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BROKEN HILL NSW

HONOUR THE DEAD, But Fight like Hell for the Living

National President's Report.

The Advocacy Training and Development program (ATDP) continues to be rolled out with pilot programs to confirm the assessment of prior learning, future mentoring and assessment processes are appropriate and meaningful, the next year or so will see changes in how compensation, rehabilitation and welfare services for the ex service community are supported by the ex-service community.

As the new program takes effect the V.V.A.A will need to take it into consideration and ensure, at all levels, that we protect and assist those involved in welfare and advocacy work on behalf of our members and other veterans and family members.

Preparations for the National Council meeting in Adelaide on 27 October are on track and the meeting will, I am sure, be meaningful and worthwhile.

VVAA MERCHANDISE

The VVAA merchandise operation, including the online shop has closed permanently.

Tenders were called for the purchase of the remaining stock (excluding VVAA branded items), and the successful tenderer was Kelly Fox, daughter of the former Merchandise Manager, Peter Fox. (The tender process was conducted by National President Ken Foster – Peter Fox took no part in the evaluation of tenders).

Kelly intends to run the operation as a hobby, not a business, and to continue to supply Sub Branches and other ESO with items at wholesale prices to assist with fund raising.

Many of the obsolete items will be donated to worthy groups and some new items will be made available in due course.

Please be patient while the operation changes hands and gets up and running again. It is anticipated that a new price list including photos of items will be available shortly, by email and on the web.

If you want to be informed of developments as they occur, please send an email from the address you want to receive updates.

Email: vietvetmerchandise@iinet.net.au

Web: http://members.iinet.net.au/~kfox_relo/index.htm

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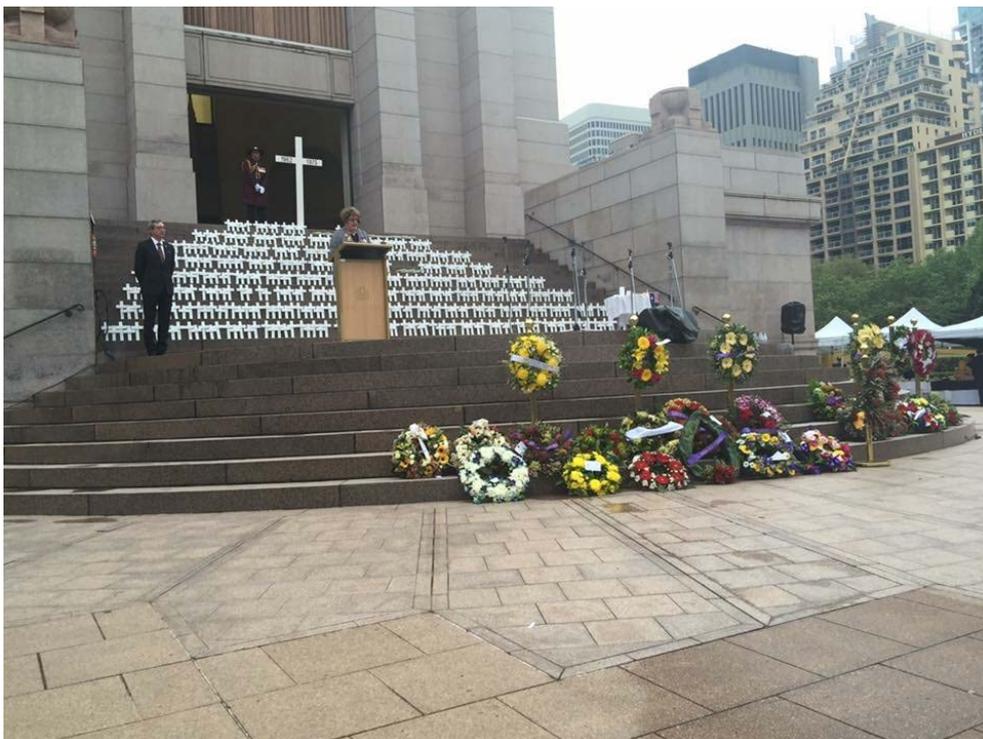
NATIONAL PRESIDENTS DIARY NOTES

September 2016

12/13th Advocacy Training and development Program assessment and training in Sydney. Over the past month or so I have been involved in pilot programs with the Advocacy Training and Development Program, this involved confirmed the recognition of Prior Learning assessment , Mentoring training and assessment and Assessor training and assessment.

15th I attended a workshop at DVA National office related to the “Lighthouse” project designed to improve MRCA claims processes, this is also designed to convince government that DVA can improve services with an improved and updated IT system.

29th I attended a commemorative service to mark the sacrifices of the Vietnam conflict conducted at the ANZAC Memorial Hyde Park Sydney organised by the War Widows Guild of Australia and the Partners of Veterans Association of Australia. The VVAA NSW President Mr Greg Cant also attended.



Northern steps of the ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park Sydney on 29 September 2016

On the occasion of the War Widows Guild / Partners of Veterans Association commemorative service



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

OUR MILITARY HISTORY— OCTOBER

16 October 1967 Royal Australian Navy Helicopters deploy to Vietnam. An RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV '67) joins the US Army's 135th Aviation Company at Vung Tau, supporting American troops in South Vietnam.

18 October 1967 HMAS Perth hit HMAS Perth struck by return fire near Cape Lai, Vietnam, while on the United States 7th Fleet 'gunline'. This was the only occasion on which an Australian warship suffered casualties from enemy fire during the Vietnam War.

13 October 1969 HMAS Brisbane returns to Sydney This was the end of the Brisbane's first deployment to Vietnam. A turret from HMAS Brisbane is on display outside the Australian War Memorial.

6 October 1971 HMAS Sydney at Vung Tau. The carrier embarked the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, as Australia's participation in the Vietnam war wound down.

3 October 1992 Dedication, Australian Vietnam Veterans' National Memorial. The Vietnam Veterans' National Memorial, Anzac Parade, Canberra, was opened by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Paul Keating, MP, and honours those Australians who served and died in the war in Vietnam.

World Suicide Prevention Day

Bravery comes in many forms.

There is the bravery of the men and women who serve in our armed forces who knowingly put their own life at risk in defence of our country. And there is bravery in asking for help and bravery in asking someone you know if they need help, no matter how uncomfortable that conversation.

We all need to be brave and these conversations can be difficult. Suicide and mental health are issues for everyone in our society, including our veterans. On World Suicide Prevention Day, my message to all serving Defence personnel and veterans is that help is available now and if you think you need it, or someone you know needs it — please ask for help.

Today — right now — any veteran, Australian Defence Force (ADF) member or their family members can pick up the phone and call the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 1800 011 046 or visit <http://www.vvcs.gov.au/> to access free and confidential Australia-wide counselling and support for war and service-related mental health conditions.

For current serving members, or families who are concerned about an ADF member, support is also available on the ADF All-Hours Support Line on 1800 628 036 or via the ADF Health and Wellbeing Portal 'Fighting Fit'.

Free mental health treatment is available now to all current and former permanent members of the ADF for a range of conditions, including for PTSD, depression, anxiety, and alcohol and substance use disorders. To access this service call DVA on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 for regional callers.

Editors Note: from a media release by the Minister for Veterans Affairs 10 September 2016

MAIL BOX

From: Dennis Howland <dennishowland@msn.com>

Date: August 31, 2016 at 2:05:46 PM EDT

To: John Rowan <jrowan@vva.org>

Subject: RE: Greetings.

Good afternoon President Rowan:

A couple weeks back the Utah SC Vietnam Veterans of America participated in a ceremony at our state capitol with several veterans of an Australian Army Engineer Unit and their family members. It also included about 40 members of the Salt Lake City South Vietnamese Community. We placed wreaths and flowers at the memorial and all three countries had people who gave remarks. We were accompanied by the Utah Director of Veterans and Military Affairs. It was a very emotional but extremely rewarding community event. Just thought I would send you a couple of links online with news organizations. There are several pics. It was a good event for the VVA in Utah.

the links:

Photos: Multination ceremony honors Vietnam vets | Deseret News

<http://m.deseretnews.com/article/865660496/Photos-Multination-ceremony-honors-Vietnam-vets.html?pg=all>

<http://nguoiviettudoutah.org/2011/?p=61599>

Best regards

Dennis Howland

Utah SC Pres.

On the first day at the new seniors complex , the manager addressed all the new seniors pointing out some of the rules:

"The female sleeping quarters will be out-of-bounds for all males, and the male dormitory to the females.

Anybody caught breaking this rule will be fined \$20 the first time."

He continued,

"Anybody caught breaking this rule the second time will be fined \$60.

Being caught a third time will cost you a fine of \$180.

Are there any questions?"

At this point, one of the older gentleman stood up in the crowd and inquired:

"How much for a season pass?"



MAIL BOX



RATS OF TOBRUK

The only Association in Australia for the Rats of Tobruk is now located in Melbourne and as there are very few “Rats” still with us, the Association is looking for Descendants and/or family of the Rats of Tobruk to join as Affiliate Members.

There are still many Rats of Tobruk who are not listed with the Association, in fact as of the beginning of August 2016, there were still 3083 not represented. The current number now is 11,371 as of 29/08/2016.

In memory of these brave WW2 Soldiers, a call is going out to the Western Australian Public for potential Affiliate Members so the “Rats” will not be forgotten.

When a person/s applies to the Association to be a Member, a check will be carried out to ensure that the Family Member was actually one of the Rats of Tobruk, so the Full Name and, if possible, the Service Number would be needed.

Local contact is Affiliate Member Veronica Killner 0416121945, veronicascott@optusnet.com.au or PO Box 17 Thornlie WA 6988

or

Owen Carlton at: (ocar23@inet.net.au) (www.ratsoftobrukvictoria.org.au)

I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Senility has been a smooth transition for me.

Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school? Me neither.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this?



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

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 (for Rob Peebles).

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;

michaelfrazer@bigpond.com or via snail mail to Michael Frazer, PO Box 377, Brighton, Victoria, 3186.

thanks
Michael Frazer
Melbourne
July 7, 2016.

A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking. The drunk says, "Okay, let's get started."

A man called his mother in Brisbane . "Mom, how are you?" "Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak." The son said, "Why are you so weak?" She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days." The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?" The mother answered, "Because, I didn't want my mouth to be full in case you should call."



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.

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

DVA Advocacy News**Issue 1, 2016**

Welcome to the first issue of *DVA Advocacy News*. This newsletter will keep you up-to-date with what's happening in the transition from TIP (Training and Information Program) to ATDP – the Advocacy Training and Development Program.

Training update

The ATDP is in the process of seeking accreditation of its training program from the Australian Skills Quality Authority. This means accredited ATDP Advocates will meet national quality assurance requirements so veterans and their families can be sure of receiving a high standard of advocacy services – irrespective of where they live, when they served or the complexity of their needs.

In ATDP, the advocate's on-the-job training and mentoring will take place in the offices of their ex-service organisation (ESO) or a Veterans Centre. The ATDP organisation (a partnership between the Department of Veterans' Affairs, ESOs and the Department of Defence) manages the formal coursework, the accreditation process, and the training of ATDP Mentors, Assessors and Trainers.

The Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process will assess a TIP advocate's experience and knowledge so they can be accredited as an ATDP Advocate. This process is being piloted to make sure it is as effective and simple as possible. Advocates will be able to apply for RPL early next year, once the Australian Skills Quality Authority has approved the ATDP courses. Workshops for ATDP mentors, trainers and assessors are also being piloted and tested. ESOs will be invited to nominate experienced advocates to participate when the workshops and processes are finalised.

Courses & workshops

During the transition to ATDP, a small number of TIP courses will continue to be offered to meet ongoing training needs in the ESO community while ATDP courses are being developed and tested. There are some Level 2, 3 and 4 TIP courses available, as well as a limited number of Level 1 refresher courses.

Currently ATDP Level 1 and Level 2 training is available. To start your training, an ESO needs to nominate you. There are also some prerequisites such as computer and communication skills. See *Selection of Advocacy Trainees* on the ATDP website for more information: www.atdp.org.au

How to nominate for training:

	ATDP www.atdp.org.au	TIP www.tip.org.au
Level 1	The ESO completes the ATDP nomination form by choosing the link for <i>Compensation Advocate Level 1</i> or <i>Welfare Advocate Level 1</i> on the ATDP website. The candidate and mentor will then receive further instructions.	To apply for TIP Level 1 refresher courses see the options for your state on the TIP website .
Level 2	If you have completed ATDP Level 1 training you can progress to ATDP Level 2. The nomination process is the same as for ATDP Level 1 courses – see the ATDP website .	If you have completed a TIP Level 1 training course you can progress to TIP Level 2. TIP courses are listed on the TIP website . (After completing TIP Level 2 you can gain accreditation as an ATDP Advocate through the Recognition of Prior Learning process.)

How to nominate for training / continued ...

	ATDP www.atdp.org.au	TIP www.tip.org.au
Level 3	N/A	See the TIP website for <i>Advocate Level 3 – VRB</i> courses in your state.
Level 4	N/A	There is a <i>Level 4 – Tribunal Advocacy Course</i> scheduled for November 2016 in Canberra. ESOs have been invited to nominate partici-

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who decides if I can do ATDP training?

Your ESO nominates you for training and ensures that you meet the prerequisites. See *Selection of Advocacy Trainees* on the [ATDP website](#). The ATDP Regional Management Group for your area will ensure there are sufficient face-to-face courses to meet demand. There is more information about Regional Management Groups and their contact details on the DVA website: www.dva.gov.au

What if the course I want to do is not listed on the website?

If the course you want to do is not listed on [TIP website](#), please contact your ATDP Interim Regional Manager to let them know about the training you are seeking. Contact details are on the [DVA website](#).

Who pays for my training?

DVA covers the costs of courses and accreditation. ESOs pay for any travel expenses involved in advocates attending courses.

When can I have my TIP training recognised for ATDP accreditation?

TIP advocates need to go through a Recognition of Prior Learning process to become an accredited ATDP Advocate. This process is currently being piloted. Once feedback has been consolidated and procedures finalised, ESOs will be asked to nominate advocates to undertake the process.

I'd like to be an ATDP Mentor – what's involved?

ESO's are encouraged to identify experienced members for this role so there will be sufficient advocates to meet the needs of all veterans who can benefit from their advice. Mentors do not require accreditation, but ATDP will offer training to support them in their role. The mentoring course is currently being piloted. When it is ready, ESOs will be asked to nominate advocates for the training.

I've heard the ATDP courses have already started – have I missed out?

No! The courses you may have heard about are small pilot programs to test the training and identify gaps. Once the courses are finalised they will be rolled out nationally, and you will be notified through your ESO and this newsletter.

If you have any more questions, comments or suggestions about ATDP, please send me an email at ATDPenquiries@dva.gov.au

Please share this newsletter with anyone you know who may be interested, and let me know if you would like to be added or removed from this email list by contacting me at ATDPenquiries@dva.gov.au

Caroline Quinn
Communications Manager
Advocacy Training and Development Program
 Department of Veterans' Affairs

Oldie thoughts for seniors...

My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds. I have only 15 more to go.
 Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.
 How to prepare Tofu: a. Throw it in the trash. b. Grill some meat.
 I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.



**Are you a Vietnam War
Veteran?**

**Do you have a grandchild
aged 18+?**



We would like to invite your grandchild to participate in a study. The study will investigate the mental health and family functioning of Vietnam veteran's adult grandchildren. It is hoped that this research will help us to understand more about the experiences and needs of veterans and their families, so that health and social services can be improved. We hope to identify any special challenges that may be faced by veteran's grandchildren.

If you have an adult grandchild, please consider passing along this information.

To find out more and to participate in this study, please go to the following website:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/veterangrandchildren>

(This study is being undertaken by Sasha Jontof-Hutter, Masters of Clinical Psychology student at Cairnmillar Institute; supervised by Dr Rosalind Case, clinical psychologist and research fellow in the Department of Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine at Monash University.)

VETERANS AND VETERANS FAMILIES COUNSELLING SERVICE (VVCS)

A service founded by Vietnam Veterans

1800 011 046

[Www.dva.gov.au/health/vvcs](http://www.dva.gov.au/health/vvcs)

Appeals process simplified for veterans

Veterans will have a simpler appeal system that still affords them access to legal assistance under amendments to the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 (MRCA)* passed by the Senate, Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan said today.

The amendments provide a single pathway for veterans covered by the MRCA to appeal decisions, first through the Veterans' Review Board (VRB) — an independent statutory body comprising civilian and former military personnel — then, if necessary, the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

Mr Tehan said veterans now had a simplified appeals process if they were not satisfied with a decision on a claim, starting with an internal review, followed by the VRB dispute resolution process or a full hearing, and, if the veteran was still unsatisfied, the AAT.

"Our focus is making the appeals process faster, simpler and less stressful for veterans," Mr Tehan said.

"At a VRB hearing a veteran can have their ex-service organisation advocate present and they don't need to go to the additional expense of engaging a lawyer to represent them. In fact, the VRB does not allow lawyers to represent at the hearing.

"The VRB gives our veterans access to a free, alternative dispute resolution model that has seen 85 per cent of applications finalised in just two months and without the need for a full hearing.

"This is good news for veterans as it avoids the need for a full hearing at the AAT. The aim is to speed up the appeal process and avoid unnecessary costs and delays, this is about improving the system for veterans – it is not designed to create more business for lawyers.

If a veteran does want to engage lawyers to represent them that option is available at the AAT.

"The national rollout of alternative dispute resolution will give veterans an opportunity to discuss their appeal with the VRB in a non-adversarial setting and at an earlier stage than is currently available."

In the 2016–17 Budget, the Government allocated \$2.7 million to the national rollout, which will allow the introduction of a new VRB case management system that will streamline processes and reduce backlogs.

Veterans will be able to lodge and manage appeals and monitor progress electronically in real-time. And in the event that an appeal still proceeds to the AAT, the MRCA will allow the award of costs in certain circumstances—an amendment that specifically addresses concerns raised during consultations.

The single path brings the MRCA appeals process into line with the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* appeals process. It applies to all MRCA primary decisions made on or after 1 January 2017.

Addressing mefloquine concerns

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has established a dedicated mefloquine support team for our serving and ex-serving community.

In its response to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee *Report on Mental Health of Australian Defence Force (ADF) Members and Veterans*, the Australian Government committed to additional support for current and former ADF members who have been administered mefloquine.

The Government will:

- establish a formal community consultation mechanism to provide an open dialogue on issues concerning mefloquine between the Defence Links Committee and the serving and ex-serving ADF community;
- develop a more comprehensive online resource that will provide information on anti-malarial medications;
- establish a dedicated DVA mefloquine support team to assist our serving and ex-serving ADF community with mefloquine-related claims, which will provide a specialised point of contact with DVA; and
- direct the inter-departmental DVA-Defence Links Committee to examine the issues raised, consider existing relevant medical evidence and provide advice to the Government by November 2016.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Dan Tehan said the Government was committed to supporting veterans and ADF personnel who were concerned about possible side-effects of taking mefloquine.

"Any former member who was administered Mefloquine by the ADF and is concerned about possible side effects, can lodge a claim for a condition that they think was caused by Mefloquine. As part of the claims process for the condition, DVA can arrange an appointment with an appropriate medical practitioner and meet the costs of any required medical report," Mr Tehan said.

"Current and former ADF personnel can also access free mental health treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, as well as alcohol and substance use disorders, without having to prove it is service related. From 1 July 2016, eligibility for this treatment has been extended to all past and present fulltime members of the ADF who served one day or more, regardless of when they served, or the nature of their service.

"The Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service provides free, confidential, nation-wide counselling and support for eligible current and former ADF members and their families. The VVCS can be contacted 24/7 on 1800 011 046.

"My message to veterans and ADF personnel is if you are worried about how you are coping or feeling, then seek help early. If you know someone and are worried about them, speak up and ask them if they are OK."

The Government has announced it will establish the first of 12 Suicide Prevention Trial Sites in North Queensland — home to a large ADF and veteran community — with a focus on veterans' mental health.

Additionally, the National Mental Health Commission will review suicide and self-harm prevention services available to veterans and ADF members.

Government response to Senate Inquiry Report on mental health of ADF members and veterans

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Dan Tehan, said the Government would increase mental health support for Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and veterans.

The Government response to the Senate Inquiry Report on the mental health of ADF members and veterans was tabled in the Senate today. (15 September 2016)

"The Senate Inquiry Report's recommendations emphasise the importance of accessing help early which is consistent with the Government's approach to supporting our ADF and veterans," Mr Tehan said.

"The Government is getting on with the job of ensuring ADF members and veterans who face mental health challenges can access the mental health services they require.

"Since July 1 this year the Government has made free mental health treatment available to all current and former permanent members of the ADF for a range of conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety, depression, and alcohol and substance use disorders.

"The Government has committed \$6 million to establish a Phoenix Australia institute for world-leading experts and research to improve mental health treatment and reduce the burden of post-traumatic stress among our veterans.

"We have announced an additional \$3.1 million to further extend access to the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service.

"There is additional support available now to ADF members, veterans and families, and I encourage anyone who has concerns about their mental health or the mental health of someone they know to ask for help."

Mr Tehan said the Government had also engaged the National Mental Health Commission to analyse the effectiveness of suicide and self-harm prevention services provided by Defence and DVA.

The Government response to the Senate Inquiry Report can be found at: www.dva.gov.au/about-dva/publications/corporate/australian-government-response-foreign-affairs-defence-and-trade

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



Veterans Film Festival



Unique cultural event

The 2nd Veterans Film Festival returns to the Australian War Memorial, showcasing the human experience, of our serving and ex serving military personnel, their families and the impact war has on society.

The Festival is calling for feature-length and short films in any genre: drama, documentary, music videos, animation, horror, sci-fi, comedy, experimental and those rare films that beautifully blend genres together, inventing something brand new like virtual reality.

Festival dates - Fri 14 and Sat 15 October 2016

The Veterans Film Festival presents a unique two day program: feature films and short films, spotlights and retrospectives, special screenings, industry events, networking sessions, discussion panels and talks.

Awards

The 'Red Poppy Awards' represent the high point of our festival program, with awards going to the Best Australian Feature Film, Best International Feature Film, Best Australian Short Film, Best International Short Film.

For further information visit www.veteransfilmfestival.com

The Veterans Film Festival is curated by a not for profit creative enterprise that engages, entertains and educates audiences by showcasing films made by creatives of all ages, cultures and abilities around the world.

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I love being over 70. I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.

A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.



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 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 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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