

13/06/00 President's Report: THE FIGHT IS NOT YET OVER!!!

Our President "Wacka" is currently in Canberra fighting on our behalf trying to regain those benefits and awards we were supposed to get from the review. Noel will be arriving back home on 24/6/00 in time for the "Dine in Night" at the Sandgate RSL which will be preceded by the General Meeting commencing at 1700 where he will give his full report..Please read the President's report which follows.

13/6/2000

THEY CAN NOT STOP STICKING IT TOO US!

Just when you think they can not do anymore, they find a way to undo all the good work, and deny us, yet again. By the time you are reading this I will have been to Canberra and returned just in time for the 'Dining in Night'.

After telling us for years that the Governor General's Declaration did not apply to us, they have instituted a 10 mile limit contained in it to deny some of our group award of the NGSM.

The recommendations of General Mohr are quite clear: The Government's announcement in relation to the Budget papers seemed to imply that General Mohr's recommendations would be implemented. BUT NO! Some, no doubt cent saving, way has been found to deny us once again. You have got to hand it to those people in Defence, they will not lay down. The game is over, they lost, but they are still finding a way to make their morally bankrupt, 45 year stand correct.

Although we have written to Minister Scott about this, at the time of writing, there has been no answer.

I am going to Canberra as soon as I finish this report. I am going to lobby the Government, the Opposition and anyone who will listen.

YOU MUST ALL BOMBARD YOUR LOCAL FEDERAL MEMBER, PARTICULARLY IF HE OR SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT:

1. THE 10-MILE LIMIT IN THE G_G's DECLARATION WAS MADE BEFORE THE NAVY WAS COMMITTED TO MALAY.
2. WE WERE TOLD FOR YEARS THAT THE 10 MILE LIMIT ONLY APPLIED TO ARMY AND RAAF PERSONNEL.
3. THE WARRANT FOR THE NGSM DOES NOT MENTION A LIMITED AREA, IT SAYS "AT SEA IN SHIPS IN SUPPORT..."
4. WHY WAS THE 10-MILE LIMIT NOT MENTIONED IN THE BUDGET ANNOUNCEMENT?
5. WHY DID GENERAL MOHR NOT MENTION THE 10-MILE LIMIT?
6. WHAT CENT SAVING MENTALITY IS BEHIND THIS MOVE?

"Please muster your friends, family and enemies to lobby on this issue. This is the biggest fight, and the most low act that we have had put on us. Half our people will not get up, if this is implemented."

WE MUST ACT AS ONE. ALL OF US. LESS WE ARE BRANDED "ONE_WAY SWIMMERS". IT IS TIME FOR EVERY MEMBER TO GET OFF THEIR BUTTS AND LOBBY. POLITICAL NICETIES AND LOYALTIES MUST TAKE A BACK SEAT HERE. GO GET 'EM. I AM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!