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Dear Members

Once again, I sincerely apologise for the lateness of this Newsletter. I've been busy with other things. Our new house is at the "lock-up" stage and our old house is on the market, although we have had no offers yet. Money is tight and will continue to be until we sell our existing house.

As advised in the January Newsletter, the Committee of Management, in conjunction with 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB at Warradale Barracks, is well advanced with preparations for the **2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion**. It will be held in the combined **Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Messes** on **Saturday 23 April** (an Invitation with all the details is attached to this Newsletter).

MAJ Karel Dubsky, RAEME Regional Representative Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16AD at Woodside Barracks, has advised that the **2005 Central Region RAEME Officers', WOs' & SNCOs' Formal Dinner** will be held in the **Sergeants' Mess** at **Woodside Barracks** on **Saturday 23 July 2005 (tentatively)**. As has happened for the last few years, bus transport will be provided from Keswick Barracks.

MAJ Richard Moyses, Officer Commanding 107 Field Workshop 9CSSB at Warradale Barracks, has advised that the **2005 RAEME Corps Birthday Family Function** will be held in the combined **Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Messes** on **Sunday 27 November (tentatively)**.

Please mark these dates in your Diary and make every effort to take part in these activities to help build Esprit de Corps in the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.

DIARY DATES 2005

<u>Activity/Function</u>	<u>Date</u>
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 21 April
- 2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion	Saturday 23 April
- 2005 ANZAC Day March	Monday 25 April
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 4 June
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 16 June
- 2005 Officers, WOs & SNCOs Formal Dinner (tentative)	Saturday 23 July
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 6 August
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 18 August
- RAEME Luncheon	Tuesday 13 September
- Fort Large Guns Restoration	Saturday 1 October
- Committee of Management Meeting	Thursday 20 October
- 2005 RAEME Birthday Family Function (tentative)	Sunday 27 November
- Fort Largs Guns Restoration	Saturday 3 December
- 2005 Annual General Meeting (tentative)	Sunday 11 December

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

The next Committee of Management meeting for 2005 will be held on **Thursday 21 April** at 7:30pm in the **Warradale Area Sergeants' Mess** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner). Entry to Warradale Barracks is through the Oaklands Road gate.

All members are very welcome.

2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion

As mentioned in the January Newsletter, LTCOL Ian Kennedy, Commanding Officer, 9th Combat Service Support Battalion, has given permission for our Association to conduct the 2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion in the **combined Warradale Area Officers' and Sergeants' Messes** (southern side of the oval, first building from the south west corner) on **Saturday 23 April** commencing at 7:00pm. Format will be similar to last year. A BBQ meal will be available from approximately 7:15pm to 8:15pm. Meal Tickets cost \$7:50, which includes entry in a Meal Ticket Raffle (the prize will be a bottle of 2004 RAEME Craftsman Port). Refreshments will be available from the Bar in the Sergeants' Mess. A "Remembrance Ceremony" will be held at 9:00pm commencing with the "Last Post". The function is expected to conclude at approximately 11:30pm.

This function is for serving and ex-serving members and their partners and friends. It will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and reminisce. Assistance will be required with Set Up, cooking the BBQ, selling Meal Tickets and Raffle Tickets, and Clean Up. **If you can help in any way please let me, David Turner, know on phone (08) 8381 3644 (after hours).**

An Invitation with all the details is attached to this Newsletter.

Please ring David Turner on phone (08) 8381 3644 (after hours) before Wednesday 13 April and let me know whether you will be attending and who your guests will be! If

the Security Level at Warradale Barracks increases, it may be necessary to either supply a list of names of those attending to the Security personnel on the gate, or to advise those attending of a change of Venue. In order to keep costs under control the Committee of Management has decided that **WE WILL ONLY CATER FOR THE NAMES NOTIFIED.** **Please make every effort to take part in this function to help build Esprit de Corps in the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.**

ANZAC DAY 2005

The ANZAC Commemorative March will be held on Monday 25 April commencing at 9:30am.

As agreed at the AGM in December 2004, AEME/RAEME contingent will be lead this year by MAJ Karel Dubsy, RAEME Regional Representative - Central Region and Battery Commander

of Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16th Air Defence Regiment (16AD) Woodside Barracks. The Committee of Management has given permission for MAJ Dubsy's father to march with AEME/RAEME (he is an ex RSM of Medical Corps who served in Vietnam and Borneo) as this will be the first time MAJ Dubsy has marched with his father. Please make both of them feel welcome on the day.

Also as agreed at the AGM, the winners of the ARA and GRes 2004 "RAEME Soldier of the Year" awards in Central Region will carry the Association Banner. The ARA winner was CFN Anthony Rann from Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16AD. Unfortunately, CFN Rann will be away on course so CFN Jeremy Stevens (also from the Workshop at 16AD) will march in his stead. The GRes winner was CPL Martin Potter from 3/9 Light Horse (SAMR) Technical Support Troop (the Workshop). Please make both of them feel welcome on the day.

Any ANZAC Day March queries should be directed to our Unit Guides, John Howard on phone (08) 8447 7681, Gary Howell on phone (08) 8262 3974 or Bob Killoran on phone (08) 8270 2222.

The Assembly Point for Group 6 is the same as last year, ie the eastern side of Pultney Street with head on Rundle Street and extending south to the Grenfell Street intersection (see map).

The route is also the same as last year, north along Pultney Street, west along North Terrace and north along King William Road to the dispersal area in Pennington Gardens.

Salutes (the Association Banner is to be lowered on "eyes right") are to be paid at the National War Memorial and the South African War Memorial on North Terrace, and the Official Dais on the eastern side of King William Road near the Parade Ground at Torrens Training Depot.

As happened last year, MAJ Karel Dubsy has offered a vehicle from the workshop at 16AD to follow behind Group 6 to allow WWII veterans who can no longer make the distance the opportunity to participate (thanks, Sir).

Please contact me, David Turner, on phone (08 8381 3644, after hours, to reserve a seat (the vehicle will return passengers to Pultney Street immediately after AEME/RAEME has been dismissed at the end of the March).

All persons who have:

1. Served in the Armed Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia, British Commonwealth countries or any country which, at the time of such service, was an ally of Australia, or
 2. Been allotted for duty in the March,
- are eligible to march.

Children are not permitted to participate in the March other than those who are Next-of-Kin of a deceased veteran and are 13 years of age or over. Those participating are required to wear the medals of the deceased relative (**over the right breast**) and are required to march with the "Next-of Kin" (Group 12 - Assembly Point on the eastern side of Pultney Street with head on Grenfell Street) or if a Legacy Ward with "Legacy" (Group 1 - Assembly Point on the southern side of North Terrace 50 metres east of Kintore Avenue).

The participation of the next-of-kin in the ANZAC Day March is a vexed issue. The RSL policy has been and remains, that next-of-kin marchers shall have reached their 13th birthday and march within Group 12. It is expected that one next-of-kin will march for a deceased family member unless, in extraordinary circumstances, a carer for the next-of-kin marcher is required.

Next-of-kin marchers shall, wherever possible, wear the service medals of their deceased relative **on their right breast** and must always be dressed in a manner appropriate to a march of this nature.

Whilst policy is that the next-of-kin will only march in Group 12, the RSL recognises that certain exceptional circumstances may exist within individual units, which may prompt units to invite selected next-of-kin to join them. Whilst not encouraging or condoning this practice, the RSL recognises the unit's right to decide upon and implement such exceptions if they so desire.

The recognition of these exceptions should not be viewed as any change in the RSL policy that has existed for many years.

Free car parking facilities will be provided upon display of Service Medals or RSL Badge at:

1. Gawler Place Car Park 5:15am - 6:00pm (no entry/exit during March 9:00am - 11:00am)
2. Hungry Jack's Car Park 8:00am - 6:00pm (no entry/exit during March 9:00am - 11:00am)
3. Harris Scarfe's Car Park 8:00am - 6:00pm

Toilet facilities will be provided as follows:

1. Council toilets in Hindmarsh Square
2. Ground floor level Hungry Jack's Car Park
3. Austin Street corner Pultney Street (portaloo x 1)
4. North Terrace opposite Pultney Street intersection (portaloo x 1)
5. Kintore Avenue opposite State National War Memorial (portaloo x 2)
6. South eastern side of City Bridge for WW1 veterans and VIPs
7. Rear of Adelaide University Oval and the Adelaide Oval
8. Portable toilets will be provided by the Adelaide City Council at the south eastern corner of Pennington Gardens.

As agreed at the AGM in December 2004, **Association Members should meet after the March on the Parade Ground at Torrens Training Depot** for refreshments and a light luncheon.

2005 CENTRAL REGION RAEME OFFICERS, WOS & SNCOS FORMAL DINNER

MAJ Karel Dubsky, RAEME Regional Representative - Central Region and Battery Commander of Support Battery (the Workshop) at 16th Air Defence Regiment (16AD) Woodside Barracks, is organising the annual Formal Dinner for serving and ex-serving RAEME ARA and GRes Officers, WOs and SNCOs and members of the Association.

The Dinner will be held on **Saturday 13 August (tentative)** in the **Sergeants' Mess at Woodside Barracks**. Bus transport will be provided from Keswick Barracks Sergeants' Mess for Adelaide Plains dwellers.

A personal invitation will be posted to all eligible Association members when the details have been finalised. **Mark the date in your Diary now! Please make every effort to take part in this function to help promote Esprit de Corps in the Corps of RAEME in South Australia.**

FUNNY LETTER

After numerous reams of data; we don't even know if Osama is still alive. Osama himself decided to send George W a letter in his own handwriting to let him know he was still in the game. Bush opened the letter and it appeared to contain a coded message:

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Bush was baffled with the code so he e-mailed it to Colin Powell. Colin and his aides had no clue either so they sent it to the FBI. No one could solve it so it went to the CIA, on then to NASA, then the Secret Service.

With no clue as to it's meaning, they eventually asked Britain's MI6 for help. "Q" cabled the White House as follows:

"Tell the President he is holding the message upside down".

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Autumn 2005*

FORT LARGS GUNS RESTORATION REPORT

Unfortunately, the Work Party planned for Saturday 2 April had to be postponed due to personnel being unavailable. This Work Party will now take place on Saturday 7 May.

Work Parties for the rest of 2005 are scheduled for the following Saturdays, 4 June, 6 August, 1 October and 3 December. Members are very welcome to visit (you don't need to bring your overalls) as we enjoy the chance to show people what we have achieved. I do ask that you contact me, on phone (08) 8326 2581, or a member of the Work Party, prior to the scheduled date to check that the Work Party has not been rescheduled.

- *Keith Tainsh*

PICTORIAL HISTORY

At the 2003 Corps Committee meetings BRIG R.L.G. Grant, the retiring Representative Colonel Commandant, put forward a proposal to produce a new Corps history in a “coffee table” style format featuring images and short stories of individuals undertaking their daily activities in the Corps. The committee supported the proposal and felt that the timing was right for a new Corps publication, particularly in light of recent operations and activities. The emphasis of this history would be preserving the Corps heritage in photographs and art works supported by short stories. At the recent 2004 Corps Committee meeting, BRIG Grant presented and outline proposal for the publication of a Corps pictorial history. This article describes the key elements of that proposal.

Working Title - *In Peace and War - A Pictorial Memoir of RAEME, the Corps of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.*

Technical Details - As a guide, it is suggested that the Corps Committee produce a 150 page book 22.5 cm x 30 cm in size in a quality gloss finish. This would result in a visual product of a type usually described as “coffee book” style.

Aim and Approach - This project is not a history of the Corps of the Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. The rationale rather is to produce a book that is attractive and visual and that captures through images and linked text, the spirit and achievements of the Corps since its inception in 1942.

The selection of images is the key to the project and every attempt will be made to select images on the following criteria:

- They depict the many activities individuals or groups (teams or FRTs) of Corps members undertake on a daily basis in the Corps in Support of our customers.
- They have generally not appeared in other RAEME publications.
- They would be of interest to RAEME personnel and the general reader.
- They lend themselves to detailed captions and or to a linking narrative.

Structure - The images and copy of the book would follow a chronological sequence:

1. Introduction and a brief history of RAEME
2. Foundations and the Second World War 1942 - 1945
 - On the Home Front
 - The Middle East
 - The South West Pacific
3. The Occupation of Japan and the Korean War
4. Forward Defence: RAEME and South East Asia in the 1960s
 - Malayan Campaign
 - Borneo
 - Thailand
 - New Guinea
5. Vietnam 1965 - 1972
6. Post Vietnam Operation Services - Rhodesia, Namibia, Somalia, Cambodia, Iraq Wars 1 & 2, Bougainville, Rwanda, Timor, Afghanistan and peace keeping operations
7. Serving the Nation
 - Workshop units at home, training - individual and collective, sporting achievements
 - Antarctica
 - Aid to the civil community: Cyclone Tracy, Tasman Bridge
 - Survey Operations
 - Support for other Defence Forces - Indonesia, PNG, Thai Defence Forces and Pacific Islands

Note: The portrayal of individuals includes regulars, reservists, civilian and all ranks.

Methodology - The plan is to establish a project team responsible for management and coordination. Sub committees will be formed to address key aspects such as editing, marketing, sponsorship, collection and process of material and facilitating access to Australian War

Memorial archives, defence installations, unit records and other visual records of RAEME activities. The nominated project officer is MAJ Arthur Tsamis, who is currently the Chief Instructor of the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School, Oakey. MAJ Graham Anderson, SO2 Corps Heritage (WEF Jan 05) will perform coordination, liaison and secretariat function for the project team. The proposed committee structure is shown below. Members who are interested in working as part of the project team are invited to forward their details to the SO2 Corps (MAJ John Haley).

Author - The Corps committee is establishing a short list of potential authors. The proposal described in this article is a result from discussions between BRIG Grant and Mr. James Mason B.A. (Honours History), Dip. Ed., Grad Dip Ed Admin. Mr. Mason is a well published historian and has expressed an interest in producing the book.

Summary - It is now over 12 years since the last Corps commissioned publication of *Craftsmen of the Australian Army: The story of RAEME*. Copies are no longer available for purchase. There has been a range of significant events in the past 10-15 years with many RAEME stories to be told and it is believed a Corps "coffee book" style publication is a great way for those stories to be told. Stay tuned for more information and start collecting your photos and stories.

- *Courtesy "RAEME CRAFTSMAN" Issue No.53 Summer 2004/5*

This item was mentioned by MAJ Karel Dubsy during his address at our recent AGM (see article above). Robin Maslen has offered to be the point of contact for any submissions from Association members. If you have any photos with captions and/or short stories that you would like to submit for consideration you can contact Robin at his home address:

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e-mail: rmaslen@ozemail.com.au**

SUMMARY OF CORPS COMMITTEE OUTCOMES

The following was provided by BRIG Ross Grant AM (Rtd) in the UK:

- **Review of the RAEME Corps Strategic Plan** - BRIG has given BRIG McGahey an undertaking to review this document in the next few months once he is settled in the UK.
- **Appointment of COL's COMDTs** - The changeover of Col's Comdt was agreed and will be announced in the forthcoming *Craftsman* if the Chief of Army approves the proposed appointments.
- **Museum Funding** - There has been little progress with the development of the RAEME display. However, with the recent presentation of a cheque for \$3,000 by the RAEME Vietnam Veteran's Association of Vic, which is disbanding, the momentum can be regained. The appointment of MAJ Graham Anderson, the Corps new SO2 Heritage, together with his allocation of 100 ARES man days, should be able to revitalise the museum development. In the Chairman's opinion, the development of the Museum should become a key responsibility and focus of the Corps Committee, the Corps in general and the bona fide RAEME Associations, if the Corps wants its heritage preserved. This is an area which also needs an injection of manpower (either volunteer or reservists man days) to keep the momentum for development going
- **RAEME Memorial Usage** - A Corps Instruction was to be produced last year but is yet to be completed. MAJ Graham Anderson will look into this, when he is appointed.
- **RAEME Associations and a desire for a National Affiliation** - This was a new item of business, which came out of discussions about the requirement for the associations to develop for members of the Corps, or for retired members to have some allegiance to their old Corps. The Committee agreed it was beyond the power and resources of the appointed HOC, and his staff, to manage the Associations or even weld them ever so loosely into a national body. Rather, this should be a role for the COL's COMDT under the stewardship of the REP COL COMDT. To that end, it was agreed that a meeting be chaired by you in 2005, which brought the Association Reps together for an exploratory meeting with their local COL's COMDTs. An agenda has been provided to MAJ Graham Anderson and it was up to

COL Smith the REP COL COMDT (Elec) to decide the time place, level of attendance and final agenda. The general aim was to encourage closer ties between the Associations and the Corps, standardise their membership criteria (open to all who have been associated with the Corps) and agree on a strategy to:

- promote the Corps,
- celebrate the Corps achievements through appropriate activities, and
- preserve the Corps heritage in whatever manner thought appropriate, but principally through the written word and our Museum displays.
- **Corps Port** - Being produced by the Aviation Support Group Workshops to celebrate the 40 years of service RAEME has given to Army Aviation.
- **Fundraising**
 - **Sale of Banner Miniatures** - The last sale of the limited edition banners was very successful and SO2 Corps Heritage's advice was to "hasten slowly" towards the next release - probably 2005-06.
 - **Another Corps History** - It was agreed that the proposal from the proposed author, Mr. James Mason, be agreed in principal. BRIG Grant was tasked to put together an outline plan for an as yet to be established project team. The Chairman explained that the role of the Corps Committee was to overview the process and support the volunteer project officer, MAJ Arthur Tsamis, and SO2 Corps, who will have a major role to get the ball rolling and manage the project. BRIG Grant will write separately on this subject to Mr. Mason, and the first step is to get an agreed project plan in place and advise Mr. Mason of the process. His proposed writing plan is simple but Corps Committee needs to amend it slightly to cater for a range of photos from individuals currently serving, or previously associated with the Corps and not just rely on the AWM.
- **Corps Awards** - The process has worked better this year, but the decision making about the final recipients was incomplete. The number of nominations improved marginally over other years. BRIG Grant asked that the process continue to be improved and asked the HOC organisation to resolve the matter, in particular the RSM, SO2 Corps and SO2 Corps Heritage.
- **Medals Board** - All work is completed and the board was presented to the REME Museum during a visit to the UK by BRIG McGahey. A reciprocal presentation was made to the Army Logistic Museum, by the visiting REME representative, who attended the Conference. It comprised art works painted by REME POW from the Second World War of life in the Japanese Prison in Changi.
- **Renewal of the RAEME presence at the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering and the Avenue of Honour for the Army Apprentices** - BRIG Grant and the HOC, BRIG McGahey, acknowledged the work undertaken by COL David Creagh and his staff to revitalise the Corps' presence at the Corps School, has been first class and asked that the minutes will reflect the results. He also congratulated COL Creagh, in absentia, on his recent promotion and appointment to AHQ. The new CO of the Army School of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering is to be LTCOL Andy Adams. BRIG asked that his congratulations be passed on to LTCOL Adams.
- **RAEME Database** - This issue should be incorporated into the discussion of the role and function of the Corps associations. However, it will require linkages between the SO2 Corps, who has a database for the mailing of the Craftsman, Associations who maintain current databases of some serving but mainly retired people and other lists around the traps. This development will take time and a lot of effort and will be discussed further at the proposed associations' conference mentioned above.

- Courtesy "Spanner News" Edition 8 - January 2005

OLD BUTCH

John the farmer was in the fertilized egg business. He had several hundred young egg-laying hens called pullets and eight or ten roosters, whose job was to fertilize the eggs. The farmer kept records and any rooster that didn't perform went into the soup pot and was replaced. That

took an awful lot of his time so he bought a set of tiny bells and attached them to his roosters. Each bell had a different tone so John could tell from a distance, which rooster was performing. Now he could sit on the porch and fill out efficiency ACA report simply by listening to the bells. The farmer's favourite rooster was Old Butch, a very fine specimen he was, too. But on this particular morning John noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all! John went to investigate. The other roosters were chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing. The pullets, hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

BUT, to Farmer John's amazement, Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job and walk on to the next one. John was so proud of Butch, he entered him in the county fair... and Butch became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result...

The judges not only awarded Butch the "No Bell Piece Prize" but they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.

Clearly Butch was a Politician in the making. Who else could figure out how to win two of the most highly coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention?

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT TO HONOUR AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

The Malaysian Government will award a commemorative medal to Australian servicemen and women who served in Malaysia from 1957 to 1966, Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence De-Anne Kelly announced today. The Malaysian Government has produced the award, titled Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM), in recognition of their "distinguished chivalry, gallantry, sacrifice, or loyalty" in contributing to the freedom of independence of Malaysia.

"Australia and Malaysia have enjoyed a long standing and valued relationship based on a common goal of supporting regional stability and security," Mrs Kelly said. "This acknowledgement of the contribution our service men and women made to the security of Malaysia and the region deepens that relationship."

It is expected that as many as 12,000 current and former service men and women will be presented the PJM.

The Malaysian Government has set the following eligibility guidelines:

- The PJM will be awarded to Australian Defence personnel, who served in the prescribed areas from 31 August 1957 to 12 August 1966, and to 9 August 1965 for service in Singapore (the point at which it separated from the Federation of Malaysia).
- Service until 31 December 1966 will also qualify for those personnel who were posted to Malaysia for service prior to 12 August 1966, but failed to qualify for the medal before that date.
- Awards will also be made to those whose service was cut short as a result of death or injury as a result of service in these areas.
- Around 40 former members of the Australian Army who were recruited by the Government of the Federation of Malaya to serve as Lieutenants in the Malaysian Police Force are also eligible for the award.

The Department of Defence will receive applications, verify the service and eligibility and facilitate the approval to wear the award in accordance with guidelines for foreign awards.

"In all possible circumstances, senior representatives from the Malaysian Government will present medals personally to recipients, including next of kin in cases of posthumous awards," Mrs Kelly said.

For a copy of the application form, members should either call the toll-free medals' hotline 1800 111 321 or go to the Defence Honours and Awards website at: www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dpe_site/honours_awards/. Full details of eligibility for the medal will also be found at this website address.

- *Courtesy Minister for Defence Media Release, Wednesday 19 January 2005*

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE PARLIAMENTARY PROGRAM LAUNCHED FOR 2005

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Teresa Gambaro, today launched the 2005 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program (ADFPP), an initiative that gives Senators and Members of Parliament a taste of what it is like to serve in the ADF.

"The ADFPP provides a unique opportunity for parliamentarians to gain a more fully informed appreciation of the Australian Defence Force," Ms Gambaro said. "Program participants spend time at the working level with both Defence and civilian personnel in the ADF, allowing them greater insight into the conditions of service and greater understanding of the current responsibilities of the ADF."

Parliamentarians are offered a number of ADF attachment options each calendar year, programmed during the Autumn and Winter recesses.

"In gaining this type of experience, parliamentarians will be able to contribute to debate on Defence and National Security issues in a more informed manner," Ms Gambaro said.

About 30 years ago, approximately 40% of federal parliamentarians had served in the ADF in some form. Immediately prior to the instigation of the ADFPP in 2001 that figure was no more than 5%. Sixteen different attachment options are programmed for this year, including deployment on board HMAS ANZAC for overseas operations, fast jet aircrew training at RAAF Williamtown and patrol and training activities with the 51st Far North Queensland Regiment.

An exchange element was introduced in 2003 which involved attaching ADF members to a parliamentarian's office at Parliament house for a week.

"This part of the Program has also proved of great benefit by enabling a much greater appreciation of the workload and pressures parliamentarians face in their service to the people of Australia," Ms Gambaro said.

BACKGROUND

ADFPP Attachment Options for 2005

The following attachments are offered for the 2005 ADF Parliamentary Program (ADFPP). The majority of the attachment dates are indicative and aligned with planned ADF operations. Attachment details may change for operational reasons. Travel to and from overseas attachments is the responsibility of the participating Member of Parliament. Options include:

1. Navy - Sea ride HMAS ANZAC whilst deployed overseas and attend Anzac Day commemorations in Anzac Cove - April 2005
2. Navy - Visit the Navy in the North - April 2005
3. Navy - Sea ride units involved in Exercise Kakadu 2005 - July 2005
4. Navy - RAN Training Bases (HMAS Creswell and HMAS Cerberus) - September 2005
5. Navy - Sea ride Fremantle Class Patrol Boat - September 2005
6. Army - Army Aviation Training Centre (AAvnTC) - 18 to 25 March and any 4 days in April 2005
7. Army - Combat Arms Training Centre (CATC) - March, April, May 2005
8. Army - Land Command Engineers (AACAP) 06 - July 2005
9. Army - Training with 51 FNQR (Far North Queensland Regiment) - May to September 2005
10. Air Force - RAAF Richmond Air Lift Group - date TBA
11. Air Force - RAAF Williamtown Air Combat Group - date TBA
12. Air Force - RAAF Edinburgh (92 Wing, 1RTU and ARDU) - July 2005
13. Air Force - RAAF Wagga - Ground Training Wing - 25 to 29 July 2005 (preferred) or 18 to 22 July 2005
14. Air Force - RAAF Base Pearce - date TBA
15. Joint Operations - Headquarters Australian Theatre - date TBA
16. Strategic Dialogues - Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian Defence College - date TBA

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Wednesday 9 February 2005*

MEDAL CONTINUES TO RECOGNISE NATIONAL SERVICE

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, De-Anne Kelly has urged former National Servicemen to apply for the Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal.

"More than 320 000 former National Servicemen were identified as eligible at the time of the medal's creation in 2001. However, only 120 000 have come forward to date to claim their entitlement," Mrs Kelly said.

Mrs Kelly made the call ahead of delivering an address and laying a wreath at the National Servicemen's Association remembrance ceremony at the Martin Place Cenotaph, Sydney, today.

Between 1951 - 1959 more than 227 000 young Australians undertook a period of full-time and part-time service under the national service scheme. From January 1965 through until December 1972, a further 63 000 national servicemen gave between 18 months and two years of full time service. In addition more than 30 000 Australians elected to complete their national service obligation as members of the Citizens Military Force under the 1965 - 1972 national service scheme. As well as their military duties at home, many National Servicemen served overseas in international conflicts during the 1960s.

"National servicemen served in Malaysia and Borneo during the Indonesian Confrontation, and some 17 400 served with distinction in South Vietnam," Mrs Kelly said.

Those who believe they are eligible should fill out an application form, available through State branches of the National Serviceman's Association and the Returned and Services League of Australia, electoral offices of MP's and Senators, or through the Defence Honours and Awards website at: www.defence.gov.au/dpe/dpe_site/honours_awards/ or toll free on 1800 111 321.

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Sunday 13 February 2005*

\$35 MILLION DEFENCE PACKAGE TO BOOST ARMY'S COMBAT CAPABILITY

Australian Defence Force personnel will be better equipped to defeat enemy forces on the battlefield under a \$35 million equipment package announced today by Defence Minister Robert Hill.

Senator Hill said the package will improve the fighting capability and safety of the Army's regular infantry battalions in future combat operations.

"Delivering on a Coalition election promise, our infantry soldiers will receive enhanced night fighting equipment, improved load carrying equipment, additional protective clothing, improved body armour and a significant increase in communications equipment," Senator Hill said. Our Special Forces have already proved the effectiveness of some of these technologies during recent operations and the Government has decided to deliver some of the same equipment to the regular infantry battalions."

The package, to be introduced from late 2005, is part of Army's Project Wundurra which is an evolutionary project that will continue to monitor emerging technologies and ensure our soldiers are equipped with the necessary capabilities for the future. This equipment purchase is scheduled to be delivered within 18 months and will complement other Government initiatives to improve our soldiers capability on the battlefield.

Recent initiatives include the upgrade of 350 M113 tracked armoured vehicles, the delivery of new ASLAV wheeled armoured reconnaissance vehicles, the introduction of the Bushmaster infantry mobility vehicles, the purchase of Abrams tanks and the increase in Army's helicopter troop lift capability.

Senator Hill said that the Coalition Government has given the men and women of the ADF a long-term commitment to provide them with the necessary equipment and support they need to safely carry out the operations that are asked of them. This project is another example of this Government delivering on this commitment.

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Tuesday 22 February 2005*

GRANT TO RESTORE WAR MEMORIALS IN ADELAIDE AND PROSPECT

The South African War memorial on the corner of North Tce and King William St in Adelaide will be restored by the Adelaide City Council thanks to a grant of \$10,300 from the Australian Government, Defence Minister and South Australian Senator Robert Hill announced today.

Senator Hill also announced that the Prospect RSL Sub-branch has been awarded a grant of \$2,470 from the Australian Government to refurbish the Prospect War Memorial.

The grants have been made under the Australian Government's Commemorations program, Saluting Their Service, approved by Veterans' Affairs Minister, De-Anne Kelly.

"Saluting Their Service encourages the community to remember and honour the contribution made by Australians who have served in wars, conflicts and peace operations since Federation," Senator Hill said. "The South African War Memorial was unveiled on 6 June 1904. It was paid for by public subscription and is listed on the State Heritage Register. Exposure to the elements and pollution have caused major deterioration to the memorial. Restoration works are urgently needed to bring it back to its former glory. The memorial is located directly outside Government House and adjacent to Parliament House. It forms part of numerous tourist walks and is a major attraction for school students and visitors to Adelaide."

Senator Hill said the Prospect War Memorial was dedicated in 1988.

"Over the years the memorial has become discoloured and water has entered the joints of the memorial. The refurbishment will include replacing the roof and damaged lettering. The memorial will then be sealed and cleaned," Senator Hill said. "This project will provide a fitting tribute to the district's servicemen and women to ensure their sacrifice and service is remembered by future generations. I congratulate both the Adelaide City Council and the Prospect RSL on their initiative, and I am pleased that the Australian Government has been able to help."

Since the launch of the commemorations program in 1997, more than \$7 million in grants to over 3000 ex-service and community organisations has been approved. Projects supported have included the restoration and construction of community war memorials and commemoration of significant wartime anniversaries.

More information about Saluting Their Service and grant application forms are available by contacting the office of Senator Hill on (08) 8237 7920.

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Monday 28 February 2005*

NINE COMPANIES SHORT-LISTED FOR ADF VEHICLES TENDER

Nine companies have been short-listed to supply medium and heavy military vehicles to the Australian Defence Force as part of Project Overlander, Defence Minister Robert Hill announced today. The short-listed companies are ADI Limited, Daimler Chrysler Australia-Pacific, General Dynamics - Land Systems Australia, MAN Nutzfahrzeuge AG, Mack Truck Australia, Scania Australia, Stewart & Stevenson, Tenix Defence and Terex Corporation.

Senator Hill said the short-list was selected after detailed assessment of responses from 18 companies following an invitation to register interest.

Senator Hill also announced that ADF light vehicles would be acquired through an open tender process and that plans for acquisition of trailers were also being finalised. As part of the initial phase of Project Overlander, vehicles and trailers will be replaced in Army's high readiness units, such as 3 Brigade, 5 Aviation Regiment, 10 Force Support Battalion located in Townsville and Sydney and RAAF high readiness units located in Amberley. The vehicles and trailers are scheduled to be delivered between 2008 and 2010 at a cost of up to \$600 million. A later phase of the project will replace the vehicle and trailer fleet in remaining units.

"Field vehicles and trailers are the backbone of the Australian Defence Force's land warfighting support, sustainment, deployment and redeployment structure. They are used to transport personnel, combat supplies, materiel, replacement combat systems and to evacuate casualties from the battlefield if necessary," Senator Hill said. "These vehicles and trailers also serve as platforms and prime movers for weapons systems, and command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, reconnaissance, surveillance and electronic warfare capabilities. Our

current fleet is ageing and is becoming more costly to maintain and upgrade. The vehicles will comprise six classes of basic vehicle chassis, ranging from lightweight to prime movers with interchangeable modules to increase operational flexibility."

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Thursday 17 March 2005*

DEFENCE STATEMENT - SUPER SEASPRITE HELICOPTERS

The Navy's Super Seasprite project has been misrepresented by claims made in today's Sydney Morning Herald newspaper.

The aircraft is currently undergoing a certification process before it can become fully operational. Defence expects to receive a certified helicopter later this year. Once accepted, the Super Seasprite will fulfill all of its planned roles including search and rescue operations in poor visibility. This is a normal and proper process for Defence to follow in testing a new aircraft's capability, safety and airworthiness. Defence does not take shortcuts when it comes to capability and technology that will be used by our Defence personnel.

The Super Seasprite will provide a significant capability boost to the Anzac class frigates.

Defence is also working through a range of issues that are expected to be rectified or mitigated by the time a fully capable helicopter is accepted by Defence. Further flight testing is planned later this year to allow the fully configured helicopter to be presented to Defence's independent Airworthiness Board for certification.

- *Courtesy Defence Media Release, Saturday 19 March 2005*

2004 CRAFTMAN'S PORT

The 2004 Craftman's Port is sponsored by Army Aviation Support Group Workshop and the Rotary Wing Aircraft Maintenance School. Cost is \$15 per bottle.

Contact Keith Tainsh on phone (08) 8326 2581 if you wish to purchase some. They will also be available for sale at the 2005 RAEME Mixed ANZAC Reunion.

DID YOU KNOW THIS?

- Did you know that 47 countries have re-established their embassies in Iraq?
- Did you know that the Iraqi government employs 1.2 million Iraqi people?
- Did you know that 3100 schools have been renovated, 364 schools are under rehabilitation, 263 schools are now under construction and 38 new schools have been built in Iraq?
- Did you know that Iraq's higher educational structure consists of 20 universities, 46 institutes or colleges and 4 research centers?
- Did you know that 25 Iraq students departed for the United States in January 2004 for the re-established Fulbright program?
- Did you know that the Iraqi Navy is operational? They have 5- 100-foot patrol craft, 34 smaller vessels and a naval infantry regiment.
- Did you know that Iraq's Air Force consists of three operation squadrons, 9 reconnaissance and 3 US C-130 transport aircraft which operate day and night, and will soon add 16 UH-1 helicopters and 4 bell jet rangers?
- Did you know that Iraq has a counter-terrorist unit and a Commando Battalion?
- Did you know that the Iraqi Police Service has over 55,000 fully trained and equipped police officers? [Thank you, Ron!!]
- Did you know that there are 5 Police Academies in Iraq that produce over 3500 new officers each 8 weeks?
- Did you know there are more than 1100 building projects going on in Iraq?
They include 364 schools, 67 public clinics, 15 hospitals, 83 railroad stations, 22 oil facilities, 93 water facilities and 69 electrical facilities.
- Did you know that 96% of Iraqi children under the age of 5 have received the first 2 series of polio vaccinations?
- Did you know that 4.3 million Iraqi children were enrolled in primary school by mid October?
- Did you know that there are 1,192,000 cell phone subscribers in Iraq and phone use has gone up 158%?

- Did you know that Iraq has an independent media that consist of 75 radio stations, 180 newspapers and 10 television stations?
- Did you know that the Baghdad Stock Exchange opened in June of 2004?
- Did you know that 2 candidates in the Iraqi presidential election had a recent televised debate recently?

OF COURSE WE DIDN'T KNOW!

WHY DIDN'T WE KNOW? OUR MEDIA WOULDN'T TELL US!

Because a Bush-hating media and Democratic Party would rather see the world blow up than lose their power. Instead of shouting these accomplishments from every rooftop, they would rather show photos of what a few perverted malcontent soldiers have done in prisons in many cases never disclosing the circumstances surrounding the events. Instead of showing our love for our country, we get photos of flag burning incidents at Abu Ghraib and people throwing snowballs at presidential motorcades. The lack of accentuating the positive in Iraq serves only one purpose. It undermines the world's perception of the United States and our soldiers.

I AM ASHAMED OF MY FELLOW AMERICANS WHO WOULD RATHER SEE TERRORISM SUCCEED THAN A REPUBLICAN PRESIDENT.

- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

NURSING THOUGHTS

And they say our health service is still in good condition and we should be confident in hospital care.

Actual writings on major regional hospital charts:

1. The patient refused autopsy.
2. The patient has no previous history of suicides.
3. Patient has left white blood cells at another hospital.
4. Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
5. She has no rigours or shaking chills, but her husband states she was very hot in bed last night.
6. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
7. On the second day the knee was better, and on the third day it disappeared.
8. The patient is tearful and crying constantly. She also appears to be depressed.
9. The patient had been depressed since she began seeing me in 1993.
10. Discharge status: Alive but without my permission.
11. Healthy appearing decrepit 69 year old male, mentally alert but forgetful.
12. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
13. She is numb from her toes down.
14. While in ER, she was examined, X-rated and sent home.
15. The skin was moist and dry.
16. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
17. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
18. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
19. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life, until she got a divorce.
20. I saw your patient today, who is still under our car for physical therapy.
21. Both breasts are equal and reactive to light and accommodation.
22. Examination of genitalia reveals that he is circus sized.
23. The lab test indicated abnormal lover function.
24. Skin: somewhat pale but present.
25. The pelvic exam will be done later on the floor.
26. Patient fell over large brown stool ambulating in the hall.
27. Patient has two teenage children, but no other abnormalities.

- *Courtesy "The Horse's Mouth" Autumn 2004*

WEB SITE ADDRESSES

AEME/RAEME Association of SA Inc: www.raemesa.com
 AEME/RAEME Association - ACT: members.austarmetro.com.au/~lwedd/raeme
 RAEME Association NSW Inc. www.raemensw.com
 The RAEME Association of QLD: www.raemeqld.org
 Army Apprentices: www.armyappies.no-ip.org
www.armyappy.com
 National Service Association: www.nashos.org.au
 Vietnam Veterans Federation: www.vvfragranville.org.au
 Department of Defence: www.defence.gov.au
 World War II personnel details: www.ww2roll.gov.au
 Australian/Commonwealth Honours: www.itsanhonour.gov.au

If there are other Web Sites that you know of that may be of interest to other members, please let me know. If any of the Web Sites listed are not working please let me know.

RAEME CORPS ITEMS

Below is an up-to-date list of RAEME Corps Items held by the Army Museum Bandiana and their costs. I have one of each of the RAEME items so that I can set up a display of most of the items listed below at our functions together with a supply of order forms (the items are not for sale as they belong to me, not the Association).

RAEME Book "Craftsmen of the Australian Army"	\$45:00
RAEME Tie	\$25:00
RAEME Tie Pin	\$6:50
RAEME Pewter Coaster (2 per pack)	\$8:00
RAEME Thermal Mug	\$15:00
RAEME Stubby Holder	\$7:00
RAEME Plaque	\$40:00
RAEME Print - Presentation of the Prince Philip Banner (unframed)	\$5:00
RAEME First Day Covers of the above Banner Presentation	\$2:50
RAEME Statue "The Craftsman"	\$85:00
RAEME Coffee Cup	\$7:00
RAEME Mouse Mat	\$6:00
Army Apprentice Hat & Collar Badges	\$5:00
Army Apprentice Plaques	\$40:00
Artificer's Plaques	\$40:00
Artificer's Stubby Holders	\$7:00
Apprentice & RAR Mouse mats	\$6:00
Field Message Note Book	\$10:00
Field Message Note Book Refills	\$2:50
Note Book Cover DPCU	\$15:00
20 Page Vuee Tuee	\$10:00
40 Page Vuee Tuee	\$15:00
Deluxe Vuee Tuee Cover DPCU	\$20:00

If you are interested in purchasing any items, phone **Army Museum Bandiana** on (02) 6055 2525, Monday to Friday between 8:00am and 4:00pm or fax them on (02) 6055 2886. The prices include GST, but not postage and handling. However, they will tell you how much your order will cost when you ring to enquire. Note that prices are also subject to change (please check prior to ordering). Payment can be made by Cheque or Postal Note. Credit Card facilities are available only on the premises. The postal address is:

Army Museum Bandiana
PO Box 26
MILPO BANDIANA VIC 3694

33 REASONS TO SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't.
 2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
 3. I work hard because millions on welfare depend on me.
 4. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
 5. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
 6. Don't take life too seriously; no one gets out alive.
 7. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
 8. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
 9. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
 10. Quoting one is plagiarism; quoting many is research.
 11. I'm not a complete idiot - some parts are missing.
 12. Out of my mind. Back in five minutes.
 13. NyQuil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
 14. God must love stupid people; he made so many.
 15. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
 16. It IS as BAD as you think and they ARE out to get you.
 17. Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.
 18. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again
 19. MOP AND GLOW - Floor wax used by Three Mile Island cleanup crew.
 20. Being "over the hill" is much better than being under it.
 21. Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
 22. Procrastinate Now!
 23. My dog can lick anyone!
 24. I have a degree in liberal arts; do you want fries with that?
 25. FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION. It comes bundled with the software.
 26. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
 27. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
 28. STUPIDITY IS NOT A HANDICAP.....park elsewhere!
 29. They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.
 30. He who dies with the most toys is never the less dead.
 31. A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS, but it uses up three thousand times the memory on your computer.
 32. HAM AND EGGS - A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
 33. The trouble with life is there's no background music.
- *Courtesy of an e-mail from a friend*

HONOURS AND AWARDS

The mailing address for all queries regarding medals is:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
 Department of Defence
 Locked Bag 2003
 COOMA NSW 2630

MEMBERSHIP

New Members

On behalf of the Association, I would like to welcome the following new Member:

Tammy Rebbeck (CSM, 107 Field Workshop)

Subs are still \$5 for one year or any multiple thereof eg \$20 for four years. Subs are due at 1 July in the year your membership is "current to".

According to my records, the following persons are financial members of the Association. The number in brackets is the year your membership is "current to".

Honorary Life Members

Mike Culley, Reg Glass, Dutchy Holland, David Turner

Ordinary Members

Walter Ade (2006), Milton Ahrens (2005), Frank Aldous, (2006), Jeff Allen (2008), Ernest Atkinson (2007), Peter Badcock (2005), Joe Barton (2005), Richard Beare (2005), SGT Gavin Bellis (2006), Paul Berk (2008), John Black (2006), Helmut Bohn (2008), David Brand (2007), Bob Brown (2005), Dennis Brown (2005), Fred Brown (2007), WO2 Shane Buckley (2008), Roger Burzacott (2005), Nicholas Cashman (2008), Trevor Clerke (2005), Geoff Coat (2007), Brian Cogan (2006), Don Collins (2008), George Cooke (2011), John Corkran (2007), Peter Cox (2007), George Craig (2005), Bob Davis (2007), Gavin D'Cruz (2008), Graham de la Rue (2005), Chris Duffield (2007), Robert Duffield (2006), Nick Ebbs (2006), Len Edwards (2008), Bluey Etheridge (2007), Kym Everett (2013), Andrew Ferguson (2007), Jim Fisher (2005), Brian Flavel (2006), Jan Gancarz (2005), Pete Gaskin (2006), Bob Gell (2008), Nick Gogilis (2005), Steve Gough (2006), Steve Gould (2007), Tony Gow (2008), Robert Hansford (2007), Jock Hart (2008), Don Harvy (2006), Arthur Hasse (2005), Tracy Hatch (2006), Greg Hay (2005), Norm Hay (2008), Colin Haynes (2006), Tony Hinton (2005), Andrew Hobson (2006), Brian Holmes (2008), Darryl Horner (2006), John Howard (2009), Gary Howell (2008), Tony Ivens (2007), Graham Janz (2007), Juris Jaudzems (2006), Jeff Johns (2007), Lindsay Johnson (2005), Eddy Kaminski (2006), Eric Kelly (2008), Bob Killoran (2007), Bob King (2006), Geoff Kohler (2007), Les Kovacs (2005), WO2 Grant Kuchel (2007), Alf Lee (2006), Lou Leeuwrik (2011), Ken Lorraine (2005), Greg Lowe (2007), Chris Macintosh (2010), A.D.Marks (2007), Trevor Martin (2007), Robin Maslen OAM (2005), Bob Matthew (2006), Bob Matthews (2007), Alan McGregor (2006), Fred McInerney (2006), Philip McKelliff (2008), Pete McKenzie (2007), Gordon Mead (2005), Reg Mead (2006), Don Morgan OAM (2007), Richard Moyses (2006), Barry Naulty (2005), Timothy Newall (2005), Ian Nicholls (2006), Gary Nicolescu (2009), Murray Nitschke (2005), Jim Nurse (2005), Troy Oakes (2005), Dave O'Brien (2005), Alex Oschmanns (2013), Frank Owen (2006), John Owen (2008), Dick Pailthorpe (2007), Doug Pammenter (2009), Nick Papanikolaou (2006), Geoff Parker (2007), Trevor Parrott (2007), Roger Parsons (2006), Lionel Penley (2007), John Raftery (2006), Hank Ramm (2008), Tammy Rebbeck (2006), Lionel Renfrey (2007), Dave Renshaw (2006), Peter Reynolds (2007), Bluey Roberts (2005), George Robinson (2006), Bill Roch (2005), Greg Rosser (2007), Ray Ryan (2007), Perry Sangster (2005), Brian Sayers (2009), Barra Schmidtke (2007), Glendon Shaw (2007), Dave Shelly (2009), Harold Shipp (2005), Robert Silcock (2006), Craig Smith (2005), Victor Sobotnik (2006), Walter Soroka (2006), Max Sparrow (2008), Debbie Spicer (2005), Ian Starick (2006), Murray Stock (2008), Donald Sutherland (2006), James Szpunar (2008), Keith Tainsh (2007), Ian Taylor (2007), Paul Teague (2005), Howard Terry (2008), Jim Thomas (2006), Dick Tischer (2007), Donald Tremethick (2009), Danny Trewick (2005), Joe Tuckwell (2007), Damien van de Velde (2011), Mark Van Oostveen (2008), Eugene Wasilenia (2006), Bruce Watson (2007), Alan Webb (2006), Graham West OAM (2006), Warren Williams (2012), Alan Wilson (2008), John Wilson (2007), Betty Winstanley (2008), Curly Woolcock (2007), Pat Wright (2008), Brian Yelds (2007), John Zander (2008), Pete Zander (2007).

Associate Members

Marg Culley (2006), Anne-Michelle Howell (2006), Joan Lorraine (2006), Judy Turner (2008).

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(Corps Motto: With Skill and Fighting)

David Turner

Hon. Secretary