

RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #210 June 2022

Meetings Happy Hour: Thursday 7 July 2022 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA.

Whose is it?



Admin & Log

RNZAC Association Canterbury Branch Mid-winter lunch – Sunday 3 July

Mid-winter lunch at the Papanui RSA on Sunday 3 July. 12 mid-day for 12.30pm dining. \$32.00 per head for a similar buffet meal to last year. Please book by contacting Len Haynes, lennardhaynes53@gmail.com

We will have our usual raffle. Donations of prizes to any of the Committee please. The raffle proceeds will as usual go to the RNZAC History Project Trust

Warning Order - Cambrai

The end of the year is closer than you think. Cambrai Day on a Sunday this year so our Cambrai Commemoration, Lunch and RNZAC Association AGM will all be held on Sunday 20th November 2022.

The RNZAC History Project

Attached to the email of the Association is a copy of the RNZAC History Project Chairs report.

Rogues Gallery



The current President of the RNZAC Association



The current Secretary of the RNZAC Association



The current Treasurer of the RNZAC Association

QAMR



What an honour!!

Both WO2 Marsh and CPL Raea felt honoured and extremely privileged to represent QAMR to a live audience of over 1 Billion people globally during HM Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. They not only tightened the bonds between NZDF services but further abroad between our commonwealth partners such as Canada, Australia, Pakistan, Fiji and 15 other nations. The scale and complexity of this occasion was evidently mind blowing and nothing like they have ever experienced. They now begin their journey back to the Unit and as much as this has been a blast, there's no place like home.

Thanks again to WO2 Marsh and CPL Raea for representing QAMR and the NZDF.

The NZLAV Drivers (Tactical) Course 22/02 finished up on Thursday at Combat School, after 5 weeks with 8 students qualifying. The course clocked up over 2600km during a 3 week period in Waiouru for the cross country phase and Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Coromandel for the on road phase. With Covid affecting the first week of the course, instructors implemented live video lessons for the three students in isolation. Well done to all the students who qualified. Congratulations to LCPL Marlow-Sykes, QAMR who was awarded the Top Student for the course.



Last Post



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Denise, wife of Malcolm Amyes. Denise and Malcolm were married for over 50 years. Together they lived and worked on the family farm at Leeston. They had two children, Nigel and Joanne.

A death notice was in the Christchurch Press for Christopher John Wilson - ex RNZAC Recce Sqn member. Chris died on 8/6/22. (Kevin Feary)

Answer: Australia / Ukraine M113AS4

In mid-June the first four M113AS4 armoured personnel carriers (APC) Australia is providing to Ukraine departed Royal Australian Air Force base Amberley bound for Ukraine. Loaded

into a Ukrainian Antonov AN-124 aircraft, the vehicles were the first of a total 14 M113s that will be gifted to Ukraine by Australia.

Developed in Australia, the AS4 is a modernized variant of the M113 series which have served the Australian Army and many other forces since the 1960s. These vehicles have been modernized for the specific needs of the Ukrainian army. They have been equipped with a new turret and a 12.7 mm Browning M2HB-QCB machine gun.

Australia's transfer of APCs follows the donation of 20 Bushmaster protected mobility vehicles from earlier this year. In all, the Australian government's military assistance package consists of over AUD 285 million worth of support, including Bushmasters, M777 howitzers; anti-armour weapons, ammunition, unmanned aerial systems and a range of personal equipment.

Ukraine will receive more M113 APCs from other partners – the U.S., Denmark, Netherlands, Portugal and Lithuania. Some have already been delivered.

Humour



The RSM.

A young guardsman is on the gate at Buckingham palace. The RSM walks up to him and says "Right lad, the Queen is out on public duties I want to know the minute she gets back here, do you understand? The minute she's back you let me know".

"Yes sir " says the young guardsman. So 10 minutes later a big limo pulls in through the gates, the guardsman stops the car, pops his head in and says " scuse me ma'am are you the Queen? " "No I'm princess Beatrice"

"ok sorry to delay you, proceed".

The next limo pulls in and he sticks his head in the window " scuse me ma'am are you the Queen? " "No I'm princess Ann"." Ok sorry to delay you ma'am, proceed. Next limo pulls in and same again, he sticks his head in the window, "Scuse me ma'am, are you the Queen?." "Yes I'm the Queen". "Right" he says. "Well make yourself scarce love cos the RSM is lookin for you".

Fun Fact: Starting your day off with a platoon run is scientifically proven to ensure that your day can't get any worse than it started.



Reminders;

RNZAC Association Web site: www.rnzac.co.nz

Contributions to this newsletter are gratefully accepted.

Email: smithmd@xtra.co.nz Phone 02108049178.

Mike Smith, Editor