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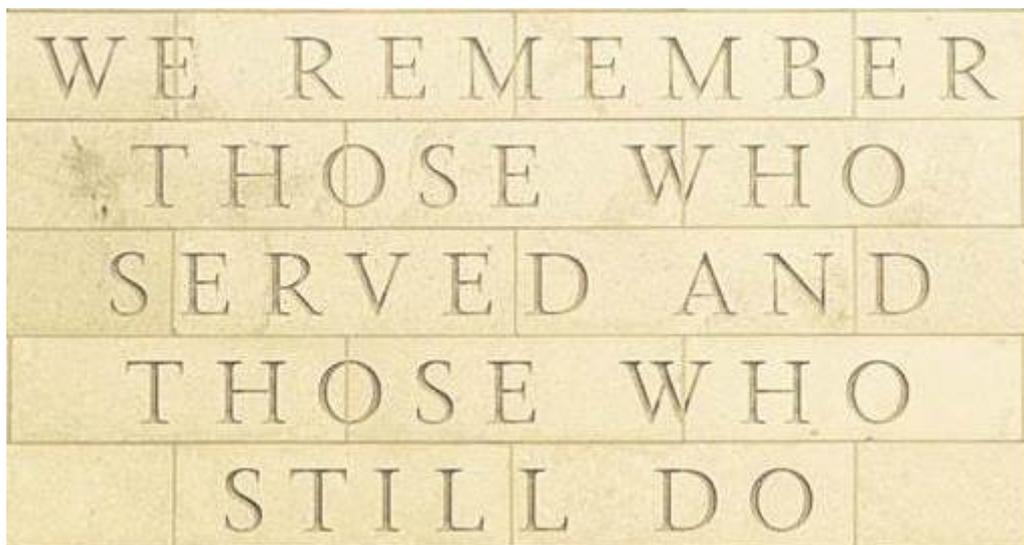
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‘Let him who desires peace, prepare for war’

“Vegetius” (4th century AD)

Passing Parade

Barry Alexander Wynne passed away on 1 December 2021 aged 77 years and 8 months. Barry served in Vietnam from March to November 1971 with 17 Construction Squadron.

Herbert (Herb) Pawczynski (Dittman) passed away on 15 December 2021 aged 81 years and 9 months. Herb served in Vietnam from January to November 1971 with 21 Engineers Support Troop and from June 1971 to January 1972 with 17 Construction Squadron.

Edwin John (Ted) Charlton passed away on 15 December 2021 aged 87 years and 10 months. Ted served with Headquarters FARELF (Far East Land Forces) in Singapore from May to June 1963. Ted later transferred to RACT.

Gregory (Greg) Love passed away on 23 December 2021 aged 72 years and 6 months. Greg served with 32 Small Ship Squadron and sailed to Vietnam on AV1353 Harry Chauvel from November to December 1970.

Ronald Loraine (Taffy) Meredith passed away on 12 January 2022 aged 88 years and 1 month. Taffy served in Vietnam from January 1969 to January 1970 with 161 Reconnaissance Flight and 198 Works Section. Taffy also served in Borneo from June to December 1965 with 24 Construction Squadron.

Robert Cornelis (Dutchy) van Hardkamp passed away on 12 February 2022 aged 75 years and 8 months. Dutchy served in Vietnam from September 1967 to September 1968 with 12 Engineer Support Troop.

Ronald Cecil Clarke passed away on 12 February 2022 aged 72 years and 9 months. Ron served in Vietnam from July to November 1971 with Det 55 Engineers Workshop & Parks Squadron and helped with the withdrawal of the unit from Vietnam.

Leigh Leonard (Bluey) Eastwell passed away on 22 February 2022 aged 74 years and 6 months. Bluey served in Vietnam from January 1969 to January 1970 with 17 Construction Squadron

LEST WE FORGET

Life Member

At the 6th February general meeting, a motion was put forward to bestow Life Membership on our President, Ian Johnston and all present were unanimous in their support of the motion.

Congratulations to Ian on his election to Life Membership of the Royal Australian Engineers Association of Western Australia.



Phil Laker

Phil was born in Adelaide in April 1957 and attended Darlington primary school and Seacombe high school. He left school at the age of 17 and started work in the building industry.

Phil joined the Regular Army in May 1974 and after completing recruit and IET training, served with 3FER, RTC and twice with 21 Const Sqn and 22 Const Sqn and with 13 Fd Sqn in 1994. He served overseas in Fiji for 3 months in 1992. He took discharge in May 1994.

After discharge, Phil worked as a grader and excavator operator and over time was promoted to Leading Hand and Supervisor with City of Stirling.

In 1976, Phil met Karen at RAEMA Trg Centre and they married in 1978. Sadly, Karen passed away in 2015. They had 2 children and Phil has 3 grandchildren.

Phil retired to a life of leisure 2018, a year after he met his partner, Faye. They both enjoy traveling within Australia and overseas, and spending time with family.

Phil currently lives in Joondalup.



Lynne Reynolds

Lynne was born in Sydney in February 1954 and has 1 sister and 2 brothers. She attended St Therese Catholic primary school and then St Patrick Girls College. When her father, Tom Mills was posted to 22 Const Sqn from Vietnam in 1966, he moved his family to Perth so Lynne finished her schooling at St Mary's Leederville.

Lynne left school after completing Year 10 and took up an apprenticeship as a ladies hairdresser. After getting her certificate in hairdressing, she left to fulfil her lifelong dream to become a driver. Her first driving job in 1974 was as a delivery driver with Repco Auto Parts. Lynne then became an owner/driver for TNT Couriers and in 1978 she drove for Wards Air Cargo. For a long period of time, she was the only female driver in the company. Lynne retired in 2000.

Lynne met Peter in 1974 and they married in 1976. They have no children.

In retirement, Lynne continues her passion for cars as a member of The Falcon GT & Corvette Car Club, she is an avid Eagles supporter and travels around Australia with Peter who is a competition darts player.

Peter was an employee of Ansett and frequently travelled around Australia and the world on staff discount fares.

Lynne was given life membership of the Association in 2019.

Lynne and Peter currently live in Kingsley.

Head of Corps

Brig Matt Galton has stood down as our HoC and will be leaving the Army after 33 years on March 10 to join the construction industry in Brisbane.

Our new HoC is Brig Michael Say DSC who is the current Commander 7th Combat Brigade.

Coming Events

The details for the events shown below, are those that are known at the time of publication. All information may change subject to government COVID restrictions.

ANZAC DAY

ANZAC Day is still over a month away and RSLWA is planning for a reduced Dawn Service at Kings Park and a full parade through Perth. The Association has filled out all the required paperwork to let them know that we will be participating in the parade.

It is expected that Dawn Service will be as normal at the RAE Memorial at 13 Fd Sqn. Although nothing has been heard yet, it seems that gate entry into Irwin Barracks could be a problem again this year.

ANZAC Day plans will be relayed to members at the next general meeting on Sunday 10 April and any notifications and changes after the meeting will be notified by email or phone for those without email.

FORMATION OF ENGINEER REGIMENT IN WA

Planning for the new Engineer Regiment in WA are progressing. Although the new Regt will be formed on Friday, 1 July 2022, the date for any parade / ceremonies has been changed to Saturday, 9 July 2022.

Word at the moment is that an afternoon parade will be held at James Oval, within the UWA grounds in Nedlands, followed by a small function afterwards at a UWA function room/club.

The Corps Colours, Head of Corps and Corps RSM will be tied up attending 120th Corps birthday celebrations in Sydney or Canberra. The new date is to allow for the Corps Colours to come from SME to Irwin Barracks and for the Head of Corps and Corps RSM to fly over and attend the celebration and events in Perth.

We have a general meeting on 12 June so hopefully a lot of the details for the new Engr Regt events will be known by then and only last minute glitches to be sorted out. Again, these will be notified to members closer to 1 July.

Cadet Scholarship Presentation

The parade for the changeover of Cadet RSMs took place on 23rd January but due to late notification of the name of the new Cdt RSM, the certificate could not be prepared in time for the scholarship certificate to be presented to the incoming Cdt RSM, WO2 Aiden Ward at the parade.

The president attended the Cadet HQ at Irwin Barracks on Tuesday 15th February and presented WO2 Aiden Ward with his certificate.

Aiden is a year 12 student at ?? and intends to apply for ADFA and study mechanical engineering.



Fellowship Luncheon

Tuesday 15th also saw the first of our fellowship luncheon for 2022. A total of 15 people turned up at the RAAFA Club in Bull Creek for some fine food and fine company.

As a part of the arrangement organised by Trevor Johnson was half price entry into the RAAF Museum. Most of those who attended the meal took up the offer and spent a pleasant hour or so looking at the Airforce exhibits on display.

Those who attended were – Stephen O’Neil, Vance Bond, Bob Horrocks, Trevor and Sue Johnson, Dale and Julie Skimmings, Lynne and Peter Reynolds, Jim and Ali Spink, Jeanette Barankewitsch, David Hewett, Trevor McIntyre and Ian Johnston.





Sappers in Tonga

Our Sappers have deployed to Atata Island, Tonga, with their plant equipment to assist with the cleanup effort following the eruption of Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano and tsunami 🇸🇲



Courtesy Army news

Sappers from 2 Combat Engineer Regiment have also been deployed to Gympie where they are assisting local and state Government departments with the cleanup after the extreme rain conditions and flooding of the area.

NOTICES

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Sunday 10th April at the Osborne Park RSL hall, on the corner of Main St and Cape St. The meeting will start at the usual time of 11.00am with a light BBQ lunch and drinks provided at the conclusion of the meeting.

Laughs

Age doesn't always bring wisdom; sometimes it travels alone.

A dog is the only relative you get to choose.

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common!

A. The same middle name.

Someone asked what my friends and I do, now we're retired. I told them that we're fortunate to have a chemical background, and one of the things we enjoy the most is converting beer, wine, and vodka into urine. We get together and do that every day, and we really enjoy it.

*"I cannot surrender. I am in command of
Australians who would cut my throat if I did."*

— Lieutenant Colonel Charles Hore, said
during the Battle of Elands River in 1900 when
asked to surrender by the Boer commander

Australian Army Museum of WA presents

ARMY MUSEUM FAMILY DAY

Saturday 9 April 2022
Artillery Barracks,
Burt St, Fremantle
10.30am - 9pm

Join us as we open the museum for an extended day/night event to allow our visitors access to our fabulous exhibition spaces for longer, you will also see....

VOLUNTEERS IN PERIOD UNIFORM | MILITARY VEHICLES PAST AND PRESENT
WW2 MOVIE TONE NEWSREELS | KELMSCOTT LIGHT HORSE MEMORIAL TROOP
FLAG LOWERING CEREMONY | REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

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BRING ALONG YOUR MILITARY ARTEFACTS FOR ASSESSMENT
BY JOHN BURRIDGE MG BETWEEN 11AM & 6PM

Tickets available through <https://www.trybooking.com/BXGCI>
Adults \$15 | Family (2 + 3) \$35 | Concession \$10 | Children 6 - 17 \$10
Booking fees apply | Proof of vaccination required | Masks mandatory

*Refunds will not be issued if proof of vaccination is not supplied,
however in the event of cancellation by the organisers, refunds will be offered.*

For more info www.armymuseumwa.com.au or call 9430 2535

