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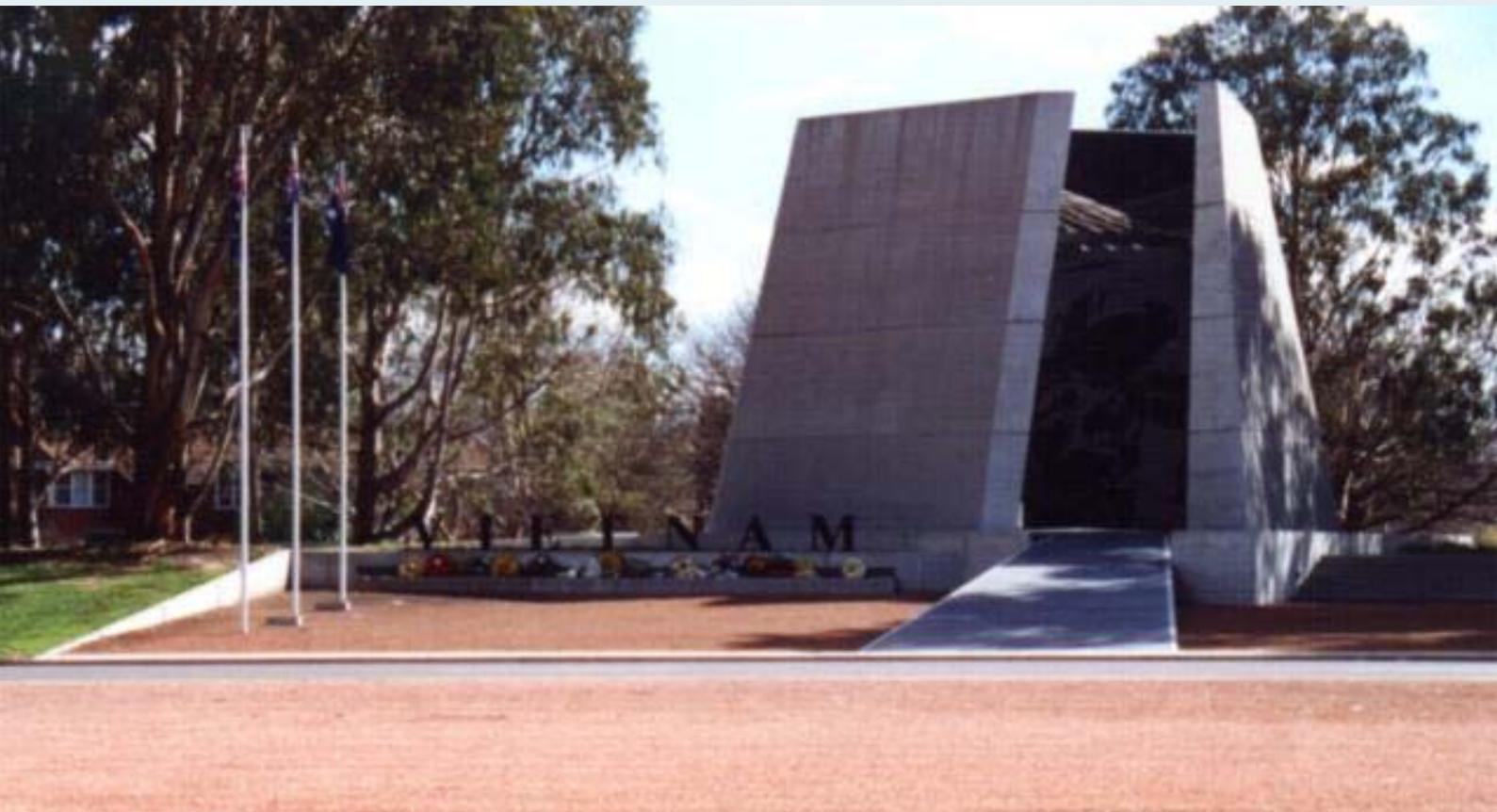
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## **AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL . CANBERRA**

*HONOUR THE DEAD, But Fight like Hell for the Living*

## National President's Report.

18 August 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in South Vietnam and is a significant date in a number of ways, firstly it confirms the motto of the V.V.A.A. in that we Honour the Dead, it also marks a significant milestone in the lives of all Vietnam veterans and their families in that it reminds us that we are no longer the young and vigorous individuals we were, that said we are not yet on the scrap heap of life and for many of us there are many more years of contributing to our great Australian society. Many will burn out rather than rust out.

We need to be aware of the emotional effect such anniversaries have on many of us and I would urge you all to be aware of your mates and if they look a bit fragile step up and support them through this time.

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By now the last hard copy of the Debrief magazine, Winter 2016, would have been delivered and for the first time a number of our members opted for an electronic copy.

We also have had a successful first edition of the revised electronic format, July 2016 edition, that help us to reduce costs without any reduction in the passage of information, in fact this format allows speedier and more relevant timing of information important to our members. I would welcome any contribution from States, Sub Branches and member that add to the information available and details of activities and services that are relevant.

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A summary of the April meeting of the DVA Ex Service Organisations Round Table (ESORT) is available on the DVA web site, copies have been forward to the National Executive and all state branches for further distribution

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The federal election is now over and The Hon Dan Tehan MP continues in the role of Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP (SA) has been appointed as Shadow Minister, message of congratulations and initial contact have been sent on behalf of the V.V.A.A. and we look forward to a positive working relationship with them both.

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While not included in my Diary notes I have been involved in meetings and reading extensively papers related to my responsibilities as a director of the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust and the Advocacy Training and Development Program Strategic Governance Board and both these areas are progressing well.

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## NATIONAL PRESIDENTS DIARY NOTES

### 6 July 2016

1800 hours, My wife and I On 6 July I attended a civic reception in Melbourne hosted by the Victorian State Government in conjunction with the V.V.A.A. Victorian Branch as part of the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, a moving event and all those involved are to be congratulated on the presentation and attention to detail

### 7 July 2016

1000 hours, I attended a meeting with the V.V.A.A. Victoria state executive in Melbourne to brief them on current events and discuss matters of comment interest and concern, I took the opportunity to congratulate the state president and his executive on their ongoing efforts and in particular the reception attended the evening before.

### 12 July 2016

1000 hours, I attended a meeting at DVA National Office, Canberra as part of the ESORT Permanent Impairment Medical Assessment Working Party, this was initiated to address concerns raised by the ex-service community particularly in regard to SRCA and MRCA investigation of claims. A report will be released in due course.

### 20 July 2016

1300 hours, I attended a meeting at DVA National Office, Canberra involved with the planning for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the battle of Long Tan on 18 August, focus of the meeting was the commemorations in Canberra and at 6RAR Enoggera Qld.

The Sermon I think this Mom will never forget....

This particular Sunday sermon...'Dear Lord,' the minister began, with arms extended toward heaven and a rapturous look on his upturned face. 'Without you, we are but dust....'

He would have continued but at that moment my daughter who was listening leaned over to me and asked quite audibly in her shrill little four year old girl voice, 'Mom, what is butt dust?'



### HAVE YOUR SAY— LETTERS TO DEBRIEF ARE WELCOME

The subject matter should be generally of interest to Vietnam Veterans and their families. Brief, to the point letters have a better chance of publication. Photographs should be of good colour, quality and subject matter, in jpg or similar format. Text should be submitted in Word format with minimum formatting. Vietnam Veteran writers must identify themselves by name, state, Vietnam Unit and Tour dates. Email: [debrief@vvaa.org.au](mailto:debrief@vvaa.org.au)

## NATIONAL PRESIDENTS DIARY

### AUGUST 2016

- 9 August**, 1430 hours, Attend a meeting of presidents of ex-service organisations in Canberra
- 10 August** 0900 hours attend meeting of the Ex-Service Round Table (ESORT) at DVA National Office, Canberra.
- 11 August**, 0900 hours, attend a defence force briefing for ex-service organisations at DVA National office Canberra
- 16 August** 1100 hours attend board meeting of the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust as V.V.A.A. Delegate.
- 17 August**, 1600 hours attend Hall of Memories service at the Australian War Memorial Canberra.
- 17 August** 1700 hours attend the Last Post ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.
- 17 August** 1800 hours attend a Battle of Long Tan commemorative reception at Parliament House Canberra.
- 18 August** 0700 hours, attend a stand to service at the Australian War Memorial.
- 18 August** 1000 hours Attend a 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan at the Vietnam War Memorial ANZAC Parade Canberra
- 18 August**, 1700 hours attend Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial followed by a reunion of Vietnam veterans in Canberra.
- 19 August**, 1900 hours attend a commemorative dinner with ARVN Veterans in Cabramatta NSW
- 20 August** 1000 hours attend an ARVN commemorative service for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan in Cabramatta NSW.
- 20 August** 1400 hours attend a NSW Government reception to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan
- 22 to 26 August** Attend a training session of the Advocacy Training and Development Program in my role as a member of the programs Strategic Governance Board.

Being a male is a matter of birth

Being a man is a matter of age.

Being a gentleman is a matter of choice

*Vin Diesel*

## MAIL BOX

From: Rob Eade [mailto:rob1anzac@bigpond.com]

Sent: Wednesday, 29 June 2016 11:06 PM

Subject: Remembrance Ride Oz

I'm a member from QLD RSL and Rollingstone Sub branch and i'm setting of on a ride from, Rockingham WA, around Australia on a trike.

My intention is to lay an Australian flag (small) with their name rank serial number on every cenotaph in the town of birth/enlistment of all military members from Vietnam through to current wars/conflicts who paid the supreme sacrifice for our country.

This is a self funded enterprise, due notice through your network would be appreciated. I can be followed on face book Remembrance Ride Oz

Regards

2781830 Rtd. Sgt. Rob Eade

Mrs Ruth Cross  
69A Hart Street  
Semaphore SA 5019  
Phone 08 84492991

Dear Sir

I am writing to you in the hope you can help me.

My husband received his copy of the winter 2016 Debrief and on the cover is a ceremony for LONG TAN 1966. On looking at this photo I noticed a member of the Guard of Honour, Could be my brother, Pte STANLEY RADOMI 43573 he is the sixth person on the right hand side.

Stanley was born on 25 September 1945 and joined the army at the age of 19. he went to Malaysia with 6RAR and straight after to Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion RAR, He was KIA on 28 September 1967.

I have written to the Australian War Memorial to see if they had any photos him, with no joy. I wonder if you could help?

Yours sincerely

R. Cross

*Editors note:*

*this letter was received 13 July 2016, if anyone can help, please respond direct to Mrs Cross*

## MAIL BOX

From: Chuck Kizis [mailto:pinsmart@bigpond.com]

Subject: Military related Pins, Key Rings, Patches etc.

Hi There,

My name is Chuck Kizis and I represent my son's company...Double "K" Pin and Badge. We are located on the Gold Coast of Queensland and have a new web site and trust that you will take the time to have a look at it. There are over 160 items on the site at present..... [www.militarypinsandbadges.com](http://www.militarypinsandbadges.com).

We have a large range of Military related items available for sale at wholesale prices. Although our web site has prices listed, they are web based retail prices and not our wholesale price.

To our knowledge we have the largest selection of Military Pins, Patches and Key Rings in Australia. We have been in business since 1984 and supply some very large organisations (until recently the VVAA National Merchandising for the past 20 plus years). As you are now aware the VVA National Merchandising is winding down and will no longer be selling merchandise.

The Wholesale prices to your VVAA Sub-Branch are as follows.....

Pins/ Badges	\$ 4.00
Key Rings	\$ 4.00
Patches	\$ 4.50
Tie Bars	\$ 6.00
Belt Buckles	\$ 18.00

Shipping is additional and as close to cost as possible. We do not charge a handling or packaging fee....only the cost of a Post Pak plus Postage, pre-paid Satchel or pre-paid Express Post Satchel, depending on the customer's requirements. Payment can be made by cheque, bank cheque or direct deposit into our Company Bank Account.

If you have any questions please e-mail or phone me.

Kind Regards,

Chuck Kizis

Phone: 0755307455

Mobile: 0418657106

e-mail: [pinsmart@bigpond.com](mailto:pinsmart@bigpond.com)

## VETERAN FRIENDLY RETREATS

Future listing of these facilities should be available on the various VVAA State branch web sites and these can be accessed through the web site [www.vvaa.org.au](http://www.vvaa.org.au)

## NOTICES

### 4 RAR D Company 1st Tour

South Vietnam 68/69

Reunion – Ulverstone, Tasmania

23-28 April 2017

We are proposing to have a reunion in Ulverstone, North West Tasmania over ANZAC Day week in 2017.

Expressions of interest please contact Margie King on 0407 243 357 or [margieking52@hotmail.com](mailto:margieking52@hotmail.com) (for Rob Peebles).

### VIETNAM VETERANS RETURNING HOME REPATRIATION

A video tribute.



<https://youtu.be/FyJ-ih5kjEs>

I am a Vietnam veteran author and planning to republish my book NASHO (first published in the 1980s) in 2017. The book was about National Service and the Vietnam War and I am seeking some new photographs taken during the war to include in the book. Not photos of people standing around looking at the camera, but shots which might surprise, preferably previously unpublished. All photos will be acknowledged in the publication and those not used, will be returned or sent to the War Memorial. Send them (with brief details) to [michaelfrazier@bigpond.com](mailto:michaelfrazier@bigpond.com) or via snail mail to Michael Frazer, PO Box 377, Brighton, Victoria, 3186.

thanks  
Michael Frazer  
Melbourne  
July 7, 2016.

### ROLLING THUNDER –VIETNAM

THE dynamic Australian concert drama Rolling Thunder Vietnam returns for an exclusive national tour in July-August 2016 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

Conscription, combat, protest and homecoming, Rolling Thunder Vietnam combines personal stories of young Vietnam War soldiers with hit songs of the era.

This powerful theatrical show draws audiences inside the lives of men on the battlefield and their loved ones at home.

Under the musical direction of Chong Lim (the John Farnham Band), Rolling Thunder Vietnam is a soul-stirring show directed by David Berthold and written by Bryce Hallett.

The Vietnam War was the world's first televised war and the production includes stunning news footage and mind-blowing images from the '60s and '70s.

**If you would prefer to have this publication emailed directly to you please forward your email address to the National Secretary at [secretary@vva.org.au](mailto:secretary@vva.org.au).**

**Don't forget to advise him if the address changes.**

## ADVOCACY TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

### Training, Accreditation and Recognition of Prior Learning

QUESTION; I am currently authorised by my ESO to provide advocacy services. Do I have to be accredited by 1 July 2016?

ANSWER: No, from 1 July 2016 you will continue to operate as you currently do now. The RPL frameworks are being developed and are expected to be completed in the coming months. Once these are developed, we will communicate these to you.

QUESTION: If I don't want to get accredited under the ATDP can I still provide advocacy and welfare support?

ANSWER: The ATDP is the new advocacy model endorsed by ESORT and the Government. TIP training will cease which will ultimately mean if advocates do not transition across to the ATDP you will not be able to keep your knowledge and skills up to date. You may also face indemnity insurance coverage issues and advocates are encouraged to talk to their ESO about such matters.

QUESTION: Does someone have to be a member of an ESO to be an ATDP practitioner? If so, which ones?

ANSWER: Yes, under the ATDP model advocates are nominated by an ESO for training and the ESO will provide on-the-job training and mentoring to advocates to support them through the accreditation process. Workplace assessment will also occur utilising the community of practice approach to ensure support for those who may not have a trained mentor or workplace assessor within their local ESO.

QUESTION; How will the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) work?

ANSWER; The transition process to ATDP accreditation will be gradual and voluntary. Proposals for RPL and entry points into the new ATDP pathway will be developed in conjunction with the RTO and will be widely circulated when finalised to enable Advocates to consider the options available.

QUESTION: Will the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process involve more study?

ANSWER: It will depend on each individual case. The RPL is designed to be simple and allow current advocates to provide the necessary evidence that they possess the relevant competencies and related knowledge to become accredited. Where this can be demonstrated then further study is unlikely to be necessary to become accredited. Where competency or skills cannot be demonstrated then some further training may be required.

The above principles apply to both Pension and Welfare officer RPL processes. An alternative stream will be available for Welfare accreditation to assist Welfare Advocates in this process.

There will be training and a place for everyone.

QUESTION: After the implementation of the ATDP on 1 July 2016, will I be able to operate under TIP?

ANSWER: From 1 July 2016, the ATDP governance structure will commence managing the delivery of advocacy training and development. However authorised advocates will not be affected in terms of their capacity to continue to perform functions as authorised by their ESO.

QUESTION: As a practitioner, am I responsible to my ESO or to the ATDP governance bodies for what I do?

ANSWER: To your ESO. The ATDP is only overseeing the accreditation and training of advocates.

*Editors notes, more information is available on the DVA web site [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au)*

## OUR MILITARY HISTORY– AUGUST

### 18 August 1966 Battle of Long Tan, South Vietnam

Amid a tropical downpour, 108 men of D Company, 6th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, supported by artillery and a timely resupply by the RAAF, fought off an attack by an enemy force of more than 2,000 in a rubber plantation near the abandoned village of Long Tan. The arrival of Armoured Personnel Carriers carrying reinforcements brought the action to an end. Seventeen Australians were killed, one died of wounds, and 24 were wounded. More than 245 enemy bodies were later counted, but many more had been taken away.

### 18 August 1971 Australian Government announces withdrawal from Vietnam

The Australian Government announced that the 1st Australian Task Force would be withdrawn before Christmas 1971, and the logistic support force shortly thereafter.

## READING LIST

I thought you might be interested in my new book on the Vietnam War, "Rescued from Vietnam" - A veteran's recovery from PTSD.

Launching at Stella's Dromana Hotel, Victoria on Wed 6 July at 7:30 pm, and at Box Hill RSL, Nelson Street, Thurs 21 July, at 7:30 pm,

It is hard to summarize a complex experience which happened 49 years ago, into a few sentences, but I have tried:

I was suddenly plucked from civilian life by the Australian Defence Force, trained to fight as an Infantryman, and sent to Vietnam on an aircraft carrier with 7th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment. An Aussie larrikin and hazy romantic, I found myself at war with more than the Viet Cong, as I struggled with guilt, sadness, fear and confusion over the war.

My story of survival and recovery, by traveling across two continents in search of identity and redemption, is carefully encapsulated in my story:

"Rescued from Vietnam" - A veteran's recovery from PTSD. The book is also available on line:  
[www.rescuedfromvietnam.com](http://www.rescuedfromvietnam.com)

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Murphy says to Paddy,  
 "What ya talkin into an  
 envelope for?"

"I'm sending a  
 voicemail ya fool!"

## **Fifteen RAINF personnel who served in SVN with 2 SAS SQN in 1971 belatedly awarded the Infantry Combat Badge**

After several failed attempts stretching back over about 6 years, the Director of Infantry has now agreed to a ASASA request last year and has awarded Infantry Combat Badges to 15 RAINF personnel who were serving with 2 SAS SQN at the time of the withdrawal from SVN in October 1971. Through no fault of their own, they did not complete 90 days service in SVN when the Squadron was withdrawn but otherwise would have met the 90 days qualifying period. Furthermore, all of them had completed operational patrols, some as many as five patrols. They are each now entitled to wear the ICB and their Army records by now should be notated to record the award.

I have undertaken with DINF staff that I will locate and formally notify each of the fifteen individuals. Unfortunately, the Association does not have current addresses for many of them and I am seeking your assistance if you know the whereabouts of any of them and can put me in contact.

The 15 former soldiers are as follows:

1. 4721793 RJ Bailey,
2. 2795174 JA Bright,
3. 2794686 AB Bourke,
4. 379897 RJ Caswell,
5. 2244240 FT Death,
6. 3798466 GJ Escott-Baker,
7. 411599 BJ Hannaford,
8. 1203831 JC Hemmens,
9. 3798540 RB Hurford,
10. 255351 M Johns,
11. 4721238 GW Parker,
12. 3799281 GT Pearce,
13. 56268 RF Prosser,
14. 56139 JA Ratcliff, and
15. 313542 D Stewart.



If you know how to contact any of these men I ask that you let me know so that I can write to notify them of the decision and send them a badge. Alternatively, they can contact me at this email address, or by letter at PO Box 7173, Hawthorn North, VIC 3122, or by telephone 0418 555 241.

Finally, four other 2 SQN soldiers are being considered for award of the Army Combat Badge (ACB) and while I am quietly confident of a successful result I will not preempt Army's decision. More on that later.

Thanks for your help. Best wishes,

Terry

Chairman.asasa@hotmail.com



THE HON TONY ABBOTT MP  
Member for Warringah

12 JUL 2016

Mr Ken Foster OAM  
[president@vvaa.org.au](mailto:president@vvaa.org.au)

Dear Mr Foster

Thank you for writing to me about the decision to repatriate our Vietnam war dead buried abroad.

Last May, I was proud to announce the offer of repatriation to the families of the 25 soldiers who were killed in action in Vietnam but were not brought home. They are now where they belong.

As someone who has never served in our armed forces, I am in humble awe of all who have served and sacrificed so much.

Families who have lost loved ones in war are not always given the support they need. I hope that the offer of repatriation will assist the families in their remembrance of those that did not return.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Tony Abbott', written over a horizontal line.

TONY ABBOTT

## **“Honour the Dead.”**

### **Corporal Phil 'Doc' Dobson MiD saved 23 lives under fire in The Battle of Long Tan. Lest We Forget.**

Some very sad news. Long Tan veteran, Corporal Phillip 'Doc' Dobson MID, Delta Company 6RAR medic during the Battle of Long Tan, last night succumbed to lingering effects of a stroke he suffered three months ago in Ipswich, Queensland, just five weeks before the 50th Anniversary of Long Tan.

Doc Dobson had twenty-three wounded Delta Company men in his makeshift Company Aid Post (CAP) the day of the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966. Doc Dobson saved everyone one of them, often under enemy fire himself.

Doc Dobson's death came as a shock to his family and friends as he had gone home from hospital in relatively good health. Lt Col Harry Smith SG MC, his former Delta Company Officer Commanding, had spoken to him only three weeks ago and he seemed fine. Phil was a very humble and caring man. He was 75 years old and 25 years old when he served gallantly in the Battle of Long Tan.

Doc Dobson also tended to Delta Company wounded after a November 1966 Viet Cong IED strike, and then the accidental artillery shelling of Delta Company 6RAR by New Zealand artillery in February 1967. Four Australians were killed and 13 were wounded in this artillery accident. Delta Company's Company Sergeant Major (CSM) Jack Kirby who survived the Battle of Long Tan was one of those tragically killed. A defective plotter was the cause.

It is safe to say that Corporal Phil Dobson had seen, and tended to, more Australian wounded in a seven month period than any other Australian combat medic since World War I. I know from interviewing him in our 2006 Battle of Long Tan Documentary, that his war experiences had affected him greatly.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and mates. We will post details of his funeral service as soon as they are known.

Rest in Peace Phillip Dobson, your duty is done.

Corporal Phillip Ness Dobson. Mentioned in Dispatches.

Service No. 37822

Royal Australian Medical Corps Australian Army

Place of Birth: Carlton, Victoria 17 May 1941

Passed Away 10 July 2016

## Art project of Vietnam war experience and memory.

### term and condition

I am looking for 10 Australian and Vietnamese veteran who would like to share their personal experiences and memories of Vietnam war.

I will conduct a video interview/conversation format with the veteran to record their memories and story.

This project is contain personal information under the privacy act and copyright. Veteran require to sign copyright agreement contact before interview can take part; that materials I have collected from the interview, I can use in any format toward to produce this commission artwork, it is only in this project but not other project.

This key points in the contract include below;

All the personal information of the veteran will be keep confidential throughout the project.

The artwork will not show any personal information, for example when personal picture will be use in the artwork the owner of the picture will be inform and receive formal request permission before it to be use.

Participation in this video interview is voluntary, the Veteran will not receive payment

During the video interview veterans have a right to not answer any question against their will.

Veteran can answer the question in the language as they prefer, Vietnamese veterans is welcome to reply answer in Vietnamese. (I can understand Vietnamese)

Veteran only require to provide their story when this interview was completed veteran will not require further activities or involvement in this project including the production of the artwork.

All the correspondence in during the project will only come direct from/ to Dr Dacchi Dang

At the end of the commission artworks project all the video interview materials will be hand to Australia War Memorial in Canberra and will be keep in the Australia War Memorial library for future research material.

I will contact the Veteran directly for arrange interview time and location, (it can be in their private home or at my studio- in that case veteran will be pickup and return for the interview day)

Dr Dacchi Dang

0411 060 822

Email; drdangchi@gmail.com

### PLANNING AHEAD

#### A guide to putting your affairs in order.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provide a comprehensive publication that allows individuals to document their personal effects and details that can take a considerable degree of pressure off families when they pass away.

Sections can be downloaded form the DVA web site [www.dva.gov.au](http://www.dva.gov.au) under the sub heading of Publications.

A phone call to 133 254 can also provide a copy or alternatively through your ex-service organisation office.

## MINISTER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS APPOINTED

### Statement from the Hon Dan Tehan MP

It is a great honour to be re-appointed Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC by the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP.

It is also a great honour to be appointed the Minister for Defence Personnel and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security.

I am humbled by these appointments, but excited to be asked again to serve in Prime Minister Turnbull's Ministry.

As Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC, it is vital that we never forget the service and sacrifice of the men and women who served our country.

As Minister for Defence Personnel, I look forward to ensuring the men and women of our defence forces have the support they need in fulfilling their role.

As Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for Cyber Security, I look forward to working with the Prime Minister to implement *Australia's Cyber Security Strategy* released by the Government in April.

I would once again like to thank the people of Wannon as without their support it would not be possible to serve as a Minister.

I look forward to continuing to deliver positive outcomes for my electorate and ensuring their views are strongly represented in the Australian Parliament.

I also look forward to supporting the Turnbull Government implement its important agenda for this term of Parliament.

## Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Amanda Rishworth MP, Federal member for Kingston in SA

Email address: [Amanda.Rishworth.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:Amanda.Rishworth.mp@aph.gov.au)

More details on her web site [www.rishworth.com.au](http://www.rishworth.com.au)

President's Note: messages of congratulations have been forwarded to the Minister and Shadow Minister on behalf of the V.V.A.A.

## YOUR ACTIVITIES REPORTED IN DEBRIEF

States and sub branches are encouraged to contribute reports on their activities, particularly an opportunity to let others know what, and how, you commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan.

Email text in Word or photos in JPG to the editor at [www.debrief@vva.org.au](mailto:www.debrief@vva.org.au)

## VIETNAM VETERANS FAMILY MEDALLION



Actual size...80 mm high by 50 mm

Mothers, wives, partners, sons and daughters and grandchildren are able to apply for the Vietnam Veterans Family Medallion. To do so simply go to – [www.vvfm.com.au](http://www.vvfm.com.au) and be sure to complete and post the order form.

This is a “recognition project” similar to that incepted by the Australian Government during W W 1 when they introduced the female relatives badge to recognise mothers or the nearest living female relative who had a serviceman fighting during W W 1.

This badge continued to be issued up until the end of W W 2, but there has been no similar recognition medallion issued to close relatives, as above, for their Vietnam veteran, fighting during the Vietnam War.

Please go to [www.vvfm.com.au](http://www.vvfm.com.au) which contains details of this tradition dating back to 1914, history, photographs, cost and application procedure.

### “MY DOG NUI DAT”

Written by Peter Simpson

Sung by Dale Duncan on his album

BACK TO THE BUSH

To order contact Peter Izod

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MANAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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APPLICATIONS OPEN 18 AUGUST 2016

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