

RNZAC ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #208 April 2022

Meetings Happy Hour: Thursday 2 June 2022 at 1700 hrs at the Papanui RSA.

Whose is it?



Admin & Log

RNZAC Association Canterbury Branch Mid-winter lunch

With the BBQ season well behind us, our next function will be a mid-winter lunch at the Papanui RSA on Sunday 3 July. Full details in the June Newsletter, but you can book early 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

Ideas for fundraising for the RNZAC History Project Trust

The RNZAC Association Committee is looking for fundraising ideas to help the RNZAC History Project Trust. Any ideas to Bruce Tweedy please, merydot2@gmail.com

It's also not too late to send your photos, or stories or other material through to the Trust.



A fine body of men, and women at the RNZAC Association reunion, November 2011



QAMR SITREP

Training

The regiment is currently conducting PXA post- Ex Crete 2, an exercise focused on raising the trained state of pers in fundamental light armour skills. This exercise involved 2 & 3TP from Scots SQN as well as 5 & 6TP from WEC SQN. This exercise followed Ex Crete 1 which was carried out by 1 & 4TPs over the period 14-18 March. These exercises are the first time this year that the regiment has headed to the field and are the initial steps towards regeneration post OP Protect.

The exercise ran well with Troops shaking out and conducting light armour operations as well as Live Field Firing. SCOTS SQN spent their first week on the range, conducting static and moving live firing as well as weapons qualifications on the MARS-L and GLOCK-17. WEC SQN spent their first week conducting troop training in preparation for a SQN led BHE to assess skill levels across the SQN. The second week saw the SQNs swap activities with SCOTS moving into their tactical exercise and WEC moving to the range. Ex Crete 2 was a good opportunity to get back into the field and the tactical mind set and provided a variety of learning points for everyone involved.

Courses

A number of courses have been run by Mounted Operations Wing, Combat School this year. The school carried out a driver's course earlier this year, which was topped by TPR Brophy of 3TP, Scots SQN. TPR Warring, 4TP WEC SQN, was awarded top student of the first Gunners course of the year.

A second gunners course was run during Ex Crete 2 whilst drivers is in full swing at the moment. Also approaching quickly is the Crew Commander's Course which will aim to qualify LCPLs and the new 2LTs as Crew Commanders.

Promotions

Since the beginning of the year QAMR has seen a number of promotions from TPR to LCPL following the completion of the JNCOs Cse. The following pers have been promoted to LCPL and entered the ranks as junior leaders within the regiment.

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LCPL Gounden, LCPL Moseley, LCPL Hamilton, LCPL Chisholm and LCPL Lynch. Looking forward the unit will continue to provide support to TRADOC coursing and exercises, looking to Exercise Phantom Major and the Troop Leaders Course for opportunities to get troops back in the field.

As CPL Hermansen stated, a number of opportunities are popping up for RNZAC personnel as we move back towards some exciting times.

Nga mihi,

2LT Will Hutchinson

Troop Leader - QAMR, QUEEN ALEXANDRAS MOUNTED RIFLES RNZAC
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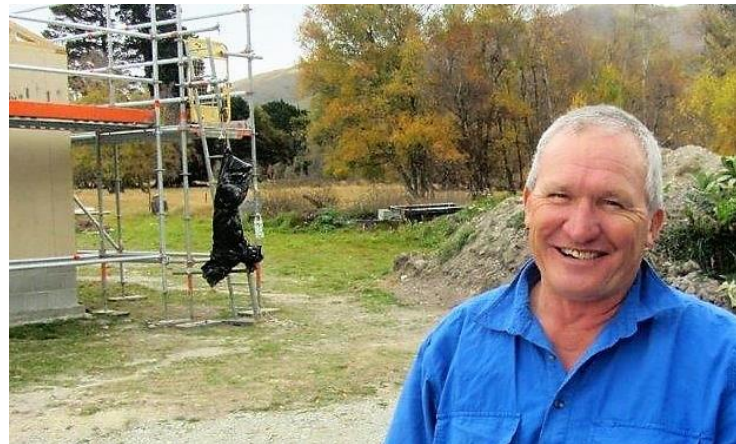


Radio Check

From David Harrison

Last month Jan and I met up with Sam Staley. Many of you will remember Sam as a member of 2 Scots and also his service as SSM 1Scots. Previous and current serving RNZAC members will have known Sam as the unofficial “Balmoral Camp Commandant” and Tekapo Army Training Area Commander, a position that Sam has moved on from. He now operates in the pest eradication business in the Mackenzie Country area. Pests include wallaby (getting to be a big problem), deer and of course rabbits.

We met up with Sam at Burkes Pass where he and his wife Jane are building a new home. Jan and I always enjoy catching up with Sam, reminiscing times past and finding out what he has been doing and is now up to. We



also met Brad, his son, who was skinning a deer he had just shot, who was, with a big grin on his face, very eager to shake hands. Sam hasn't changed much, still great company, very welcoming and he still has that wonderful, wicked sense of humour.

Last Post



Sgt Billy Apaapa, (Rtd) RNZAC. Billy began his Army service with the Regular Force Cadets in 1977. He joined 2 Troop QAMR and also served with 4 Troop of 2 Scots. Billy served with QAMR until his end of engagement in 1997.

His tangi was held at the Wairoa Marae on Monday the 30 May at Bethlehem, Tauranga.

Answer: Norway CV90

BAE Systems has delivered the first four of 20 modern CV90 combat support vehicles to the Norwegian Armed Forces. The delivery took place in collaboration with Ritek, BAE's Norwegian CV90 partner, and the Norwegian Defence Materiel Agency (NDMA).

Based in Örnköldsvik, Sweden, BAE Systems Hägglunds is the manufacturer of the CV90. The company is under contract with NDMA to deliver 20 CV90s to the Norwegian Army. A contract worth more than \$50m was awarded to the company in April last year, under which Norway will procure 12 engineering and eight multi-carrier CV90 variants.

The procurement is part of the government's efforts to modernise the country's armed forces by adding more combat power to the existing fleet. NDMA director Gro Jære said: "Just over a year after the contract was signed, we can now confirm that we are in the process of delivering the latest production series of CV90-based combat support vehicles to the armed forces."

As part of the contract, Ritek is responsible for purchase, logistics, final assembly, and integration activities, as well as coordinating the project. At present, approximately 20 Norwegian companies are qualified to supply products and components for the CV90s.

Equipped with the latest technology, the modernised CV90 enables air, sea, and other land forces and assets to connect digitally. Norwegian Defense Ministry State Secretary Bent Joacim Bentzen said: "While rebuilding these vehicles, it has been important for the government that Norwegian jobs are supported. "This has been possible thanks to a smooth and well-functioning collaboration between the Armed Forces, Defence Materiel Agency, Ritek, and the licensor BAE Systems Hägglunds."

Humour

An environmentally friendly, ride on lawn mower...



Fertilizes and needs no petrol.



Started taking pictures of churches
and turning them sideways. Was
not disappointed



Tripped and
hit my head on
a snare drum
and now I
think I have a
percussion.

Two cowboys are lost in
the desert. One cowboy
sees a tree that's draped
in bacon. "A bacon tree !
We're saved!" He says.
He runs to the tree and is
shot up with bullets.

It wasn't a bacon tree, it
was a ham bush.

Reminders;

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