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Message started by irish50561 on Aug 21st, 2006, 10:33am

Title: LONG TAN

Post by irish50561 on Aug 21st, 2006, 10:33am

A strong contingent of FESR veterans led by Vice President John Trindall attended the annual Long Tan Day ceremony at Springwood in the Blue Mountains. Prominent among the members were Jim Bullen and his lady down from Hong Kong, Aunty Vince Dorahy, John Gibbens, John Trindall, Arthur Spowart, Irish O'Flynn, Peter Hoare, Ron & Lorna chenhall, Shorty Moffatt, Irish & Carol Shaw to name but a few.

As this was the first public occasion we as an FESR group had attended since our President Bryan Windy Gale passed away we all wore black armbands in his honour also, as a mark of respect a recent photo of Windy was displayed on the banner which was ably and proudly borne aloft by two very attractive female RAAF Cadets.

The Lithgow Pipe Band provided the stirring music, great to march to and again listen to indoors at the ubeaut function laid on for us in the Memorial Hall afterwards, excellent entertainment was provided plus free sausage sizzle and beer at the right price.

It was great also to see some of our own wives and family and Ann Gale waving from the sidelines as we passed in what must have been a very moving moment for her, great day, great mates. Many thanks to the Blue Mountains Vietnam Veterans & Associated Forces Association. Regards. Irish.

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Message started by irish50561 on Jul 14th, 2006, 4:34pm

Title: FORMER SHIPMATES

Post by irish50561 on Jul 14th, 2006, 4:34pm

Former Stoker, Peter 'Dudley' Sutton joined the Wyong RSL Sub-Branch recently and we shared a few noggins.

Dudley only lives about 300 metres from my place in a new golfing estate and doesn't mind a game of golf, he's also a former member of our organisation so I've sent him a recent edition of the NSW/ACT Newsletter containing forms for Ballina All Ships and an application to rejoin the FESR. He served on Diamantina, Vampire, Melbourne, Duchess, Vendetta and Anzac and would have at least one or two former shipmates 'out there' that would recall the name. Regards. Irish.

Title: Re: FORMER SHIPMATES

Post by oldmech on Jul 14th, 2006, 5:59pm

Hey Irish,

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have supplied copies of the registration form for Ballina to a couple of my mates too. And what's more it looks as though I will be seeing them there too. My first time was last year but by crikey, I will be attempting to front every one from now on, at least while the health holds out.

All the best

ColN

Title: **Re: FORMER SHIPMATES**

Post by **irish50561** on Jul 14th, 2006, 9:57pm

Col old son, it was great to see you and your good lady at Ballina All Ships last November, hope to meet up again this year. Carol and I wouldn't miss it for quids, great to renew old friendships and make new ones. Also i'll be in Caloundra the last weekend in July for the Cook's Reunion, an event that is a must for any discerning ex-pussers cook worth his salt. We parade on Friday the 18th at Wyong RSL to commemorate Long Tahn Day with a simple ceremony and laying of wreaths then march at Springwood in the Blue Mountains on the following Sunday, another annual event the FESR wouldn't miss. Helps to keep me on the ball. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: FORMER SHIPMATES**

Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on Jul 15th, 2006, 8:11am

Laurie,

Am hoping to get to Springwood this year, and also Ballina in November. Will catch up with Col there again.

Ernie :) :)

Title: **Re: FORMER SHIPMATES**

Post by **irish50561** on Jul 21st, 2006, 10:24pm

Ernie old mate, great to see you back safe and well from your recent trip to Malaysia with your son, look forward to catching up with you and our FESR mates at Springwood on the third Sunday in August which is the 20th. Wyong RSL Sub-Branch is also celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tahn on the preceding Friday which will be the 18th August, the actual day the historic fire fight took place all those years ago in Vietnam. We meet at the club before 1700 and conduct the service in front of the ubeaut memorial outside in the car park, there'll be a dinner in the club rooms with entertainment afterwards, should be a ripper event. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Volunteer's Medal.**

Post by **irish50561** on Jul 21st, 2006, 10:48pm

The concept of a volunteer's medal is not a new thing, Free French veterans from WWII were presented with such a medal, the word Volunteer displayed boldly in large letters on a fair size scroll with the medal itself hanging from a ribbon.

Looks good, my mate here in Wyong showed me a photo the other day of his father wearing one, will try and come up with a copy of the snap. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: FORMER SHIPMATES**

Post by **irish50561** on Sep 16th, 2006, 10:19pm

Old recruit school mate and FESR shipmate Maurice Kriss turned up at our AGM at Woy Woy Leagues Club to-day, recognised him straight away although it's been 52 years since we last met at

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from Shoalhaven Heads plus new members, husband and wife team Peter and Jan Dicken both from the RNZN. Great day, great mates. Regards. Irish.

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<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1164639797>

Message started by DeeCee on Nov 28th, 2006, 1:03am

Title: **OFF YOUR BUTTS**

Post by **DeeCee** on **Nov 28th, 2006, 1:03am**

[smiley=vrolijk_26.gif] c,mon guys. get something moving. Things can't be that quiet down there in Mexico. Even if it is only about your lousy weather and then us Queenslanders can brag about Paradise. ::) Cheers D.C.

Title: **Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS**

Post by **Joe** on **Nov 28th, 2006, 3:35am**

DeeCee and anyone else listening

Rain - in Sydney? What's that? Mercury tipped for a mild 40 degrees today. Poor old garden. Even the grey water (no not mine!!!) is not enough. One bluddy big drought. Well under 40% left in Warragamba Dam - Goulburn has no water at all and hasn't had any for months. Wattabout the farmers - a lot are walking off and some are taking a deep six due to depression etc - a real problem.

Next thing I'll have to drink Cascade or XXXX!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Nov 28th, 2006, 7:10am**

Joe

You think the drought is crook down you way! Geeez.....I was out Charleville way in South Western Qld the other week and it's so dry out there that they had to close two of the lanes in their Councils' Memorial swimming pool to save a bit of water..... :o true story mate.

Ron

Title: **Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Nov 28th, 2006, 8:12am**

Ron ;)

We don't doubt you....."cause they used the water from those two lanes to top the shortage in the other six ::)

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Title: Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS

Post by Joe on Nov 29th, 2006, 4:13am

We got pools in Sydney too - car pools - can get a bit wet in those if the air con isn't working because we don't actually whizz down the freeway anymore - quicker to catch shank's pony! Seriously though the drought is a major problem - even drink the rum neat to save the precious commodity! Gotta do our bit to help where we can!

Chookas
Joe

Title: Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS

Post by oldmech on Dec 1st, 2006, 9:07pm

Now I heard whilst south of the border last week-end (at the Ballina Re-union), that the drought is so bad in Sydney that Tooheys is temporarily closing the Brewery next week until after it breaks (If memory serves me correctly it was a bloke with an Irish accent who told me). Oh woe is me! No more Old coming north over the border for Christmas.

Please tell me that it is only a rumour.
oldmech

Title: Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS

Post by Joe on Dec 2nd, 2006, 3:12am

Oldmech - 'tis true to be shure, to be shure! Don't worry too much we have lots of Old things we can send North for you. Maybe the Irish was jest pullin' yer leg tellin' yer to drink a heap while yer were havin' a good time in Ballina to make himself look more sober?

Chookas
Joe

Title: Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS

Post by irish50561 on Dec 6th, 2006, 3:09pm

Oi did no such ting, atall, atall, although I did manage to down a few draught Bundys and Coke. Just arrived back from Queensland after a ripper couple of weeks away visiting the rellies at Lowood, Redlands, Cleveland and The Gap, great weather, after the ALL SHIP'S at Ballina, great mates, great weekend. It was quite cool at Bribie Island and Enoggra, bloody cold at Maleny, misty rain, etc, etc. Heavy shower of rain at Redlands on Sunday night, thunder and lightning otherwise quite a good trip, traffic was not a problem and petrol was reasonably priced. Dropped into see some of Carol's old school mates at Kew on the way down and stayed overnight, arrived home safe and well with budget slightly bent, good to be home. Regards. Irish.

Title: Re: OFF YOUR BUTTS

Post by ronaldo on Dec 6th, 2006, 7:50pm

Oi it tis is tis. Oirish. Good to be home. Sorry we did not catch up and glad you and Carol had a great trip as did I and Fredene

May the enemies of Ireland never eat bread nor drink whiskey,
but be afflicted with itching without the benefit of scratching

Have a good un Irish

Ron

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Message started by Bob Witt on Dec 14th, 2006, 9:00pm

Title: **Merry Xmas**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Dec 14th, 2006, 9:00pm**

Irish, Wishing you and your Members and Friends the Very Best for the Festive Season

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 15th, 2006, 3:41am**

Thanks Bob - I echo your sentiments. Have a Very Merry Christmas yoursELF!!
To all others have a HoHoHo Christmas Day and a HaHaHa New Years Eve!
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**
Post by **irish50561** on **Dec 16th, 2006, 10:17am**

All the best for the festive season old son to your self, Jill, Erica and all FESR members. Always great to see you and our Queensland mates at the ubeaut Ballina All Ships each November, good bunch of people, a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year in 2007 to each and everyone of you.
Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Dec 17th, 2006, 7:21pm**

Bob and Irish,
Thanks for the wishes and a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New year to you all
Ern

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**
Post by **Doug Buchanan R49630** on **Dec 23rd, 2006, 10:06am**

A mighty Big HoHo to one and all

Title: **Re: Merry Xmas**
Post by **irish50561** on **Dec 28th, 2006, 8:18am**

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a ripper Xmas Day dinner at Port Stevens RSL. Boxing Day saw some of the same with a few NAA mates at Margaret Robinson's place at St Clair on the Central Coast, very relaxed and enjoyable. Family and friends, that's what it's all about, watching cricket and the yacht race, it doesn't get much better than that. Regards. Irish.