



# Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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## President's Report

As you may be aware I publish Hauraki News in three formats.  
ONE is the HARDCOPY for those Members who do not have a computer, (about 125 members).  
TWO is the EMAILED version sent to about 500 members,  
THREE is the WEBSITE version. There have been over 1000 “hits” to date. This has the ability for me to publish more photos. The website version can be corrected, updated & have additions. If you have corrections or additions please advise me. You can also make comments about passed stories or persons. It could be published in the next Hauraki News and/or directly onto the website. As an example you may have served with Ken Hudson GC and wish to give more background to his life & times.

I have been advised I have not used 75% of my website.  
As a suggestion this could be filled by Hauraki's who wish to contribute their experiences during their service. This could be your own experiences or someone else's. I intend to ask School groups & Hauraki Cadets to write essays about passed members i.e. CO's, Adjutants & RSM's

Since the last Hauraki News the ‘Hauraki’ have lost a former Commanding Officer, two Adjutants and a Cadre NCO, in the passing of:  
Brigadier Ted Dean ONZM, ED. ADC was Commanding Officer from 1991 -1994  
Lt Col Tony Mataira MBE was Adjutant from 1954 – 1957  
Lt Mark Sydney MNZM was Adjutant from 2007 -2008  
SSgt Alfie Hopa was Cadre NCO from 1982 – 1984

As a close personnel friend for the last 36 years I have written an extended version of Ted Dean. Most of it will be in the website.

Kia Kaha  
Des Anderson

### OBITUARY

#### BRIGADIER E.P (Ted) DEAN, ONZM, ED., ADC

8 September 1946 – 8 January 2011

In the presence of an estimated 500 people including Tauranga MP Simon Bridges, the Mayor of Tauranga Stuart Crosby, Chief of Defence Force, Chief of Army, Land Component Commander, Territorial Force Advisor, Director of Army Reserves, many other past and present commanders, past members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, including Corporal Willy Apiata V.C. family, workmates and friends Brigadier (Ted) Dean was laid to rest 13 January 2011 in Tauranga's Pyes Pa cemetery.

A short battle with illness saw Brigadier Dean peacefully slip away at home, bringing to an end a unique period of military service that started in 1965 with Army School Cadets, followed by a period of Compulsory Military Training (CMT), reaching the rank of Sergeant, before being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant into the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment in 1975.

As a junior officer Brigadier Dean was appointed as the Reconnaissance Platoon Commander in the Hauraki's'. He was promoted to Lieutenant in 1977 and in 1979 he attended an exchange exercise in Australia and commanded a joint Australian and New Zealand reconnaissance platoon. In 1981 he was promoted to Captain and posted with the Battalion to command the Mortar Platoon. Brigadier Dean was appointed Company Commander Bravo Company (Eastern Bay of Plenty) in 1983. In 1985 he led a company from the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) to Singapore and Malaysia to exercise as part of the New Zealand battalion stationed there. On return to New Zealand he was promoted to Major and posted to Support Company. During this time, he concurrently served as the Battalion's Operations and Training Officer. Following a period as the Logistics Company Commander he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and appointed Commanding Officer of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) in 1990.

As a Battalion Commander, Brigadier Dean will be remembered for his innovative and bold exercises which ensured he was able to recruit, train and retain the largest battalion (including regular force) in the NZ Army. The Hauraki's at the time consisting of five rifle companies, support and logistic companies, with training weekends regularly generating in excess of 300 soldiers.

During his career Brigadier Dean has attended overseas divisional level Command Post Exercise; in Hawaii in 1982 as a Duty Officer, and in Singapore in 1991 as a Battalion Commander. Brigadier Dean was awarded the Efficiency Decoration in 1987 and clasps to that decoration in 1993 and 1999.

In 1994 Brigadier Dean was appointed Deputy Commander, in the rank of Colonel, of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Land Force Group, Linton Camp. On promotion to Brigadier April 1997 he was appointed Territorial Force Adviser, the highest ranked appointment with the New Zealand Army's Territorial Force retiring from the military in 2000.

Brigadier Dean will be remembered for his passion for the value that community based service for example Cadets and the Territorial Force brought to the capability of Defence but to the very fabric of the community. Brigadier Dean continued to work to ensure these values would continue to be enhanced by army, defence and government. Ted never tired in his crusade to provide balance to the perspective.

On retiring from the army, Brigadier Dean retained his input to things military, chairing the Cadet Corp Association of NZ and serving on the National Cadet Council, as well as being the patron of the Tauranga unit. Brigadier Dean was also actively involved in Employer Support and initiated and chaired the Bay of Plenty / Waikato committee, as well as being the past president of the Bay of Plenty Officers Club and Vice president of the Hauraki Association.

Brigadier Dean is survived by his wife Christine, his children Paul, Ryan, Andrew and Rebecca and granddaughter Lilith.

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## EDWARD PAUL DEAN

TAURANGA and the people of New Zealand have lost a dedicated public servant and soldier with the death on **Saturday 8 January** of Edward Paul “Ted” Dean ONZM., E.D., A.D.C (64), following a short illness.

Eldest son of Esme and George Dean, Ted was born at the Tauranga Domain Transit Camp, set up following the Second World War to provide a temporary solution to an acute housing shortage at the time. He spent his adult life working for his country in two very different capacities.

In civilian life Ted Dean was the Manager of Financial Operations for the Ministry of Social Development's National Accounting Centre in Rotorua. Additionally Ted served on the Government Procurement Development Group (GPDG) working on national inter-government procurement initiatives.

At the same time a distinguished military career with the Tauranga-based 6 Hauraki Regiment had seen him attain the rank of Brigadier – the highest available to an Officer in the New Zealand Territorial Army.

He attended Tauranga Boys College and began his working life with Tappenden Motors. He subsequently joined the administrative staff of the Ministry of Works on the Kaimai Rail Tunnel project, and spent several years with the Department of Labour, before transferring to the Department of Social Welfare in 1990, where he remained through its various reorganizations, specializing in financial planning and procurement policy issues at national level.

After enjoying the challenge of his National Service training in 1967, he remained a member of 6 Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR and reached the rank of Sergeant before being commissioned in 1975. He held a variety of posts within the unit, gaining a reputation for meticulous planning and skillful leadership of his troops – as he progressed from Platoon and Company Commander, to Operations Officer, deputy-Commanding Officer and ultimately the Hauraki's' Commanding Officer.

While heading the Hauraki's, Lieutenant Colonel Dean planned a number of imaginative and successful field exercises, including “exercise Hardcross”, an amphibious night assault across Tauranga Harbour and the “capture” of Tauranga Airport, a major battalion escape and evasion exercise across Thompson's Track in the Kaimai's and an “invasion” of Matakana Island. He also led contingents of Hauraki's on successful joint overseas exercises in Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and Hawaii.

Promoted to full Colonel he was appointed Deputy Commander of 2<sup>nd</sup> Land Force Group, and then, as the first and to date only “home grown” Brigadier produced by the Hauraki's, he was appointed Territorial Force Advisor – the highest position available to a Territorial Officer in the New Zealand Army. Brigadier Dean had two bars to his Efficiency Decoration and was an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the military.

Following his retirement from the Army Brigadier Dean remained active as a founding member and Vice President of the Hauraki Association, and a member of the Tauranga Garrison Club. A former school cadet himself, Ted chaired the Cadet Corps Association of NZ Army Cadet movement for the whole country as well as serving on the National Cadet Council and being patron of the local unit.

A strong advocate of the Territorial Forces both within the Army and wider community, he chaired the Bay of Plenty-Waikato Employer Support Group, which encourages employers to make staff members available for military training. Brigadier Dean was also an active member of the Bay of Plenty Officers Club, two terms as president.

He played rugby for Otumoetai Cadets from schoolboy through to senior level, and also represented the Hauraki's. In his playing career Ted played alongside All Blacks including Greg Rowlands, Owen Stephens, George Skudder, Hika Reid, Eddie Stokes and Frank Shelford at various times.

Another lifetime love was motorsport. A contemporary of Jim Richards, Ted was a keen member of the Tauranga Car Club and raced Minis at various tracks round the North Island in the early 1970s. In later years he was an avid spectator and attended several Australian Grand Prix, Queensland Indy Car races and V8 Supercar events.

He was a keen family man and always made time to support his children's school activities and sporting endeavours.

Ted will be remembered by his wide circle of military and civilian friends and acquaintances as an extremely hard worker, and loyal friend with a great sense of humour.

He is survived by his wife Christine, his children Paul, Ryan, Andrew and Rebecca and grand-daughter Lilith.

Brigadier Dean's funeral will take place at Holy Trinity Church at 1.30pm on Thursday, followed by a burial with military honours at Pyes Pa Cemetery.

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## ***Hauraki farewell their own***

Posted on 13th Jan 2011 16:32 | By Andrew Campbell

**The Tauranga based Hauraki 6 Battalion of the New Zealand Army is in mourning following the Thursday afternoon funeral of Brigadier Edward Paul 'Ted' Dean.**

**Ted Dean, ONZM, E.D, A.D.C, died at his Tauranga home on Saturday, January 8 after a short illness. He was aged 64 years and four months.**



*Brigadier Ted Dean's funeral began at Holy Trinity Church on Devonport Road and finished at the Pyes Pa cemetery.*

Ted is survived by his wife for almost 39 years, Christine, and children Paul, Ryan, Andrew and Rebecca; and granddaughter Lilith.

Ted's association with the Hauraki group began after he completed his compulsory military training in 1967.

He remained with 6 Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR coming up through the ranks before being commissioned in 1975.



*The processecon at the cemetery involved the casket being carried on a gun carriage.*



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Following his appointment as the Hauraki's' commanding officer, Ted planned many imaginative and successful field exercises with 6 Hauraki, and also led Hauraki contingents on successful overseas joint exercises in Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and Hawaii.

As Brigadier, Ted was appointed Territorial Force Adviser – the highest position available to an officer in the Territorial Army.



*The Brigadier was saluted in military fashion.*

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In civilian life Ted was manager of financial operations for the Ministry of Social Development's National Accounting Centre.

Ted played rugby for Otumoetai Cadets and the Hauraki regiment and held a strong interest in motorsport, racing minis in the early 1970s.



*The Brigadier's impact was generational as respected by a haka performed by young cadets.*

# Brigadier Edward "Ted" Dean's farewell

[Michele McPherson](#) | 14th January 2011



Brigadier Edward Dean, who died on Saturday, was given a military send-off yesterday. Photo / Joel Ford.

Victoria Cross recipient Corporal Willie Apiata, along with New Zealand's heads of defence and the army, were among the hundreds who gathered in Tauranga yesterday to farewell Brigadier Edward "Ted" Dean ONZM, ED, ADC.

The 64-year-old died on Saturday and was given a military send-off reflective of the high regard the former territorial force adviser - described by friends and colleagues as a man of integrity and humility - was held in among the New Zealand military.

Chief of the Army, Major General Rhys Jones, said Brigadier Dean had been influential throughout the defence force.

"His ethics and values determined the culture of the organisations he was in."

Tauranga MP Simon Bridges and Tauranga Mayor Stuart Crosby both attended the service, held at Tauranga's Holy Trinity church.

Mr Bridges described Brigadier Dean as, "a fine man who had a very generous, humble spirit. He gave everything he did 100 per cent."

"You can see how highly regarded he was by the very large attendance of military top brass, Government department figures and Tauranga residents."

Having recently attended a prize giving at the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit, Mr Bridges said he had noticed the huge amount of respect for Brigadier Dean among the young cadets, who performed both a guard of honour and Haka in his memory yesterday.

"Just locally I've seen him with the cadets here in the Hauraki Battalion and their respect and admiration for him was strongly evident," he said.

Ministry of Social Development deputy chief executive Marc Warner also spoke at the service, describing Brigadier Dean as, "fiercely protective and supportive" of the staff he led at the department's National Accounting Centre.

"I haven't met a person with as higher integrity and ethics," he said.

Brigadier Dean's wife, Christine, and three of the couple's four children also spoke, saying their father taught them to be independent, think for themselves and treat everyone with respect.

"He was a great husband and a good father and he was a great family man.

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I will miss him for the rest of my life," Mrs Dean said.

Corporal Apiata declined to comment at the ceremony but confirmed Brigadier Dean had been his commanding officer in the 6th Hauraki Battalion.

In a ceremony at Pyes Pa Cemetery, Brigadier Dean's casket, draped in a New Zealand flag, was taken to the graveside on a gun carriage. A volley of shots and the playing of the Last Post marked Brigadier Dean's final farewell.

Ted with friends & family





















## Lt Col Tony Mataira MBE Adjutant 1954 -1957



### ■ Anthony Taroa Avriall Mataira 1928-2011

**A** FULL military service complete with gun carriage marked the farewell of Maketu son Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Taroa Avriall Mataira.

The Lt Col passed away at his home in Crofton Downs, Wellington, on Friday, February 4 and was farewelled this week with a tangi in Maketu.

His body was marched down the main street on a gun carriage to the cemetery in a sign of military respect.

Lt Col Mataira spent more than 30 years in the military but returned to Maketu regularly, having married Billy, a member of Maketu's well-known Rogers family. Brother-in-law Reverend Kotene Pihema said Lt Col Mataira was well accepted into the whanau.

"He would always come back to Maketu, spend time with family here and do a bit of fishing," Rev Pihema said. "He would always mingle with people."

Rev Pihema said Lt Col Mataira was a person who "didn't push his own barrow", despite his military achievements.

Lt Col Mataira was enlisted in Regimental Force in February 1947 and entered Royal Military College Duntroon in Australia.

He graduated as Lieutenant in December 1950.

After serving in various junior regimental appointments, he was attached to the Fiji Military Force in 1952 and served in Malaysia with the First Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment.

The decorated soldier returned to New Zealand in 1954 and was appointed Adjutant First Battalion Hauraki Regiment, based in Tauranga. He lived in Tauranga for three years before serving with the First Battalion New Zealand Regiment in Malaysia from 1957-1960.

After more regimental appointments in New Zealand, he served as Deputy Assistant

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Reverend Kotene Pihema

Adjutant in Army Headquarters until 1966 when he posted to the First Battalion Depot, Burnham Military Camp.

In 1967, he joined the First Battalion of the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment in Malaysia.

In 1968, he assumed the appointment of battalion second-in-command of the Anzac Battalion in South Vietnam.

He returned to New Zealand in 1969 and, in October that year, was appointed the commanding officer of the First Battalion Regiment.

In July 1971, he attended the Joint Services' Wing of the Australian Services' Staff College. He then held several senior staff appointments in Defence Headquarters before retiring in 1977.

Lt Col Mataira will be sadly missed by his dearly beloved wife, Billy.

He is survived by her and their children, Simon, Richard and Ana, as well as grandchildren Fraser, Rachel, Fergus and Cameron.

*Would the life of someone you know make an interesting obituary? Please call the chief reporter on 577 3154 or email [news@bayofplentytimes.co.nz](mailto:news@bayofplentytimes.co.nz)*

# Lt Mark Sydney MNZM

**28 July 1966 – 21st Jan 2011**

Adjutant – 6 Hauraki Battalion 2007 -2008

## Honours & Awards:

28 September 2005 - Euro Security & Defence Policy (ESDP) Service Medal

24 June 2003 - Long Service & Good Conduct Medal

01 January 2007 – Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit

12 June 2002 – New Zealand Operational Service Medal

29 April 2005 – NZ General Service Medal (Afghanistan)

15 December 1995 – UN Medal – UN Protection Force (Yugoslavia)



W56278 Lt M.A. Sydney, M.N.Z.M

## Mates to farewell decorated soldier

[Jamie Morton](#) | 25th January 2011

More than 60 former comrades of Mark Sydney are expected to today farewell a man remembered as a humble mate, a loving family man and a "soldier's soldier".

The 44-year-old father of three and decorated soldier was one of three people killed in a car crash in State Highway 2 late on Friday night.

He was returning from work at Spring Hill Corrections Facility to his Athenree home at the time.

A service complete with a dressed coffin was to be held at the family home this morning but, true to Mr Sydney's humble personality, without the pomp and ceremony of a full military funeral.

Yesterday, Mr Sydney's brother Mike Sydney, uncle Charles Rolleston and friend and comrade Paul Walsh spoke to the *Bay of Plenty Times* at the home, where a large military tent had been erected by members of his old battalion, 6 Hauraki.

Mr Walsh said: "It just rips your guts out that a man who spent his life in conflict zones could be killed in a crash in his own community, in his own country.

"With all the service he's seen overseas, it's really heartbreaking."



When Mr Sydney first joined the army as a young man in his early 20s, brothers Mike and Ernie made a bet he would not last more than a year. "hat was just a bit of brotherly rivalry.

But he was the sort of guy who was a born soldier," Mike said.

He quickly rose through the ranks, eventually going on to command a liaison and observation team in the Western Republic of Srpska in Bosnia and Herzegovina, from September 2005 to April 2006.

Mr Rolleston said one of his nephew's main attributes - being a "rallying point" for people - helped him in a role that saw him enabling communication between three ethnic groups that were at war just a decade before.

While there, Mr Sydney also established a programme of lectures for young people on drug use, to counter criminal elements who were preying on Bosnian youth.

For his work in Bosnia and Herzegovina, he was awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit, his 2007 citation stating: "Through his energetic and engaging manner, professional focus, and diplomacy, he quickly gained the trust of the population and aided progress in the region."

After leaving the army in 2008, Mr Sydney went into private security, spending a two-year stint with Mr Walsh at a Tanzanian gold mine.

He returned home last year to be with his wife Andrea and young sons Bryce, Angus and Rob, and took up his new job as an officer at Spring Hill after being encouraged by former comrades that worked there.

"It was time for him to be home with his wife and family," Mr Rolleston said.

Mr Rolleston said he enjoyed the job at Spring Hill and, again proving his leadership abilities, gained the respect of inmates and staff alike.

He said his nephew was also something of a rallying point for his sons and local children in the community, who Mr Sydney encouraged to get involved in sports and the outdoors.

"He was big on taekwondo and he loved rugby and fishing. His children have really got that same sense of adventure as well. They've got that love of sports and that love of outdoors," Mr Rolleston said.

"He was a wonderful husband to his wife and a great dad to his children. Anyone who knew him would say the same."

He said that Mr Sydney was such a humble character that he would not have liked so much attention on him.

"He would have rather avoided it. Doing something like this article for the newspaper even, it would have been challenging for him. He was a humble person, a quiet achiever."

*Mark August Sydney*



*Spd*

20th July 1960 - 21st January 2011



# Alfie Aranga Hopa

D480864 V6 W2



4th February 1947 - 29th January 2011



## TESTIMONIAL

Service No: D480864 Rank: Sergeant Name and Initials: A.A. HOPA

Sergeant Alfie Aranga HOPA has completed twenty years service with the New Zealand Army. All of his service has been within the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. His service as a Non Commissioned Officer has seen Sgt Hopa complete two tours on Active Service in South Vietnam in 1968/69 and again in 1971/72. On his return to New Zealand Sgt Hopa was employed with 2/1 Battalion at Burnham. During 1977 he was posted to Singapore for two years where he was employed as a Corporal in the 1 RNZIR AND Signals Platoon. At the completion of this tour, Sgt Hopa returned to Burnham where he was employed as an Instructor in the Burnham Training Depot. He was then posted to 6 Hauraki Regiment at Tauranga where he carried out administration duties with the Administration Company. For the last three years, Sgt Hopa has been on the staff of the Services Corrective Establishment at Ardmore. His duties have required him to be involved in the supervision of service detainees and also the operation of the unit's orderly room.

Sgt Hopa has also been an active member of the Papakura Camp Rugby Club and has served as the Club's masseur.

Unit: Headquarters Papakura Military Camp

Date: August 1987

D.S.J. DWANE  
(Name in block letters)

Major  
(Rank)



## Defence Force Medal

Hi Des,

### Latest information on the NZDSM medal project

Applications for the NZ Defence Service Medal (NZDSM) are expected to open in early April 2011 for the oldest ex-Service persons. Applications can only open after Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Royal Warrant and the Regulations have been signed by the Governor-General.

The proposed design of the medal has been finalised by the Herald of Arms Extraordinary and will be sent to The Queen shortly for approval. Manufacturing will occur once the design has been approved by The Queen.

Around 160,000 personnel qualify for the NZDSM and the Defence Force Medals Office expect to issue around 116,000 medals over the next three years. With such high numbers a priority programme is necessary and the Minister has directed that the priority will be;

1. Those living ex-Service personnel over the age of 70
2. Those living ex-Service personnel over the age of 60
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Terminally ill ex-Service personnel will be given priority over all other applicants but will still need to apply in the usual manner.

Families of deceased ex-Service personnel will be invited to apply for their late relations' (husband/father/mother etc) medal entitlement after the processing of the initial applications from older living ex-Service personnel is well underway, possibly in late 2011.

An initial NZDSM presentation will be made to a selected group of ex-Service personnel at a ceremony in Parliament in the first half of 2011. For logistical reasons it is anticipated that the majority of these personnel will be drawn from the Wellington area.

Regional medal presentations will be arranged by local RSA branches from late May 2011.

Interviews are taking place for additional staff to process the medal applications.

The hard copy form has been tested and the online version of the form is currently under construction.

For further information please read the NZDSM FAQ sheet <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdsml/faqs.html> which is being updated regularly basis in line with questions received through the medals site.

Once the application process opens the Medals Office aim to deliver medals to those entitled to receive them as quickly as possible and will be providing frequent updates about the NZDSM Project on the website at [medals.nzdf.mil.nz](http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz).

The whole concept for this medal is to recognise the loyal attested service of those men and women who served New Zealand defence forces in their trade or profession in New Zealand in support of those who were fortunate enough to earn campaign medals.

Both groups will qualify regardless but the many men and women who served in NZ and had no choice about where they went will be delighted to receive a medal of their own thank you.

Cheers  
Jack Hayes

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## **21 December 2010**

The tender process for production of the medal has been completed. The successful tenderer will be announced next year after the contract has been finalised and signed.

The first stage of the application process is expected to open in late February/early March. Medals will be issued based on the age of the living ex-Service person. The medals will be sent to the oldest applicants first and to those of any age who are terminally ill. To assist NZDF in ensuring the oldest applicants receive their medals first, it is expected that the initial call will be made for applications from ex-Service personnel over seventy years of age. Any applications received from persons under that age will not be processed and persons should wait until the NZDF advises that the next age group should send in their applications. This is also the case for those applying of behalf of deceased spouses, next of kin etc.

Hiring of additional staff to work on the NZDSM project at Trentham Military Camp will begin in February 2011.

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“The continuing patience of ex-Service persons and their families is acknowledged and sincerely appreciated,” said Commodore Kevin Keat. “NZDF is making excellent progress on its preparations for issuing more than 100,000 NZDSMs. It is worth noting that NZDF has set itself a challenging target of less than six months to be ready to issue the NZDSM. This is less than half the 12 months required by NZDF in 2001-2002 to prepare itself for the issue of (only) 12,000 [New Zealand Operational Service Medals](#).”

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Once the application process opens the Medals Office aim to deliver medals to those entitled to receive them as

quickly as possible and will be providing frequent updates about the NZDSM Project on the [Breaking News page](#) of our website and on the [FAQs about the NZ Defence Service Medal](#) page.

### **Subsequent Update:**

7 February 2011 - [Latest information on the NZDSM medal project](#)



## **New Defence Force medal announced - 11 October 2010**

### **Media Statement by the Hon Dr Wayne Mapp, Minister of Defence**

The New Zealand Defence Service Medal announced by the Prime Minister today closes a long-standing gap in medallic recognition of military service, Defence Minister Wayne Mapp says.

“Military service has unique requirements – a commitment to serving the Crown, being liable for operational service, and being subject to military discipline and the demands and constraints of the military lifestyle.

“The new medal recognises non-operational military service in the Defence Force by New Zealanders. Those who have served in the military for more than three years since World War Two, and those who did compulsory military training or national military service, will qualify.

“The Government places high value on non-operational service. Those service people were ready and willing to serve on operations and provided essential support to those who did,” the Minister said.

“It is estimated that there are more than 160,000 people eligible for the medal. Of those people, a large number have not been entitled to any medallic recognition to date. They served their country loyally and well in a wide range of roles and contexts, but not on operations, and they do not therefore qualify for campaign medals.

“In creating the New Zealand Defence Service Medal the Government has delivered on a National Party campaign commitment to appropriately recognise a large group of New Zealanders who have stood ready to put their lives on the line for their country.”

For further information see below.

**Updated Note - 7 February 2011:** The NZDF is NOT currently accepting applications for the New Zealand Defence Service Medal. It is anticipated that a call for applications will happen in about early April 2011 **for the oldest ex-Service persons.**

## **Extract from the Prime Minister's speech to the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association 2010 Annual Council on 11 October 2010**

### **New Zealand Defence Service Medal**

Another way to remember and recognise those who have served is by the awarding of medals.

The RSA has proposed a defence service medal for many years, and National has supported this idea.

We set up a working group last year to consider the medal and its eligibility criteria, under the direction of an independent chair, Neil Walter.

The working group reported back late last year and I am pleased to update you on our progress.

I am delighted to announce today that the Government has established the New Zealand Defence Service Medal, subject to the Queen's approval.

Cabinet has also approved an additional \$3.85 million for the manufacture and distribution of the medal.

The medal is for those who have served in the military for more than three years since World War Two, and those who did compulsory military training or national military service.

This is a fantastic way to give our servicemen and women the recognition they deserve.

It is estimated that there are more than 160,000 people eligible for the medal.

The initial call for applications will be restricted to those aged 50 years and over, but after six to 12 months we will open it up to all others.

In cases where an ex-serviceman or woman is deceased, their family can apply for the medal.

We hope that applications will open early next year, and that the first batch of medals will be delivered soon after.

**Note:** More information can be found in the FAQs below.



FAQs - Updated 7 February 2011

## **I've heard there will be a new medal for military service. What is happening?**

The introduction of a New Zealand Defence Service Medal for non-operational service since 3 September 1945 was announced by the Prime Minister on 11 October 2010. The medal will be fitting recognition by Her Majesty The Queen and the Government of the dedicated service of 160,000 or more ex-Service persons and of thousands of current Service personnel.

This will be the largest medal issue project New Zealand has undertaken since 1950-1954 when the majority of the Second World War medals were issued.

A tender process for the manufacturer(s) has been completed. The medal and ribbon still need to be manufactured. Once the tender process has started it will take approximately 20 to 22 weeks before any medals are available to be issued. NZDF will also be busy preparing new business processes, and developing an electronic enquiries system with an online application form, to be able to smoothly process 100,000 or more medal applications over a three year period.

A request to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is being drafted to request formal approval for the institution of the medal by Royal Warrant. Subsequent to Her Majesty's approval, His Excellency The Governor-General will approve the Regulations which will specify the eligibility criteria for the medal. Applications can only open after Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Royal Warrant, and the Governor-General has signed the Regulations

[Once applications are called for](#) (see below for more details) applicants will need to be patient. Even with extra staff to process the applications, this will be a three year project for the Defence Force.

## **What service does the new medal recognise?**

The medal is for those who have served in the military for three years or more since the end of the Second World War, including those who did Compulsory Military Training (CMT) or national military service.



It will recognise the unique requirements of military service. These requirements include: - commitment to service of the Crown (represented by an oath/affirmation of allegiance),- liability for operational service subject to military discipline and lifestyle,- and imposed constraints on employment conditions and personal freedoms.

In broad terms, the basic eligibility requirements by type of service for the award of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal are:

a. For Regular Force (Navy, Army and Air Force) personnel: three years service in the New Zealand military after 3 September 1945, or completion of initial engagement which began after 3 September 1945. The three years can be accumulated and do not need to be continuous.

**Note:** Service after 3 September 1945 while enlisted in an Expeditionary Force (2NZEF, J Force or K Force) will be counted as Regular Force service for the purposes of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal. Time served in New Zealand before and after deployment overseas may be counted towards the required qualifying time for the medal (as long as the time served in New Zealand was after 3 September 1945).

b. For Territorial Forces (Navy, Army and Air Force) personnel: three years 'efficient' service in the New Zealand military, or completion of initial engagement, after 3 September 1945. The three years can be accumulated and do not need to be continuous.

**Notes:**

1. E.g. a person who was efficient in Training Years 1 and 2, not efficient in Training Years 3 and 4, and efficient in Training Year 5 would qualify for the medal in Training Year 5. You will need to have been deemed 'efficient' by your unit(s) for a minimum of three separate Training Years to qualify for the medal.

2. Territorial Forces is the legal name (as defined in the Defence Act 1990 and earlier legislation) encompassing the Navy, Army and Air Force part-time service components. The Defence Act 1990 states that "Territorial Forces means the Royal New Zealand Naval Reserve, the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve, the Territorial Force of the New Zealand Army, and the Territorial Air Force collectively."

c. For CMT (Navy, Army and Air Force) personnel: completion of their obligations under the Military Training Act 1949 and Amendments.

d. For National Service (Navy, Army and Air Force) personnel: completion of obligations under the National Military Service Act 1961 and Amendments.

e. Members of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force who completed 12 months service or their obligations for service in Japan would also qualify. Similarly the 12 months or more of military service in New Zealand or overseas by Second World War personnel still serving on or after 3 September 1946 would qualify these personnel for the award of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal.

Service in categories a. to d. above can be accumulated, if required, to reach a total of three years qualifying service for award of the medal.

In special cases certain shorter periods of service will also qualify for the award when there are deserving circumstances. For example, when a service person dies while in service, is medically discharged due to a total and permanent disability, before completing three years service, or is medically discharged for any other reason after completion of 12 months service. The medal will also be awarded to those personnel discharged through no fault of their own when their service was no longer required as a member of the Armed Forces.

## **When can I apply for the new medal?**

NZDF will NOT be ready to accept applications for the NZ Defence Service Medal until about early April 2011 (for the [reasons discussed above](#)). Applications will NOT be accepted until a formal call for applications has been made. Once this has occurred, there will be a five stage call for applications, due to the large number of

people eligible for the new medal, priority will be given to processing applications from the oldest ex-Service personnel.

First, eligible ex-Service personnel over the age of 70 will be able to apply for the medal from about early April 2011. Then, about two or three months later applications will open for eligible ex-Service personnel between the age of 60-69. Two or three months after that eligible ex-Service personnel between the age of 50-59 will be able to apply for the medal. The exact dates will be decided by the Defence Force based on how many applications are received in the previous rounds of applications.

Then in approximately the last quarter of 2011 ex-Service personnel under the age of 50, and the families of deceased ex-Service personnel will be able to start applying for the medals. The exact date will be decided by the Defence Force based on how many applications are received in the previous rounds of applications from those over 50.

Medals for current serving NZDF military personnel will be organised via single Services in late 2011 or early 2012, after the oldest ex-Service personnel have received their medals. Current serving personnel will NOT be required to apply for the medal. Current serving personnel are instructed NOT to directly contact the Medals Office or single Service HQs concerning this medal, as this will simply delay the issue of the medal to the oldest ex-Service persons.

## **How do I apply?**

Applications must be made either online or on the appropriate NZDF application form. Note: applications will not open until about early April 2011 for the oldest ex-Service persons. For the first time for the NZDF, it is planned that medal applications can be initiated online.

More details on the application process will be placed on this page when applications open.

## **How long from when I apply for the medal until I receive it?**

NZDF is unable to predict at this stage how long medals will take to be issued, but it will depend on your age and the number of applications NZDF receives. NZDF will prioritise the issue of the medal to the oldest ex-Service persons.

NZDF is expecting more than 100,000 applications for the medal in the first three years of the project to issue the medal. This means that applications will need to be prioritised and that some ex-Service persons may wait up to two years after they apply to be sent their medal.

If you are over 80, NZDF aims to have the medal issued within three months of your application.

If you are aged between 70 and 79, NZDF hopes to have the medal issued within about 12 months of your application.

Estimates of the wait for those aged 60 to 69 and 50 to 59 will be added to this FAQ page once applications have opened.

Timelines for those under 50 and families of deceased ex-Service persons will be added to the FAQ in late 2011, once applications open for these people.

## **How will I receive my medal?**

Medals for ex-Service personnel will be couriered by the Defence Force to the home address of the applicant. All ex-Service personnel will then have the opportunity for a local presentation to be made at their nearest RSA Club accompanied by their family, peers and friends. More details will be advised shortly by the RNZRSA on this opportunity for local recognition.

## **Why is the eligibility start date 3 September 1945?**

Because personnel who served New Zealand during the Second World War have already been appropriately recognised by the [New Zealand War Service Medal](#).

## **Will the medal be engraved?**

Yes, the medal will be engraved with your service details as at your qualifying date for the medal, which for most recipients is after three years' military service. The details engraved are likely to be Service number (as at qualifying date), rank (as at qualifying date), initials, surname, and corps / Service (as at qualifying date). These are the same engraving rules as are used by NZDF to engrave campaign medals and long service awards.

## **I am currently serving in the NZ Defence Force. When will I get my medal?**

Medals for current serving NZDF military personnel will be organised via single Services in late 2011 or early 2012, after the oldest ex-Service personnel have received their medals. Current serving personnel will NOT be required to apply for the medal. Current serving personnel are instructed NOT to directly contact the Medals Office or single Service HQs concerning this medal, as this will simply delay the issue of the medal to the oldest ex-Service persons.

## **I will complete my third year of military service in 2012. Will I qualify for the medal?**

Yes, the medal will be automatically issued to all personnel who qualify in the future, via your command chain.

## **Why do we need a Service Medal at all?**

The intent of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal is to recognise the unique requirements of military service. These requirements include: - commitment to service of the Crown (represented by an oath/affirmation of allegiance),- liability for operational service subject to military discipline and lifestyle,- and imposed constraints on employment conditions and personal freedoms.

There will be more than 80,000 men and women who will be eligible for this medal who have received no medallic recognition before. They served New Zealand loyally but for reasons of their trade, gender, Government policy at the time, or simply their place in the military posting cycle did not have the opportunity to serve on operational service and qualify for campaign medals. Their service is nonetheless highly valued by the Government and remains an important support role for those men and women who did serve on operational service.

## **I served in the military in the 1950s. Would I be eligible for the proposed medal?**

Yes, as long as you completed the [required amount of service as stated above](#).

## **Will the medal be awarded to those who undertook Compulsory Military Training (CMT) and balloted National Service?**

Yes, as long as they completed their obligations under the Military Training Act 1949 and Amendments (for CMT personnel) or the under the National Military Service Act 1961 and Amendments (for National Service personnel).

## **Why do we need to introduce a new medal now?**

Most of the personnel who undertook Compulsory Military Training and balloted National Service are now in their 60s and 70s. Therefore, it is important that the medal is instituted in a timely manner, to enable as many as possible of those eligible to wear it proudly on Anzac Day 2012. It will only be possible to issue a relatively small number of medals prior to Anzac Day 2011 however, these are likely to nearly all to be issued to those aged over 70. The majority of volunteers who served in the 1950s and 1960s are also in their 60s, 70s and 80s.

## **My spouse passed away several years ago. He/she served in the Army from 1960 to 1980. Will I be able to claim his/her medal?**

Yes. It is intended that the medal will also be issued to the families of deceased service persons. This is the same policy as for New Zealand campaign medals and special service medals. One medal will be awarded per eligible service person or ex service person. Applications are expected to be called for by NZDF from families of deceased service persons in late 2011 or early 2012. This is because the Defence Force will prioritise the issue of the medal to the oldest ex-Service persons.

## **What will the medal look like? will it have clasps?**

The design of the medal and ribbon is still to be decided by the Government and approved by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. After Her Majesty has approved the design and the first shipment of medals and ribbon have been manufactured and delivered photos will be placed on the NZDF Medals website. The first photos of the NZDSM are most likely to be placed on the website in March 2011.

It has been decided by the Government that the medal and ribbon will be identical for all qualifying personnel, but with clasps to recognise the form of service undertaken. The clasps would differentiate Regular, Territorial, CMT and National Service. Every medal will be issued with at least one clasp. The number and combination of clasps will depend on what service an individual completed. NZDF estimates that about 10% of eligible applicants will qualify for more than one clasp.

## **Where will the medal go in the Order of Wear?**

That is still to be decided by the Government.

## **Will I be eligible for a War Pension if I receive this medal?**

Only if you already meet the requirements for receiving a War Pension. The award of the NZ Defence Service Medal by itself would not confer entitlement to War Pension coverage.

## **Is the NZ Defence Service Medal going to replace the existing medals for long service? e.g. the Long Service and Good Conduct Medals?**

No. The NZ Defence Service Medal would be separate from the long service awards system. Eligible persons could be awarded both an NZ Defence Service Medal and a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

## **I served for two years in the Regular Force and one efficient year in the Territorial Force. Will I be eligible for the new medal?**

Yes, you will have the required three years' service towards the medal. All military service will be recognised on a 'one for one' basis – i.e. one year of Regular Force service will equate with one year of 'efficient' Territorial Force, CMT or National Service.

In the above scenario, it is still to be decided by Government which clasp you will receive with your medal. The Government's decision will be published next year in the Regulations for the new medal. (The Regulations will be posted on this website when they have been finalised).

## **What types of service will not count towards the new medal?**

The following types of service will not be counted towards the award of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal:

- (a) Service by civilian employees of the NZDF (or predecessor organisations).
- (b) Service by uniformed or civilian members of other government agencies.
- (c) Service by civilian members of philanthropic organisations.
- (d) Uniformed service by members of foreign Defence forces with New Zealand Armed Forces while on loan or exchange.



(e) Service by cadets, cadet Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs), and Commissioned Officers in the Cadet Forces, including School Cadet units.

## **Why does this service not qualify for the new medal?**

The intent of the New Zealand Defence Service Medal is to recognise the unique requirements of military service. These requirements include: - commitment to service of the Crown (represented by an oath/affirmation of allegiance),- liability for operational service subject to military discipline and lifestyle,- and imposed constraints on employment conditions and personal freedoms.

## **I've heard about the JWG – what is this?**

A Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group (JWG) was established by the Government in June 2009 with an independent chair and two representatives from the NZDF, Royal New Zealand Returned and Services' Association (RNZRSA), Veterans' Affairs New Zealand and an observer from the Honours Secretariat and the New Zealand Police. This Group made sure that all eligible persons and groups had the opportunity to comment on the proposed new medal, and that fair eligibility criteria for the new medal were developed.

## **Did the Joint Working Group look at non-operational service undertaken by military personnel in Malaysia and Singapore between 1966 and 1989?**

Yes. The JWG considered this service when it made its recommendations to the Government on the New Zealand Defence Service Medal. The Government and the JWG agreed that only clasps differentiating the broad type of service rendered should be instituted for the new medal, i.e. Regular, Territorial, C.M.T., and National Service. To institute clasps recognising service in specific geographical areas would not be practical given the diversity of places the NZ military has served since 1946.

Note: The JWG is currently undertaking further work on whether or not any of the above non-operational service between 1966 and 1989 meets the criteria for recognition as operational service.

## **Did the Joint Working Group look at non-operational service undertaken by military personnel in the Antarctic since 1946?**

Yes. The JWG considered this service when it made its recommendations to the Government on the New Zealand Defence Service Medal. The Government and the JWG agreed that only clasps differentiating the broad type of service rendered should be instituted for the new medal, i.e. Regular, Territorial, C.M.T., and National Service. To institute clasps recognising service in specific geographical areas would not be practical given the diversity of places the NZ military has served since 1946.

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- [Minister of Defence's media statement of 11 October 2010 on the NZ Defence Service Medal](#)
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- [NZDF Medal update from the Minister of Defence - 13 October 2009](#)
- [Minister of Defence's media statement of 18 June 2009 on the NZDF Medal](#)
- [FAQs on the medal survey in 2009](#)

If you think that you – (or a deceased family member) may qualify for medals, please write to:

**The Medals Office**  
**Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force**  
**Private Bag 905**  
**UPPER HUTT 5140**

Any questions can also be directed by e-mail to: [medals.so@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:medals.so@nzdf.mil.nz)

## Letters to the Editor

Selemat Pagi Des,

I take this opportunity to convey my humble thanks and appreciation for the many years of tremendous industry, fervor and passion that you and your wonderful team have injected in to the affairs of the Hauraki Association. I sometimes feel pangs of embarrassment for not making a contribution by assisting in some way, modicum though it may be and with my current circumstances as the Chair and presiding over the Corporate & Tribal affairs of Ngati Awa there is little time left over to dedicate to other imperatives. However I have given some thought regarding the suggestion of re kindling interest here in Rotorua by suggesting that a Rotorua Rep be instituted within the committee. If you think there is merit in the idea, I will approach the Te Arawa Maori Returned Services League (Te AMRSL) of which I am Vice President and Treasurer, for their endorsement and support.

Whaka tangata Kia Kaha

Te Kei Merito.

Besides Wilson, my other given Christian name is Te Kei o Te Waka (shortened to Kei ended up being Kay now Te Kei for short which I prefer)

Des

Here are some photos take of Afghanistan.

SSgt Greg Roose

There are 382 photo's in the collection

Ed





## Reunions

### 1RNZIR Reunion

#### NEXT NEW ZEALAND REUNION

The next reunion to be held in New Zealand will be held in Mount Maunganui over Labour weekend (October) 2011.

**Dean Mark** <[woodstock6b@hotmail.com](mailto:woodstock6b@hotmail.com)>

### The Royal Regiment of New Zealand Artillery WAIKATO, Centennial. 4<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment and 4<sup>th</sup> Medium Battery.

Celebration: Friday 18, Saturday 19, Sunday 20 March 2011

Contact [Robin Moore](#)     [robin.moore@xtra.co.nz](mailto:robin.moore@xtra.co.nz)     027-6988009

## Museum

The Association wish to thank Dave Greaves for the unsolicited donation of \$1,000.00 to be used in the museum.

The Association has had donations in the past & hopefully they will still continue, but these have been for special projects. Such as the purchase of the Hauraki Helmut Plate valued at \$1,000.00. In this instance ten members donated \$100.00 each.

The next major project is upgrading the cabinet along the west wall.

Other projects are: upgrade the former Commanding Officers Photos; by digital enhancement & framed with ultra light glass.

Create & upgrade the book/ video library.

Create & upgrade a digital unit history.

Upgrade the Hauraki Badge in the entrance way to the museum: directed by Ray Crafts

Upgrade the Warrant Officers & Sergeants Mess gong

Upgrade the museum data base computer system

All unit photographs (about 5,000) are now at the Tauranga Public Library being converted into the digital form, as part of the project of recording unit history.

If you have some photos we can use to record unit history, they will be returned without damage: please contact Bob Mankelow.

The Association wish to acknowledge Jill Conder for the donation of her late husband's dress sword. It will form part of the Col Maurie Conder collection

Thank you Jill, Dave & all others who have donated to the museum over the years.

Without the donation of items, money & voluntary time your museum would not be the show case it is,

Thank you everyone

Des Anderson  
President

## **Membership Cards**

The Membership cards for perpetual members have been distributed; if you have not received yours please advise me.

To date only 20 members have paid their annual "donation". The Company that produces the cards required a minimum number of 50. Your committee has agreed to produce the lower required number, but at a higher rate.

I have enclosed a membership application card if you would like to become a member.

Those who would like to remain a current member & thus qualify for a new membership card, please bring your membership up to date.

**My apologies to delay in send out cards.**

**Thanks**

**Des Anderson  
President**

## **Garrison Club.**

**A Promotion held in the Garrison Club – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

Lt Vince Copeland wanted to promote one of his recruiting staff and was looking for witnesses – which he found early in the Garrison Club Friday night as Erin Te Kani wanted to get home to her children.

Sgt Erin Te Kani is now Staff Sgt Erin Te Kani.

Well done Erin

Bob Mankelow

Any Photos?  
Ed

## **Donations**

As the Association is now registered as a charity you can have a one third of any donations deducted off your taxes. The Secretary will send you a registered receipt for any donations. It is suggested a donation be no less than an annual membership.

If you wish to direct credit to our bank account:

**Westpac 03-0435-0509893-001. Reference – (Your name)**

## **Movies at the Garrison**

**The second Friday of the month.**

Hugh has not given the movie schedule but will send it a week or two before viewing.

**Graze and Movie Evenings'** are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month with proceeds being donated to the Hauraki Museum

## **Territorial Forces Employer Support Council**

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REGION: Bay of Plenty / Waikato

CHAIRPERSON: Bill Holland

SECRETARY: Major Alan Patterson / Lieutenant Gerard McGrath

#### **Committee Members**

Des Anderson Local Business: Export Cold Storage

Dave Blanchard Bay News / Bay Times

Stuart Crosby Tauranga City Council (Mayor)

Bill Holland Local Business: Lawyer

Allan Gifford Local Business and Developer

Chris McGuire Judge / Ministry of Justice

Graeme Purches Trust power

Glen Snelgrove Western Bay of Plenty Council

Graeme Vercoe Maori Land Court

Ski Wisnesky Work & Income

LT COL Julian Sewell CO 6 HAURAKI

MAJ Alan Patterson UESO 6 HAURAKI

LT Gerard McGrath UESO & RESC LO, HMNZS NGAPONA (TAURANGA UNIT

## **Shooting**

A shooting day was held on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at Coster's Farm. Emails & texts were sent to as many could be contacted. Over sixty people turned up for an enjoyable day.





The ex British APC supplies transport. Who gave that woman a gun?



Kevin's rocket in place



Run for cover



Ignition.

A proud rocketeer?

## **Social Events**

### **Passed events**

#### **Luncheon at Tauranga RSA in Greerton .Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

Aubrey Balzer was presented a VIP Membership with the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion ( Hauraki) Regimental Association on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Ted Dean was presented a Life Membership with the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion ( Hauraki) Regimental Association



### **Up coming events**

Back to the future, places we have enjoyed

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Wine Tasting at Morton Estate Winery Katikati;

Starting at about 1200hrs followed by

Luncheon at the Forta Leza Country Inn, Katikati

At about 1300hrs ????

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011.

Join with the BOP Officers Club

Luncheon at the Strathmore Lodge, walkers Road East, Katikati.

Please advise Marion or me if you intend coming. It will help with the catering, but if just you turn up you will not be sent away. But you might have to sing a song or shout the gathered group??

## **News from the Regiment**

Change of RF Staff

The following staff was given a farewell on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010:

RSM – WOI J. Dawson, RNZAC.

RQMS – WOII H. Wichman, RNZALR.

TWO –SSgt A. McKenzie RNZIR.

CSS Cadre – Sgt S. Harrison, RNZIR.

WMR Cadre - SSgt J. Reedy RNZAC

VM – Cpl R. Tuapawa, RNZALR

Civil Admin Clerk – Rata Bowman (at a farewell on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011)

The following staff was welcomed on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011.

RSM – WOI M. Shaw

RQMS – SSgt L. Houkamau

WMR Cadre – SSgt D. Fryer

A Coy Cadre – SSgt W. Wanakore

CSS Cadre – SSgt G. Kareko

VM – Cpl G. Park.

Civil Admin Clerk – Erin Napier

Press Release 6 Dec, 2010

### HAURAKIS ACKNOWLEDGE SERVICE

While nobody wants to live in a state of war, history demonstrates that nations should be prepared to guard themselves and their neighbours.

That was the message from the Honorary Colonel of 6 Hauraki Battalion Group, Judge Chris McGuire, in a short address after he presented medals and service awards to six soldiers at Tauranga Army headquarters on Saturday evening.

"People forget history at their peril," he told the recipients and their families and friends. "There was a suggestion about 20 years ago that this country should disband its armed forces entirely. Then along came problems in Timor Leste, the Solomon Islands and elsewhere, creating a significant demand for properly trained peacekeepers from this country.

"The conflict in Korea supposedly ended 58 years ago. But those who follow world affairs will be aware that tensions remain high there to this day.

The various medals presented here tonight are a small way for the military to acknowledge its own people and I trust the rest of the nation also recognizes your contribution to maintaining peace."

Those to receive awards were:

Private A S Farr RNZIR – NZ Operational Service Medal (Solomon Is);

Lieutenant M P Yelash RNZAC – NZ General Service Medal (Korea);

Lance Corporal S B MacKintosh RNZAC and Lt Colonel W J Banks RNZIR – NZ General Service Medal (Timor Leste);

Major R Earp RNZIR – NZ Armed Forces Award (for 15 year's service);

W.O.II R H Wichman RNZALR – 20 Year Certificate.

Following the awards presentation the work of six members of the Hauraki's' Regular Force training staff who are being posted to other appointments round the country was acknowledged with speeches of thanks followed by an informal family barbeque.

Dave Blanshard





**ATTENTION: Private Alex Farr, Lance Corporal Stephen MacKintosh, Lieutenant Warren Banks, Lieutenant Michael Yelash, Major Roger Earp and Warrant Officer Class 2 Henry Wichman were recognised at a medals ceremony at the weekend.**

PICTURE / SUPPLIED

# Army service medal awards

Six Army personnel received medals — two for their service in Timor Leste — at a ceremony in Tauranga on Saturday evening.

At the ceremony, at the 6th Hauraki Battalion Hall, in Fraser St, Private Alex Farr received a General Service Medal (Solomons), for his service in the Solomon Islands, as well as an Operational Service Medal.

Lance Corporal Stephen MacKintosh and Lieutenant Warren Banks received New Zealand General Service Medals for their service in Timor Leste and Lieutenant Banks also received an Operational Service Medal.

Lieutenant Michael Yelash was awarded a General Service Medal for Korea and an Operational Service Medal for the six months he spent serving near the Korean demilitarised zone.

Major Roger Earp received an Armed Forces Award, while Warrant Officer Class 2 Henry Wichman was awarded a 20-year certificate for serving with the Royal New Zealand Army Logistics Regiment between 1988 and 2008.

Honorary Colonel Judge Chris McGuire presented the medals.

Six regular force soldiers were farewelled, two for overseas deployment and the others for new positions in the New Zealand Defence Force.





## George is back



This how you make your weapon



This how you shoot your meal



This how you prepare your meal



This where you sleep

## CADETS



**DEDICATION: MP Simon Bridges presents warrant officer class two Ashley Dempsey with a mounted pace stick for not missing one parade night in five years.**

**The Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit performed a powerful haka for the dignitaries, family and friends that attended the group's annual prizegiving on Thursday night.**



*About 49 young members make up the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit.*

Members of the unit are aged 13-19 and are trained in youth development and other skills such as survival techniques, team building, military radio training and firearms training.

Tauranga MP Simon Bridges was the reviewing officer at the ceremony, held at the Tauranga Defence Building. Also in attendance was Presidents of the Tauranga, Mount Maunganui, Te Puke Returned Services Associations, Mount Maunganui Lions Club, Tauranga Rotary Club The 6 Hau Bn Gp was represented by the 2ic Maj Lester Polglase.

Unit Commander Tony Young says the group is not an official defence force unit, but cadets learn basic skills required to work in the military. "A high number of them do go on to join the police or armed forces."

#### **Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit – Trophy winners 2010**

Parade Attendance WOII A. Dempsey	Most Improved Cadet L/Cpl N. Heyder
Most Improved Basic Cadet Cdt J. Cousins	Dress and Bearing L/Cpl B. Curse
Best All Round Cadet Cdt V. Broderick	Proficiency in Drill Sgt I. Trotter
Best JNCO Cpl J. Harrop	Best SNCO WOII A. Dempsey
Outdoor Leadership L/Cpl J. Ebbing Locke	Community Service Award WOII A. Dempsey – Sgt T.
Excellence in Leadership WOII A. Dempsey – Sgt I. Trotter	Best Peer (Cadet) Cdt J. Cousins
Dedication to the Unit <b>Brigadier T. Dean (Rtd)</b>	
Excellence in Effort <b>Cdt H. Livingstone</b>	
<b>(Now a serving soldier with 6 Hau Bn Gp)</b>	





**HAKA:** The Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit conducts a haka for unit patron brigadier Ted Dean (Rtd).

PICTURES / SUPPLIED

## MP at cadets' prizegiving parade

Tauranga's MP Simon Bridges was the reviewing officer for the Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit's annual prizegiving parade in Tauranga on Thursday night.

Squadron leader Tony Young said the parade recognised another year of service to the community of Tauranga, while acknowledging the hard work of cadets.

The Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit was formed in 1998 with the help of the local territorial force battalion (6th Hauraki) and the community.

The unit has 48 personnel (43 cadets and four officers) and an active support committee.





## Our Associated Groups

### Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club

#### *Brothers in Arms*

**14 December 2010**



The throaty roar of a Triumph or Harley motorbike is music to the ears of members of this motorcycle club.

But there is not a patch in sight, just lots of leather, gleaming chrome and smiling faces when the Patriots Defence Force Motorcycle Club meets.

The club, which is open to serving and former military personnel, now numbers more than 200 members and has five chapters throughout the country, in Hauraki, Auckland, Manawatu, Marlborough and Christchurch.

Its Hauraki chapter was asked by the New Zealand Families Commission to run and control the logistics of the White Ribbon Ride which is held annually to raise awareness of men's violence against women and was held on Saturday 20 November.

Staff Sergeant Rick Henry, a trainer at the Combat School in Waiouru, says the club was originally established in Australia by five Navy personnel who all enjoyed riding motorbikes. In 1998 the first chapter was established at the Devonport Naval Base in Auckland, and the club has grown steadily since then, with the latest chapter, Manawatu, being established in July this year.

The make of motorcycle is optional, although most members tend to favour big American or European bikes.

Rick says there is nothing like riding a motorbike on the open road. "All your worries and stress go – all you think about is riding your bike. As a club member you're riding with people who are either serving or former military personnel, so there is a very strong feeling of comradeship and trust. You know you have all been in situations where you have had to trust your mate. We share the same values, and outlook on life, and place a high value on family and respect.

"Those values are brought into the club. With a lot of social motorcycle clubs their only common interest is their motorbikes, but we have a lot in common because we have all done service or are currently serving."

Rick is on to his eighth motorbike—a brand new Harley Davidson Street Glide. While he loves riding he admits he is "kind of lucky to be here".

Last year a motorist in a four-wheel drive tried to take a 35km corner at 100kph. She ended up on the other side of the road, colliding with him and his motorbike.

"She totally took me out. My aorta fell off my heart, I broke ribs on both sides, my lungs collapsed and my bowel ruptured. My hip was cracked, my femur broken and my kneecap smashed. I was pretty much not meant to live, but here I am—it just wasn't my time."

He has one more operation to go, where all the metal used in the earlier operations will be removed. The accident has not put him off riding, and he enjoys catching up with his defence mates, and hitting the road.

His brother Shane Henry, a former infantryman who is now an owner-operator truck driver in Tauranga, is Sergeant at Arms of the Hauraki chapter. He, too, has always loved motorbikes, buying his first big road bike while he was serving with the battalion in Singapore. At that stage Harleys were hard to obtain, and he rode a Honda 550.

He likes nothing better than hitting the road, the wind in his face and being with like-minded riders. “We do share the same values which we have developed by being in the military. And we just love our bikes.”

Patriot Warrant Officer Class Two Des Ratima says he has been riding motorcycles “for as long as I can remember.”

“We always had dirt bikes. My great-uncles rode Indians. My dad (Des senior) is a Vietnam veteran and is also a Patriot. Riding is a healing process. The Patriots are people who are like-minded and have the same values through the military. It’s a social club, and there are a lot of couples involved. My wife Estene rides a 2010 Road King. The club doesn’t tolerate any anti-social behaviour— it’s all about the healing.”



By Judith Martin

## RHODESIAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION

### What's On In New Zealand?

#### **ANZAC Day 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011**

This year ANZAC Day coincides with Easter Monday. Once again many of us will be marching at Hobsonville, Auckland. We encourage as many of you as possible to come along. For those taking part in the march please - no shorts and tackies! The Hobsonville RSA accord us the privilege of marching directly behind the New Zealand Veterans which puts us at the head of the column and our numbers are greater than the NZ Vets. So please show respect by being decently attired – longs and a jacket if possible with medals. It has become a tradition to wear berets as well. This year Steve Geach BCR will be laying the wreath.

A number of us come up from the Bay of Plenty on the Sunday and plan to have a braai after the parade on Monday evening at the motel across the road where we stay. Anyone wanting to join us is most welcome.

## **AUCKLAND**

If you reside in the Auckland area please email Wolf and Alison Huckle at [whuckle@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:whuckle@slingshot.co.nz) for more details of the monthly social meetings. Generally these are on the third Saturday of the month either at the Hobsonville RSA or the Massey Archery Club, Redhills Road, Massey. All are most welcome.

Wolf and Alison are going to be extremely busy over the next three months, so if any one else would like to organise some social evenings or events, please contact Alison.

## **TAURANGA**

The Garrison Club run by the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion (Hauraki) Group Regimental Association, is open every Friday from 16:00 hrs and welcomes visitors. 'Graze and Movie Evenings' are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month with proceeds being donated to the Hauraki Museum. Email me at [hbomford@clear.net.nz](mailto:hbomford@clear.net.nz) to get on that mailing list to see what is on and notification of any changes.

## **HAMILTON**

Hamiltonians - please contact Tinka Mushett email [mushett@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:mushett@slingshot.co.nz) or cell +64 21 722 922 for details of socials being planed in your area.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

2011

## February

4th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
8th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
11th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
11th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES	Pie & Gravy
13th	Sunday	0900 hrs	Coster's Farm	Shooting	
13th	Sunday	1300 hrs	Kaimai Restaurant	Luncheon	
17th		Newsletter printed & posted			
18th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
25th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food	

## March

4th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
8th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
11th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
11th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES	Rhodesian Graze
18th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
			Morton Estate		
20th	Sunday	1200 hrs	Katikati	Wine Tasting	
20th	Sunday	1300 hrs	Forta Leza Katikati	Luncheon	
25th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food	

## April

1st	Friday	1800 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
8th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
8th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES	Rhodesian Graze
12th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
15th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
			Strathmore		
17th	Sunday	1230 hrs	Lodge	Luncheon	
22nd	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
25th	Monday	Dawn	ANZAC Day		
29th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food	

## May

6th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
10th	Tuesday	1900 hrs	Garrison Club	Committee Meeting	
13th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
13th	Friday	1900 hrs	Hauraki Museum	MOVIES	Rhodesian Graze
19th		Newsletter printed & posted			
20th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Nibbles	
27th	Friday	1600 hrs	Garrison Club	Finger Food	

