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Meetings **Happy Hour: Thursday 7 February 2019 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA**

Next Happy Hour: Thursday 7 March 2019 at 1700 hrs, Papanui RSA.

Whose is it?



Events Past and Future



**SITREP from SGT Johnny Duncan, NZGD
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We were hoping to have a report from the Ex Steel Knight guys but they RTNZ after the xmas close down and went on leave right away,

I will include it in the next update. From myself and QAMR I wish you and the association a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kind regards,
Johnny

Happy Hour. It was great to see Sally Cole at our Happy Hour. Sally and Dean were passing through so popped in to see us. Unfortunately she did exactly that and then popped out. However no matter the amount of time spent with you Sally it is always good to see you.

Barbecue: As mentioned in the November newsletter, Neville and Pauline Reilly will be hosting the annual barbecue at their home at 22 Rochdale Street, Fendalton on Sunday 10 March 2018. Timings, BYO, cost, and other details will be advised in the February 2019 newsletter.



Radio Check

From Geoff Kreegher MTA. Stewart & Christine Couchman recently visited Ron Lee at his care unit Hastings/Taradale. He reports that Ron is in quite good health, sharp of mind & has great recall of past history & people whom he has had contact with over the years. He turns 90 next year. A little sad perhaps that his wife Alison is in the same facility but has had to go into secure care due to her increasing Alzheimer's level.

Ron has asked to pass on his greetings to the RNZAC fraternity; Stu is in contact with Ron's son Alan, given that Ron does not have a computer and Alan has a practice of passing on messages etc., to Ron whenever he drives over from Napier Stu is more than happy to pass any messages in response directly to Alan as a way of saving him from being inundated with an overload.
Regards Geoff

From Ian Duthie Just a quick note to say how much I enjoyed reading Jan's Cambrai address. It was so well researched and written and I'm only sorry that I didn't hear it delivered in person. Well done Jan! The Christchurch turnout for Cambrai seemed to be a good gathering – a few more there than here in Wellington but the day was well marked.

David Grant and I went up to Harry Russell's funeral. It was a good send off for a good Blackhatter! He had a good innings. Trust everyone is keeping well as we are, apart from the niggles of age!
Kind regards Ian

From Clive Nelson Festive Greetings to wish you all a wonderful time and a great 2019

Humour

Truly one of the all-time best quotes: In an interview, General Norman Schwartzkopf was asked if he didn't think there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harboured and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on America. His answer was classic:

He said, "I believe that forgiving them is God's function. Our job is simply to arrange the meeting."



An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

Answer: Santa's Tank. Modified some time ago but based on an early legend of **Santa Claus** that can be traced back hundreds of years to a monk named St. Nicholas. It is believed that Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D near Myra in modern-day Turkey. He was much admired for his piety and kindness. The method of the delivery of gifts has changed, from foot, to sleighs and to keep with modern trends AFVs, but the object of bringing happiness to all has remained.

From all members of the association and ex Black Hatters we wish all the members of QAMR and Armoured Corps personnel all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

Have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy the New Year festivities.

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