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## THE LAST POST



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E kore rātou e kaumātuatia  
Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei  
E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore  
Ahakoa pehea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā  
I te hekenga atu o te rā  
Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata  
**Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou**  
**Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou.**

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,  
**We will remember them**  
**We will remember them.**



LEST WE FORGET

The compilation of information as detailed in this 'Last Post' is to the best of our knowledge, an accurate account of our findings.

However, our sincere apologies if this is proved not to be the case. Please advise of any amendments or additions as necessary *and we will take the appropriate action*

Death of a Vietnam Veteran: If you know of the passing of a Vietnam Veteran (whether a member of our association or not), please contact the secretary. She/he will disseminate the information and where possible, a representative of the association will attend the funeral.

Editors Note: Post June 22 Last Post entries will be published in the next edition of the Contact Magazine

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Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

**Nā Victor Timu**

NZVVA CommsRep

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Welcome to this edition of our Contact Magazine.

Much has happened to the point that many of us, have been in catchup mode to compensate for that dreaded pandemic. So much so, that any outside contribution or articles for our Magazine has been minimal. It is what it is. Time to move on.

First up is a few words from Andy Peters, the **NZVVA National President**. I must say that he has been very proactive in doing all that is necessary to ensure our National Reunion 22 is a go. We have had a few setbacks due to circumstances beyond our control but continue to surge onward in this current environment of uncertainty. The current situation will unfold in Andy's korero, The President Patch.

Second up is a timely reminder from our **Secretary / Treasurer**, Carol. Taylor. Reference is directed to the renewal of Subs and the necessity of updating ones contact details as and when required. More to follow from Carol

### The **Commemorations/Memorials & Reunion Team**

Great coats on, great coats off. I'm sure we're all familiar with this term and we're mindful of the implications this may bring. Barring and apocalypse we're determined to ensure our National Reunion 2022 will happen.

A simple outline programme follows. Reaffirming and finalising the details are still in motion. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

On the **Welfare Front** we have Eddie Nock whose is currently in the process of doing a research on the Intergenerational Health and Wellbeing of NZ Vietnam Veterans, Spouses and or Partners including siblings and grandchildren, i.e. three generations. Siblings on the Committee have expressed their support towards this initiative. Our children are our future and on that note I pledge my support to Eddie as he navigates a challenging venture. More to follow from Eddie.

There is also a promotion of the *Te Arataki mō te Hauora Ngākau mō ngā Mōrehu a Tū me ō rātou Whānui* - The Veterans Family and Whanau Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy Framework and a link to access the full document.

### **Here There and Every Where**

We have a kaleidoscope of activities on this frame. Unfortunately, and due to the lack of contributions for this edition of our Contact Magazine, I took this opportunity to share some of my stories that have evolved over the past three months. One of particular note is an article from Tony Williams, a third generation of servicemen whom have carved out an illustrious career in the NZ Defence Force. Most of us would have served or knew Tonys father, Don Williams. (RIP)

And finally we have words from the Desk of the QM.

The current economical crisis that we are now experiencing has created unfavourable flow on effects. The cost of everyday commodities have skyrocketed. Nothing left but to weather the storm. More to follow from Ken.

### **Footnote:**

We're still looking for someone to take over the NZVVA CommsRep role which I am vacating at the end of our National Reunion 22. Ideally I would support any of our sibling resuming the position. I would be more than happy to help in the transition.



**FROM THE DESK  
OF  
THE PRESIDENT**

Kia ora koutou katoa, hello everyone,

Nga mihi ki o tatou hoa hoia kua mate, farewell to our comrades who have passed away over the last few months, “*We will remember them*”. Our condolences go out to their families.

We’ve over the initial shock of the covid pandemic, however, don’t completely lower your guard. Continue to observe basic safety measures, wear a mask in public transportation and in closed in public places.

Wear masks in respect of others health and safety. Protect and consider our young and unprotected children.

The National Reunion is still the Executives main focus, with new dates and venues to be confirmed. I ask you to bear with us as we navigate through some testing and challenging times. Like November and December it is full on in Canterbury – Women’s World Cup Soccer; Canterbury field day; Horse Racing.....

For the Association the AGM is important as I am suggesting the whole Committee stands down and let you, the members, vote in who you want to take us forward. If it means some of us are back in, so be it. I for one am standing down.

As I was reminded at the V4 Reunion, in Taupo, 21 – 23 June 22, we are older and many of us have medical issues, some very serious and either ignore or do not admit it. We are not as well prepared for future, example technically – use of computers, mobile phones.

The organisation must continue.

On the bright side, it was great catching up and seeing one another again. How our children have grown. See Gordon Nairns report.

The MoU working group are doing great work preparing to meet the Government.

Vic and I have been invited by the Minister for Veteran’s Affairs to Parliament to the live launch of the “The Veteran, Family and Whanau, Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy Framework”. This is happening on Wednesday 29 June.

Well guys and your families, e hoa ma, take care , stay safe and keep in touch. Noho ora mai.

Andy  
President



**FROM THE DESK  
OF THE  
SECRETARY / TREASURER**

Membership Subs – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31 March 2023

Subs were due on the 1<sup>st</sup> April. Thanks to those who have direct credited their \$20 into the Associations bank account. If you haven’t done this yet, please do it as soon as possible and your current membership card will be posted to you. A reminder will be enclosed with your Contact if you get your copy posted, or if you get it by email, you will get an email reminder.

To continue being a member of the Association, please direct credit the amount into the Association’s bank account. The details are:

BNZ, Papakura

02-0400-0504697-00

Please remember to put your details, name/service number so that I can match up the transaction to the correct member. An email confirming that you have put the money in the account would also be helpful if you are able to do this.

If you do not have internet banking, you can go to your local BNZ Branch and deposit the funds into the account.

A special mention to those members who have added a donation with your subs. We really appreciate it as it allows us to put the funds into keeping the Association involved with current issues that are/could be affecting Vietnam Veterans and their whanau.

If you have any questions about your membership, please email me at [treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz)

Please remember if you move, to send us your change of address details. We are receiving mail back because members have moved. Also, if you change your email address, please let us know.

We are busy organising the Reunion which has previously had to be postponed due to Covid. Further details can be found in this edition. If you haven’t registered yet, then you can deposit your registration fees into the following account:

BNZ, Papakura

02-0400-0504697-06

Don’t forget to send your registration form either by email or post. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Until next time, stay warm and safe.

Carol Taylor  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Footnote:**

Please note that the 2022 NZVVA National Notice of AGM & Nominations Forms are attached at pages 23&24.



**FROM THE DESK OF  
COMMEMORATIONS/  
MEMORIALS & REUNIONS**

It was inevitable that Covid 19 would bring renewed challenges for us to navigate. Nevertheless, we persevered, weathered the storm, and came out the other end unscathed. So much so that we managed to come up with the following proposed program. We don't anticipate any major changes .

**NZVVA 2022 NATIONAL REUNION  
BURHAM MILITARY CAMP 31 OCT TO 03 NOV 2022**

Ser	Date	Event	Location
1	31 Oct 22	Registration	Christchurch Town Hall
2	01 Nov 22	1000 – Pōwhiri  1100 - 15  1800 – Sub Unit Time	2/1 Bn Parade Ground (Followed by Morning Tea)  Burnham visit (Static Displays, Museum) Housing area, WETTS.  Sub Unit Decision
3	02 Nov 22	1000 – AGM  1300 - Presentations  1800 – National Reunion Dinner	Wigram Air Force Museum Therese Angelo Wing  NZVVA VANZ Trust - TBC  Therese Angelo Wing
4	03 Nov 22	1000 – Parade / Memorial Service  1500 – Farewells	Bridge of Remembrance Armagh Street Christchurch  Papanui RSA

1. V4 have recently undergone there reunion in Taupo. Nothing further to report.
2. The NZWRAC are Schedule to launch their reunion today, 03 July 22 in Palmerston North. Nothing further to report
3. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you know of any Unit/Sub Unit Reunions in the future.

**ACCOMMODATION SITUATION IN CHRISTCHURCH OVER THE PERIOD OF OUR REUNION.**

The Business Community of Christchurch are actively sourcing public events to make up for lost time. So much so that the requirements for accommodation is at a premium. Act now to avoid any unnecessary disappointment. More to follow on page 22



**FROM THE DESK OF  
THE WELFARE SECTION  
RESEARCHER EDDIE NOCK**

**Whakapapa or Genetics**

<i>Ko to maumahara kore</i>	To forget
<i>ki ngawhakapapa</i>	one's
<i>o ou matua tipuna,</i>	ancestors
<i>e rite ana ki te pukaki awa</i>	is to be a brook
<i>kaore ona hikuawa,</i>	without a source,
<i>ki te rakau ranei</i>	a tree
<i>kaore ona pakiaka</i>	without its roots

Moral of the story: 'Know where you are from'

<i>Kō Tainui te Waka</i>	Tainui is my Canoe
<i>Kō Tūhua tē Maunga</i>	Tuhua is my Mountain
<i>Kō Whanganui te Awa</i>	Whanganui is my River
<i>Kō Wharauoa tē Marae</i>	Wharauoa is my Marae
<i>Kō Hekeawai te Hapu</i>	Hekeawai is my Sub Tribe
<i>Kō Ngāti Maniapoto me</i>	Maniapoto and
<i>Ngāti Hauā ngā Iwi</i>	Hauā is my Tribe

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Looking back there always seemed to be roads to travel with things to do along the way. Without any real intent but to see what was at the end of the road off, I would go. Looking around today there are many young men acting the same so perhaps my story is not all that different.

One such road travelled was to the war in South Vietnam. I think about my experience in Vietnam every day, although I like to believe my experience in Vietnam does not define me. In the meantime, I have managed to lead what I consider has been a good life which is something not to be taken for granted. My belief is you give back what you can to your communities, this work is a Koha to my community.

My present journey happened due to a unique set of circumstances. The decision to begin another journey was influenced by my experience as a paramedic in Auckland. The pathway travelled has been balanced by experience, learning, knowledge, and service. The structure is what I did not have in those early days.

One important circumstance was Operation Outreach the New Zealand Vietnam Veterans Association (NZVVA) nationwide consultation. A clear message was we needed better communication for membership including everybody being in the same room when decisions needed to be made. To do this we could use modern internet technology such as Zoom.

The intergenerational health of veterans and their families was equally important. There are obvious links between Genealogy (Whakapapa) and intergeneration health. Whakapapa can be defined as a systematic framework that links all animate and inanimate known and unknown phenomena in the terrestrial and spiritual worlds. Whakapapa binds all things and maps relationships so that knowledge is preserved and transferred from one generation to another.

As we have looked to modern technology to improve communications, we also look to support our health strategies with the latest scientific findings. Supporting scientific evidence can be found in current genetic research undertakings. Popularly known as precision medicine (Robertson et al. 2018) as opposed to diagnostic medicine. Where the doctor

up the human genome. DNA sequencing means determining the exact order of the bases in a strand of DNA. Researchers can use DNA sequencing to search for genetic variations and mutations that might indicate a change or evolution of a disease. This explanation is much simplified, but yes this is whakapapa probably far more infinite than our ancestors could ever have imagined, or could they?

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**Recording your story**

It's all about timing

New Zealand Vietnam Veterans (NZVVets) follow a similar pattern set by World War II veterans e.g., Roger Smith (2000) *Up the Blue* and Young (2002) *Beckoning Skies* both found in the Auckland public library. Roger Smith started writing his book *Up the Blue* in 1953 finished it 2 years later then packed it in a box ghosts exorcised. There it stayed until persuaded to publish the book 50 years later.

The pattern referred to is NZVVets writing and publishing books about a war some 50 years after returning home. Tony Howell (2019) books *Jungle Green Shadows* and *Vietnam Anzacs*, with Bob Kellett publishing a book about V3 this year.

There are other books of course the point is why have many veterans taken so long to start sharing their stories about the war in Vietnam? Shame and guilt to I just want to forget, but we don't forget. The most obvious reason for telling your story now is timing, do it while you are still capable. There are many who perhaps lack the literary expertise so have chosen to record their stories in places like the Vietnam War.govt.nz website. Find out what suit you best and leave a record of your Vietnam history for future generations. Your family are desperate to hear your story of Vietnam from you.

We are about to begin a small research project examining the traumatic, psychological, and environmental health problems resulting from service in the Vietnam war. Problems which can be passed down intergenerationally. We use qualitative descriptive methodology to provide interview observations connecting intergenerational health issues from a NZVVet through partner to children, and grandchildren. This study will use Zoom internet to interview a total of 12 participants from three families. Participants relate their perceptions of family health issues and associated impacts on family relationships considered attributable to NZVVets service in the Vietnam war. Evidence from this study could support future intergeneration health. Participation in this study could be a way for a NZVVet to tell his/her story. An invitation to partake in this research follows.

<i>Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti,</i>	Let the uniqueness of the child'
<i>arahia ō tātou mahi</i>	guide our work

Ngā mihi

## Advertisement Sheet NZVet

### New Zealand Vietnam Veterans' Intergenerational Health

My name is Eddie Nock my Vietnam experience was with 161 Battery 1970/71. Currently one of my responsibilities is the research portfolio with the New Zealand Vietnam Veterans Association executive (NZVVAEx).

I like to invite you to complete a recruitment process aimed at selecting three families of New Zealand Vietnam Veterans (NZVVets) as research participants. Each family must consist of the NZVVet and their partners (Generation 1), one child (generation 2), and one grandchild (generation 3). Each research participant will be interviewed about the intergenerational effects on the health of families over three generations. The findings of this research will contribute to understanding the intergenerational health of NZVVets and families.

If you are a New Zealand Vietnam veteran and you, your wife/partner, child, and grandchild (over 16 years of age), and willing to take part in this research, and need more information **please email:**

- (a) your mobile phone number, and**
- (b) the unit you served in South Vietnam**

to Eddie at [edwardwelfare@gmail.com](mailto:edwardwelfare@gmail.com) (and email address for this research only).

Approved by the Auckland University of Technology Ethics Committee on 14 June 2022, AUTEK Reference number 22/116.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE WELFARE REP

The launching of *Te Arataki mō te Hauora Ngākau mō ngā Mōrehu a Tū me ō rātou Whānau* - The Veterans Family and Whānau Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy Framework is completed. It is the first detailed examination that has been made of the mental health and wellbeing of veterans in Aotearoa New Zealand. The following is a picture of the front cover of the document. Log into the internet link below to get the full story.



The above document can be viewed at:  
[www.va.mil.nz/mental-health-framework](http://www.va.mil.nz/mental-health-framework)

### **Important Footnote:**

We're all wired differently and all respond differently to whatever challenges that confront us. The current economical climate is going to impact on us in many ways. Just know that Support is available. I have taken the liberty to include an excerpt from the above document.

### **Need to Talk?**

Free call or text 1737 any time for support from trained counsellor'

NZDF 4U (24/7) confidential wellbeing support for anyone in the military community, including veterans and families)  
Phone: **0800 693 348** or free text **8881**

Lifeline  
**0800 543 354** or free text **4357**

Samaritans  
**0800 726 666**





**THE MoU  
WORKING GROUP**

MoU Working Group Update 21 June 2022

The Crown has now appointed its representative for the forthcoming discussions on process around the 2006 MoU. The Crown representative is Lt Gen Sir Jerry Mateparae.

Our Working Group has met several times in preparation for discussions with Sir Jerry, including sessions with representatives of Children of Vietnam Veterans, legal advisers, and RNZRSA.

Our team will be supported at the discussions by President BJ Clark and CEO Marty Donoghue of the RNZRSA.

We expect the initial discussions with Sir Jerry to start in mid-August and finish by the end of October.

The Working Group will provide further updates as discussions progress, and there is detail to report on.

Andrew Peters

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**ACCOMMODATION  
UPDATE  
CHRISTCHURCH**

If you have not made your Hotel/Motel bookings by now, then you really do need to address this, sooner rather than later.

The situation as it stands at the moment is as follows:

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**NOVOTEL AND IBIS HOTELS**

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Telephone: Novotel: 03 3722111

Telephone: Ibis: 03 3678666

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Contact: [breakfree.com.au](http://breakfree.com.au)

Phone: 03 3601064

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**RYDGES LATIMER HOTEL**

**(Fully Booked Out on 2nd/3rd November 2022)**

Telephone: 0800 176 176 or 03 3796760

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We would recommend that you also look at other options online, as more often than not, guests cancel their bookings. Where there's a will, there's a way. Nothing ventured nothing gained..

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**TE MATARIKI  
STAR CLUSTER**

**The Māori New Year  
Matariki: Te Tau Hou Māori.**

Matariki is a time to gather with family and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.

**What the stars mean**

- Matariki is the star that signifies reflection, hope, our connection to the environment, and the gathering of people. Matariki is also connected to the health and wellbeing of people.
  - Waitī is associated with all fresh water bodies and the food sources that are sustained by those waters.
  - Waitā is associated with the ocean, and food sources within it.
  - Waipuna-ā-rangi is associated with the rain.
  - Tupuānuku is the star associated with everything that grows within the soil to be harvested or gathered for food.
  - Tupuārangi is associated with everything that grows up in the trees: fruits, berries, and birds.
  - Ururangi is the star associated with the winds.
  - Pōhutukawa is the star associated with those that have passed on.
- Hiwa-i-te-rangi is the star associated with granting our wishes, and realising our aspirations for the coming year.

One particular star that I would like to refer to is and that is:



**POHUTUKAWA**

Pohutukawa is the star that connects Matariki to the deceased.

We honour all those Defence Service Personnel whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice in the service of their country.

***Kā maumahara tonu tātou ki a  
ki a rātou***      **We will remember  
them**

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Victor Timu  
NZVVA CommsRep



**HERE THERE  
&  
EVERYWHERE**



Victor Timu coming in from Tamaki Makaurau / Auckland

Kia ora koutou, Ngā mihi ō ngā Mōrehu ō Tu me ngā Whanau

Greetings Veterans and Families

Ken Ford and I had the opportunity and pleasure of accepting an invitation to attend the recent U.S. Memorial Day Service, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Sunday, May 29, 2022 and, on behalf of our National President, Andy Peters.

It was an appropriate occasion for me to wear the Kahu Huruwari / Korowai of the NZ Vietnam Veterans and in honour of all those who have passed on.

We honoured this solemn occasion with a floral tribute presented on behalf of the NZVV Assn.

We would like share to share a very interesting narrative surrounding the folding of the American Flag.

Many of us have seen the traditional folding of the American flag, at specific events, such as funerals. There are 13 folds. Have you ever wondered why Old Glory is folded that specific way?

Much more than just pomp and circumstance, each of the 13 folds holds special meaning.

**Meaning Behind the 13 Folds - From a USA Citizens Perspective:**

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

1. The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
2. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
3. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
4. The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is Him we turn to in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.
5. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country. In the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."
6. The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
7. The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it

is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

8. The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.
9. The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood. It has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that has molded the character of the men and women who have made this country great.
10. The 10th fold is a tribute to father, who has also given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.
11. The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
12. The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.
13. The 13th and last fold, when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."



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Wonderful words of acknowledgement to those who served.

*Ka maumahara tōnu tātou ki a rātou* - We will remember them.

<i>Kia hora te marino,</i>	May the calm be widespread
<i>Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana,</i>	May the ocean glisten as greenstone
<i>kia tere te Kārohirohi i mua i tōu huarahi.</i>	May the shimmer of light ever dance across your pathway.

Kia haumarū kōutu - Keep safe all

Victor Timu

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**HERE THERE  
&  
EVERYWHERE**

**Whangaroa RSA - Kaeo**

**ANZAC Day 2022**

Buster Nathan, Dave Fenton, Teresa Cousins and I decided

shortly after ANZAC Day 2021 that we would Support the Whangaroa RSA and President, Kevin Herewini. to commemorate ANZAC Day 2022.

22 Apr 22 - My wife Maryanne and I headed to the far north in our motorhome with an overnight stopover at a DOC Camping Ground just north of Waipu.

23 Apr 22 - We continued onto Whangarei to a prearrange RV point to meet up Dave, Buster and Teresa. On our agenda was attending the Unveiling Ceremony for Harry Jellick.(RIP). It was a wonderful service and the family expressed their appreciation of our attendance. We extended our condolences to the bereaved family and quietly departed

We continued our way and stopped off for lunch at the Marsden Estate, on the road to Kerikeri. We decided on a bit of wine tasting but decided on a few bottles of Port instead.

We continued our way onto Whangaroa and booked into the local Back Packers. We polished off all the port, retired to our LUP and somehow survived the following day.

24 Apr 22 - Off to RV with Keven and Helen before continuing on to Te Towai Urupa - Karangahape Marae - Matangirau - Whangaroa.

This was already on our agenda and where we attended a re-dedication service and Hura Kohatu of two of Dave Fentons Uncles, both 28 Māori Battalion Soldiers killed and interred in Italy.



Back to the Whangaroa RSA for the hākere/feast.

25 Apr 22 - We attended the Whangaroa RSA Memorial Dawn Service. A well conducted and orchestrated service that involved many organisations within the local community. Community leaders accredited the success of the day, to Kevin and aptly supported by all those in attendance.

*Kāore te kūmara e kōrero      The kūmara doesn't speak  
mō tōna ake reka              of its own sweetness.*

As is customary we ended the occasion with the hākere/feast

Shortly after, we made for home base, Tamakai Makaurau but not before a sight seeing excursion of the beautiful Bay of Islands. I have it on my bucket list to revisit Tauranga Bay.

We stopped of at Paihia to make a pre-arranged dinner RV with Martin KNIGHT-WILLIS. Another awesome blast from

the past, and great days spoken of. Time was moving along so we bid our farewells to Martin and made the final journey home. What a day!

Victor Timu



I'm pleased to announce that I had the pleasure of celebrating **Gunners Day, 26 May, at the Waihi Beach RSA**. A fantastic venue and equally a fantastic luncheon was had by all.

It was great to have caught up with a few of the die hards whom I hadn't seen for over three decades.

Even after a few pints of the ambered coloured liquids I doubt if we could have outshined the BS the Rangiora RSA Cartels are renown for. They're in a class of their own.

Not only that, but I guess we've kind of mellowed over the years to the point that we were out of the RSA by mid afternoon. As they say. 'It is what it is'

Finally, a big thumbs up to the organisers, Chris and Co.

Thanks guys

**Ubique**

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Gunners Day Dinner: 10 June 2022 -

Government House, Auckland

I had the pleasure of accepting an Official Invitation by Their Excellencies The Governor-General of New Zealand The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro and Dr Richard Davies to attend the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association Annual Gunners Dinner, which took place on the Friday 10 June 2022. Government House Auckland..

A special presentation was a gift to Tony McLeod, for his decade of service as President of the RNZA Assn

The uniqueness of the attendees was that it encompassed a broad cross section of age, rank and experience.

Our acknowledgements and sincere appreciations is extended to our hosts, The Hon Dame Cindy Kiro and Dr Richard Davies.

Our acknowledgements also to Gregory Thwaite, for the awesome planning and ensuring that we were always abreast of what we needed to know. Thank you Greg.



HERE THERE  
&  
EVERYWHERE



Coming in from Tony Williams. An officer and gentleman whom I have served with and have much respect for. When I got to hear of Tony's fundraising efforts I couldn't help but raise my hands and offer my support. It was the **'Kaupapa'** that motivated me to make this decision. I have made myself available to help in this very worthwhile fundraising venture by offering the use of my 4 birth Motorhome.

Here is an extract from Tonys promotional strategy.  
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**Tony F Williams**

Walking New Zealand for  
Medecins Sans Frontieres - Doctors without Borders

I am supporting Help Ukraine and MSF by walking New Zealand from bottom to top.

**I NEVER SAID I COULD DO THIS ON MY OWN**  
You can help me to help MSF by going to my website and donating.

Thank you everyone. I can only walk NZ with your help. We have less than two weeks remaining before I will have to make the decision whether we can proceed or not. Let's not let all of the people in dire need down.

Please donate today.  
Here's the website:  
[www.walknz4msf.com](http://www.walknz4msf.com)

Thank you.  
Tony and Team

**Footnote:**

I often reminiscence the time we supported the 'Galloping Major - Maj Alby Kiwi and his dog Freefall who in 1978 also navigated the length of NZ

*'Ka moe ki raro e te korowai o te rangimārie e te Rangati-  
ra;*

*'Kā maumahara tōnui tātou ki ā rātou '*

'Who Dares Wins'

Victor Timu  
NZVVA CommsRep

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FROM THE DESK  
OF THE QM

Kia ora All

Sales continue to trickle along with the sales to Australia eclipsing those in Aotearoa. This is despite the raising cost of postage. For example the cost of postage for 4 x T shirts came to \$45.00.

I have endeavoured to keep the cost of our merchandise to a minimum and we have enjoyed this luxury for the past decade. The reality is, that the cost of commodities have skyrocketed. The obvious flow on affect of course compels us to review our current costs and make the necessary adjustments. At the end of the day, it is what it is, so, expect to see a few price increases as we move forward.

**Take Note:** Minor changes have been made to our current list of merchandise. Please dispose of previous copies.

If you are thinking or even remotely thinking of purchasing merchandise, than do so at the earliest so that I can get the orders in and have them available before the reunion. We will look at ways of getting your orders to the reunion thus alleviating the huge and unnecessary cost of postage which you would need to pay. We will take orders at the reunion if necessary and get them posted to you. Your call.

On a separate note. I continue to supervise and organise the logistics in support of the NZ Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day for the Auckland Region. The details of which follows in this edition of our Contact Magazine.

Best wishes - See you at the reunion

Ken Ford  
NZVVA SQMS

# VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL DAY



**21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2022 1000 HRS**

**VENUE: PUHINUI MEMORIAL GARDENS  
(AIRPORT ROAD, MANUKAU)**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Organiser: Ken Ford Ph 021 2338547**

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**A** - Badge Lapel Small Round \$5.00



**B** - Badge Lapel Small Round \$5.00



**C** - Banner Blue Tassles \$10.00



**D** - Banner Arial : \$20.00



**E** - Beanie : \$30.00



**F** - Blazer Pocket: \$15.00



**G** - Caps Black, Khaki or Charcoal (Veteran):  
\$30.00



**H** - Caps Black, Khaki or Charcoal (Supporter):  
\$30.00



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**I** - Caps Grey Helo: **\$30.00**



**J** - Caps Desert Camo with Vietnam & Iroquois Helo **\$15.00**



**K** - Jacket Polyester Black or Charcoal (Veteran): **\$75.00**



**L** - Jacket Polyester Black or Charcoal (Supporter): **\$75.00**



**M** - Polar Fleece Jacket Inf Badge: **\$75.00**



**N** - Patch V Force Black & White: **\$15.00**



**O** - Patch NZVVA Logo: **\$15.00**



**P** - Plaque: **\$55.00**



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**Q** - Polo Shirt Black with NZVV Logo: **\$50.00**



**R** - Polo Shirt Gray with NZVV Logo: **\$50.00**



**S** - Polo Shirt Green Infantry Badge: **\$50.00**



**T** - Tie NZVV: **\$35.00**



**U** - T Shirt Grey NZVVA Logo: **\$25.00**



**V** - Scarf NZVV Ribbon Colours **\$35.00**



**W** - Sticker/Transfer Small Pair A

**A - \$6.00:**



**X** - Sticker NZVV Ribbon - Red V: **\$15.00**

Proud to be a Veteran

Sticker/Transfer Large Pair B

**B - \$10.00:**





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**Y** - Sticker NZVV Ribbon - **\$10.00**  
Proud to be a Veteran



**Z** - Sticker NZVV Ribbon - **\$8.00--**  
Plain - No Wording



**AA** - Vest Black NZVVA Logo: **\$45.00**



**AB** - Vest Green Infantry Badge: **\$45.00**



**AC** - Vehicle Number Plate - **\$35.00**



**AD** - Polo Shirt Green with NZVVA Logo: **\$50.00**



**AE** - Polo Shirt Light Grey with NZVVA Logo :  
**\$50.00**



**AF** - Polo Shirt White with Chopper: **\$50.00**



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**AG** - Polo Shirt Navy Blue with Chopper: \$50.00



**AH** - Polo Shirt Lime Green with Chopper: \$50.00



**AI** - Polo Shirt Navy Blue with NZVVA Logo: \$50.00



**AJ** - Polo Shirt Charcoal Grey with Chopper: \$50.00



**AK** - Polo Shirt Light Blue with NZVVA Logo: \$50.00



**AL** - Polo Shirt White with NZVVA Logo: \$50.00



**AM** - Face Mask - RNZIR



**AN** - Face Mask - SAS



# NZVVA Q STORE ORDER LIST

MAR - DEC = 2022

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Item ID	Item	Price	Qty/Size	Amount
<b>A</b>	Badge Lapel Small Round	\$5.00		
<b>B</b>	Badge Lapel 'Red V'	\$5.00		
<b>C</b>	Banner Blue Tassles	\$10.00		
<b>D</b>	Banner Aerial	\$20.00		
<b>E</b>	Beanie	\$30.00		
<b>F</b>	Blazer Pocket	\$10.00		
<b>G</b>	Caps Assorted Colours (Veteran)	\$30.00		
<b>H</b>	Caps Assorted Colours (Supporter)	\$30.00		
<b>I</b>	Cap Grey with Halo	\$30.00		
<b>J</b>	Caps Vietnam Desert Camo with Halo	\$15.00		
<b>K</b>	Jacket Polyester Black and/or Charcoal (Veteran)	\$75.00		
<b>L</b>	Jacket Polyester Black and/or Charcoal (Supporter)	\$75.00		
<b>M</b>	Jumper Green Long Sleeve with Infantry Badge	????		
<b>N</b>	Patch V Force Black and White	\$15.00		
<b>O</b>	Patch NZVVA Logo	\$15.00		
<b>P</b>	Plaque	\$55.00		
<b>Q</b>	Polo Shirt Black – NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
<b>R</b>	Polo Shirt Grey – NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
<b>S</b>	Polo Shirt Green NZVV Infantry Badge	\$50.00		
<b>T</b>	Tie NZVV	\$35.00		
<b>U</b>	T Shirt Grey – NZVVA Logo	\$25.00		
<b>V</b>	Scarf NZVV Ribbon Colours	\$35.00		
<b>W</b>	Sticker / Transfer A: Small Pair	\$6.00		
	Sticker / Transfer B: Large Pair	\$10.00		

## NZVVA Q STORE ORDER LIST (Cont)

JUN - DEC = 2021

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Item ID	Item	Price	Qty/Size	Amount
<b>X</b>	Sticker NZVV Ribbon – Red <b>V</b> – Proud to be a Veteran	<b>\$15.00</b>		
<b>Y</b>	Sticker NZVV Ribbon – Proud to be a Veteran	<b>\$10.00</b>		
<b>Z</b>	Sticker NZVV Ribbon – (No Wording)	<b>\$8.00</b>		
<b>AA</b>	Vest Black – NZVVZ Logo	<b>\$45.00</b>		
<b>AB</b>	Vest Green Infantry Badge	<b>\$45.00</b>		
<b>AC</b>	Vehicle Number Plate Border Pairs – NZVVA Logo	<b>\$35.00</b>		
<b>AD</b>	Polo Shirt Green with NZVVA Logo	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AE</b>	Polo Shirt Light Grey with NZVVA Logo	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AF</b>	Polo Shirt White with Chopper	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AG</b>	Polo Shirt Navy Blue with Chopper	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AH</b>	Polo Shirt Lime Green with Chopper	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AI</b>	Polo Shirt Navy Blue with NZVVA Logo	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AJ</b>	Polo Shirt Charcoal Grey with Chopper	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AK</b>	Polo Shirt Light Blue with NZVVA Logo	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AL</b>	Polo Shirt White with NZVVA Logo	<b>\$50.00</b>		
<b>AM</b>	Face Mask - RNZIR	\$15.00		
<b>AN</b>	Face Mask - SAS	\$15.00		
	<b>Payment can be made to:</b>  <b>Bank: BNZ, Papakura, New Zealand</b>  <b>Account Name: NZ Vietnam Veterans Association Inc</b>			



**OFFICE HOLDERS**

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**Committee Members:**

Ronald Miki Apiti Bill Compton Victor Timu Nyra Marshall Tony Poa Jack Flanagan Leon Orange Helen Pearce Otene  
Lucky Munro **Reunion Reps:** Rob Hughes Manu Lee

**Subscriptions:** As our accounting process does not cater for fractional years, only 'full year' payments of subscriptions, that is \$20 or multiples thereof, will be accepted. Odd sums will be credited as donations in the payers name.

**Input into Contact:** Short articles, especially with accompanying photographs, are always welcome for inclusion. The editors email address is [comms@vietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:comms@vietnamveterans.org.nz)

**Death of a Vietnam Veteran:** If you know of the passing of a Vietnam Veteran (whether a member of our association or not), please contact the secretary. She will disseminate the information and where possible, a representative of the association will attend the funeral.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP** Post: NZ Vietnam Veteran's Assn, PO Box 72260, Papakura 2244, Auckland, New Zealand

I,..... wish to apply for:

- Veteran Membership of NZVVA, or
  - Associate membership of NZVVA (Delete one)
- (See below for eligibility for membership)

I am a Vietnam Veteran

I assisted Allied Forces in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam War 1964 - 1975

I am a member of the eligible kinfolk of a Vietnam Veteran

My contact details are: Address: .....

Home Phone: ( ) ..... Work Phone ( ) ..... Email .....

**Veterans Details:**

Regimental Number: ..... Full Name: .....  
Unit(s) served with in Viet Nam: ..... Corps: .....  
Dates of Service: .....

**For Associate Membership Applicants:**

Relationship to Veteran: I am .....to the Vietnam Veteran named above.

Fees Enclosed: Membership/Associate Subscription \$20 per annum \$.....  
Renewal.....Years (1 April-31March) Donation \$.....  
Total amount submitted \$.....

**Eligibility For Membership**

**Veteran Member:** Any person who served with the allied forces in Vietnamese waters, or in South Vietnam during the period of the Vietnam War (1964-1975).

**Associate Member:** 1. Any person who served with any of the following organizations assisting Allied Forces in Viet Nam: Red Cross; Salvation Army; Entertainers or War Correspondents  
2. Eligible Kinfolk: the spouse; partner; father; mother; sister, brother; children (including adopted and Step-children), and succeeding progeny of a person eligible to be Veteran Member, provided they have reached the age of 18 years.

**The information provided on this form is used to register your membership. The details will be stored securely in the NZVVA database**



**NZ Vietnam Veterans Association**  
**2022**  
**NATIONAL REUNION**  
**CHRISTCHURCH**



**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please register me/us for the 2022 Reunion

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

I will be accompanied by: First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:

Enclosed is full payment of \$100 per person  Payment has been Direct Credited   
 to BNZ Account No. 02 0400 0504697 006  
 \*Ensure your name and reg no. is put as a reference

Or

I intend to pay by installments

Enclosed is part payment of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Part payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ has been Direct Credited to  
 BNZ Acc No. 02 0400 0504697 006

Full payment to be made by November (TBC) 2022 \*Ensure your name is put as a reference

**IMPORTANT:**

I agree to adhere to the following conditions pertaining to refunds should I have to cancel:

Cancel on or before 14 October 2022 – Full Refund

Cancel on or after 21 October 2022 – 90% Refund

Cancel on or after 28 October 2022 – Nil Refund All cancellations to be notified in writing to: Treasurer,  
 NZVVA, PO box 72260, Papakura, 2244 or email [treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz)

(Please email completed form to [treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz](mailto:treasurer@nzvietnamveterans.org.nz) or post to PO Box 72260, Papakura)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**NZ VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**2 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 1000 HRS**  
**TO BE HELD AT WIGRAM AIR BASE**  
**CHRISTCHURCH**

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome by President
2. Karakia, Ode
3. Minute Silence for our Departed Comrades
4. Roll Call and Apologies
5. Minutes of the Previous National General Meeting
6. Matters arising from those minutes
7. President's Report
8. Secretary's Report
9. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet
10. Sub-Committee Reports
11. Correspondence
12. Remits \*\*
13. Election of Officers and Committee  
President  
Vice President  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Committee
14. General Business

**\*\* NOTE: Remits should be sent to the Secretary by 3 October 2022**

NZ VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATION FORM

We wish to nominate:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Full Name Printed Clearly)

For the Position of:

President  
Vice-President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Or Secretary/Treasurer  
(Delete those not applicable)

Proposer:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Full Name Printed Clearly)

Proposer's Signature

Second:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Full Name Printed Clearly)

Second's Signature

Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am aware of the above nomination and am available for election the position of

Nominee's Signature

(To be received by the Secretary no later than 3 October 2022)

NZ VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
NOMINATION FORM  
COMMITTEE

We wish to nominate:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Full Name Printed Clearly)

As a Committee Member

Proposer:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Full Name Printed Clearly)

Proposer's Signature

Second:

Second's Signature

Nominee:

\_\_\_\_\_

I am aware of the above nomination and am available for election to the position of Committee Member

Nominee's Signature

(To be received by the Secretary no later than 3 October 2022)