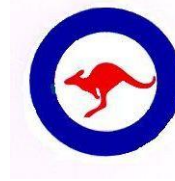




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ACTIVITY UP-DATE

Hobart Branch held the annual Bomber Command Luncheon on Sunday 09 July 2023. Ten thousand Australians served in Bomber Command and 3,486 paid the ultimate price. That was a 33% casualty rate and really frightening. 31 Members of Hobart Branch and their Partners enjoyed a great lunch.

The June and July Monthly Drinks were reasonably well supported given we are now officially in winter.

Having an ageing membership brings with it a number of issues including First Aid in the case of any emergency situation. As a first move we have proceeded to acquire a defibrillator which will be located in the Foyer of the Memorial Centre. The Division and Hobart Branch shared the cost 50/50.

All members are reminded that the Association maintains a splendid library of books in the Memorial Centre. The range is substantial and many very interesting publications are to be found. Some are quite historical.

The WA Division of the RAAFA will host a National Air Force Conference 28 - 31 October 2024. It will be a four day event with an exciting program of interesting speakers, trips and visits to various places of interest. More details will follow later but put the dates in your 2024 Diary.

Alan Robertson
SQNLDR
State President



2023 BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATION

The plans for this year's commemorations are well under way. Note the dates in your Diary – 15,16,17 SEP 2023.

The Chairman of the Planning Committee, AIRCDRE Doug Chipman, is looking forward to your company at this very significant event. CAF, Air Marshal Rob Chipman has accepted the invitation to attend.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Be nice to people on the way up, because you will probably meet them again on the way down.

It is all very well to *'Pull the Tiger's tail'*, but be sure to have a plan to deal with his teeth.

VISIT BY FORMER CO NHQ TAS



CMDR Lewis Gaha and his wife Penelope dropped in for a visit at the June Monthly Drinks. Lew and Penelope now live in retirement at Bermagui on the Southern NSW Coast. They were visiting Tasmania for several days catching up with friends in the process. During his posting here Lewis and Penelope were regular attenders at the Association events and functions.

NEW TAS DIV CHAPLAIN



The State President, SQNLDR Alan Robertson, is pictured with the new Divisional Chaplain, The Very Rev Richard Humphrey, who was presented with his Certificate of Appointment at the Hobart Branch Monthly Drinks on 01 June 2023. Richard is the Dean of Hobart at St David's Cathedral.

VICE REGAL TREE PLANTING



WGCDR Jenny Robertson represented the State President at a Tree Planting at Government House on Wednesday 28 June 2023 to mark the coronation of King Charles III.

BOMBER COMMAND LUNCHEON 2023



FLTLT Dave Hislop & Helen Watling



FLGOFF Dudley Barrow and FLGOFF Col Webb



Mel Robertson, Mark Nichols (left) and Mat Lucas



FLTLT Carroll James, Alan Kennett and Barbara James



10,000 Australians served in Bomber Command during WWII and 3,486 paid the supreme Sacrifice.
Lest We Forget

A VERY EFFECTIVE MOBILISATION ORDER FROM 1935

This Mobilisation Order was issued in 1935 and was found to be very effective.

1. Everyone will now be mobilised and all boys old enough to carry a spear will be sent to Addis Ababa
2. Married men will take their wives to carry food and to cook.
3. Those without wives will take any woman without a husband. Woman with small babies need not go.
4. The blind and those unable to walk or who for any reason cannot carry a spear are exempt.
5. Anyone found at home after the receipt of this order will be hanged.

Signed: *Haile Selassie.*

PLEASE REMEMBER

Many people tend to forget that they can find a helping hand at the end of their arm.

Most people don't plan to fail, they simply fail to plan.

Love cannot be bought, borrowed or sold – it can only be given.

Folks need to know that hope and expectation are poor planning tools, and that Excellence is never an accident.

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

When you get what you want in your struggle for self, and the world makes you king for a day,
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself and see what the Man has to say.

For it isn't a man's father, mother or wife whose judgement upon him must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in this life, is the Man looking back from the glass.

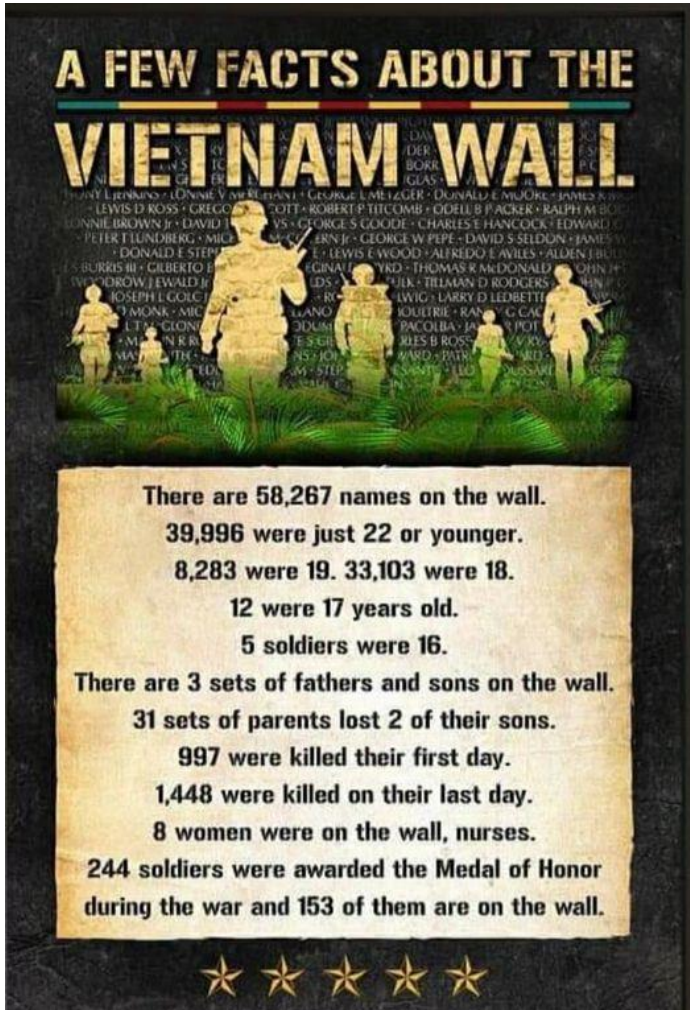
He's the fellow to please never mind all the rest for he's with you clear up to the end,
And you have passed your most difficult, dangerous test if the Man in the Glass is your friend.

You can fool the whole world down the pathway of years and get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heart ache and tears if you've cheated the Man in the Glass.

45 years a member

Paul Durkin who has achieved 45 years Association membership was presented with a Certificate at the Monthly Drinks on Thursday 06 July 2023.

The State President, who made the presentation to Paul, commented that not many folk these days achieve such a milestone in their organisations and he commended Paul for his long service and support for the Association.



**LOOK AFTER YOUR HEART – IT IS AN
AMAZING ORGAN**

During an average lifetime, the heart pumps 200 million litres of blood. That is enough to fill New York's Central Park to a depth of 15 metres.

The heart tightens and relaxes automatically about 70 times per minute to pump blood out through your arteries.

If all the muscles in your body pulled together, they could lift a bus.

**Battle of Britain Commemoration
Planning Committee**

State President (ex-officio Member)

SQNLDR Alan Robertson

Planning Committee Chairman

AIRCDRE Doug Chipman

Executive Officer

Ms Deb Coulson

Events Co-Ord Officer

SQNLDR Saskia Hobbs

Dinner Co-Ord Officer

Mrs Helen Watling

Military Liaison Officer

WGCDR Jenny Robertson

RAAF (CO 29 SQN)

WGCDR Andrew Johnson

Chaplain and Co-Ord Church Service

V Rev Richard Humphrey

HUMPTY DUMPTY

The original Humpty Dumpty was a large cannon on the walls of Colchester. During the siege of Colchester during the English Civil War, the cannon fell down off the Wall of the Church of St Marys-at-the-Wall but it was so heavy that 'All the Kings Horses and all the King's Men' (The Royalists) couldn't raise it, thus the old Nursery rhyme which said they couldn't put 'Humpty' together again.

83rd Anniversary of the Battle of Britain – Events Information



PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

Welcome Happy Hour – Friday 15 September from 1700 hrs, RAAF Memorial Centre.

Memorial Church Service: Saturday 16 September at St David's Cathedral at 1400 hrs.

Formal Dining In Night: Saturday 16 September Elwick Paek Reception Centre Glenorchy 1900 hrs.

Commemorative Wreath Laying: Sunday 17 September , Hobart Cenotaph at 1045 hrs.

Barbecue Luncheon: Sunday 17 September RAAF Memorial Centre 1215 hrs.

BOOKINGS: Please use our on-line booking site to book your attendance.

<https://events.humanitix.com/battle-of-britain-commemoration-2023>

(Ctrl + Click to follow the Link)

Event Co-ordinator: events@raafatas.org.au or (03) 6200 9221 (Wednesdays 10am – 2pm)

We expect a number of Interstate visitors plus RAAF personnel from various mainland bases to attend the commemorations this year. We hope all RAAFA Members will give us their best support in attending the various functions.

