."

The little old lady waved and smiled back at him. Pleased he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.

"That comes to \$121.85," said the check-out girl.

Bewildered, he asked: "How come so much?! I only bought 5 items?"

The girl replied: "Yeah, but your mother said you'd pay for her too."

## Over the Limit.

I went out with some friends last night and had too many drinks. Knowing that I was way over the limit, I did something that I have never done before. I took a bus home. I arrived home safe and untroubled, which was really surprising as I have never driven a bus before.

## The Florist's Mistake

On opening his new store, a man received a bouquet of flowers. He became dismayed on reading the enclosed card, that it expressed "Deepest Sympathy". While puzzling over the message, his telephone rang. It was the florist, apologising for having sent the wrong card.

"Oh, it's alright," said the storekeeper. "I'm businessman and I understand how these things can happen."

"But," added the florist, "I accidentally sent your card to a funeral party."

"Well, what did it say?" ask the storekeeper.

"Congratulations on your new location'." was the reply.

## Notices II

### Korean War Memorial Service

Due to renovations, the annual Korean War Memorial Service at the Korean Church of Melbourne this year has been moved from Glendearg Grove to **St. Andrew's UCA Church** on the corner of Burke and Malvern Roads at **10am on Sunday 23 June**.

Each year, Melbourne's Korean community conducts a memorial service at the Korean Church of Melbourne, followed by refreshments. Although primarily a sombre occasion, it is also a memorable one due to the excellence of the choir and musicians. Please note, the Korean Church Secretary requires the names of attendees. It is most impolite to just turn up on the day. If you plan to attend please advise Alan Evered by **17th June** on 03 9874 2219 or 0412 521 488 or at evered@optusnet.com.au

**St Andrew's UCA Church, Corner Burke & Malvern Roads, Malvern. (Melways 59 H6). Just across from Gardiner railway station.**

Note: this popular event on the KVAA Inc. social calendar could not be advertised in the previous issue of *The Voice* due to the uncertainty as to time and location. Hence the short RSVP time.

### Altona Memorial Service

At a Memorial Service at Altona in 2010, a plaque commemorating the Korean War was presented to Altona RSL by the KVAA Inc. The idea then – now in effect – was to make a wreath-laying service there a regular feature of the KVAA Inc. calendar.

Therefore, a wreath-laying ceremony, conducted by Don Edgar, will be held on Wednesday, 14 August at 11am at the Altona Cenotaph in Civic Parade, Altona, followed by lunch at around midday at the Altona RSL, 31 Sargood St, Altona (Melways 54 G 11).

All KVAA Inc. members who live in the area (and those who come from further afield) are encouraged, and are most welcome, to attend, as are any guests or family members they wish to bring.

### MIA Dedication Service

Moreland City Council aims to hold a Dedication Service at the Town Hall, Bell Street, on Saturday 27th July specifically for MIA Lt. Laurence Bonaventure Ryan, 3/37672, 3 Battalion RAR. Those wishing to attend, please contact Tom Parkinson (03) 9350 6608 or Pascoe Vale RSL (03) 9354 6364.

### KVAA Inc. Calendar of Events: June - December 2013

- 23 June: Korean Church Service (See above)
- 26 June: Committee / General Meeting
- 23-29 June: 2013 Youth Camp Korea
- 30 June: Mia Plaque Service, Bairnsdale RSL, 11am.
- 26 July: Korea Day, Austin Health, 10:30am, Anzac Memorial Chapel, Heidelberg Hospital.
- 27 July: Dedication Service, Moreland City Council Town Hall. (see above)
- 27 July: Queensland Korean War Memorial, Cascade Gardens, 11:00am
- 31 July: Committee / General Meeting
- 1 August: State Reception, 2.30-4pm, Venue: Government House.
- 14 August: Altona Memorial Service (see above)
- 15 August: *The Voice* mail out, Ringwood RSL, 10:30am then lunch
- 25 August: St. Georges Church, St. Kilda service, 10.30am (see Notices on Page 4)
- 28 August: Committee / General Meeting
- 14 Sept: APPVA, Remembrance Garden, Wattle Hall, 10:30am
- 25 Sept: Committee / General Meeting
- 2 October: RAAF Memorial Service, Point Cook (details in August *Voice*)
- 6 October: Austin Health Remembrance Day service
- 9 October: *The Voice* mail out, Ringwood RSL, 10:30am then lunch
- 25-27 Oct: Korean War veterans reunion in Canberra (see Notices on Page 4)
- 30 October: Committee / General Meeting
- 11 Nov: Remembrance Day, The Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.
- 11 Nov: Austin Health Remembrance Day Service, Remembrance Gardens, 10:45am
- 13 Nov: Shrine of Remembrance Annual Dinner, 6.30pm, Melbourne Town Hall
- 27 Nov: Committee / General Meeting
- 4 December: Christmas Luncheon. Time and venue TBA.
- 12 Dec: *The Voice* mail out, Ringwood RSL, 10:30am then lunch
- TBA Dec: Geelong Christmas Lunch, Time and venue TBA.

General/Committee meeting and AGM are held at 10:30 am at the Stella Maris Seafarers Centre, 600 Lt. Collins Street. No meeting in December. TBA = To Be Announced.



## **New Bank Arrangement**

*Editor's intro: One from the Internet sent to me by John Brownbill. Here's the supposed back story... A 98 year old woman in the U.K. wrote the following to her bank. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in The Times. If you believe any of this, then I have a small pyramid in Egypt you may be interested in purchasing. That said, having in the past endured my own bounced cheque problem with a bank, I sympathise entirely with the sentiments.*

Dear Sir,

I am writing to thank you for bouncing my cheque with which I endeavoured to pay my plumber last month. By my calculations, three nanoseconds must have elapsed between his presenting the cheque and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honour it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my pension, an arrangement, which, I admit, has been in place for only thirty eight years. You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account £30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways. I noticed that whereas I personally attended to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become. From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person.

My mortgage and loan payment will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by cheque, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate. Be aware that it is an offence under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry that it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative. Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a solicitor, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me. I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modelled it on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call me, press buttons as follows:

- 1 To make an appointment to see me.
- 2 To query a missing payment.
- 3 To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- 4 To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- 5 To transfer the call to my bathroom in case I am attending to nature.
- 6 To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- 7 To leave a message on my computer (a password to access my computer is required. A password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorised Contact).
- 8 To return to the Main Menu and listen to options 1 through to 8.
- 9 To make a general complaint or inquiry. The contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service. While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

Your humble client.

## **A Real Shaggy Dog Story**

The famous Hollywood film dog, Rin Tin Tin, began his life in a German Army encampment close behind the front in France in 1918. During an American attack on that position, the puppy who later became famous to millions around the world as "Rinty" was found by Corporal Lee Duncan and taken as a pet. His name for the animal came from a then-popular French toy doll. The German Shepherd got his film career started when, shortly after the war, a talent scout saw him make some spectacular jumps at a dog show, and was captivated by the animal's expressive face. Rinty and 11 generations of his progeny have since been featured in numerous film and TV productions.

Source: *Strategy & Tactics* magazine, #277 Nov.-Dec. 2012

## Notices III

### 2/4 RAR Association Website

The 2/4 RAR Association Webpage launched on 6 May 2013 ([www.24rarassociation.com](http://www.24rarassociation.com)). The website is still in its infancy in regards to gallery content. The website cannot improve unless notice of its existence is disseminated far and wide allowing ex-members of 2/4 RAR and their families to find out how to join the association.

The 40th Anniversary of the formation of the 2nd/4th Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment will occur on 15 August this year. As detailed in the *What's New* tab of the site it is planned to hold a dinner at the Townsville RSL on 31 August 2013 to commemorate and celebrate this fine unit unfortunately cut short in its prime. This is the main reason we have bought forward the launch of the site before it is properly populated with information: to get the word out about the dinner.

The committee is open to any comments, anomalies found on the site, omissions and proposed inclusions.

Gary Jear, (Web/IT/Media Member), 2/4 RAR Association

### Anzac Day Gallipoli 2015 Ballot Details

Australians planning to attend Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli in 2015 can now access information on ballot arrangements ahead of registrations opening in November 2013. The Anzac Commemorative Site at Gallipoli can accommodate 10,500 people. In 2015, this will comprise places for 8,000 Australians, 2,000 New Zealanders and up to 500 official representatives of all countries that served in the Gallipoli campaign. Some of the places available to Australians will be reserved for special representatives including:

- Widows of Australian First World War veterans – they do not need to participate in the ballot and will be included as part of Australia's official representatives, with a companion.
- Five per cent of places allocated in the ballot will be reserved for direct descendants of veterans of the Gallipoli campaign – with preference being given to the children of Gallipoli veterans.
- Five per cent of places (400 double passes) allocated in the ballot will be reserved for veterans who have qualifying service or who have deployed on any operations outside Australia, whether they are warlike, non-warlike or peacetime operations.
- Five per cent of places (400 places) will be set aside outside the ballot process for representative secondary school children and their chaperones, to be allocated and managed through the states and territories.

Details on how to register for the ballot will be available later in the year. For more information on the ballot arrangements and conditions for the ballot visit: [www.gallipoli2015.dva.gov.au](http://www.gallipoli2015.dva.gov.au)

### Annual Korean War Ceasefire Memorial

**Where:** Shrine of Remembrance Forecourt

**When:** CANCELLED.

Instead a reception will be held at Government House. Victorian veterans will receive an invitation directly from Government House.

### A Squaddy's Tale

While still a teenager, John Hatchard spent December 1951 to October 1952 as a signaller in Korea with 1 Battalion, the Welsh Regiment, which was part of the Commonwealth Division. He was positioned first on The Hook and later on Hill 355. His book, *A Squaddy's Tale* (315 pages and 50 pictures), tells of his experiences during that time and his life leading up to it. The current edition of *A Squaddy's Tale* is available from: the author on [asquaddystale@gmail.com](mailto:asquaddystale@gmail.com) for \$34.95 plus P&P or from [www.xlibris.co.au](http://www.xlibris.co.au)

### Tony Casswell Needs You!

Tony Casswell is doing research on Korea and is keen to speak to Korean War veterans. As of writing, his land-line and Internet are out of order, so the mobile phone is the only means of contact. If you can assist, and have the desire to do so, you can contact him on 0428191733.

### Bairnsdale Service

The Bairnsdale MIA Plaque Dedication Service will take place at 11am on Sunday 30th June 2013. The plaque will be placed beside the Cenotaph in the main Street of Bairnsdale followed by lunch at the Bairnsdale RSL

### Precision Bombing?

During the first phase of World War II in Europe (September 1939-June 1941) when horizontal bombers (of all nations) were used in the ground combat support role, no matter the air superiority environment, they managed to hit their targets about two percent of the time. In sharp contrast, the German Ju-87 Stuka dive bomber, when operating in a friendly air superiority environment, hit its targets about 25 percent of the time.

Source: *Strategy & Tactics* No. 270

## Out & About



Photo of Ted Kenna's bronze Statue in the Sam Fitzpatrick Gardens in Hamilton Victoria, unveiled on Friday March 22nd 2013. Ted Kenna was the last Australian soldier to win the Victoria Cross during WWII.

### A Q&A Session with Jim Kapsalis

On Tuesday 7 May 2013 at the plush offices of the Korean Consulate in Melbourne in St. Kilda Road, a small group of Korea War veterans and grandchildren of veterans met with honorary Consul for South Korea, Jim Kapsalis for what turned out to be a Q&A session on Australian-South Korea relations.

Being an economist, Jim naturally wanted to discuss trade and economics, and two of the grandchildren who are doing business related degrees obliged him, and there was much discussion on trade relations in the region involving China, Japan, Korea and Australia. Another hot topic was Korean unification which naturally led to the one question everyone was interested in, namely the political and military posturing of the new North Korean leader and how it is affecting the South Korean public. Answer: Not at all. They are used to it and see it for what it is: internal public relations and manoeuvring.

The main focus of the meeting, however, was the Youth Connection aspect, bringing the grandchildren of veterans together, particular those who went on last years' Peace Camp for Youth to South Korea so that they could meet with this years attendees and those interested in going in the future. The veterans present were able to enlighten the young ones how conditions were in their day (a country ravaged) and how much has changed since then.

On 23 February 2013, the local Sub Branch of the RSL and Holbrook Rotary held a combined activity at the cenotaph in Ten Mile Creek Gardens. The event commenced at 10:30am with an RSL ceremony unveiling a plaque on the cenotaph honoring those service personnel who served in the Korean War. This was followed by a Rotary Peace Ceremony during which the Peace Garden was opened. The main speaker on the day was Alan Evens, a Korea War veteran who was recognised as an Ambassador of Peace by South Korea.



Alan Evens, Ray Bennett and Bill Ramsdale



(l-r) Allen Riches, Milton Hoe, Jim Kapsalis, Arthur Roach and Jim Johnson.



Mark Ahn, the veterans and grandchildren (not necessarily of the veterans present).

# F.G.S.C. 12th Annual Anzac Day Ceremony Pictures

Fountain Gate Secondary College, Anzac Day Service, 9am Wednesday, 24 April 2013



John Laughton, KVA A Inc. and HMAS *Bataan* Veterans Assoc.



School Vice Captain Angelo Leaupepe shakes hands with KVA A Inc. President, Vic Dey.



Councillor Amanda Stapledon, Mayor, City of Casey.



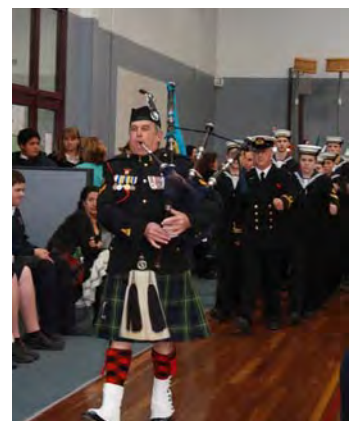
F.G.S.C. Principal, Vicki Walters, with the KVA A Inc. member, Ron Kennedy.



School Captain Bill Hill and the Member for Holt, Anthony Byrne MHR



Vice Captain Levi Rameka and Lieut. Kelly Clarke, HMAS *Cerberus*



Piper Ian Arrell, 5/6 Battalion, RVR, leads the HMAS *Cerberus* cadets from the hall.



# Anzac Day Photos



A comfortable seat up front and an Anzac biscuit. Bliss!



Charles Donnelly and Vic Dey sharing a joke.



Part of the extensive Moseley clan.



Bernie Shultz and Elaine Steacy



The excited cadets unwrapping their raffle win.



Just what every teenagers needs...a set of coffee cups.

## More Anzac Day Photos



No, no, Mr DeMille, I'm not ready for my close up!



Warren Sapir (President, AESA) and Jill Paquin



Exactly one year on [see June 2012 *Voice*], and Ted Moseley's great granddaughter, Violet, still hasn't quite got the hang of how medals should be worn, but she's still so damn cute that we'll forgive her again.



Fred and Denis Lehmann



## Farewells

Lesley **Burrows**, 28091, 16th British Commonwealth Infantry Workshops & 1RAR on 11 March 2013

William R. (Bill) **Clements**, 11579, 3RAR, on 28 March 2013

Hugh William **Cross**, 13404, 1RAR, on 26 February 2013

Kevin Howard **Fary**, 33296, 1RAR & 2RAR, on 25 December 2012

David John **Fitzgerald**, 1400080, 3RAR, on 30 December 2012

Jack Frederick **Halton**, 33681, 3RAR, on 19 March 2013

John Edward Lewis, 3RAR, 51141 died 10th May 2013

James Stuart (Bluey) **Newell**, 23573, 3RAR, on 26 February 2013

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After the end of WWII, the last food item to be removed from rationing in the US was sugar in 1947. For reasons never explained, it took that long to get production beyond its pre-war level.

## The Ode

They shall grow not old,  
As we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
Nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun,  
and in the morning  
We will remember them.

LEST WE FORGET