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

They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them,  
**We will remember them**  
**We will remember them.**



## LEST WE FORGET

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

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

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

Editors Note: Post February 2023 Last Post entries will be published in the next edition of the Contact Magazine



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*Tena koutou ngā Mōrehu  
ō Tū ō te Pakanga o  
Whitinamu ō koutou Wāhine,  
Hoā, me a koutou  
Tamariki*

Greetings Veterans  
of the Vietnam War  
your Wives  
Friends  
and Children

It is with regret that I have taken so long in the publication of this Contact Magazine and our previous Magazine.

No excuses really, but I guess I can say, I eventually got around to it. Time to move on..

This Contact Magazine brings you messages from Veteran Affairs NZ. I am aware that there are many of our people who shy away from the World Wide Web and/or other social media platforms. This is for them!

We have a wonderful story coming up from the grand-daughter of a NZ Vietnam Veteran, 41301 L/Cpl Cecil Richard FISK, RNZIR - V1, V5 (RIP)

We should all be proud of this young lady, I know her grandfather would be if he was alive.  
Read her story and you will agree with me.

On a sad note, many of our mates have taken their last patrol. Our 'Last Post' is a testimony to this. There's always someone who is worse off than you. Why not take a moment and call up an old friend, I'm sure he/she will appreciate it. Even some of those old buggers who gave us grief in the day. I'm sure they would have mellowed by now.

By the way we're still looking for any volunteer/s to take over the reins of the NZVVA Communications Representative Role. A Veteran, a Veterans Spouse, a Veterans Sibling or just anyone keen and interested. I'll be more than happy to assist anyone into the role.

Just a reminder, that I hear many stories, and stories I'm sure many of us would love to hear. It can be serious, hilarious, or even just as a means of advertising. Get your thinking caps on Team, put pen to paper and drop a line.

Signed off.

**Nā Victor Timu**  
NZVVA CommsRep



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

### PRESIDENT'S PATCH JANUARY 2023

Tena Koutou/Greetings fellow Veterans and whanau

There have been some changes to your Executive Committee that came into effect at our Christchurch Reunion's AGM. We welcome Veterans Barry Dreyer (Vice President) and Rex Alexander along with the children of Veterans, Jenny Mullane and Gaylene Wilson. Sadly, we say farewell to Bill Compton and our Kaumaatua Miki Apiti. Thank you for your many years of work for the Association.

We also farewell Andy Peters as President but not from the committee as he has taken up the role of Kaumaatua. Andy is to be commended for his passion towards helping our Veterans in many causes, especially his commitment to the repatriation work he carried out with Paul Thomas.

Thanks to those members who are continuing on the committee:

Ken Ford – Quartermaster,  
Eddie Nock – Welfare and research,  
Vic Timu – Communications  
Leon Orange – Reunion coordinator,  
Tony Poa – ICT,  
Jack Flanagan,  
Helen Pearse-Otene, and  
Nyra Marshall  
Last but not least, Carol, who does an outstanding job on the administrative side.

The new committee is made up of 5 children of Vietnam Veterans and our Association needs to work on transitioning our young ones like the children and whanau of the 28<sup>th</sup> Maori Battalion have done, to ensure that our story/legacy continues to be told.

As a committee, we need to look at our Association to see if it is "Fit for Purpose" and its longevity to prepare for when our children take over. One of things that we need to do is become Charitable to access grants to carry on the work that has been started.

Last year the work carried out by the MoU Working Group ensured that there were no changes to the MoU and achieved the successful outcome of ensuring that any new conditions are implemented as expeditiously as possible. Thanks to all those who were involved both from NZVVA, RNZRSA and Veteran Affairs. It was a pleasure to work with Sir Jerry. Many may remember his keynote speech when the official apology was given at Tribute08.

We developed a good process and relationship with Veteran Affairs and the Government during this work and it is planned to hold meetings, at least twice a year, with these groups going forward. It has been agreed that the MoU

Working Group will be retained.

After the cancellation of two dates due to Covid, we were finally able to hold a National Reunion in Christchurch in November. Thanks to all the people behind the scenes that made the Reunion so successful. Special mention to our main sponsors, the ANZ Bank and Vietnam Veterans and Their Families Trust for their support. Also Soar Communications, Ritchies, Veterans Affairs, NZ Defence Force and Auckland District RSA's.

Special thanks to the personnel from Burnham Military Camp who made our visit to the camp a memorable one.

We are looking at potential locations for the next Reunion in 2024. So far the suggestions put forward are Taupo, Palmerston and Napier.

I hope that your Christmas was a good one for you and your whanau and that you stay safe in 2023.

## Ngā mihi

Graham Gibson

National President

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE KAUMAATUA

### KAUMĀTUA PATCH FEBRUARY 2023

*Ka puu te ruha, ka hao te rangatahi*

As the old (fishing) net withers another is remade.

When an elder is no longer fit to lead, a healthier leader will stand in his place.

Tuatahi, firstly, thanks to the almighty for all the blessings he has bestowed on us'

Tuarua, secondly, we acknowledge all our comrades and veteran family members who have passed away. Our condolences go out to the bereaved families.

*Moe mai ra I raro te maru o te Atua.* Rest in peace with the Lord.

E nga morehu a Tu o Vietnam, me o koutou whanau, to the Veterans of Vietnam and your families, all the best for the New Year. Hope you all had an enjoyable Waitangi Day.

The Executive has met and suggestions have been made for going forward. Get involved, support or make recommendations. Our association must continue and we all get behind it, together.

*Ma toku rourou, ma to rourou ka ora te katoa,* together we will succeed.

My wife and I have just finished working the Cherry season in Cromwell, Central Otago, at 45 South Orchard. 7 weeks. What an experience, 6am – 2 pm (sometimes 4 pm). Twice we worked 11 days straight. I was a tractor / forklift driver, she a Quality Controller. Never let it be said you are too old to try anything new, especially when one is working with others half your age. I've volunteered to go back next season.

There are many Sub Unit Reunions coming up, W3. V5, V4 to name some. Support them.

At Waitangi, Northland, Medals will be presented to A Company members of the 28<sup>th</sup> Maori Battalion later this Month.

No reira e hoa ma, hey guys and family members of Vietnam Veterans take care out there and stay safe. Keep in touch with others.

Na Andrew Peters

Kaumatua

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### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY & TREASURER

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY/ TREASURER

The National Reunion held in Christchurch last November and it was mostly enjoyed by those who attended according to the feedback that was received. Thank you to those who took the time to write in. The visit to Burnham Army Camp was a particular highlight.

The AGM was held at Wigram and there was discussion around Paid Life Membership, and it was agreed that the Association will continue to honour this. It was agreed that those who could afford it should send in a donation.

Discussion was also held on the annual membership subscription. It has been \$20 since before 2007. It was agreed that this would be raised to \$25 for the 2023/2024 year and onward.

It was also agreed that the Contact will become a digital magazine as the costs of printing and posting, especially overseas, was getting prohibitive. Members are encouraged to get their copy sent to a family member if they do not have an email address. This will be the last copy to be sent out as a hard copy to enable those who currently get it posted to make alternative arrangements. If you have not other way of getting a copy, please get in touch with me.

#### Membership Subs – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Subs are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> April to continue your membership with the Association.

To continue to be a member, please direct credit the amount into the Association's bank account. The details are:

**BNZ, Papakura 02-0400-0504697-00**

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

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

Your subscription goes towards keeping the Association involved with current issues that are/could be affecting Vietnam Veterans and their whanau.

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

Please remember if you move to send us your change of address details as well as any new email details.

Until next time,

Carol Taylor

#### Secretary/Treasurer

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

Well, and with a sigh of relief, I can say, 'our National Reunion 2022 is finally over. Although a lot of planning and preparation had gone into it and after going through some of the reviews, it has become obvious that there were mixed feelings on how things went. Some good, some not so good.

Sufficient to say that the, not so good, reviews will be analysed with the view of ensuring that they are rectified for our next National Reunion. A fool learns by his/her mistakes, an idiot repeats them.

I can formally announce that my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the reunion. The highlight being is that I got the opportunity to catch up with mates I hadn't seen for decades. Sadly many had passed on. We need to be mindful that we're now in our twilight years and we need to make the most of it. Each day is a blessing.

I would like to personally thank Leon Orange and his wonderful lady, Jo, for their massive contribution towards our reunion. Their unwavering commitment and personal sacrifice is sincerely acknowledged. I would also like to acknowledge Bill Compton in the same manner for his previous contribution in this demanding role. Best wishes to Bill and whanau in all their future endeavours.

It has come to note that various Corps and Sub Units are planning their own reunions. I say, 'Well done'. In such circumstances, could the 'Administrators' please notify the NZVVA Communications Representative so that we can advertise the message on our social media platforms.

The Committee has recently convened their monthly meeting which was held on the 21 January 2023.

On the agenda was the planning of our next National Re-union. The initial research is directed at potential locations. These locations include:

1. Taupo
2. New Plymouth
3. Napier and
4. Palmerston North.

Bearing in mind these are early days and the responsibilities are consigned to our newly elected committee members.

Watch this space for future developments.

Victor Timu  
NZVVA CommsRep - (In the absence of)

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### JOKERS CORNER

Laughter is the best medicine to sooth the soul.

### PROCREATION IN THE DIGITAL DOMAIN

Little Johnny goes to his father and asks, "Daddy, how was I born?"

The father answers "Well, son, I guess one day you will need to find out anyway! Your mom and I first got together in a chat room on Yahoo.

Then I set up a date via e-mail with your mom and we met at a cyber-cafe. We sneaked into a secluded room, and googled each other.

There your mother agreed to a download from my hard drive.

As soon as I was ready to upload, we discovered that neither one of us had used a firewall, and since it was too late to hit the delete button, nine months later a little Pop-Up appeared that said:

'You've got male!"'

PS: Ya gotta love Little Johnny.



### FROM THE DESK OF THE WELFARE REPRESENTATIVE

I have taken the liberty of sharing with you updates from Veteran Affairs New Zealand *Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa*.

Victor Timu

NZVVA CommsRep (In the absence of)

The first article is from:

**Bernadine MacKenzie**

*Head of Veterans' Affairs, Veterans' Affairs New Zealand  
Te Ope Kātua o Aotearoa | New Zealand Defence Force*

**Quote:** I am pleased to advise that we will soon begin the Annual Medical Assessment (AMA) pilot with Christchurch-based Vietnam veterans.

The objective of the pilot is to help ensure that veterans (and their GPs) are monitoring their health. We want to encourage veterans to make an appointment for a medical assessment each year and to make it easy for GPs to complete the assessment and for that information to be passed quickly and accurately onto Veterans' Affairs for any support that might be required.

Thirteen Vietnam Veterans and their GP practices have signed up for the pilot. Veterans' Affairs will fund a one-hour appointment for this assessment. Practices will also schedule the next annual assessment as part of the appointment.

During the assessment, the GP will fill in the AMA form online. It is hosted by Heathlink and is similar to the ACC forms that GPs are familiar with. This means that the GP doesn't have to manually complete the form and it also integrates with the GP's patient management system.

Dr. Mike O'Reilly, VA Principal Clinical Advisor, will be the liaison person for the pilot. Once the pilot is completed and if all goes well, we will be looking to expand the pilot for further testing.

We hope that this pilot will demonstrate that the new AMA system will improve Veteran access to GPs and improve their GPs' understanding of their conditions. We also expect it to expedite access to support from Veterans' Affairs and if required, to appropriate treatments.

I will update you in 2023 with the outcome of the pilot.

Regards Bernadine

The following is the latest News Letter - I would encourage you to sign up and receive future copies from the NZVVA Website. A similar message can be viewed at the end of this newsletter. Enjoy.

# Veterans' Affairs

TE TIRA AHU IKA A WHIRO

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Tēnā koe,

We hope that you've had a great holiday season and New Year. Here's some updates from us.

## Calling all Kiwi veterans living in Australia

We're hosting two online events on Wednesday 15 February for our New Zealand veterans living in Australia. The events will give you an overview of the support that is available in Australia. The first will be at 11:00am AEDT and the second at 4:00pm AEDT. They're both the same, so pick the time that best suits you. We'll be announcing the speakers and programme early next week. Keep an eye out on our [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

## Help shape our future Defence strategy

Last year the Government commissioned a Defence Policy Review, which is a chance to take a look at our defence strategy and ensure that New Zealand's defence policy, strategy, and planned capability investments remain fit for purpose. It will provide a road map for the future.

The review is important to make sure future investments are fit-for-purpose in a dynamic security environment, with a Pacific region grappling with climate change and the intensification of strategic competition.

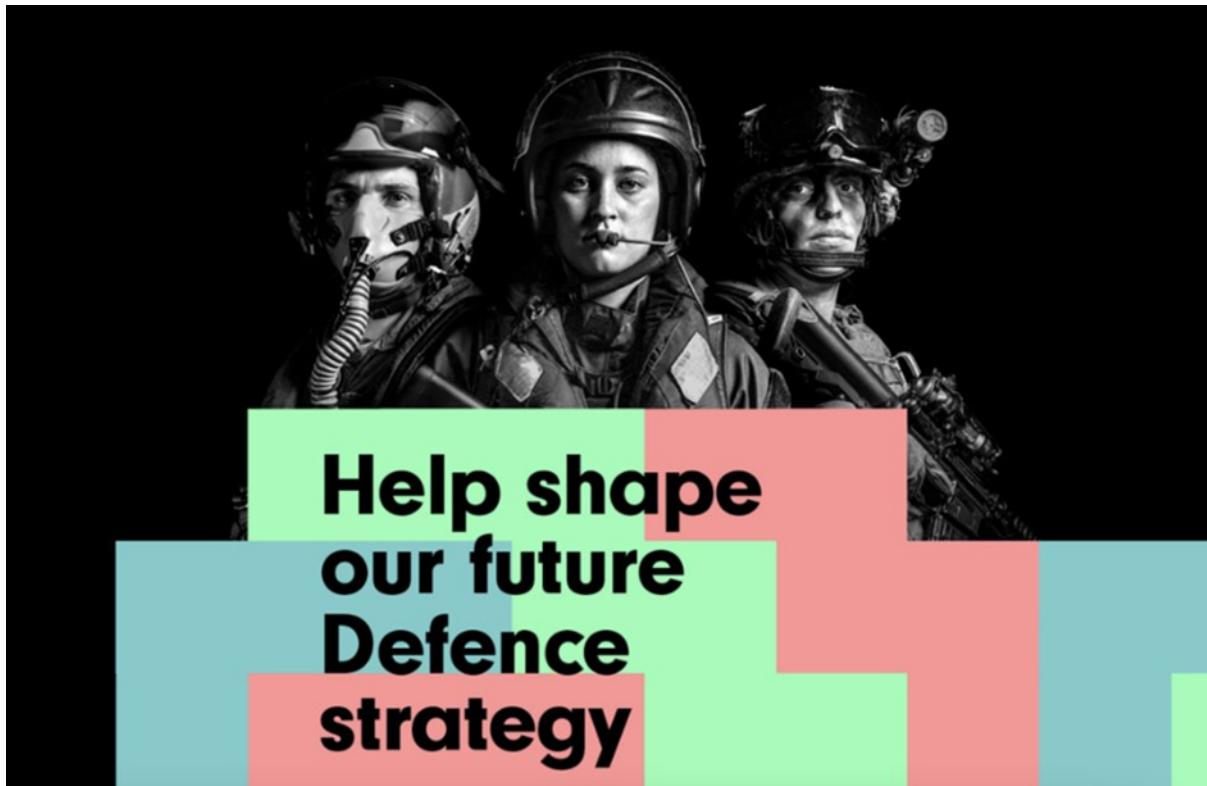
Defence is asking for your help with this work via a public survey.

You can find all the details [here](#).

Te Pukenga - UCOL (Universal College of Learning) offers a 33.3% on all domestic tuition fees.

UCOL delivers courses via distance learning or at their campuses in Palmerston North, Whanganui, Masterton and Levin. View their range of qualifications and courses [here](#)

See how to apply the NZDF discount to your enrolment [here](#)



We might ring or email you, to check your details

You might receive a call or email from Penny. She just wants to confirm a few of your details with you, and if you are receiving our magazine or would like to. Penny works for Veterans' Affairs, in our Business Systems Team. She's working her way through our database to check postal addresses and completing gaps in some of the records. If you haven't heard from us in a while, moved house, changed phone numbers or moved overseas please get in touch with us so we can update your details.

Thinking about tertiary study for yourself or your family in 2023?

If you're looking to undertake tertiary study in 2023, consider one of our partnered education providers. They offer NZDF members a discount on fees, and these discounts are available to your whānau, and all ex-serving members.

Massey University offers a 30% discount on domestic tuition fees. Their courses can be delivered by distance learning or on their campuses in Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington. View their range of qualifications and courses [here](#)

Te Pukenga - Open Polytechnic offers a 50% discount on domestic tuition fees. Open Polytechnic is the leading distance education provider in New Zealand. View their range of qualifications and courses [here](#)

Te Pukenga - UCOL (Universal College of Learning) offers a 33.3% on all domestic tuition fees. UCOL delivers courses via distance learning or at their campuses in Palmerston North, Whanganui, Masterton and Levin. View their range of qualifications and courses [here](#)

See how to apply the NZDF discount to your enrolment [here](#)

If you, or your dependants have accessed tertiary study through one of these providers and would like to share the experience, we'd love to hear from you. Please email us at [NZDCqualifications@nzdf.mil.nz](mailto:NZDCqualifications@nzdf.mil.nz) with your experiences

Hei konei rā

We hope that you've found this newsletter informative. If you know of someone you think might benefit from receiving this email newsletter please forward it to them and perhaps encourage them to sign up to receive it on

[our website.](#)



**FROM THE DESK OF  
ICT OFFICER**

This is a short reminder that confidentiality of our members remains a key focus and we strive to maintain the integrity of the data base system.

This is also a timely reminder to everyone that scams are becoming epidemic and with state of the art technology employed to rob you of your hard earned cash and livelihood.

If you have the slightest inclination that something is not right, you're probably right. Activate the 'delete' key immediately

Again, If you don't recognise the sender, activate the 'delete' key immediately.

If you're making purchases over the internet check the integrity of the site. If in doubt, get out. It's almost certain that you may have been a victim of such a scam or you know someone that has.

Last but not least, don't ever, ever, ever hand over your bank account details to ploys where they try to convince you that there are financial gains for doing so.

There's no denying it, scamming is a multi-million dollar business. Steer clear. Think before you act.

Victor Timu  
NZVVA CommsRep (In the absence of)

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**HERE THERE  
AND EVERYWHERE  
Coming in from the UK  
A Granddaughter of a NZ  
Vietnam Veteran**



Hi, my name is Isabella Noble and I am the granddaughter of the late LCpl Cecil Richard Fisk.

I am 13 1/2 years old and live in the UK. I am very proud of my grandad and have always had an interest in the army and outdoor activities.

I joined an after school club when I was 10 years old called YETI. This club involves outdoor activities ie. Canoeing, rock climbing, outdoor survival. YETI is the lead up to joining the Cadets when you are 12 years old.

I absolutely loved this club and was excited to join the CCF (Combined Cadet Force sponsored by the MOD) when I turned 12!

We are lucky enough to have the CCF at my school, so every Tuesday I have to go to school in full army uniform and then attend CCF after school till 6pm.



We get to do so many fun activities outdoors in all weather. My absolute favourite is shooting and I am now on the shooting team!

We have to learn drills and turnout, skill at arms, shooting, map and compass, field craft and first aid.

I have also been lucky enough to enrol in the Duke of Edinburgh Award - Bronze.

There are 3 stages to achieve this award.

1. 3 months of volunteering - I have chosen to volunteer in the Cadets Store and I have to do this twice a week in my lunchtime.

2. 3 months of fitness - I have chosen to use my football training for this stage.

3. 3 months of learning a skill - I have chosen to do shooting and have already been clay pigeon shooting twice, as well learning to fire an air rifle.

We also have to go on an expedition with a 1 night stay with 3 other teammates. I can't wait for this and we also get to have a training run of the expedition too!!!

I am hoping to then go on and achieve Silver and Gold when I am older.

My goal is to get to Lance Corporal just like my grandad did and who knows even further up the ranks!

I would also like to say thank you very much for my bag of goodies from the last reunion, I was so proud to receive it and took it into school on Cadet Day to show everybody



My other passion is football which keeps me fit. I train with Leeds United Shadow Squad and play for a local team. I have played football since I was 9 years old and don't mind getting muddy and wet as long as we win.



*Hi Isabella. On behalf of the New Zealand Vietnam Veterans Association, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for sharing your wonderful story with us.*

*Your Grandfather, the late LCpl Cecil Richard Fisk, would be so proud of you as we all are. You are doing amazing things and we wish you well in your future endeavours.*

*Victor Timu  
NZVVA Communications Representative*

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**HERE THERE  
AND EVERYWHERE  
NOTIFICATION**

**Te Hokianga O Tumatauenga Ki Rarotonga ANZAC**

**2023**

## **ANZAC Day Commemorations 2023 Rarotonga - Cook Islands**

Please be advised that there are a number of Veterans, from across the wider spectrum, planning on observing and celebrating ANZAC Day Commemorations on the beautiful islands of Rarotonga.

This is a follow on from the 2021 ANZAC Commemorations held and initiated by Gary Brandon, the Kaitiaki of the 'Onward Bar' in Taupo.

As one of the many in attendance I can testify that it was a very enjoyable, wonderful experience, and well organised occasion. I particularly enjoyed the blending of the old and new generations of veterans.

Here's a whakatauki / proverb that illustrates the essence of the old and the new.

*Mā te Tuakana kā tōtika te Tēina.*

*Ma te Tēina kā tōtika te Tuakana*

From the older sibling the younger one learns the right way to do things, and from the younger sibling the older one learns to be tolerant

Log onto the Te Hokianga O Tumatauenga Ki Rarotonga ANZAC 2023 Facebook Page to register your expression of interest. Mr Tama Tuavera is the host.

For your information this gathering has been recognised as a Veterans Reunion by VANZ, so those with Qualifying Overseas Service can access \$2500 of the Commemorative Travel Fund for accommodation and flights by furnishing receipts in your application to VANZ.

On the 23 April 23 we will be unveiling a head stone erected in the memory of the 'Guardian Angel of the ANZAC's'

### **ETTIE A ROUT.**

Medal of French Gratitude (1919)  
Mentioned in Dispatches (1917)

Click on the link below to gain an insight of whom Ettie A Rout was, and the reasons she became known as the: 'Gardian Angel of the Anzacs'

<https://onehundredstories.anu.edu.au/stories/guardian-angel-anzacs>

*Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama*

Seek and discover, Discover and know. Know and become enlightened!

The unveiling ceremony is open to anyone whom wishes to attend.

Time and location will be reaffirmed and disseminated around the Rarotonga environs patronised by veterans.

Victor Timu  
NZVVA CommsRep



HERE THERE  
AND EVERYWHERE  
  
Coming in from the  
NZVVA CommsRep

## ARE YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER?

If you, as a Veteran, who is not well, has terminal medical conditions and/or facing uncertain medical challenges, than it is highly recommended that you get your affairs in order.

For some this may be a somewhat sombre topic to address. The sombre reality is that it is also a topic that we cannot ignore.

Why?. Because at the end of the day it may well be that the one's we love the most could be facing the future with apprehension and uncertainty. Aligned with this is the timeliness of putting your affairs in order. ACT NOW!

This is a process best accomplished in collaboration with both the Veteran and His/Her Spouse/Partner./Family Member. ACT NOW!.

## ASSISTANCE

The following is the contact details of the RSA's District Support Managers (DSM's), and RSA Partners. They will help you or connect you with other like minded people and/or other agencies

<b>Northland DSM</b>	<b>Charlie Lamb</b>	<b>dsm.northland@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>027 421 0990</b>
<b>Auckland</b>	<b>Rob Todman</b>	<b>robt@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>021 256 2180</b>
<b>Waikato   King Country   Bay of Plenty DSM</b>	<b>Tricia Hague</b>	<b>dsm.waikato@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>027 388 6243</b>
<b>Wairarapa   Hawkes Bay   East Coast DSM</b>	<b>Janet Castell</b>	<b>dsa.wairarapa@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>027 239 1008</b>
<b>Central DSM</b>	<b>Stephen Hunt</b>	<b>dsm.central@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>027 278 2245</b>
<b>Wellington DSM</b>	<b>Stephen Hunt</b>	<b>dsm.central@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>027 278 2245</b>
<b>Nelson   Marlborough   Westland DSM</b>	<b>John Capill</b>	<b>dsm.marlborough@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>021 029 48679</b>
<b>Canterbury DSM</b>	<b>Jo Frew</b>	<b>dsm.canterbury@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>021 208 4622</b>
<b>Otago   Southland DSM</b>	<b>Niall Shepherd</b>	<b>dsm.otago@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>027 600 3104</b>
<b>Australia DSM</b>	<b>Valerie Church</b>	<b>valeriec@rsa.org.nz</b>	<b>+61 416 755 125</b>

**RSA Partners:**

There are also a number of other veterans' organisations that are also available to provide support. They are:

<b>VETNET New Zealand</b>	<b>Dave Fenton</b>	<b>dave.fenton@xtra.co.nz</b>	<b>027 477 0604</b>
<b>Vietnam Veterans Association</b>	<b>Andy Peters</b>	<b>anarupeters@outlook.com</b>	<b>021 0645562</b>
<b>South East Asian Veterans Association</b>	<b>Dereck Turvey</b>	<b>dereckgturvey@yahoo.co.nz</b>	<b>021 0278 2766</b>
<b>SSAANZ</b>	<b>David Benfell</b>	<b>info@ssaanz.co.nz</b>	<b>021 725 481</b>
<b>Veterans Combined Forces Surfing Association</b>	<b>Bobby Ball</b>	<b>bobbybvcfsa@gmail.com</b>	<b>027 706 6308</b>

*Anei he Whakatauki* - This is a Proverb

**Tē tōia, tē haumatia** - Nothing can be achieved without a plan, workforce and a way of doing things

Mā te wā - Until next time:

Victor Timu

NZVV CommsRep

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**FROM THE DESK  
OF THE QM**

tised on our Q Store Page. We're always on the prowl for suitable and fashionable attire. Please feel free to put forward any suggestions you may have.

**Acknowledgement:**

I want to take a short moment to give a huge thumbs up and acknowledgement to Dennis Marsh and for his unwavering commitment and support to the NZVV. A renown entertainer in the Country and Western music industry and whom longevity has stood the test of time. Being a recipient of the OBE is a testament to this. Thank you Dennis, Your music resonates with our peer group and your contribution and support to our National Reunion was second to none.

Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.



**Inset: Ken Ford- Presenting Dennis March with the NZVVA Certificate of Recognition.**

Ken Ford  
NZVVA QM

**Secondly:**

It is our intention to design and have manufactured a NZVVA specific challenge coin and again as a means of fundraising. Please feel free to make and submit any design features you can conjure up. Your support would be much appreciated.

**Merchandise:**

We have outdated clothing and stock that we will be advertising and selling at a reasonable rebate. Particularly the Christchurch Reunion Polo Shirts. These are adver-

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**A - Badge Lapel Small Round:**

**\$5.00**



**B - Badge Lapel Red V:**

**\$5.00**



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



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



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



**F -Caps Black, Khaki or Charcoal (Supporter):**

**\$30.00**



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

**\$30.00**



**H - Beanie : **\$25.00****



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**I** - Beanie Cammo: RNZA: **\$25.00**



**J** - Beanie Cammo RNZIR: **\$25.00**



**K** Beanie Cammo NZV Supporter: **\$25.00**



**L** - Caps Cammo Huey Helo and Vietnam : **\$30.00**



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



**N** - Jacket Polyester Black or Charcoal (Veteran):

**\$75.00**



**O** - Face Mask RNZIR : **\$20.00**



**P** - Face Mask SAS: **\$20.00**



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**Q -** Jacket Polyester Black or Charcoal

(Supporter):



**\$75.00**

**R -** Jumper Green Long Sleeve Inf Badge: **\$50.00**



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



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



**U -** Plaque: **\$55.00**



**V -** Polo Shirt Black with NZVVA Logo: **\$50.00**



**W -** Polo Shirt Gray with NZVVA Logo: **\$50.00**



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



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**Y - Tie NZVV:**

**\$35.00**



**Z - T Shirt Grey NZVVA Logo:**

**\$25.00**



**AA - Scarf NZVV Ribbon Colours**

**\$35.00**



**AB - a - Sticker/Transfer Small Pair**

**\$6.00:**



**b - Sticker/Transfer Large Pair \$10.00:**



**AC - Sticker NZVV Ribbon :**

**\$15.00**

Proud to be a Veteran - Red V

**AD- Sticker NZVV Ribbon -**

**\$10.00**

Proud to be a Veteran



**AE- Sticker NZVV Ribbon -**

**\$8.00**

Plain - No Wording



**AF- Vehicle Number Plate Border - \$35.00**



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**AG** - Vest Green RNZIR Badge:

~~\$45.00~~



**AH** - Vest Black NZVVA Logo:

~~\$45.00~~



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

~~\$30.00~~



**AJ** - Polo Shirt Light Grey with NZVVA Logo :

~~\$50.00~~

~~\$30.00~~



**AK** - Polo Shirt White with Helo:

~~\$50.00~~

~~\$30.00~~



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

~~\$30.00~~



**AM** - Polo Shirt Light Blue with NZVVA Logo:

~~\$50.00~~

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**AN** - Polo Shirt Charcoal Grey with Helo:

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**AO**- Polo Shirt Navy Blue with Heli:

~~\$50.00~~

**\$30.00**



**AP** - Polo Shirt Lime Green with Heli: ~~\$50.00~~

**\$30.00**



**AQ**- Polo Shirt Navy Blue with NZZVVA Logo:

~~\$50.00~~

**\$30.00**



**AR** - Reserve

**AS** - Reserve

**AT** - Reserve

**AU** - Reserve

**AV** - Reserve

# NZVVA Q STORE ORDER LIST (Cont)

JUN - DEC = 2021

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

Item ID	Item	Price	Qty/Size	Amount
AO	Polar Shirt Navy Blue with Helo	\$30.00		
AP	Polo Shirt Lime Green with Helo	\$30.00		
AQ	Polo Shirt Nave Blue with NZVVA Logo	\$30.00		
AR	Reserve			
AS	Reserve			
AT	Reserve			
AU	Reserve			
AV	Reserve			
	<p><b>Payment can be made to:</b></p> <p><b>Bank: BNZ, Papakura, New Zealand</b></p> <p><b>Account Name: NZ Vietnam Veterans Association Inc</b></p> <p><b>Account Number: 02 0400 0504697 00</b></p>			

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<b>Item ID</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b>Qty/Size</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Colour</b>				
<b>A</b>	Badge Lapel Small Round	\$5.00		
<b>B</b>	Badge Lapel 'Red V'	\$5.00		
<b>C</b>	Banner Blue Tassles	\$10.00		
<b>D</b>	Banner Aerial	\$20.00		
<b>E</b>	Blazer Pocket \$15	\$15.00		
<b>F</b>	Caps Black, Khaki or Charcoal (Supporter)	\$30.00		
<b>G</b>	Caps Black, Khaki or Charcoal (Veteran)	\$30.00		
<b>H</b>	Beanie Black with Silver Fern & Red 'V'	\$25.00		
<b>I</b>	Beanie Cammo RNZA	\$25.00		
<b>J</b>	Beanie Cammo RNZIR	\$25.00		
<b>K</b>	Beanie Cammo NZ Vietnam Supporter	\$25.00		
<b>L</b>	Caps Cammo Huey Helo and Vietnam	\$30.00		
<b>M</b>	Caps Grey with Huey Chopper	\$30.00		
<b>N</b>	Jacket Polyester Black or Charcoal Veteran	\$75.00		
<b>O</b>	Face Mask RNZA	\$20.00		
<b>P</b>	Face Mask RNZIR	\$20.00		
<b>Q</b>	Jacket Polyester	\$75.00		
<b>R</b>	Jumper Green Long Sleeve	\$50.00		
<b>S</b>	Patch V Force Black and White	\$15.00		
<b>T</b>	Patch NZVVA Logo	\$15.00		
<b>U</b>	Plaque	\$55.00		
<b>V</b>	Polo Shirt Black wih NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		
<b>W</b>	Polo Shirt Grey with NZVVA Logo	\$50.00		

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Item ID	Item	Price	Qty/Size	Amount
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AL	Polo Shirt White with NZVVA Logo	\$30.00		
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AN	Polo Shirt Charcoal Grey with Helo	\$30.00		



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

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

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

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

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

- Veteran Membership of NZVVA, or
- Associate membership of NZVVA (Delete one)

(See below for eligibility for membership)

I am a Vietnam Veteran

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

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

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

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

#### **Veterans Details:**

Regimental Number: ..... Full Name: .....

Unit(s) served with in Viet Nam: ..... Corps: .....

Dates of Service: .....

#### **For Associate Membership Applicants:**

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

Fees Enclosed: Membership/Associate Subscription \$20 per annum \$.....

Renewal.....Years (1 April-31 March) Donation \$.....

Total amount submitted \$.....

#### **Eligibility For Membership**

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

**Associate Member:** 1. Any person who served with any of the following organizations assisting Allied Forces in Viet Nam:

Red Cross; Salvation Army; Entertainers or War Correspondents

2. Eligible Kinfolk: the spouse; partner; father; mother; sister, brother; children (including adopted and Step-children), and succeeding progeny of a person eligible to be Veteran Member, provided they have reached the age of 18 years.

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

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## NZVVA NATIONAL REUNION

### NOVEMBER 2022



