



Hauraki News

“Whaka tangata kia kaha”

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President's Report

I am sure like the President, you have found the lockdown like a glass half full, with plenty of opportunities. I am sure you have found many ways to use the time to the best of your ability. On the other hand, the Editor finds a glass half empty and is always complaining when given a dead line to complete.

YOU have made it easy for the Editor to complete the Hauraki News by sending articles & photos. Thanks for your assistance, without that contribution the Hauraki News could not be produced. You may not realise you are assisting, but every time you use “social media”, the Editor gains inspiration from your remarks.

The Hauraki Company 3/6 Battalion RNZIR “partners dinning in” was a great success. The invitation of the CA & SMA was a master stroke. My observation was their ability of both to intermingle with the serving soldiers, Cadet Officers & the Members, was superb. Of course, I was impressed with WO1 Wiremu Moffitt, who I had previously met at a SAS reunion. This time he was able to tell me what selection course I had completed, selection six. Plus advised me his father, Boof Moffitt, was in selection eight. I had also invited & dozen or so, members to the “After-dinner mix & mingle in the Garrison”: as they were unable to attend the dinner at RSA and claimed they were in Maj Gen John Boswell’s Patroon in Singapore, when he was their Platoon Commander. They all claimed John had borrowed \$50.00 off them. I never saw any monies change hands, but plenty went over the bar.

The Hauraki Website has been resurrected, but the President has not yet been given training on how to place the Newsletter onto the Website. The teacher is living in Canada, so is a little difficult to contact. I am sure we will eventually work it out?

The Association is in good heart and the 122nd Birthday Celebrations were a great success thanks to everyone’s contribution. My Brother, Trevor Archer would have been impressed.

Kia Kaha

Des Anderson

3/6 Battalion - Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

POWHIRI

Welcome)

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN BOSWELL, DSD

CHIEF of ARMY NEW ZEALAND



3RD/6TH BATTALION

ROYAL NEW ZEALAND INFANTRY
REGIMENT

25 JULY 2020 TAURANGA

Visiting CA & Guest Personnel move onto the Paepae

Timatanga

Representative from 3/6 BN RNZIR Opening (Padre Koia)

Welcome Speech

Representative From 3/6 BN RNZIR (RSM)
(Waiata – Haka TU/ Tumatauenga/ Te Aroha)

Reply from CA

Representative from CA
(Waiata – Ma wai ra)

Karakia Whakamutunga

Padre Koia (The Lord's Prayer – All, Hymn)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

E tō matou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga i te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou aianeī
he taro mā matou mo tēnei ra.
Murua o mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei

*Our Father which art in heaven
Hallowed be your name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth
As in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses.
As we forgive them*

i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia
whaka-waia;
Engari whaka-orangia mātou i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga, te
kaha, me te kororia
Ake ake ake.
Amine

*that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
Forever and ever.
Amen*

HE HONORE (Hymn)

He Hōnore he korōria
Maungārongo ki te whenua
Whakaaro pai e
Ki ngā tāngata katoa
Ake ake ake
Āmine
Te Atua, te piringa
Tōku oranga.

*Honour and glory
Great peace on earth
Good will
to all peoples
forever and forever
Amen
God is my refuge
My wellbeing.*

Hongi Harirū

(Touching of noses, shaking of hands)

Morning Tea

(Meet and greet)

HAKA TU

Kaea (Leader): Taringa whakarongo, Kia rite, Kia rite, Kia mau!
Listen to the call, be ready, stand by, be alert

Katoa (All): Hi...!!!!

Kaea (Leader): E torona kei waho!

Stretch forth your arms

Katoa (All): Kei waho !!!
Outwards

Kaea: Ki nga ope tu taua aa Tu Matauenga e...!!!
This is the fighting columns of the warrior god Tu

Katoa: I aa Ha Ha – Whooooooooooooo.....

Kaea: I aahaha

Katoa: Ko matou a koutou, mo-rehu-rehu e, whai ake nei,
We are the descendants of those that have fought before us, and we are following in their footsteps.

I tae koutou, ki te mura o te ahi.
For you are the ones that arrived at the fiery gates of hell, (Battlefields)

He ko-hatu-hatu, repo-repo, kiri-kiri ee.....
Stoney ground, swamp, sand.....

Paru-paru, nga-here, tomo-taua ee
Mud, bush-forest-jungle and villages (were your battle grounds, the same that we fight on today)

I aahaha

Mau-mahara tonu tatou, kia ratou ee.....
We will remember them

*aue hi!

Te Aroha		<u>Mā wai rā</u>	
Te aroha Te ahakapono Me te rangimarie Tatou tātou e	<i>The love The faith With peace Be amongst us all</i>	Mā wai rā e taurima Te marae i waho nei Mā te tika Mā te pono Me te aroha e	<i>Who will administer/ foster (treat with care) this marae outside with strength of conviction with belief, with love</i>

**Some random photos taken at the Tauranga RSA: Hauraki Company
3/6 Battalion RNZIR: Partners Dinning In**



Longest serving L/Cpl Hutchinson



RSA President Fred Milligan with CA Maj Gen John Boswell



Major Barry Samu



The reason for the dinner (Partners Dinning In)



Eric Kristensen, Des Anderson & Fred Milligan



Bob Mankelow, Charlie Fong & Erick Kristensen



Julie Banks & Lt Col Warren Banks



RSM Charles Dewes, SMA WO1 Wiremu Moffitt & Major John Liddell



Padre Ra Koia, Des Anderson & Kevin Hayden







SMA & John Lindell



SMA WO1 War Moffit presents award



SMA WO1 Wiremu Moffitt presents award

**6th Battalion (Hauraki) Royal New Zealand Infantry
Regiment 122th Birthday Celebration, 9 July 2020**





Cutting the 122nd Birthday Cake. Eric Kristensen the oldest member of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association & Maj Thomas McEntyre, OC Hauraki Company, 3/6 Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment

Address by Lt Col Warren Banks to members of the Holy Trinity Church, Hauraki Company 3/6 Battalion RNZIR, Western Bay of Plenty Cadet Unit & 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association on 12th July 2020

Good morning, I am Lt Col Warren Banks, past Commanding Officer of 6 Bn

I would like to acknowledge the serving Hauraki's, past Hauraki's, partners of Hauraki's, the Hauraki Assn and the cadets of the WBOPCU.

I would like to explain why we are here today, our Colours and our important relationship with the Holy Trinity Church.

Serving and past members of 6 Bn Hauraki RNZIR attend this service every year to celebrate our birthday, this year being the 122nd. This year we are a lot thinner on the ground as many of us are on quarantine duties.

Why do we come to this Church? You hold our colours and as well as celebrating our birthday we reacquaint ourselves with our past.

Our birthday was on the 9 July 1898, a date chosen when the 2nd Bn Hauraki, Auckland Rifle volunteers was formed.

We trace our past further back to the British Units which fought in the NZ wars. To reflect our heritage which also includes our Maori soldiers, NZA in 1995 adopted the title Ngati Tumatoenga, the tribe of the war god. Further the CO of the time Lt Col AP Coster chose to mount the new colours on carved poles to acknowledge the contribution of the Maori soldiers to the Regiment.

We use a lot of jargon. Let me explain.

A Bn is a mixed force of about 800 soldiers. It is reasonably self-sufficient having infantry, Logistics, heavy weapons, signallers and Armour. It is commanded by a Lt Colonel, the rank I wear. 6 Bn area was from the Bombay Hills, through Coromandel, Waikato and Bay of Plenty. The Bn is largely made up of volunteers. These volunteers give up their families, their jobs, their friends to serve their country on a part time basis. They are likely to be away for around 8 months at a time on operations.

The Bn has deployed to several countries during and after war to stabilise and protect the population to allow the country to get back on its feet. We call that peace keeping.

These countries include Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Middle East and more.

The Bn and Kiwi soldiers are exceptionally good at hearts and minds of the people we are to protect.

We care about the people we protecting. We are also well known for fighting back and a will to win. As we come from a range of civvy back grounds and trades, we can contribute significantly to the population as well as the war fighting. We can build, run water, wire up things, run infrastructure and so on if asked.

It feels fantastic to be operating in a country and for some complete stranger to call out "Kia Ora Kiwi" when they recognise our uniform. That is because of the great work done by Kiwi soldiers in the past.

Now to the colours: We have two Colours or flags on poles.

First is the King or Queens Colour. It reminds us we are sworn to serve our Sovereign and Country.

Second is the Bn Colour. It symbolises the loyalty to the Bn and contains the Battle honours.

Thus, our historical successes are recorded on our colours. We have 21 battle honours on our new Colours.

We physically protect the Colours.

They are never touched with bare hands.

They are carefully uncased and are always protected by an armed Colour Party.

Soldiers pay special compliments to them

They represent our history and our fallen.

From time to time they are renewed and laid up in a church. This has been our custom since 1100s.

The set placed here are the third set presented on the 20 Feb 1930 and are embroidered with our WWI Battle Honours. They were laid up on Dec 1973 at the old Holy Trinity Church.

You will recall that that Church burned down. By some miracle our colours survived the fire.

You may also know that they are now mounted on the wall in the stairwell. If you have not noticed them, I invite you to take a look.

Perhaps now you understand why this is such a special time and place for us and why we come here for our birthday celebrations and to refresh our memory of the successes and sacrifices made and recorded on those colours.

Thank you for taking custody of our colours.

Whakatangata Kia Kaha

The Colours (third set) were formally presented at Paeroa on 20 February 1930. The Colours had been paid for by members of the Paeroa Returned Solders Association, and given by them to the Regiment in 1929. The Regimental Colour included the Battle Honours won during World War One. These Colours were subsequently (on 2 December 1973) laid up in the Holy Trinity Church, Tauranga.

Comrades Brave, Richard Taylor

After a fire which destroyed the original Holy Trinity Church, the Colours were restored by Church Members and placed in the newly built Holy Trinity Church.

As a serving soldier (Hauraki), I attend a number of Church parades at the old Church. Since the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association was formed we have had our Church parades at the Holy Trinity Church where the Colours are laid up. This was arranged by Honorary Colonel A. P. Coster, OBE, ED. The tradition continues.

Editor Des Anderson





Some of the members who attended the Church Parade held at the Holy Trinity Church, Tauranga.



Piper Ray Crafts, Eric Kristensen, Doug Ashley & President Des Anderson

More NZDF to support Rotorua isolation facilities



*Air Commodore Darryn Webb (left) and **Warrant Officer 2nd Class Aaron Morrison** receiving the wero during a powhiri at Te Papaïouru Marae in Ohinemutu on Thursday. Photo/NZDF*

Fifty members of the New Zealand Defence Force have been welcomed to Rotorua as they take up positions in the city's three managed isolation facilities.

On Thursday, Te Arawa welcomed Air Commodore Darryn Webb, Deputy Chief Executive Managed Isolation Quarantine Megan Main and a contingent of 50 defence personnel to Te Papaïouru Marae with a pōhiri that recognises the continued support of iwi for Managed Isolation and Quarantine in the rohe.

Rotorua has three Managed Isolation Facilities - the Sudima, Ibis and Rydges hotels - and Te Arawa has helped to develop and shape a special experience for returnees, infusing a te ao Māori approach into their stay.

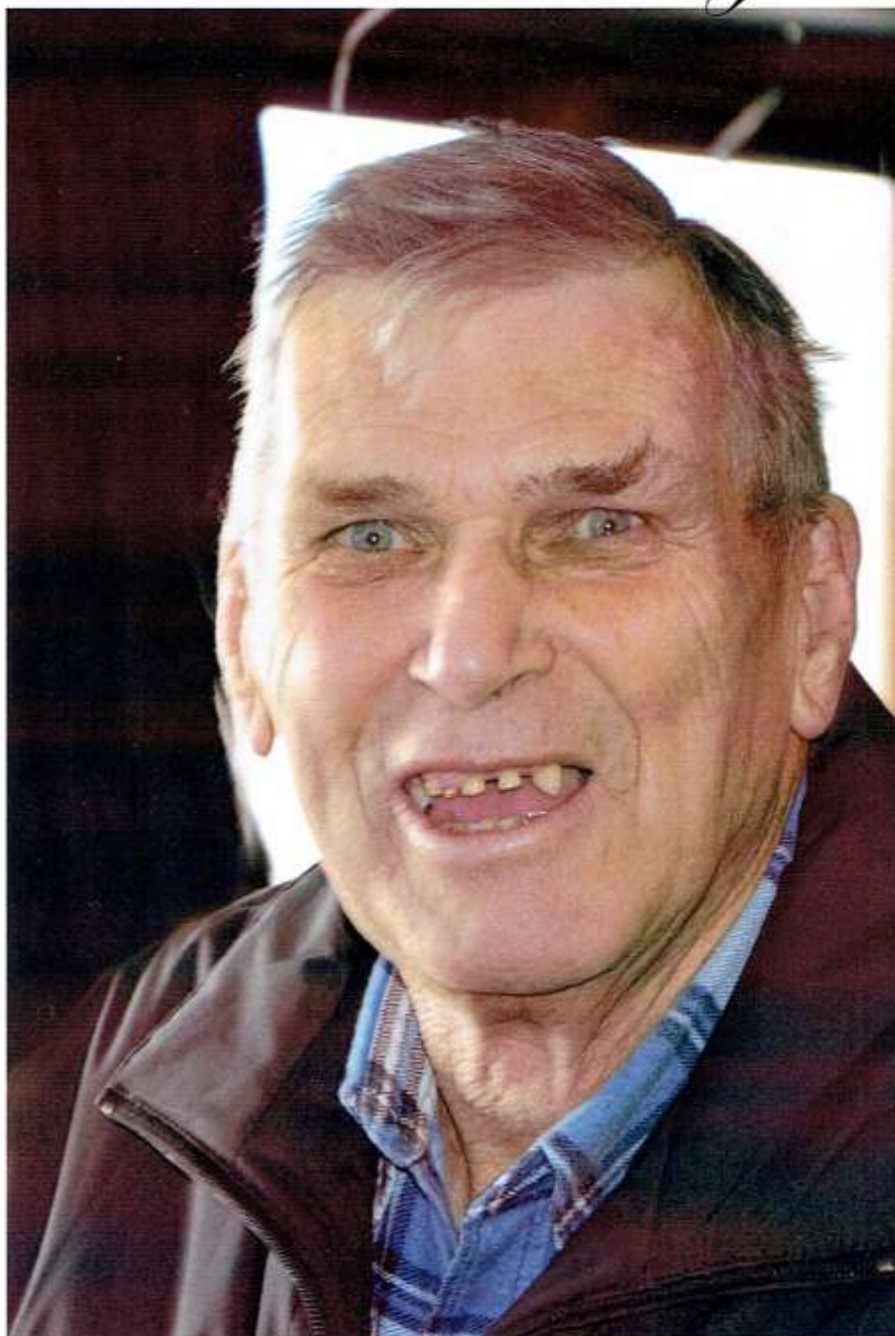
“Our primary goal continues to be managing the public health risk of Covid-19 and prevent its spread into any community,” says Deputy Chief Executive Managed Isolation and Quarantine Megan Main.

The additional Defence Force personnel will be completing duties such as managing movement of returnees within the facilities, conducting patrols, providing advice to returnees on Ministry of Health guidelines, escorting agency staff within the facility and assisting with security.

The deployment of the additional personnel will bring further protection for the mana whenua (local people) and the returnees.

3/6 Battalion, RNZIR already have personnel deployed in Hamilton & Auckland.

Remembering



Trevor John Archer
— 1936-2020 —

With Love We Remember

Trevor John Archer

Trevor was born in Whakatane on 13th August 1936
He passed away peacefully in Tauranga on 31st May 2020

A service to celebrate his life held in the
Pyes Pa Crematorium Chapel
403 Pyes Pa Road, Tauranga
On Friday 5th June 2020 2pm

Celebrant: Mike Savage
Funeral Director: Hope Family Funeral Services

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

Forever In Our Hearts

His Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of him as gone away
His journey's just begun;
Life holds so many facets
This earth is only one.

Just think of him as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how he must be wishing
that we could know, today,
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost.
And he was loved so much

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
Heaven

Give us this day, our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, the Power and the Glory
Forever and ever
Amen



A Message From Trevor's Family

Thank you for your love and support in being here today
either in person or from afar because of current
restrictions.

Trevor Archer - Obituary

77408 Sgt Trevor John Archer (Retired)

6th Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR

Previously served with RNZAF Fireman Whenuapai Base

Introduction, Des Anderson came from 10 years in Indochina, bring my family back to Tauranga, New Zealand, in **1975**.

1975. Joined the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR a TFV unit.

1975. Banned for 6 months from the Army Garrison Bar.

1975. Went to Waiouru MC for a month Heavy Weapons Training.

1976. Went to Singapore on Exercise Jualan (Jungle Training) for 6 weeks after attending a two weeks Annual Camp in Waiouru MC

1976 Trevor went on Exercise in Fiji; he was returned to NZ after becoming sick. **Trevor** was medically discharged.

Therefore, I as a Pte, had little contact with **Sgt Trevor Archer**.

However, the next best contact I had was in my Section I was the Section Commander, Reconnaissance Platoon, was Pte **Peter Archer**, David Greaves & Graham Pearce. Our Platoon Commander was Lt Ted Dean. Ted was later to become the highest ranking TFV as a Brigadier General.

23rd July 1995. At the formation of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Incorporated. I was elected the President. Trevor was elected the Secretary.

From that date Trevor & I became friends or has been mentioned, military family.

11 July 1998. We organised the Centennial Ball

1/ Dinners around the area.

I was a Manager at Sanford, as part of my salary package I had a company car with unlimited fuel.

2/ Funerals

3/ Write Newsletter.

The best thing we did was convinced Lynn to become an Editor.

Our Newsletters are stored online in the Tauranga Library.

4/ Most importantly just to visit Trevor.

July 1998. Took over the running of the Hauraki Garrison Bar on behalf of the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) RNZIR. Still running it. Profits go to running the Hauraki Museum & Army Cadets.

2003 Trevor retired as the Secretary.

Highlights for Trevor

At Exercise Air Defence, Trevor was the pilot who flew over Sgt George Scudder's farm acting as an enemy aircraft allowing troops on the ground to use their firearms (blank fire) to use led when firing at a moving aircraft. Maj Jim Taia was in charge of the Exercise.

Common Interests:

We are both Pilots

Trevor a Private Pilot. Trained in Tauranga with Wally at the Aviation School.

Des a Commercial Pilot. Trained at the Wanganui Aero Club.

Flown in NZ, Australia, Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia.

To keep my NZ licence, I had to fly 6 hrs every 6 months, plus an annual Full CAA Medical.

On **Wednesday** I took the opportunity to visit Trevor at the Hope Home Funeral Parlour. I said some Catholic prayers that my Grandmother had taught me. It was the first time I have been able to attend Church since Lockdown started. Normally my sister & I go to the Tauranga Church (her parish, where I married my late wife Kim) or the Mount Maunganui Church (St Thomas Moore, my Parish, where I was the Chairman of the Parish Council for 8 years)

I spent the rest of the allotted time reflecting on the great comradeship Trevor & I have had together. We may have had many debates, but never an argument.

This was the first time Trevor never spoke.

A true Brother.

New Zealand SAS soldiers plan one last sortie



NZ Prime Minister Sidney Holland inspects the NZ SAS squadron at the farewell parade at Parliament Buildings on 10 October 1955. Supplied image

The last remaining members of New Zealand's original Special Air Service squadron are set to reunite in Tauranga next year – but they need the public's help to make it happen.

Of the 132 men who flew to the Malayan jungle in 1955 to fight Communist Terrorists, only 32 are still alive and now living across New Zealand, Australia and the UK.

Tauranga resident David Ogilvy, aged 86, was one of the original recruits and wants to organise a reunion at Queen's Birthday weekend next June to mark the squadron's 65th anniversary.

"Veteran reunions offer many benefits for those who have served in the military and sacrificed for their country," David says. "We have forged an unbreakable bond that has seen us through the best and worst times of our lives. Reunions allow veterans to re-forged that bond, re-kindle past friendships and heal from past experiences together."

"Many of our squadron members are now in their 90s and the reality is, this will be the last major get-together we're likely to have."

Because the reunion is not open to the general public, David is struggling to get funds from traditional community funding bodies. So far, only BayTrust and two RSAs have come to the party and a Givealittle page has now been set up to try and raise the remaining \$13,500 required.

"Veterans are very well supported in Australia but in New Zealand there is little financial help available for ex-military. We are hoping the public and business community will be kind enough to help us raise the money we need."

The NZ SAS is a special forces unit of the New Zealand Army and has always been highly regarded as an elite military group. David was just 22 years-old when he answered the initial call for recruits. Over 800 applicants were received which were whittled down to 180 for training at Waiouru. Criteria for selection included being under 6ft (1.8m tall), weighing no more than 14 stone (88.9kg), having their own teeth, no criminal record, preferably single and having to pass a high intelligence threshold.

“From day one we ran everywhere,” David recalls. “It was physically demanding and mentally taxing. We were going to the tropics of Malaya but we trained in the snow at Waiouru. It hardened up the soldiers and we had a very strict training regime with an emphasis on shooting, weapon handling, field craft, minor tactics and immediate action drills.”

A further 50 soldiers were culled before the final squadron were sent to join the British 22nd SAS regiment in Kuala Lumpur in October 1955.

For the next two years the unit completed a series of three-month long deep jungle operations against hard core, jungle experienced, Communist Terrorists. Resupply was by air drop every 14 days.

Jungle operations were physically demanding and mentally taxing as individuals came to grips with the strange environment. In addition to possible ambush, soldiers had to contend with leeches, bull ants, scorpions and the possibility of being confronted by a tiger or elephant. Malaria and scrub typhus were other occupational hazards. David says his SAS squadron quickly adapted to jungle conditions and were successful in eliminating a number of Communist Terrorists.

“We lost two men while we were there but we all look back at that time as being the highlight of our lives,” David says. After returning to New Zealand, David went on to serve in Borneo, Vietnam and Fiji during his 27-year military career.

His greatest wish now is to re-gather the original squadron members in Tauranga and reminisce about the years and adventures they had together. Anyone willing to donate to the 65th reunion of the NZSAS Malayan Squadron can contribute on this Givealittle page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/final-65th-reunion-of-the-nzsas-malayan-squadron>



David Ogilvy with a picture of his original NZ SAS Squadron. Supplied image

The NZSAS Originals approached the 6th Battalion (Hauraki) Regimental Association Inc, if they would assist in controlling the finances of their upcoming final reunion. Your Executive, presented the plan to the the 6 Hau Assoc committee. In August 2018 the Committee agreed & pledged a donation of \$50.00 towards the event.

Note: At the close down of the account the NZSAS Originals, returned the \$50.00 donation in appreation of the assistance give to the NZSAS Originals.

The President was invited to attend their Reunion dinner.



Reunion Dinner

**New Zealand Special Air Service
Squadron**

1955 - 1957

Hotel Armitage
4 July 2020

SAS Selection

Selection is designed rather to find the individualist with a sense of self-discipline than the man who is primarily a good member of a team. For the disciplined individualist will always fit well into a team when teamwork is required, but a man selected for team work is by no means always suitable for work outside the team.



Major Dare Newell

Former SAS Regimental Adjutant





The last surviving members of the original NZ SAS Squadron in Tauranga this weekend.

Photo / George Novak, Bay of Plenty Times

The last surviving members of New Zealand's original Special Air Service squadron took to the skies over Tauranga in a DC-3 warbird this morning.

The special flight was to mark 65 years since the NZ SAS first fought communist terrorists in the Malayan jungle.

The NZ SAS is a special forces unit of the New Zealand Army and has always been highly regarded as an elite military group.

Only 28 members of the original 132-strong squad are still alive and many of them attended today's reunion.

"We're all aged in our late 80s and early 90s now so who knows if we will ever have another one?" Tauranga resident and reunion organiser, David Ogilvy said.

"Reunions allow veterans to re-forged that unbreakable bond, re-kindle past friendships and heal from past experiences together. This is probably our last opportunity to get together and reminisce."

The DC-3 scenic flight, operated by Air Chathams, is bound to invoke strong memories for the former soldiers, some of whom used to parachute out of similar aircraft from that era.



The last surviving members of the original NZ SAS squad board the aircraft. Photo / George Novak

Air Chathams Ltd Airline commercial manager Adrian Ali confirmed the classic plane was once under the command of the Royal New Zealand Air Force and was subsequently used as a passenger plane for the National Airways Corporation.

"It will be a privilege for us to carry these valuable military servicemen on Saturday so they can once again experience the type of aircraft they worked with during their yesteryear," Ali said.

Air Chathams now fly regular scenic flights from the Classic Flyers Museum at Tauranga Airport during the summer months and at selected events and air shows around New Zealand.

A Givealittle page was launched late last year to help fund today's reunion. Grants were also received from 14 RSAs throughout New Zealand as well as BayTrust, NZ Community Trust (NZCT), Pub Charity Ltd, Hugo Charitable Trust, Malayan/Vietnam Vets, Lotteries and Veterans Affairs.

In addition to the DC-3 flight, the men will also enjoy riding in vintage cars from the BOP Vintage Car club, watch a parachuting demonstration, and will gather for a dinner celebration on Saturday evening where the current Commanding Officer and Regimental Major from the NZ SAS will speak.

"We are most grateful to everyone who has helped bring our squadron together this weekend," Ogilvy said.

"Our group of fellows were a highly trained, well-skilled, well-officered group. So, to get together is still a very significant occasion."

When NZ SAS recruits were first called for, more than 800 applicants were received which were whittled down to 180 for training at Waiouru.

Criteria for selection included being under 6ft (1.8m tall), weighing no more than 14 stone (88.9kg), having their own teeth, no criminal record, preferably single and having to pass a high intelligence threshold.



The last surviving members of New Zealand's original Special Air Service (SAS) squadron got to ride in a DC-3 warbird. Photo / George Novak

A further 50 soldiers were culled before the final squadron were sent to join the British 22nd SAS regiment in Kuala Lumpur in October 1955.

For the next two years, the unit completed a series of three-month-long deep jungle operations against communist terrorists.

It was the beginning of a long legacy which continues today.

The NZSAS are highly regarded as the premier combat unit of the New Zealand Defence Force and has been operationally deployed all over the Pacific region, Afghanistan and throughout South-East Asia.

6th Battalion (Hauraki) Garrison has been in operation for fifty years, this year.

Due to COVID – 19, it has been decided to delay the 50th Celebrations until a more convenient time.

If you have any stories you would like to share be published in the Hauraki News, please forward them. If you have any photos that would be even better?

Letters to the Editor

Gone are the days when an honest man and his neutered missile can peacefully co-exist.

In fact, Dave Cross' anti-aircraft missile has only just landed back in his collection after its TradeMe auction caught the attention of police a couple of years ago.

The explosive bits are long gone and it has been rendered inoperable but trust is a scarce commodity for military memorabilia collectors, especially after the Christchurch mass-shooting last year.

Which makes next weekend's 'Militaria' Show all the more interesting.

Thousands of collectors have cashed in their automatic and semi-automatic firearms as part of a Government ban and buy-back scheme and are now turning their attention towards other types of military collectables.

Dave has been collecting military memorabilia for 46 years.

"I have visited a lot of the battle fields and cemeteries in France and Belgium and places like that. It's just something that started. In 1974 I think I kicked it off and collected all sorts of bits and bobs over the years."

His impressive collection, which includes two tanks, is safely hidden away. A lifetime of collecting that would be the envy of even a well-stocked museum.

Back at his house he's happy to share his passion for collecting, standing beneath a tiger moth propeller, inherited from his grandfather who served in both world wars. But he's equally as worried that people don't understand and are fearful after the events of last year – the mosque shooting in Christchurch.

"It wasn't our fault. It was the police vetting system. They let it down."

So now, law abiding citizens can no longer pursue their passion for semi-automatics and automatic weapons. They had to cash them in and now they need a new hobby.

"It's just been a nightmare really [the shooting last year] ... it has sort of taken away the semi-automatic style of collecting and now people are going back to the bolt action rifle collecting sort of thing. The money they have got they are spending in the older style stuff."

The upcoming Tauranga Militaria Show is evidence of that with 86 exhibition tables booked so far, which means enthusiasts will have a vast array of 'bits and bobs' to peruse.

Which brings us back to Dave's Seacat (surface to air) missile. It will be sitting on one of the tables and he is confident he will get more than \$1000 for it.

Like a lot of things, he purchased it and asked questions later.

"You grab things when they are there and then you find you haven't got room for it so it has to go somewhere."

He initially tried to sell it on TradeMe three years ago but the police turned up and took it away. It was returned just last month after being checked out by the navy and stamped it 'free of explosives.'

"It went through a lot of drama with the cops taking it off me because they thought it was full of explosives... I had to go to court to get it back."

But if you want to hear the story from Dave himself you will need to head to the Militaria Show at the Greerton Hall on August 15-16; from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and 10am-3pm on Sunday.

Now if you wish to hear the story from Dave come up to the Garrison and I am sure he will entertain you with his story.

Editor



Hi Des,

Below is a little review of the Junior NCO course that we have just completed on Saturday. Hopefully not too late for your August edition.

Ngā mihi
Renee.

Kia ora Des,

Lcpl O'Halloran and myself have just completed the Junior NCO course in Burnham.

It proved to be a challenging course with a mix between class room, weapons and field work.

I have learnt so much in my five years with 3/6 and I am thankful for the high calibre of leadership and skills within the Hauraki regiment. If not for the commitment of my 1 Up and Platoon Sergeant in relation to our training, qualifications and efficiency, I certainly would not be where I am today.

I would like to thank the staff at RTW for their support throughout the course and making the experiences positive.

Last but not least, a huge shout out to all the syndicate participants! A superb job done by all. If the opportunity arises, I will look forward to serving with you all.

Ngā mihi nui

Lcpl Douglas

P.S. Post course photo of myself and Lcpl O'Halloran (obviously stoked that we made it to the end!)



Hi Des,

Re: Reunion 2021,

If it is desirable to host members in Waikouaiti for a three-day event,

- a. This needs to be an association run activity. I am happy to plan and manage in Waikouaiti, but not without the association.
- b. This would need to be supported by 3/6 RNZIR as the hosting unit. IOT to use unit CC/SPC to book facilities.

- c. This would need to be on the agenda and supported by the association sooner rather than latter (Planning needs to be in NLT 2 Nov 2020). I will be posted to TAD through to Feb 2021, and will have limited time to commit.

Otherwise, will be coming up to Tauranga to attend ANZAC 21 like everyone else.

Re: 50yr birthday of the Garrison club. / News letter, WO2 Paul Thurston maybe able to provide some insight to the Army Reserve conference run over weekend 7-8 Aug in Wellington. Heard there were some very positive statements made for the future of the TF.

Re: Photo's, Unfortunately I don't have photos etc from the Garrison club.

RE: 175th Battle of Ruapekapeka commemorations is planned for 9-10 Jan 21. The Auckland Militia fought at the battle, along with Kororareka Rifles. The NZDF Historical, Protocols & Ceremonial Group (HPCP) are working with the Ruapekapeka Trust and DOC. War Graves commission are also involved since the discovery of some bodies.

Kia Kaha,

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Hi Des,

Good to chat.

The First Reunion of the 5WWCT Battalion is to be held at the Army Hall in Whanganui from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 February 2021. If you are interested in attending then you are welcome to join the Facebook page called 5WWCT Reunion. Or you can pre-register for the event with the Registrar (\$25) - Teresa Cousins on tlcuz@xtra.co.nz or on Facebook Messenger - same name and her photo includes a Poppy, or ringing the Association Secretary Rob Shirley 021 834592. There is a limit of 400 attendees with 40 pre-registrations as at the end of August. The program is drinks and nibbles on Friday evening, Saturday afternoon a pickup intercoy touch, Veterans Affairs reps will be available to speak to, shortly reunion merchandise will be available for pre-order, there will possibly be presently Serving involvement, the Colours will be present, the "do" with an evening meal on Saturday evening (note non-formal), reunion photos will start at 0915 Sunday morning. The first being the largest which is the Reunion Mass photo, then breaking down to smaller groupings such as Coys, Time blocks of Service, Exercises/Deployments, Intakes, etc.

Cheers

Rob Shirley

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