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General >> Bulletin Board >> NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami) **(Read 113 times)**

Title: **NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)**
Post by **Mario_Opassi** on **Dec 27th, 2005, 7:54am**

The Royal Warrant was signed on the 23rd July, 2005 and established yesterday, 26th December. To view the medal click on the link below.

<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/category/f/f5b.html>

At least the New Zealanders get a specific medal for the Asian Tsunami, unlike Australia, who virtually, reclassified the 'Overseas Humanitarian Medal'!!

Regards,

Mario

Title: **Re: NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 27th, 2005, 11:13pm**

It appears that there begins to be no distinguishing notability between medals and "been there " gongs. Given the selfless work troops have done, they deserve some recognition, but forgive me I may be old fashioned

jps

Title: **Re: NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:22pm**

;Dforgiven, you are so old fashioned, you never had an official number, you all knew each other! 8)

General >> Bulletin Board >> What's New **(Read 163 times)**

Title: **What's New**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Dec 23rd, 2005, 6:17am**

Forces to relax entry rules

AUSTRALIA'S military may soon be led by overweight officers with poor eyesight and asthma under a radical proposal to tackle a recruitment crisis within the Defence Force.

The army, navy and airforce are considering plans to relax eyesight and weight criteria for officer recruits in an effort to fill recruitment quotas and accept more of the 10 per cent of applicants who fail on health grounds.

Extract taken from today Australia

Title: **Re: What's New**
Post by **Ian McClure** on **Dec 23rd, 2005, 9:45am**

Here's the link to read the full story.

<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,10117,17645604-421,00.html>

Title: **Re: What's New**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 23rd, 2005, 10:45am**

well.....aint we just going to shit!!!!

jps

Title: **Re: What's New**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:26pm**

;DYep, StokerB, you always did spend a lot of time in the heads (Polishing the bowl with your feet was it?)
snicker smirk, chortle.

General >> Bulletin Board >> Literate PC user
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Title: **Literate PC user**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 12:00pm**

I am not a literate PC user although much better than when I started a few years ago. My better half of 43 years purchased a toshiba lap top/notebook for my 68th birthday this year. I can go onto the net through a 4 port ADSL modem at the same time as my desk computer. Can any old salt /young salt out there, on a ship sailing the sea of knowledge, advise this poor illiterate pc user how I should go about downloading all the information off my desk computer to my laptop. I have windows XP home on both computers. I know how to transfer everything onto cd's and such and do the transfer that way, only I realise it would take forever! can anyone help please?
Ernie "D"

Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 4:45pm**

No not necessarily Ern (Bear in mind I'm not real flash on XP, I use 2000P), your "My Computer/control panel" would show your capacity to network as the structure is built in the OS. The info should be in your MB manual or as an "on/off" selection in your BIOS. Yes you would need another 2 network cards (unfortunately I think laptops only have the one slot). Using your existing cards and a crossover cable would require different Network settings which would again have to be changed back to get back on the net (which makes your system less secure). If you have a "router/modem" I think you could actually link your computers through it (I'm still checking up on this).....so I'm guessing with this info you haven't moved forward or back but off to the side..^_^.....

BTW...all this is refutable by someone with greater knowledge...and please do

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 4:55pm**

Here ya go

<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/home-network.htm>

<http://www.homenethelp.com/home-network.asp>

http://www.epinions.com/cmhd-topic-How_to_Network_Computers_at_Home

Here's a start, a google search will pull you up many more

cheers

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **xnavyman** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 6:04pm**

With my two 'puters, the networking is only for the internet sharing not file or printer sharing.

All you need is the network cards in each machine, a network cable to run between the machines. Then run the networking wizard on each machine to get them to talk to each other. You have to remember to work out whether you just want internet sharing or all which includes file and printer sharing. You connect thru the main computer to the internet.

When setting up, it is advisable to use same names for the computers and connections between them.

Those links in the previous post are worth looking at.

Cheers

Geoff

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **looseleis** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 7:09pm**

There is a program on cable tv called "call for help" it is a program all about computers. You can access it on the web at www.callforhelp.com it is very informative about all of these type of things. You can also talk to them, it is a program out of Canada

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 9:08am**

Thanks StokerB and Lads, I am on the way at half steam ahead, bit of turbulent water ahead, but at least now I can recognise the port I am steering for! Once again thanks for replying to my SOS
Kind Regards ...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **David_A** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 12:03pm**

I have a quick and easy [and so far infallible] method of solving computer problems. I ask my grandchildre!
David A

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 12:43pm**

You found me out Dave ^_^

I've been messing about with these gully gully machines since about 1980, anytime I can help (within my limited capability) I'd be happy to

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **oldsalty** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 5:03pm**

Simply go to your Windows XP Help and Support Centre and search for Transfer Files and the information for opening the files and setting transfer wizard will be available, follow this and transfer all your old files and settings to the new laptop, simple as.

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 6:22am**

I just went and spoke with my local ISP guy who also does computer repair resale etc. Charged me \$30.00 and took 1 day and transferred everything. Don't know how and don't care - it works and saved me getting a bit het up as I tend to have a short fuse (yes fuse the other has always been short!) - also saved me pulling out the last bit of fuzz I call hair!

Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 1:26pm**

Joe,
Charged you \$30 and took him an hour (tops)
Your local council MAY run a computer familiarisation course for the elderly which is normally free. (30 bucks.....thats nearly a slab mate !! ^_^)

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:18pm**

;Djps - stands for just passed seventy. :-X

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 8th, 2006, 8:23am**

Ah yes but power is knowledge. Guess I should have just bought a slab and then I could have done it myself or not cared if it worked or not - come to think of it I did buy a slab!

Chookas
Joe

General >> Bulletin Board >> Happy Birthday Raymund Norton
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Title: **Happy Birthday Raymund Norton**

an almighty explosion outside. The doors blew in, and through the dust and debris rolled a head, which stopped at their table. Paddy looked down and exclaimed "b egorrah, its shamus O'Rourke" . Shaun looked over for a minute, then avowed, "Nooo, that's not Shamus, Shamus is taller than that"!

I think that story is a little far fetched, but cheers to my Irish Heritage.
Cliffy

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Jan 9th, 2006, 12:33pm**

I too am of Irish heritage, so probably OK for me to post this.

An Irish man walks into a pub. The bartender asks him, "what'll you have?"

The man says, "Give me three pints of Guinness please."

So the bartender brings him three pints and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third until they're gone. He then orders three more.

The bartender says, "Sir, I know you like them cold. You don't have to order three at a time. I can keep an eye on it and when you get low I'll bring you a fresh cold one."

The man says, "You don't understand. I have two brothers, one in Australia and one in the States. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night we'd still drink together. So right now, my brothers have three Guinness Stouts too, and we're drinking together.

The bartender thought that was a wonderful tradition.

Every week the man came in and ordered three beers. Then one week he came in and ordered only two. He drank them and then ordered two more.

The bartender said to him, "I know what your tradition is, and I'd just like to say that I'm sorry that one of your brothers died."

The man said, "Oh, me brothers are fine----I just quit drinking."

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 9th, 2006, 2:45pm**

Paddy migrates from Dublin with his family and begorrah within a week of arriving he lands a job as a builders labourer working on a new high rise building at the Gold Coast. He became friendly with two fellow workers, one named Walmsley Barklay-St.John, R-Ner of course, and another, a local lad by the name of Bluey Ryan. As soon as the lunch whistle blew everyday, the trio would climb up the scaffolding to the top floor and sit down in a corner swapping yarns and enjoying all the fine views of pacific while eating their sandwiches. On this particular day, as they sat down in their usual possie, Walmsley open ups his lunch and looks in between two slices of bread and says, " Bah Jove. Bangers and mash sandwiches again. I hate cold mash & bangers. I have been eating them for weeks on end. If I get them again I will jump off the top floor and kill myself & teach my wife a lesson." Bluey

thinks quitely to himself and then opens up his lunch. "Ferkinell", he said, " Friggin stale bread, dry cheese and vegemite again. I hate the bloody stuff. Wouldn't feed it to me pet dorg. If me missus serves it up to me again, I'll do the same as you Walsmely and jump too." All eyes were on Paddy as he began to open up his lunch. Suddenly Paddy calls out, "By the Holy Cross bayjeezus, If I get this sort of lunch again I will do the same as you two. Cold left over Irish strew again. Holy Father how I hate that stuff.'

Next day at lunch the trio go to the same corner and sit down. Walsmley opens up and inspects his lunch, then shrieks, "Bangers & Mash again. I'm a man of my word. He then jumps up and takes a running leap over the top to the pavement 20 floors below. Bluey slowly opened his lunch and takes a small bite from the corner of one sandwich. He jumps up suddenly and spits out the contents and calls out, " I teach that tart, bloody cheese & vegemite again. I'm a man of my word too." He then takes a running jump over the side to follow Walmsley. Poor old Paddy slowly unwrapped his lunch and peeled back a corner of his take-a-way container and then looks inside. " He then crosses himself and mutters, "damm the Irish and their stews, I am a man of my word too!" With that Poor old Paddy throws himself off the top of the building. A couple of months go by, the three wives emerge from the Coroners Court where all three men were found to have died by their own actions. "If only Walmsley had told me he did not like Bangers & Mash, I would have made him something else for lunch and he would be alive today", his widow sobbed. " Same for Bluey", said Maude, "I did not know he didn't like cheese and vegemite. If he had only told me I could of made him something else". "Poor old Paddy. Poor old Paddy", sobbed Colleen. " I don't know what why he did it. The diivil must have got into him. He always makes his own lunch!"

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **Cyril Rice** on **Jan 9th, 2006, 4:16pm**

Paddy promised Molly he would not be home late or get drunk. He met up with the boys and the session dragged on and when Paddy put his empty glass down on the bar and he fell off his stool, he realised that he had better make tracks home.
He crawled across the floor and onto the street pulled himself up into a taxi that took him home. Once there he fell out of the cab dragged himself up to the front door, fumbled for his keys and finally let himself in, as quiet as a mouse he hauled himself up stairs and into the bedroom.
Not a stir from Molly so he crept into bed thinking "Thank god I got away with that", and as the room started to spin he passed out.
Next morning Molly brings him up a cup of tea.
"So you got drunk again last night?"
"No I never, anyway how would you know, you were asleep"
"The pub just rang to say you left your wheelchair there" :o :o

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Jan 10th, 2006, 6:07pm**

Irish Medical Dictionary

Artery.....The study of paintings
Bacteria.....The back door to the Cafeteria
Benign.....What you be, after you be eight
Cauterize.....Made eye contact with her
Coma.....Punctuation mark
Dilate.....Live long
Enema.....Not a friend
Fester.....Quicker than someone else
Fibula.....A small lie
Morbid.....A higher offer
Nitrates.....Cheaper than day rates
Node.....I knew it
Outpatient.....A person who has fainted
Post operative.....A letter carrier
Secretion.....Hiding something
Seizure.....Roman emperor
Tablet.....Small table
Terminal illness.....Getting sick at the airport
Tumour.....One plus one more
Urine.....Opposite of your out

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Cliffy Walsh** on **Jan 10th, 2006, 6:36pm**

;D Then there was the Irish pirate.....
.....Wore a patch over both eyes.

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Cyril Rice** on **Jan 10th, 2006, 9:14pm**

8)Paddy had just got his license to drive a grader and applied for a job with the Irish National Main Roads Dept.
His first job was out on a coastal highway, and the foreman took him out and showed him what he wanted done and left him to carry on.
About lunch time the foreman decided to check on how Paddy was progressing and on reaching the site he saw Paddy parked up on the side of the road crying his eyes out.
"Paddy me boy, what's the matter?"
"I just pushed an English tourist bus over edge of the cliff"
"English did you say? Now now me boy they were only English that's nothing to worry over, why are you crying?"
"Course the bus was only half full"
::)

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 8:13am**

Paddy, after living and working in New Zealand as a coach driver for years, decides the world has much greener pastures, and heads across the Tasman for a new life in Sydney. He applied for a job with the City Council as a bus driver and after a couple of days of waiting, receives a letter asking him to go to the local bus depot for a driving test. AT 8.00am on the dot the next day, Paddy rolls up for

the test and the local bus inspector puts Paddy behind the wheel of a bus and takes him out on the road for the test. Paddy is going great guns. He turns right when asked. Moves to the inside lane after passing slow traffic. Pulls into the kerb to show how he would pull up to let passengers alight and embark. Travels in designated bus lanes and was impressing the Inspector to no end with his driving. The Inspector after about half-an-hour says, " Paddy old son, you are going great guns. Only one more little test to go". With that the Inspector directs Paddy into a dead end road to see how Paddy would cope in turning a bus around in a confined space. Paddy gets to the end of the dead end road and stops the bus. The Inspector says, " Can you make a u-turn paddy?". As quick as a flash Paddy replies, " Inspector", he said, "Not oinly did I learn in New Zealand how to make ewe turns but after five minutes I make them go cross-eyed as well!"

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **stokerB** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 11:15am**

Two oirish fellas emigrate to Australia and are out looking for work. They pass a lumber yard with a big sign stating "Tree Fellers wanted"....."no good going in there" sez Paddy to Shaun " there's only two of us"

jps

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Cliffy_Walsh** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 11:49am**

;DPaddy walks into a lumber camp looking for work.
The boss asks him what he does best.
"well Oi love foightin, thet Io do."
Hmm, says the boss, thinking. Paddys a big bloke, and he might be just what I need.
"Tell you what Paddy, I want you to go through the forrest, and when you come across a cutting camp, you can gee ém along a bit you know? If theyre slacking off, get em moving."
õi kin do dat, oi kin, sure".
So off he goes into the forrest with his waterbag and sangers.
He comes to a giant Karri tree, and there were two men, about six feet off the ground, on their spears. One either side of this huge tree. A little bloke and a great big fella. They have a sixteen foot crosscut saw going flat out! Throwing sawdust eight feet either side of the cut.
Paddy watches them for a few moments, then walks over to the big bloke, hauls him off the spear, and smacks him as cold as yesterdays mutton. Then he takes the saw out of the cut, walks around the tree and hands it up to the little bloke and says,"and if he tries to take it off you again, you just let me know, ok?".

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 12:56pm**

An Irishman goes to a carpenter. "Can you build me a box that's two inches deep, two inches wide and 50 feet long?"

"Well," says the carpenter, "it could be done, I suppose, but what would you want with a box like that?"

"Well" said the Irishman, "my neighbour moved away and forgot to take a few things with him -- and he asked me to send him his garden hose."

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Cliffy_Walsh** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 1:26pm**

:oThree blokes sitting in a spa, a German, a Japanese and an Irishman.
There is a beeping sound and the German lifts his hand out of the water a presses his finger into his right palm and the beeping stops. "What's that?"asks the Japanese.
"German technology, he replies, When my mobile phone goes off and i'm showering or swimming, I can shut the phone off by pressing a chip in the palm of my hand. German technology."
There is a another ringing tone, and the Japanese man lifts his hand out of the water, puts his palm to his ear, then using his finger, begins pressing his palm.
"What's that" asks the German.
"Japanese technology" replies the inscrutable one, "When my mobile phone rings, and I'm swimming or bathing I have a chip in the palm of my hand. I listen to the message, then SMS the reply. Japanese technology".

Begorrah, thinks Paddy, dey don't make tings loike this in oireland, I better think of something so they don't show me up. So out of the spa he gets and goes off to the bathroom. Back he comes, and spins around and theres three feet of dunny paper hanging out of his butt. "Well, would you look at dut, I'm

gittin'a fax"! ::)

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 3:44pm**

Oi don't know how Paddy got into this but you could put it all down to the luck of the Oirish.

Does history ever repeat itself. Then I ask you.....

Year 1981

1. Prince Charles gets married.
2. Liverpool crowned Champions of Europe.
3. Australia loses the Ashes.
4. Pope Dies.

Year 2005

1. Prince Charles gets married.(again).
2. Liverpool crowned Champions of Europe.
3. Australia loses the Ashes.
4. Pope Dies.

Moral to this story?

In future, if Bonny Prince Chuck decides to get married again will someone please warn the Pope and please cancel the frigging cricket!

**General >> Bulletin Board >> Win for Vets
(Read 1060 times)**

Title: **Win for Vets**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 15th, 2005, 1:36pm**

Hi all

This subject is courtesy of ABC and there was a further bulletin on 1300 hrs some time today

Mr Hiddens says he is not concerned the access agreement to the retreat has been limited to 15 years as a lot could happen in that time.

"In 15 years time, of course, the Vietnam Veterans are all approaching the late seventies, early eighties and I think that's what the Aboriginal people are saying, 'we'll offer you this period of time that you can use but after that we want the land back' type of thing.

"Now, you know, 15 years is a long time and a lot can happen in 15 years."

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Russ Ames** on **Dec 15th, 2005, 4:18pm**

In a way I am as pleased as anyone that the lease has been signed for the retreat for Vietnam veterans. In other ways I get a bit dark about the constant yarping about Vietnam and the needs for special retreats.

I know many infantry and air crew veterans who served at least one tour of Vietnam, who were shot at (and occasionally hit) and, remarkably, they got over it and continued with their lives.

The Navy experience was, by and large, totally different to theirs and the vast majority of Navy veterans (apart from aircrews) never even set foot in Vietnam only seeing the hills around Vung Tau during their 24 hour turnaround.

I've heard the usual diatribe about 'nobody loved us', 'called me a baby killer' and 'people spitting at me'. Well, I served until 1969, belonged to an RSL, wore my uniform proudly and nobody ever abused or spat at me.

I think sometimes that those of us who served in Malaya or Borneo (and probably those who served in Korea) must think we served in a different Navy so for Christ sake, just because you saw Vietnam from a distance, it's not the end of the world. You've got health studies, mortality studies, a roll of those who served in the Vietnam Theatre, retreats in the bush and even a motor cycle gang.

Isn't it time to get over it and get on with life without constantly whinging about it.

I make no apology for kicking such a sacred cow. Its needed a swift kick in the arse for a long time.

Best wishes to you all for Xmas and the New Year.

Russ AMES
Malaya 57,59,60 and 61.
Warramunga, Quickmatch and Queenborough.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Philip** on **Dec 15th, 2005, 6:02pm**

I agree with your comments Russ.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Bill Jennings** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 7:13am**

G'Day Russ.

Well mate I don't agree with you. You forgot to mention the CD teams that were most certainly ashore there, and in the early years for Sydney and the escorts in the turnaround was 4-5 days, and I think the only reason that there were no incidents was because we were very good at how we done things. I am one of those sacred cows, and I don't think I would let you kick my arse. BTW, when did you pay off?

Bill Jennings. Ex POUW. 59- 71, Gascoyne, Voyager, Parramatta. Duchess.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **tromb123** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 8:23am**

The Band of the Royal Australian Navy did two tours of duty into Vietnam...same as Bagdhad, with their trombones and rifles.

>:(

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 9:51am**

I respect Russ But I do beg to differ with his comments.

I believe every tour of duty is different from the previous/later tours. I never served my country in vietnam, although I did go down to join the army for that purpose but reneged under pressure from the family in 1965. I can only go by my experiences serving in Malaya 1956, 1957. and 1959 and 1960.

Those earlier years were completely different in circumstances and what you saw. And another thing, dramatic events affect different people in different ways.

Some people can cope some can not. Some it affects years later. In vietnam, unlike Malaya in 1960 when everything was getting back to a normal life for all Malaysians, plus us. IT would have been hotting up in the Vietnam campaign, as the North were winning that war, and the ugly sights of death were becoming more frequent as the allied forces were forced to leave. This is my honest belief, but as I say I wasn't there for my country that time. How ever I do know that every tour is different be it by ship experience, or individual, and also depending on, age, experience, and right arm rate regardless of what service one served, but of course this is not always the case either, as war has no respect for any rank or right arm rate, age or civilians, or anyone's sufferings or whom they may be!. Regards...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 10:02am**

Yeah, good spit of the dummy Russ. Grab your bat and go home! You appear to be the only one having a whinge. Who is trying to compare one service against another or one tour of duty against another or one war against another. Not only CD Teams were there, there were also Gunline line Destroyers, RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam, (who tours of duty were 12 month periods & which incidently saw more action than most pongos or Air Force and who had more per ratio KIA & WIA than any other Australian Group. They were one of the most highly decorated units and consisted more than just 'aircrew'). Don't forget the Jeparit & Boonaroo. Medical teams & even our Bandies were there! Are you knocking those groups, forgetting them or just plain ignorant to the fact that they were there as well? So what if some of them have hang-ups and like to ride motor cycles. Some may like to sing, write, dance, draw or paint pictures! So what? At least some are trying to do something to help other ex-service persons and are not making comparisons. Only difference now is they do not put up with crap dealt out by Govt & others, like we did & and then have to wait 40 odd years to receive what was due. I was at every session of the Brisbane hearing of the 'Mohr' Inquiry & made a submission. You probably did likewise at another hearing in a different State. Did not hear the RSL present evidence on behalf of the FESR. They did not rate a mention in 'Annex A', of his published report of the review either. I do not knock them. Have been a member since the 60's.

Some historical facts for you to read from the RAN Seapower Centre:-

RAN IN THE VIETNAM WAR

By Joe Straczek

The Royal Australian Navy's role in the Vietnam War is sometimes overlooked by comparison with the Army's larger numerical involvement. As well as serving in ships deployed to Vietnam naval personnel served in clearance diving teams, the Navy helicopter flight, in logistic support roles and in medical teams.

Australian destroyers sailed nearly 400,000 miles in the course of the war and fired more than 100,000 rounds of ammunition.

The converted aircraft carrier HMAS SYDNEY carried about 16,000 Australian troops as the famed 'Vung Tau Ferry'.

Australian Clearance Divers carried out several thousand ship searches looking for bombs and other explosive devices.

A total of eight officers and sailors of the RAN were killed and nearly 50 injured in the 10 years of our Navy's involvement in hostilities.

Early Goodwill Visits

Though the RAN did not become operationally involved in the Vietnam conflict until 1965, HMA Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH were the first ships in the area when they made a goodwill visit to Saigon in 1962. They were followed the next year by the Q Class destroyers HMA Ships QUIBERON and QUEENBOROUGH. These were not operational visits: but designed to show Australian government support for the government in Saigon, and members of the ships company visited the Vietnamese Special Forces training centre and carried out other 'flag showing' activities. During the 1963 visit the small Vietnamese naval vessel KY-HOA accidently rammed and holed QUIBERON whilst coming alongside her.

Vung Tau Ferry

As the overall role of Australia's military increased in Vietnam so did the involvement of the RAN. The converted aircraft carrier HMAS SYDNEY had been transporting Army personnel and equipment from Australia to Vietnam since May 1965. This ship was to become a familiar sight and temporary home to

some 16,000 Australian military personnel as they deployed to Vietnam or returned to Australia. Because of these trooping runs SYDNEY was affectionately known as the 'Vung Tau Ferry'.

During these deployments SYDNEY was escorted and protected by other units of the RAN. On at least one such trip her escort included the aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE, though MELBOURNE did not enter Vietnamese waters. She entered the operational area which extended out to 100 nautical miles.

Clearance Diving Teams

In May 1966 the RAN's underwater Clearance Diving Team 1 (CDT1) spent a short period in Vietnam working with USN divers. Almost a year later the Australian government announced the deployment of Clearance Diving Team 3. This team was made up of personnel from the RAN's two existing diving teams, CDT1 and CDT2, and after a period of additional training arrived in Vietnam on February 6, 1967.

RAN CDT 3 was primarily employed in clearing rivers and shipping channels of mines and booby traps laid by the Viet Cong. This normally dangerous task was made especially so by the murky conditions under which the divers had to work. Other tasks assigned to the divers included salvage work and assisting in trawler and ship searches.

Regular searches were also conducted of Australian Army water transport and other ships. This task was known as Operation STABLE DOOR and was intended to protect and secure South Vietnamese ports and military shipping from sabotage by the Viet Cong. As part of this operation RAN clearance divers conducted about 7500 ship searches.

While the Clearance Divers operated as a distinct unit a number of personnel were attached for short intervals to USN diving teams. Such attachments provided the RAN clearance divers with valuable experience and exposure to other operating techniques. Perhaps the most unusual request for assistance received by the RAN clearance divers came from the US Army 36th Evacuation Hospital: they had just admitted a patient who had eaten some C-4 explosive.

On The Gunline

In March 1967, one month after the announcement of the deployment of the Clearance Diving Team to Vietnam, the (then) Minister for the Navy, Mr Don Chipp, announced that the RAN's newly commissioned guided missile destroyer HMAS HOBART would be deployed to join the US Seventh Fleet to support operations off the coast of Vietnam. HOBART departed Sydney on the 7 March 1967 and joined the US Seventh Fleet on 15 March. Her arrival at the US Naval Base in Subic Bay began the six monthly rotation of RAN destroyers which was to last until October 1971.

All of the RAN's guided missile destroyers deployed to Vietnam as did the Daring Class destroyer HMAS VENDETTA. HOBART and PERTH made three deployments each and made BRISBANE two. During the course of these operations the destroyers fired over 100,000 rounds of ammunition in support of military operations and steamed 397,484 miles.

Typically the destroyers were operating on the 'gunline' providing fire support to Allied forces. They also took part in Operation SEA DRAGON, the name given to surface ship operations against North Vietnam. At various times the commanders of RAN ships were delegated command of the 'gunline' and SEA DRAGON operations. Other tasks performed by the destroyers included screening the US carriers on YANKEE Station and, in the case of PERTH, supervising an abortive return of POWs to North Vietnam.

VENDETTA, which served in Vietnam from September 1969 to April 1970 was the only Australian-built destroyer to deploy. With her six 4.5 inch guns and 40 mm Bofors she was more like a light cruiser than the typical American destroyer.

On several occasions the destroyers operated close inshore and were fired upon by North Vietnamese shore batteries. However, the only fatal casualties onboard these ships occurred when HOBART was attacked, on June 17, 1968, by an aircraft later identified as belonging to the USAF. Two sailors were killed and a number wounded. HOBART returned to Subic Bay for repairs.

While they were in the operational area the RAN destroyers were supported by USN replenishment ships. At regular interval the ships visited Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines. This was to allow maintenance to be carried out and to provide shore leave and rest for the ship's crew.

Logistic Support

General logistic support to the Australian military forces operating in Vietnam was provided by SYDNEY supported by the merchant-ships JEPARIT and BOONAROO. The latter two were initially manned by civilian crews but had to be commissioned into the RAN due to union bans. BOONAROO was the first ship to commission into the RAN under the distinctive Australian White Ensign. These ships transported almost 200,000 DWT of cargo to South Vietnam with JEPARIT making a total of 42 trips. As well as providing logistic support for the Australian Army and RAAF other RAN personnel served ashore in Vietnam.

RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam

Members of Australia's Fleet Air Arm were heavily involved in air mobile operations during the Vietnam War. The RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHfV) was fully integrated into the US Army's 135th

Assault Helicopter Company while a further RAN detachment served with the RAAF's 9 Squadron in Vung Tau. Throughout their service in Vietnam, these units of the RAN Fleet Air Arm provided tactical airlift and gunship support to Australian and allied forces.

More detailed histories of these units can be found under the main heading 'Feature Articles' or by clicking on the relevant hyperlink.

Medical and Support Personnel

Members of the RAN also served at the Headquarters Australian Forces Vietnam and as detached medical officers. This second group were RAN doctors who served with 1st Australian Field Hospital and US Army and Navy hospitals. While serving in this capacity the Navy doctors were also involved in the Medical Civil Action Program which provided medical support to the local civilian population.

WITHDRAWAL

In April 1971 the (then) Prime Minister Mr John Gorton announced that Australian forces in Vietnam would be reduced. This led to the withdrawal of the clearance divers in May and the RANHFV in June. The final RAN destroyer on the gunline, BRISBANE, returned to Sydney on October 15, 1971.

The Whitlam Labor government withdrew all Australian forces from and stopped military aid to South Vietnam. JEPARIT returned to Sydney from her final voyage on March 11, 1972 and was followed the next day by SYDNEY.

During the 10 years that the RAN was involved in the war, eight officers and sailors were killed and another 46 were either wounded or suffered other injuries. The dedication and professionalism shown by members of the RAN earned the Service the respect of our Allies and continued the traditions established by Australian sailors in other wars.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Russ Ames** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 11:25am**

Dear All,

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Unfortunately, because of actions of Governments and others, Vietnam raised other issues. Those issues, unfortunately, tended to create an atmosphere of martyrdom for many of those who served in Vietnam but we are now thirty years down the track for Christ's sake! It's time to move on!

A couple of 'by the ways':

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I served from 1954 to 1969.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Russ Ames** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 11:45am**

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For most of us who served in the Malayan Emergency, the Government didn't even recognise that Australian ships were even there and then fought tooth and nail to deprive us of any recognition at all for over 40 years! I was pissed off over those years and with the lies and obstacles that came our way from the Government and Defence but, after the Mohr Enquiry, that was rectified and we all moved on.

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Vietnam but we are now thirty years down the track for Christ's sake! It's time to move on!

A couple of 'by the ways':

1. I mentioned in my first message that by and large most Navy veterans did not even get ashore in Vietnam. I did mention aircrews but forgot a couple of other units. I apologise to them, but, most Navy veterans did not get ashore.
2. I served from 1954 to 1969.

Again, cheers for Xmas and the New Year.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **sluggo** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 12:09pm**

Russ, I have to agree with you, I was at the monthly general meeting at our local RSL the other day and the viet vets stood up and complained about the way they were treated, gave me the sh*ts, they have been doing it for a long time now and it is about time they forgot it and got on with their lives, they had their welcome home march and I have never seen vets looked after like them, maybe I'm jealous, I tried to get into the heart for health but wasn't a viet vet, and anyway we never had and never will have a welcome home march and I couldn't give a sh*t about that either, I would prefer to get on with life, these are not complaints but they are just things that I can refer to that come quickly to mind, but I could go on,,,,,anyway fellows, put the past in the back of your minds and get on with life as it will be a lot more enjoyable,,,,I'll have a king brown for all of you, maybe 6 or more,,,regards and a merry xmas and happy new year to all,,,,Shep
ps, maybe if you stopped congregating in a corner and stopped talking about old war'ries and assimilated into the rest of the group, I can go to the RSL any day and they are all sitting in a group together shunning the rest and then complain that they are being shunned,,,,Incoming hah hah

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 12:49pm**

Before joining Pussers and after listening to My Brother Jim, who had served in New Guinea, as well as many other Uncles and friends of the family who had served in practically every campaign in WW2 between them, that there was one thing that they all agreed on.

It was that it only took your first few minutes in the Hard Stuff, or even Waiting for it to happen, to make you aware of how fragile your grip on life was.

So those of us from all areas that we have served in, be thankful that you are still here and can spare a thought for someone you lost.

I also visit another site where some of the discussions are taking on a nasty sound from different opinions from different people.

I ask as an old Sailor/Soldier to dwell a pause of two marching paces and do not emulate the other sites.

In closing I will tell you that after much prompting from my family I actually had sessions with a Psychiatrist for several years and 3 years at the VVCS where I was the only Sailor, The Oldest and the Only non Vietnam man present.

As you can imagine, I took a lot of friendly crap from them.

I finally left as I found that I was becoming a sort of Father figure to them and was taking their problems onto my own lot, so left and again put everything on the Back Burner again.

Now, the reason for this abridged version of "Gone with the Wind".

Whilst I agree with Russ that there are some who are whipping a dead horse too much.

I also believe that if it had not been for the what we call whinging and moaning of the Viet Vets, a lot of would still be doing it hard on our own.

So I for one tend to cut them a little slack

Take care all of you over this coming year.

THAT IS AN ORDER NOT A REQUEST.

Tom29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Philip** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 1:23pm**

Back to the Original post I have heard from many that Pandanus Park, is a great place to visit and for Vietnam Veterans in particular it has been a place for them to go and meet up with others and share in the fellowship of that Conflict.

It is true also that if it was not for the Vietnam Veterans there would be no VVCS either and other such things.

But and I was at the meeting with Sluggo as well not the same table mind you and almost died laughing when the President of the Vietnam Veterans group got up and said that members of the Sub branch had been rude and insulting to his members.

We are asked to cut them slack it does work both ways.

I can go into the local RSL and chat to Sluggo and when I go to Perth and I seem to be able to chat with the FESR blokes and other Matleots but one group ignores you and snobs you off, I am not a member of FESR but I am treated no different if that makes sense?

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 1:48pm**

G'day Phillip,

I also have had a gut full of those Viet Vets who continuously waffle on about how hard they have it and how every one hates them and so on.

When I said I tend to cut them some slack that was Not a rallying call to all of you to do the same. That was a personal opinion.

I have no doubt that I have at times given people a dose of the craps with my waffling on about Minesweeping but then every one of us does the same about something at some time. Like now.

We have all seen an incident or two at our RSL,s from veterans from all wars.

It happens that I just do not listen any more.

Last year on Anzac Day at Greenbank RSL I took my old Bos'ns Pipe from Warramunga days and played a tune or two when I had had a few tots. ::)

There must have been someone there who got cheesed off at me, especially when several old QM's came up for lessons. 8)

So stay cool mate.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **evilCA** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 3:11pm**

Russ,(Ames),

I note that as a guest who has not bothered to register on the site we don't know very much about you other than you sure seem to have a problem with Vietnam Vets.....

There are a few points that should be clarified,

Pandanus Park is for **ALL** veterans and the Vietnam Vets have made that very clear.

The Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service is for **ALL** veterans and they have made that very clear.

When FESR sailors were trying to get recognition it was the Vietnam Vets organizations that backed us when the RSL and many of the WW2 Ships Association did not want to know us.

Sure the Vietnam Vets have come on strong but with damn good reason and it is their actions that have got them all those things that the RSL and other organizations would not support them in.

Their actions have helped all other vetererans.

Remember those that went to all the other post WW2 conflicts volunteered to go.

The Vietnam Vets were predominatly conscripts that had no choice and when they went and did their duty they did not receive the gratfull recognition as did the WW2 veterans.

They make it quite clear why they have a chip on their shoulder .

I don't know what your problem is.?

Regards...CA.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 4:18pm**

CA, Trust me here when I say I not checking you.

The National Servicemen who served in Vietnam were all volunteers.

In 1966 I was a WO2 Infantry acting as an Umpire during "Exercise Barrawinga" at Shoalwater Bay. It went on for 6 weeks. ::)

Each battalion had to do several different type of exercise over the very rugged terrain and at the end of one such exercise the Bn. was gathered to be addressed by the CO.I was there.

They were next cab off the rank for Vietnam.

He told them about them going and then told them that "anyone who did not want to go for any reason such as Time left in service (had to have at least 18 months to serve)age, personal problems or any other objections(cant' spell concienious) and so on were to report to the Ordely room and advise the Sgt.

There would be no Stigma attatched to them in any way.

This included Nasho's,

Only a very few took the option.

The National Service men who served in Vietnam were volunteers just like the Regulars. Do not ever doubt it.

The myth that the Nashos were forced to go its just that ,A MYTh made up by the papers and the SOS group. There were a few who played up once they got there.

Imagine yourself as being in a top Footy team and training all year plus, and on the night before the Grand Final the Coach tells you that if you do not wish to play you do not have to.

What would you do??

Also the RSM had a real heavy go at them and told them in no uncertain tones that their first casualties would be self inflicted as they were in his mind, too casual.

Unfortunately he was right. It happened.

I wish to make it quite clear that I am not anti any Veteran wherever he served.
om29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 6:13pm**

Blowed if I know!

They must be a different bunch of blokes at Granville NSW, head quarters (vietnam veterans Federation)

They have always treated me fine and curtious. Have had no problems at the sub branch when I can get to go. They have always bent over backwards to help me out. And especially our sub branch pension officer who just happens to be a vietnam vet. He done so much for the member up there at Chester Hill, amazing work, not only just for me but everyone regardless of where they have served, all the older second war blokes love him.

Before him they had a second world war chappie and 90 % of requests were put in the too hard basket, and unless you were in the second world war, as far as he was concerned you had never been to war!

Regards and best wishes for the season ...Ernie "D"

I promise in the new year I will refrain from using the word "Teatowel"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **evilCA** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 8:21pm**

Tom you are certainly correct in your post about having the choice to elect not to go to Vietnam but the Nashos who comprised most of the deployments to Vietnam had no choice about being drafted into the Army for the two years and as you said it would be a very strong young man that would have the courage to step forward in front of his mates and say " I don't want to go " .

It would have been akin to asking for a 'white feather 'and then he would have to tell his family that he had backed out of going .

Remember also at that age and period of time their fathers and uncles who had served in WW2 were heros to them and they went off expecting to come back with the same status of being a 'Returned Serviceman '....It just didn't happen and that is probably the prime factor in the mental atitude and depression experienced by so many Vietnam Vets.

Sure they finally got the welcome Home parade and the benefits but how many of those thousands of people that demonstrated and treated them so badly and the RSL members that rejected them has since gone up to a Vietnam Vet and said "I'm sorry for the way we treated you" ?.

The Vietnam Vets did not alienate themselves from the rest.

It was the rest that didn't want to know them.

Regards...CA

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 9:04pm**

CA you are right in that they were put into a terrible position. One that I am glad I did not have to put up with. I was fortunate in that I instructed Navy Nashos in Cerberus in 1955-56 and then Army bods during my Army time in the 1963 to 1970 period, or whatever year it was that Gough cut it out, and I can honestly say it was hard to tell the difference from the regulars. So, although it does not sound like I like them I surely do. As for Vietnam, My brother Stan was there in the RAAF and on his return his own wife gave him a hard time. His kids did too but they were only following Mum. I am happy to say they now appreciate him but he is still a very sick man. He also served in Malaya 1949.

I volunteered for Vietnam in 1964 and missed out and again in 1971 but it was closing down so missed out again.

However I am not sorry I missed now because the Four lads who volunteered with me in 1964 when I was knocked back are now all dead.

My motto for as long as I can remember has been KISMET which I was told means "Tis Fate".

Take care.

tom29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 8:09am**

Hi All

It is good to have lively discussion on the topic, no matter for or against. A debate on both sides also helps to keep the brain matter going. In all groups there are the shirkers, whingers, heroes and whatever.

Nothing has changed in time. Those in WW1 & WW2, undoubtedly had things tougher than any of us. In their days whether at the war front or later in life, some were presumed to be 'shell shocked' and for good reason as we know. I think the only thing which has changed today is the name. Now we call it PTSD or to be more modern, 'Gulf War Syndrome', as Philip knows. You cannot compare one war with another or one battle against another. To each combatant, they were there and it was their war. You will not convince them otherwise. There are those who may have fought in those battles with each of us that we may not wish to know because of things which they did or how they may have behaved or acted. The majority though, fight like tooth & nail for equity and their rights. Look at "Trombie". If he went off to serve, and I do not know if he did or not, that is by the way, but whatever role he or his group did, they all did it for what they had signed up to do and I am sure that they certainly turned it on for any of the troops whom they entertained. Russ, apologies accepted for missing out on those other groups. I also missed a group. I forgot to mention our Navy Sin Bosuns who also went to visit our men at the front. There was one Navy Sinbosun who went to visit RANHFV, and either on the way to the base up in the thickest part of the fighting in the triangle, the gunslick which was carrying him came under heavy enemy fire. He was shoved behind a M60 and told to fire or else he would be meeting up with his maker much sooner than expected. The story told is that he closed his eyes to take aim at the enemy.

And to Tom, how could we forget you old mate. I think you have been telling tall stories again.

Playing a tune on a Bosuns whistles after a few tots on Anzac day at the club? At that time of day it would have been more like 'playing-out-of-tune', wouldn't it?

Have a Merry Xmas all with your families and a good new year. Hopefully I will be still around to participate in a few more lively debates.

Ron

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 8:49am**

I agree

Come on all you ordinary and ex ordinary ranks out there! The one's that were the back bone the spine of pussies, come and have your say before xmas is past. There is no rank in this association we are all equal, and on the same footing, and anyone that thinks their above the rest of the rank and file or higher, is having themselves on and living in the past! So come on ordinary ranks, ex ordinary ranks, don't feel left out, lets all have some input into this association's forum, and represent all of us that served with the FESR. "For Freedom we Served" We are all equal! have a GO!
Ernie "D" A/B Smn UC3 (ex Gunnery)

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 11:23am**

Ernie,
I am sorry to contradict you when you say all Ranks are equal.
I have been told many times that I am the Rankest of the Rank.
Chotto matte!!! That does not look right?I will have to consider that statement so at this stage do not take it to heart.
Ron,don't forget to lump LMF in with the PTSD.
LMF was what we were told we had if showed any emotion.
"Lacking Moral Fibre" and it was used in Pussers as well as the other services.
Tom

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **David_A** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:05pm**

I must have missed out some where. The Viet Vets I know are nothing like the ones I read about. The Legacy Club of which I am a proud past president could not operate without Viet Vets.
David A.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:18pm**

Well Tom, civilian life and what you achieve in it is a great equalizer, for all, how ever there were on many an occassion in pussers, that lots of us never bothered to climb the ladder, although having the knowledge to do so if we had wished. But at times it was great to encourage some of them to climb to higher decks, so as to get them out of our messdeck! But all jokes aside, I would like to see more members keep the input comming in there may be some young OD's out there still serving, that think you have to be an ex swain to participate or put in some interesting input?
Regards to all...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **evilCA** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:24pm**

When you say we are all equal , That does not include ex WO's does it ? :))
Regards...CA.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:29pm**

G,day David,
No mate you haven't missed out on anything.

I feel sure that the initial comments in this thread, regarding the Vietnam vets was how a lot of us felt when after 20 odd years the FESR and most of the Minesweepers, had still not ever been awarded a medal and here were the Viet Vets with at least two complaining about "not being welcomed home,everybody hates them,people spit on the and call them baby killers" and so on.

The main reason a lot of lads ,including my brother had no welcome home parade was because he.like hundreds of others were Reinforcements who replaced a man who had been wounded or done his time and so on.

ALL of the battalions had a parade in their home base town or city.

So I reckon we did not have any feeling toward then other than envy because they had at least been recognised for their service.

You cannot by any stretch of the imagination call those wackers who screamed and paraded against them as representatives of this Country of ours.

If you think about it, you will see that the Students and rabble rousers.ie,Polititions, ended up by being the people who 10 years later led the push for a Welvcome Home march and were the now Reporters,were the ones who had slung most of the crap at them 10 years earlier.

I personally had a brief time of Envy? or not being able to understand why the new generation had not been taught to "Put it on the Back Burner as Big men and boys do not cry".

Then I went into the Regular Army and spent 6 years working with those lads coming home and being treated like body droppings by the Army and the government and my opinions changed.

So I agree with you and the others who had stated that they are now running RSL and other clubs and doing a fine job of it.

So I say "Up the old Red Rooster.. More alcoholic Beverage" (Note. For those who do not know. That was taken from a Pommy Regiment by us wackers in HK)
Tom29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:33pm**

Dont worry CA, we use to let you people think you were controlling things back then,when all the time we were in control. But, we can do the same now if you wish, just to make you feel more comfortable and secure. We junior ratings have and are very obliging to all ex senior ranks!

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **irish50561** on **Dec 28th, 2005, 10:24pm**

I think old Russ was a pusser's cook around about my time in the Senior Circus, what ever. I paid off in 1961 and joined the Indonesian Merchant Marine, marrying and raising a family and buying a house in Leura meanwhile helping to form a CMF unit in Katoomba and becoming a member of Katoomba RSL in the early 60's. However I was denied membership of the local sub-branch because they reckoned that Malaya was not a 'Real' war, the late Rusty Elgood was President at the time. I resigned in disgust in 1966 around about the time that South Australian National Serviceman Wayne Noack, was killed in Vietnam and much to my chagrin members said that he was 'Only a bloody Nasho' and that 'It was not a real war'. Incidentally and sadly, Wayne was the first Australian National Serviceman to die in that conflict, may he rest in peace. Totally pissed off I spat the dummy saying that 'It was a bloody 'Real' bullet that killed him'. I was so incensed that I told them to ram their neanderthal RSL up their arse.

Why did I resign? basically because members of the Katoomba Sub-Branch, mostly WWII and Korean veterans, very out spokenly, even violently where of the opinion that Vietnam, like Malaya was also not a 'Real' war; I was not to re-join the RSL until our momentous and highly successful rally at Bundamba's Memorial Park in Queensland in 2001 where I became reacquainted with mates old and new.

Coincidentally I was to become a member of the new Goodna RSL when we gathered there after the historic rally, I'd joined pussers from Goodna in 1954 when my family had a home there, meanwhile recalling a lot of bittersweet memories and water under the bridge.

Earlier I'd proudly attended the Vietnam Veteran's welcome home 'March of Honour' in Sydney, wouldn't have missed it for quids as they say. Of course that was well before we Malaya and Borneo FESR veterans of the 'Forgotten Fleet', thanks to the perseverance of a tenacious few, to whom we owe so much, had finally gained recognition.

Later when attending various DVA TIP courses in Sydney, I had the honour to meet some of these great Granville Vietnam Veterans and enjoyed a good yarn over the odd schooner.

In my opinion the reason that these Vietnam Veterans have achieved so much is because they where better organised than we, their predecessors. Product of their times they, unlike us have had access to modern tecnology including Television plus a better media coverage than we latter day veterans from the 50's enjoyed, and more power to them.

Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 29th, 2005, 7:41am**

Well said Irish, especially re Granville. They will tackle anything for anyone and have helped many an old digger no matter what war, conflict or whatever. My aim in posting the original was for the info of all veterans to keep those who might wish to visit the area informed. It is not my kettle of fish but to others it may be a haven for a bit of R & R with a few oppos. I reckon Russ is a frustrated artist who likes to now paint pictures or draw things to get the frustration out of his system! Cheers mate & happy New year.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **sluggo** on **Dec 29th, 2005, 11:02am**

Irish, the reason they say that Malaya was not a real war is because war was never declared on the communist terrorists, I read a story about it and the reason why the Malaysian government never declared war was because if it was a war they could not claim any insurance for any damage caused by the terrorists, so they left it as a "confrontation" to save the almighty dollars,,,,,I kid you not, that is the truth,,,,,they would have done us a big favour if they had of declared war, but, too late now,,,,,regards and happy new year,,,Shep

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Rocky_Rankin** on **Dec 31st, 2005, 1:31pm**

:) Good afternoon, I have spoken to some ex navy gents who have been to Pandanus Park. The reports are good. All enjoyed the experience and friendship. Getting away to a quiet place like that seems to work wonders.

Best wishes for 2006 ;)

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **boots** on **Dec 31st, 2005, 11:28pm**

Ronaldo,
a bosn's Whistle ? what ever next, tut tut...
??? ;D

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **boots** on **Dec 31st, 2005, 11:29pm**

Have a Happy New Year Guys.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 1st, 2006, 7:41am**

Boots old mate. You will have to forgive me. I am of the green empire and a birdie at that! I still don't know starboard from port or 'piping the shrill', or is it whistling the shrill.? We never had those sorts of things on our flight decks except when I was on the USS Ticonderoga. Instead of 'Wakey wakey' of a morning and 'pipe dwn or lights out' of a night', their terminology was " The smoking lamp is lit' and the 'smoking lamp is out"! and to be said over the tannoy system of course with a southern Texan drawl Only the Yanks. Escalators to the flight deck, 20 different flavors of ice-cream, Phillipino barbers on board, diirty clothes collected from your bunk, dry cleaned and put on hangers with plastic covers over the items and hung on your bunk when completed, messmen making us pizzas and pop corn when we went to watch the latest cinemascope movies in our chiefs mess, latest issues of playboys delivered by chopper to the ship, a big PX store where you could buy burgers and the like or order any item from the PX to be delivered anywhere. Boy they sure have it tough!. Not like all the mod cons we had on Sydney & Melbourne.
Cheers to all and happy new year

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **boots** on **Jan 1st, 2006, 10:24am**

nice when you can get it. we got old out of date movies on the quarterdeck every so often, duty free smokes and 2 bottles of beer with the tops off.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 6:09am**

.....and the Pollies laugh their tits off when they read the likes of this - we should all be having a go at helping each other no matter what service or where we served - war service or not - some of the crap we all put up with and the conditions of service etc would make anyone sick! Fair go mates for all.
Keep your eye on the real enemy before they take every last red cent off all of us - medals don't put bread on the table. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:37am**

Boots ... 2 (TWO) bottles - very spoilt mate - we only got a can opened of course - seem to remember the frangers got a work out to keep the gas in the gashies of the (yes they do and did exist) non drinkers!!
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 2:37pm**

Two bottles is pretty good. Usually our last night out at sea and home from a trip up top we used to invite the customs officers into the mess for a wee drop. Had the mess puch made up in a plastic rubbish bin consisting of goffas, orchy and pineapple juice. Then each PO of the mess tipped one of the two bottles of spirits that he was allowed to take ashore dut free into the punch and it was topped

up with ice. There would be drambui, gold thimble, frigate OP and whatever. After a few snorts of this the Customs were out of the world and gave you a handful of their stickers to put on the rabbits you were binging home. By the time the punch ran dry we were all crawling around on our hands and knees a little worse for wear. Mind you, we were a bit worse for wear ourselves. Missus used to say when she met me on the wharf in GI after travelling down from Nowra after the ship tied alongside, that I looked a bit crook and that my face was pretty red. I used to tell her I was a bit crook as the sea was a bit rough outside last night and I didn't get much sleep. She never cotton- oned on that it was a hangover! That's telling stories out of school tho. Those sorts of things never went on in the Navy did they! We all have been there and done that and have two fo those. Cheers

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **jr67** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 2:57pm**

In the 60's if you came back via the west you also got the stickers from a Custom's officer named Bodgie.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **boots** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 4:12pm**

.....and was he.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:12pm**

:(It was sad to read the comments made about the Viet Vets, I have always been solidly Navy and it has only been in recent years that I have had anything to do with Army/RAAf fellas. I did the PTSD Course with a mixture of them, and boy, there are some hurting men out there. I have to admit that I do not have anything to do with either the Labor Party (Vietnam Moratorium, courtsey Jim Cairns and Junie Morosi) or the RSL who gave us and the Army fellas the arse on the day of the March through the Domain. But I keep constantly in mind, we are ALL ex servicemen who elected to lay down our lives if so required, and had a lot of fun in the meantime. There is not a shipmate that I served with, I would ever forget. Can't say the same for civvie collegues.
I think of the little ode Slim dusty put to music:

Now life is like a mighty river,
Flowing on, from day to day;
Men are vessels launched upon it,
Sometimes wrecked and cast away.
So, do your best for one another;
Making life a pleasant dream.
Help your weary worn out brother;
Pulling heart against the stream.
Theres many a right good hearted fellow;
Many a noble minded man,
Finds himself in shallow water;
So boys, help him if you can.
For life is like a mighty river;
Flowing on from day to day,
Men are vessels launched upon it-
Sometimes wrecked and cast away.

Cheers Cliffy ;D

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 8th, 2006, 8:28am**

Concur Cliffy - well said Slim.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 8th, 2006, 9:49am**

That was very moving Cliffy
Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **boots** on **Jan 8th, 2006, 10:18am**

very nicely put.

State Boards

**State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> SICK BAY:
(Read 754 times)**

Title: **SICK BAY:**

Post by **Laurie_Irish_Shaw** on **Nov 16th, 2003, 3:35pm**

Old mate, Edward 'Darby' Allen, former Beagle served 1948 until 1962, ex-RN and RAN of Booker Bay right here on the NSW Central Coast is not travelling too well.

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **Ern Sinfield** on **Jun 28th, 2005, 4:09pm**

Irish,
Glad you are now on the mend, as Bob said, welcome to the club. Keep smiling.
Ern

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **Xtal Cracker** on **Jun 29th, 2005, 9:15am**

Irish old mate, glad to hear you are back on your pins and happy Trafalgar day to you. May you live to see many more of them. :)

Ron

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **Jim Bullen** on **Jul 1st, 2005, 6:28pm**

Good to hear you're back on deck, Irish. Suggest you try Carol's cooking instead of your own. Pusser's cooking does strange things to people. All the best, old mate.

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Sep 30th, 2005, 11:53pm**

Down like a sack of spuds once again with similar symptoms as before, Carol getting used to it by now as I'm being carted off to Brisbane Waters Private Hospital in the wee small hours. Dr's diagnosed inflammation of the heart and chest after a couple of days and sent me home feeling much better although a tad tired and sore. Regards, Irish.

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Oct 1st, 2005, 10:24am**

Glad your back on deck Irish you will have to take it easy and stay off the rum, see you at Ballina ???

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Oct 6th, 2005, 6:00pm**

Good one Bob old mate, dropped into the Heritage Centre at Garden Island yesterday and had a ripper time [Wednesday] among the artifacts, beaut photographic mural of the facade of Johnnies circa 1940's, it's still there, but looking a tad sad and forlorn. Sauntered along to the Rockers and Bells hotels later and watched from the sidelines as people downed some schooners, not my idea of a spectator sport but, due to recent wakeup calls re health issues have decided to give the snake's hiss away for good. Did my usual Cook's tour of Woolloomooloo and the Sydney CBD re-visiting old haunts, not many left to visit any more but had a ripper time anyway. Thanks for the kind words old son. Regards, Irish.

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Oct 11th, 2005, 12:35pm**

Spare a quiet thought for the President of the NSW Division of the FESR, Bryan Windy Gale, recently back from UK where he represented us at their 200th anniversary of The Battle of Trafalgar. Young Bryan is not travelling too well of late having recently been diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease which is a particularly nasty complaint. Hang in there old mate, our thoughts are with you and lovely wife Ann up there in the Blue Mountains. Regards, Irish and Carol.

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 29th, 2006, 3:47pm**

Here we go again. Back into 'orspital one more time, same problem, out after six days a little sorer and wiser, must move closer to Wyong hospital. Due to poor health Carol and I were unable to attend Australia Day events at The Entrance with old ex-RN mates Ray Castle and Dicky Bird along with their wives June and Ruby.

Old mate and former Chief ERA Ron Chenhall from Blaxland is not travelling too well and has been admitted to hospital once again as Doctors battle his on-going tussle with various cancers. Carol keeps in touch with Ron's wife Lorna from time to time. Windy still not travelling too well, had lunch in the Wyong tennis club on Friday with wives Carol and

Ann and his voice hasn't improved, he enjoyed his usual couple of dark ales though, still hanging in there.

I've cancelled our trip to Tamworth in March due to a lot of sickness in the ranks and will hold our next meeting at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Saturday 11th March at 1130am, straight after the Central Coast NAA meeting concludes.

Buck Buchanan is a little out of sorts, we couldn't attend a function at Swansea RSL on Saturday to meet Trouble and Joan Trindall, Buck and Jan and a few others, too crook, shame that, we enjoy their company. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jan 29th, 2006, 5:29pm**

Irish has your doctor suggested an angiogram for you to see whats blocked, you may need a couple of stents mate to widen the arteries! They were putting them in blokes whilst I was in hospital getting my triple bypass.

They told me they make them like a new man again mate. Hope you don't mind me asking mate as some of these doctors are very slack with other people's bodies. I had one bloke that said he could do nothing for me, so I changed doctors and got a second chance at life mate!
Regards ...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**

Post by **KevinAbish** on **Jan 30th, 2006, 1:49pm**

Hang in there Irish. You have many years left as yet. They can do wonders these days. Keep smiling and keep positive.

I go in for a Renal ultra sound tomorrow myself. Problems with the waterworks. I have to drink one and a half litres of water between 12.30 PM and 1.30 PM and hold it Ultra sound at Taree at 2.30 PM. This getting old in retirement sucks at times. Hardly ever had a sick day in my life. Six and a half years in pussies and only had my appendix out in the first year at Balmoral. Then a little sore throat on the Tubruk in 57/8. Then had 30 years in the coppers in NSW I went for 20 of them without taking a sicky. It was only the last few years I had time off due to stress, that took it's toll. Other than a good dose of asbestosis since I retired in 92 have been fine. These last few months are making up for it. Cheers, Aloha, Prost and Shalom

Title: **Re: SICK BAY:**

Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Jan 31st, 2006, 7:41pm**

Irish,

Are you trying to catch up with me or trying to outdo me.

I've had two bypass ops and stents as well as a few others that you know about, but still I potter along. Sorry to hear about Ron and the cancellation of the March meeting in Tamworth. It seems that as we are getting on in years the sicknesses hardly ever seem to leave us. Anyway hope to see you at Woy Woy. I am off for another two weeks in the land to the west, but will be back in time for the meeting....God willing

Ern ??? ???

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General >> Bulletin Board >> What's New
(Message started by: Bob Witt on Dec 23rd, 2005, 6:17am)

Title: **What's New** Post by **Bob Witt** on **Dec 23rd, 2005, 6:17am**

Forces to relax entry rules

AUSTRALIA'S military may soon be led by overweight officers with poor eyesight and asthma under a radical proposal to tackle a recruitment crisis within the Defence Force.

The army, navy and airforce are considering plans to relax eyesight and weight criteria for officer recruits in an effort to fill recruitment quotas and accept more of the 10 per cent of applicants who fail on health grounds.

Extract taken from today Australia

Title: **Re: What's New**
Post by **Ian McClure** on **Dec 23rd, 2005, 9:45am**

Here's the link to read the full story.

<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,10117,17645604-421,00.html>

Title: **Re: What's New**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 23rd, 2005, 10:45am**

well.....aint we just going to shit!!!!

jps

Title: **Re: What's New**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:26pm**

;DYep, StokerB, you always did spend a lot of time in the heads (Polishing the bowl with your feet was it?)
snicker smirk, chortle.

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Win for Vets
(Message started by: ronaldo on Dec 15th, 2005, 1:36pm)

Title: **Win for Vets** Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 15th, 2005, 1:36pm**

Hi all

This snippet is courtesy of ABC radio and there was a further bulletin on 1300 hrs news service today, where the deed was signed by all in Cooktown, FNQ, this morning.

The 15 year lease is for a fee of \$30.000 and will be paid by the Qld Govt.

The park, Pandanus Park, located on Traditional Owners land at the old Kalpowar in Far North Qld, is for the use of **[/b]ALL[b]** Veterans and not just us Vietnam Vets. Our demonstration at Qld. Parliament over the issue in October, has been fruitful indeed.

Vietnam vets win bush retreat access

Wednesday, 14 December 2005. 10:46 (AEDT)Wednesday, 14 December 2005. 09:46 (ACST)Wednesday, 14 December 2005. 09:46 (AEST)Wednesday, 14 December 2005. 10:46 (ACDT)Wednesday, 14 December 2005. 07:46 (AWST)
Vietnam veterans have secured access to a far north Queensland bush retreat after a four year campaign and negotiations this month with the Cape York Land Council.

They will be on hand tomorrow when Natural Resources Minister Henry Palaszczuk presents traditional claimants with freehold title to Kalpowar Station.

Under a 15-year license agreement the veterans will have unrestricted access to a 9x1 kilometre area to be known as Pandanus Park on the banks of the Normanby River.

Project Pandanus coordinator Les Hiddens says public support played an important role in securing the retreat.

"One of the main reasons this has been so successful is that the average person in the street as well as the Aboriginal people, of course, have been backing the veterans on the issue and it's a real case of people power here," he said.

He says he is now prepared to call a "Beattie bashing" truce after four years of State Government indifference but it will only be temporary.

"I wouldn't promise that, I don't know about no more [Queensland Premier Peter] Beattie bashing.

"If we were to get a bad run we'd certainly be jumping up and down on the spot again but I don't think we are going to get that at the moment, we've got some things ... some other issues that we do want to put on Peter Beattie later on so we'll see how he goes with that too."

Mr Hiddens says he is not concerned the access agreement to the retreat has been limited to 15 years as a lot could happen in that time.

"In 15 years time, of course, the Vietnam Veterans are all approaching the late seventies. early eighties and I think that's what the Aboriginal people are saving.

'we'll offer you this period of time that you can use but after that we want the land back' type of thing.

"Now, you know, 15 years is a long time and a lot can happen in 15 years."

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Russ Ames** on **Dec 15th, 2005, 4:18pm**

In a way I am as pleased as anyone that the lease has been signed for the retreat for Vietnam veterans. In other ways I get a bit dark about the constant yarping about Vietnam and the needs for special retreats.

I know many infantry and air crew veterans who served at least one tour of Vietnam, who were shot at (and occasionally hit) and, remarkably, they got over it and continued with their lives.

The Navy experience was, by and large, totally different to theirs and the vast majority of Navy veterans (apart from aircrews) never even set foot in Vietnam only seeing the hills around Vung Tau during their 24 hour turnaround.

I've heard the usual diatribe about 'nobody loved us','called me a baby killer' and 'people spitting at me'. Well, I served until 1969, belonged to an RSL, wore my uniform proudly and nobody ever abused or spat at me.

I think sometimes that those of us who served in Malaya or Borneo (and probably those who served in Korea) must think we served in a different Navy so for Christ sake, just because you saw Vietnam from a distance, it's not the end of the world. You've got health studies, mortality studies, a roll of those who served in the Vietnam Theatre, retreats in the bush and even a motor cycle gang.

Isn't it time to get over it and get on with life without constantly whinging about it.

I make no apology for kicking such a sacred cow. Its needed a swift kick in the arse for a long time.

Best wishes to you all for Xmas and the New Year.

Russ AMES
Malaya 57,59,60 and 61.
Warramunga, Quickmatch and Queenborough.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Philip** on **Dec 15th, 2005, 6:02pm**

I agree with your comments Russ.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Bill Jennings** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 7:13am**

G'Day Russ.

Well mate I don't agree with you. You forgot to mention the CD teams that were most certainly ashore there, and in the early years for Sydney and the escorts in the turnaround was 4-5 days. and I think the only reason that there were no

incidents was because we were very good at how we done things. I am one of those sacred cows, and I don't think I would let you kick my arse. BTW, when did you pay off?

Bill Jennings. Ex POUW. 59- 71, Gascoyne, Voyager, Parramatta. Duchess.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **tromb123** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 8:23am**

The Band of the Royal Australian Navy did two tours of duty into Vietnam...same as Baghdad, with their trombones and rifles.

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Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 9:51am**

I respect Russ But I do beg to differ with his comments.
I believe every tour of duty is different from the previous/later tours. I never served my country in vietnam, although I did go down to join the army for that purpose but reneged under pressure from the family in 1965. I can ony go by my experiences serving in Malaya 1956, 1957. and 1959 and 1960.
Those earlier years were completely difference in circumstances and what you saw.
And another thing, dramatic events affect different people in different ways.
Some people can cope some can not. Some it affects years later. In vietnam, unlike Malaya in 1960 when everything was getting back to a normal life for all Malaysians, plus us. IT would have been hotting up in the Vietnam campaign, as the North were winning that war, and the ugly sights of death were becomming more frequent as the allied forces were forced to leave. This is my honest belief, but as I say I wasn't there for my country that time. How ever I do know that every tour is different be it by ship experience, or individual, and also depending on, age, experience, and right arm rate regardless of what service one served, but of course this is not always the case either, as war has no respect for any rank or right arm rate, age or civilians, or anyone's sufferings or whom they may bel!
Regards...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 10:02am**

Yeah, good spit of the dummy Russ. Grab your bat and go home! You appear to be the only one having a whinge. Who is trying to compare one service against another or one tour of duty against another or one war against another. Not only CD Teams were there, there were also Gunline line Destroyers, RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam, (who tours of duty were 12 month periods & which incidently saw more action that most pongos or Air Force and who had more per ratio KIA & WIA than any other Australian Group. They were one of the most highly decorated units and consisted more than just 'aircrew'). Don't forget the Jeparit & Boonaroo. Medical teams & even our Bandies were there! Are you knocking those groups, forgetting them or just plain ignorant to the fact that they were there as well? So what if some of them have hang-ups and like to ride motor cycles. Some may like to sing, write, dance, draw or paint pictures! So what? At least some are trying to do something to help otherl ex-service persons and are not making comparisons. Only difference now is they do not put up with crap dealt out by Govt & others, like we did & and then have to wait 40 odd years to receive what was due. I was at every session of the Brisbane hearing of the 'Mohr' Inquiry & made a submission. You probably did likewise at another hearing in a different State . Did not hear the RSL present evidence on behalf of the FESR. They did not rate a mention in 'Annex A', of his published report of the review either. I do not knock them. Have been a

member since the 60's.

Some historical facts for you to read from the RAN Seapower Centre:-

RAN IN THE VIETNAM WAR

By Joe Straczek

The Royal Australian Navy's role in the Vietnam War is sometimes overlooked by comparison with the Army's larger numerical involvement. As well as serving in ships deployed to Vietnam naval personnel served in clearance diving teams, the Navy helicopter flight, in logistic support roles and in medical teams.

Australian destroyers sailed nearly 400,000 miles in the course of the war and fired more than 100,000 rounds of ammunition.

The converted aircraft carrier HMAS SYDNEY carried about 16,000 Australian troops as the famed 'Vung Tau Ferry'.

Australian Clearance Divers carried out several thousand ship searches looking for bombs and other explosive devices.

A total of eight officers and sailors of the RAN were killed and nearly 50 injured in the 10 years of our Navy's involvement in hostilities.

Early Goodwill Visits

Though the RAN did not become operationally involved in the Vietnam conflict until 1965, HMA Ships VAMPIRE and QUICKMATCH were the first ships in the area when they made a goodwill visit to Saigon in 1962. They were followed the next year by the Q Class destroyers HMA Ships QUIBERON and QUEENBOROUGH . These were not operational visits: but designed to show Australian government support for the government in Saigon, and members of the ships company visited the Vietnamese Special Forces training centre and carried out other 'flag showing' activities. During the 1963 visit the small Vietnamese naval vessel KY-HOA accidentally rammed and holed QUIBERON whilst coming alongside her.

Vung Tau Ferry

As the overall role of Australia's military increased in Vietnam so did the involvement of the RAN. The converted aircraft carrier HMAS SYDNEY had been transporting Army personnel and equipment from Australia to Vietnam since May 1965. This ship was to become a familiar sight and temporary home to some 16,000 Australian military personnel as they deployed to Vietnam or returned to Australia. Because of these trooping runs SYDNEY was affectionately known as the 'Vung Tau Ferry'.

During these deployments SYDNEY was escorted and protected by other units of the RAN. On at least one such trip her escort included the aircraft carrier HMAS MELBOURNE, though MELBOURNE did not enter Vietnamese waters. She entered the operational area which extended out to 100 nautical miles.

Clearance Diving Teams

In May 1966 the RAN's underwater Clearance Diving Team 1 (CDT1) spent a short period in Vietnam working with USN divers. Almost a year later the Australian government announced the deployment of Clearance Diving Team 3. This team was made up of personnel from the RAN's two existing diving teams, CDT1 and CDT2, and after a period of additional training arrived in Vietnam on February 6, 1967.

RAN CDT 3 was primarily employed in clearing rivers and shipping channels of mines and booby traps laid by the Viet Cong. This normally dangerous task was made especially so by the murky conditions under which the divers had to work. Other tasks assigned to the divers included salvage work and assisting in trawler and ship searches.

Regular searches were also conducted of Australian Army water transport and other ships. This task was known as Operation STABLE DOOR and was intended to protect and secure South Vietnamese ports and military shipping from sabotage by the Viet Cong. As part of this operation RAN clearance divers conducted about 7500 ship searches.

While the Clearance Divers operated as a distinct unit a number of personnel were attached for short intervals to USN diving teams. Such attachments provided the RAN clearance divers with valuable experience and exposure to other operating techniques. Perhaps the most unusual request for assistance received by the RAN clearance divers came from the US Army 36th Evacuation Hospital: they had just admitted a patient who had eaten some C-4 explosive.

On The Gunline

In March 1967, one month after the announcement of the deployment of the Clearance Diving Team to Vietnam, the (then) Minister for the Navy, Mr Don Chipp, announced that the RAN's newly commissioned guided missile destroyer HMAS HOBART would be deployed to join the US Seventh Fleet to support operations off the coast of Vietnam. HOBART departed Sydney on the 7 March 1967 and joined the US Seventh Fleet on 15 March. Her arrival at the US Naval Base in Subic Bay began the six monthly rotation of RAN destroyers which was to last until October 1971.

All of the RAN's guided missile destroyers deployed to Vietnam as did the Daring Class destroyer HMAS VENDETTA. HOBART and PERTH made three deployments each and made BRISBANE two. During the course of these operations the destroyers fired over 100,000 rounds of ammunition in support of military operations and steamed 397,484 miles.

Typically the destroyers were operating on the 'gunline' providing fire support to Allied forces. They also took part in Operation SEA DRAGON, the name given to surface ship operations against North Vietnam. At various times the commanders of RAN ships were delegated command of the 'gunline' and SEA DRAGON operations. Other tasks performed by the destroyers included screening the US carriers on YANKEE Station and, in the case of PERTH, supervising an abortive return of POWs to North Vietnam.

VENDETTA, which served in Vietnam from September 1969 to April 1970 was the only Australian-built destroyer to deploy. With her six 4.5 inch guns and 40 mm Bofors she was more like a light cruiser than the typical American destroyer.

On several occasions the destroyers operated close inshore and were fired upon by North Vietnamese shore batteries. However, the only fatal casualties onboard these ships occurred when HOBART was attacked, on June 17, 1968, by an aircraft later identified as belonging to the USAF. Two sailors were killed and a number wounded. HOBART returned to Subic Bay for repairs.

While they were in the operational area the RAN destroyers were supported by USN replenishment ships. At regular interval the ships visited Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines. This was to allow maintenance to be carried out and to provide shore leave and rest for the ship's crew.

Logistic Support

General logistic support to the Australian military forces operating in Vietnam was provided by SYDNEY supported by the merchant-ships JEPARIT and BOONAROO. The latter two were initially manned by civilian crews but had to be commissioned into the RAN due to union bans. BOONAROO was the first ship to commission into the RAN under the distinctive Australian White Ensign. These ships transported almost 200,000 DWT of cargo to South Vietnam with JEPARIT making a total of 42 trips. As well as providing logistic support for the Australian Army and RAAF other

RAN personnel served ashore in Vietnam.

RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam

Members of Australia's Fleet Air Arm were heavily involved in air mobile operations during the Vietnam War. The RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHFV) was fully integrated into the US Army's 135th Assault Helicopter Company while a further RAN detachment served with the RAAF's 9 Squadron in Vung Tau. Throughout their service in Vietnam, these units of the RAN Fleet Air Arm provided tactical airlift and gunship support to Australian and allied forces.

More detailed histories of these units can be found under the main heading 'Feature Articles' or by clicking on the relevant hyperlink.

Medical and Support Personnel

Members of the RAN also served at the Headquarters Australian Forces Vietnam and as detached medical officers. This second group were RAN doctors who served with 1st Australian Field Hospital and US Army and Navy hospitals. While serving in this capacity the Navy doctors were also involved in the Medical Civil Action Program which provided medical support to the local civilian population.

WITHDRAWAL

In April 1971 the (then) Prime Minister Mr John Gorton announced that Australian forces in Vietnam would be reduced. This led to the withdrawal of the clearance divers in May and the RANHFV in June. The final RAN destroyer on the gunline, BRISBANE, returned to Sydney on October 15 , 1971.

The Whitlam Labor government withdrew all Australian forces from and stopped military aid to South Vietnam. JEPARIT returned to Sydney from her final voyage on March 11, 1972 and was followed the next day by SYDNEY.

During the 10 years that the RAN was involved in the war, eight officers and sailors were killed and another 46 were either wounded or suffered other injuries. The dedication and professionalism shown by members of the RAN earned the Service the respect of our Allies and continued the traditions established by Australian sailors in other wars.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Russ Ames** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 11:25am**

Dear All,

The sacred cow lives! Thanks for your interest but the point I was trying to make is that Vietnam service was substantially no different to Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Timor, the Gulf or where ever. We served our ships and went where we were told to go and did what we were trained to do. Some of us had different experiences. For those who served in Malaya in the mid to late 1950s terrorists were still active throughout the country particularly in Johore. Korea was a two way firing range with a good chance of freezing to death and in the Gulf there was always the chance of getting his with a missile fired from 200 k away. So what? It's what we expected when we joined.

Unfortunately, because of actions of Governments and others, Vietnam raised other issues. Those issues, unfortunately, tended to created an atmosphere of martyrdom for many of those who served in Vietnam but we are now thirty years down the track for Christ's sake! It's time to move on!

A couple of 'by the ways':

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I served from 1954 to 1969.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Russ Ames** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 11:45am**

Dear All,

The sacred cow lives! Thanks for your interest but the point I was trying to make is that Vietnam service was substantially no different to Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Timor, the Gulf or where ever. We served our ships and went where we were told to go and did what we were trained to do. Some of us had different experiences but our service was the same. For those who served in Malaya in the mid to late 1950s terrorists were still active throughout the country particularly in Johore. Korea was a two way firing range with a good chance of freezing to death and in the Gulf there was always the chance of getting hit with a missile fired from 200 k away. So what? It's what we expected when we joined. The experiences of Borneo and East Timor sailors also had their different moments.

For most of us who served in the Malayan Emergency, the Government didn't even recognise that Australian ships were even there and then fought tooth and nail to deprive us of any recognition at all for over 40 years! I was pissed off over those years and with the lies and obstacles that came our way from the Government and Defence but, after the Mohr Enquiry, that was rectified and we all moved on.

Unfortunately, because of actions of Governments and others, Vietnam raised other issues. Those issues, unfortunately, tended to create an atmosphere of martyrdom for many of those who served in Vietnam but we are now thirty years down the track for Christ's sake! It's time to move on!

A couple of 'by the ways':

1. I mentioned in my first message that by and large most Navy veterans did not even get ashore in Vietnam. I did mention aircrews but forgot a couple of other units. I apologise to them, but, most Navy veterans did not get ashore.

2. I served from 1954 to 1969.

Again, cheers for Xmas and the New Year.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **sluggo** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 12:09pm**

Russ, I have to agree with you, I was at the monthly general meeting at our local RSL the other day and the viet vets stood up and complained about the way they were treated, gave me the sh*t's, they have been doing it for a long time now and it is about time they forgot it and got on with their lives, they had their welcome home march and I have never seen vets looked after like them, maybe I'm jealous, I tried to get into the heart for health but wasn't a viet vet, and anyway we never had and never will have a welcome home march and I couldn't give a sh*t about that either, I would prefer to get on with life, these are not complaints but they are just things that I can refer to that come quickly to mind, but I could go on,,,,,anyway fellows, put the past in the back of your minds and get on with life as it will be a lot more enjoyable,,,,I'll have a king brown for all of you, maybe 6 or more,,,regards and a merry xmas and happy new year to all,,,,Shep
ps, maybe if you stopped congregating in a corner and stopped talking about old war'ries and assimilated into the rest of the group. I can go to the RSL any day and

they are all sitting in a group together shunning the rest and then complain that they are being shunned,,,,,Incoming hah hah

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 12:49pm**

Before joining Pussers and after listening to My Brother Jim, who had served in New Guinea, as well as many other Uncles and friends of the family who had served in practically every campaign in WW2 between them, that there was one thing that they all agreed on.

It was that it only took your first few minutes in the Hard Stuff, or even Waiting for it to happen, to make you aware of how fragile your grip on life was.

So those of us from all areas that we have served in, be thankful that you are still here and can spare a thought for someone you lost.

I also visit another site where some of the discussions are taking on a nasty sound from different opinions from different people.

I ask as an old Sailor/Soldier to dwell a pause of two marching paces and do not emulate the other sites.

In closing I will tell you that after much prompting from my family I actually had sessions with a Psychiatrist for several years and 3 years at the VVCS where I was the only Sailor, The Oldest and the Only non Vietnam man present.

As you can imagine, I took a lot of friendly crap from them.

I finally left as I found that I was becoming a sort of Father figure to them and was taking their problems onto my own lot, so left and again put everything on the Back Burner again.

Now, the reason for this abridged version of "Gone with the Wind".

Whilst I agree with Russ that there are some who are whipping a dead horse too much.

I also believe that if it had not been for the what we call whinging and moaning of the Viet Vets, a lot of would still be doing it hard on our own.

So I for one tend to cut them a little slack

Take care all of you over this coming year.

THAT IS AN ORDER NOT A REQUEST.

Tom29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Philip** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 1:23pm**

Back to the Original post I have heard from many that Pandanus Park, is a great place to visit and for Vietnam Veterans in particular it has been a place for them to go and meet up with others and share in the fellowship of that Conflict.

It is true also that if it was not for the Vietnam Veterans there would be no VVCS either and other such things.

But and I was at the meeting with Sluggo as well not the same table mind you and almost died laughing when the President of the Vietnam Veterans group got up and said that members of the Sub branch had been rude and insulting to his members.

We are asked to cut them slack it does work both ways.

I can go into the local RSL and chat to Sluggo and when I go to Perth and I seem to be able to chat with the FESR blokes and other Matleots but one group ignores you and snobs you off, I am not a member of FESR but I am treated no different if that makes sense?

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 1:48pm**

G'day Phillip,

I also have had a gut full of those Viet Vets who continuously waffle on about how hard they have it and how every one hates them and so on.

When I said I tend to cut them some slack that was Not a rallying call to all of you to do the same. That was a personal opinion.

I have no doubt that I have at times given people a dose of the craps with my waffling on about Minesweeping but then every one of us does the same about something at some time. Like now.

We have all seen an incident or two at our RSL,s from veterans from all wars. It happens that I just do not listen any more.

Last year on Anzac Day at Greenbank RSL I took my old Bos'ns Pipe from Warramunga days and played a tune or two when I had had a few tots. ::) There must have been someone there who got cheesed off at me, especially when several old QM's came up for lessons. 8) So stay cool mate.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **evilCA** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 3:11pm**

Russ,(Ames),

I note that as a guest who has not bothered to register on the site we don't know very much about you other than you sure seem to have a problem with Vietnam Vets.....

There are a few points that should be clarified,
Pandanus Park is for **ALL** veterans and the Vietnam Vets have made that very clear.

The Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service is for **ALL** veterans and they have made that very clear.

When FESR sailors were trying to get recognition it was the Vietnam Vets organizations that backed us when the RSL and many of the WW2 Ships Association did not want to know us.

Sure the Vietnam Vets have come on strong but with damn good reason and it is their actions that have got them all those things that the RSL and other organizations would not support them in.

Their actions have helped all other vetrerans.

Remember those that went to all the other post WW2 conflicts volunteered to go.

The Vietnam Vets were predominatly conscripts that had no choice and when they went and did their duty they did not receive the gratfull recognition as did the WW2 veterans.

They make it quite clear why they have a chip on their shoulder .

I don't know what your problem is.?

Regards...CA.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 4:18pm**

CA, Trust me here when I say I not checking you.

The National Servicemen who served in Vietnam were all volunteers.
In 1966 I was a WO2 Infantry acting as an Umpire during "Exercise Barrawinga" at Shoalwater Bay.
It went on for 6 weeks. ::)

Each battalion had to do several different type of exercise over the very rugged terrain and at the end of one such exercise the Bn. was gathered to be addressed by the CO.I was there.
They were next cab off the rank for Vietnam.

He told them about them going and then told them that "anyone who did not want to go for any reason such as Time left in service (had to have at least 18 months to serve)age, personal problems or any other objections(cant' spell concienious) and so on were to report to the Ordely room and advise the Sgt.
There would be no Stigma attatched to them in any way.
This included Nasho's,
Only a very few took the option.
The National Service men who served in Vietnam were volunteers just like the Regulars. Do not ever doubt it.

The myth that the Nashos were forced to go its just that ,A MYTh made up by the papers and the SOS group. There were a few who played up once they got there.

Imagine yourself as being in a top Footy team and training all year plus, and on the night before the Grand Final the Coach tells you that if you do not wish to play you do not have to.

What would you do??

Also the RSM had a real heavy go at them and told them in no uncertain tones that their first casualties would be self inflicted as they were in his mind, too casual. Unfortunately he was right. It happened.

I wish to make it quite clear that I am not anti any Veteran wherever he served.
om29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 6:13pm**

Blowed if I know!
They must be a different bunch of blokes at Granville NSW, head quarters (vietnam veterans Federation)
They have always treated me fine and curtious. Have had no problems at the sub branch when I can get to go. They have always bent over backwards to help me out. And especially our sub branch pension officer who just happens to be a vietnam vet. He done so much for the member up there at Chester Hill, amazing work, not only just for me but everyone regardless of where they have served, all the older second war blokes love him.
Before him they had a second world war chappie and 90 % of requests were put in the too hard basket, and unless you were in the second world war, as far as he was concerned you had never been to war!
Reqards and best wishes for the season ...Ernie "D"

I promise in the new year I will refrain from using the word "Teatowel"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **evilCA** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 8:21pm**

Tom you are certainly correct in your post about having the choice to elect not to go to Vietnam but the Nashos who comprised most of the deployments to Vietnam had no choice about being drafted into the Army for the two years and as you said it would be a very strong young man that would have the courage to step forward in front of his mates and say " I don't want to go " .

It would have been akin to asking for a 'white feather 'and then he would have to tell his family that he had backed out of going .

Remember also at that age and period of time their fathers and uncles who had served in WW2 were heros to them and they went off expecting to come back with the same status of being a 'Returned Serviceman '....It just didn't happen and that is probably the prime factor in the mental attitude and depression experienced by so many Vietnam Vets.

Sure they finally got the welcome Home parade and the benefits but how many of those thousands of people that demonstrated and treated them so badly and the RSL members that rejected them has since gone up to a Vietnam Vet and said "I'm sorry for the way we treated you" ?.

The Vietnam Vets did not alienate themselves from the rest.

It was the rest that didn't want to know them.

Regards...CA

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 18th, 2005, 9:04pm**

CA you are right in that they were put into a terrible position.

One that I am glad I did not have to put up with.

I was fortunate in tht I instructed Navy Nashos in Cerberus in 1955-56 and then Army bods during my Army time in the 1963 to 1970 period ,or whatever year it was that Gough cut it out,and I can honestly say it was hard to tell the diffenence from the regulars.

So,although it does not sound like I like them I surely do.

As for Vietnam,My brother Stan was there in the RAAF and on his return his own wife gave him a hard time. His kids did too but they were only following Mum.

I am happy to say they now appreciate him but he is still a very sick man.He also served in Malaya 1949.

I volunteered for Vietnam in1964 and missed out and again in 1971 but it was closing down so missed out again.

However I am not sorry I missed now because the Four lads who volunteered with me in 1964 when I was knocked back are now all dead.

My motto for as long as I can remember has been KISMET which I was told mean "Tis Fate".

Take care.

tom29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 8:09am**

Hi All

It is good to have lively discussion on the topic, no matter for or against. A debate on both sides also helps to keep the brain matter going. In all groups there are the shirkers, whingers, heroes and whatever. Nothing has changed in time. Those in WW1 & WW2, undoubtedly had things tougher than any of us. In their days whether at the war front or later in life, some were presumed to be 'shell shocked' and for good reason as we know. I think the only thing which has changed today is the name. Now we call it PTSD or to be more modern, 'Gulf War Syndrome', as Philip knows. You cannot compare one war with another or one battle against another. To each combatant, they were there and it was their war. You will not convince them otherwise. There are those who may have fought in those battles with each of us that we may not wish to know because of things which they did or how they may have behaved or acted. The majority tho, fight like tooth & nail for equity and their rights. Look at "Trombie". If he went off to serve, and I do not know if he did or not, that is by the way, but whatever role he or his group did, they all did it for what they had signed up to do and I am sure that they certainly turned it on for any of the troops whom they entertained. Russ, apologies accepted for missing out on those other groups. I also missed a group. I forgot to mention our Navy Sin Bosuns who also went to visit our men at the front. There was one Navy Sinbosun who went to visit RANHFV, and either on the way to the base up in the thickest part of the fighting in the triangle, the gunslick which was carrying him came under heavy enemy fire. He was shoved behind a M60 and told to fire or else he would be meeting up with his maker much sooner than expected. The story told is that he closed his eyes to take aim at the enemy.

And to Tom, how could we forget you old mate. I think you have been telling tall stories again. Playing a tune on a Bosuns whistles after a few tots on Anzac day at the club? At that time of day it would have been more like 'playing-out-of-tune', wouldn't it?

Have a Merry Xmas all with your families and a good new year. Hopefully I will be still around to participate in a few more lively debates .

Ron

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 8:49am**

I agree
Come on all you ordinary and ex ordinary ranks out there! The one's that were the back bone the spine of pusses, come and have your say before xmas is past. There is no rank in this association we are all equal, and on the same footing, and anyone that thinks their above the rest of the rank and file or higher, is having themselves on and living in the past! So come on ordinary ranks, ex ordinary ranks, don't feel left out, lets all have some input into this association's forum, and represent all of us that served with the FESR. "For Freedom we Served" We are all equal! have a GO!
Ernie "D" A/B Smn UC3 (ex Gunnery)

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 11:23am**

Ernie,
I am sorry to contradict you when you say all Ranks are equal. I have been told many times that I am the Rankest of the Rank. Chotto matte!!! That does not look right? I will have to consider that statement so at this stage do not take it to heart.
Ron.don't forget to lump LMF in with the PTSD.

LMF was what we were told we had if showed any emotion.
"Lacking Moral Fibre" and it was used in Pussers as well as the other services.
Tom

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **David_A** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:05pm**

I must have missed out some where. The Viet Vets I know are nothing like the ones I read about. The Legacy Club of which I am a proud past president could not operate without Viet Vets.
David A.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:18pm**

Well Tom, civilian life and what you achieve in it is a great equalizer, for all, how ever there were on many an occassion in pussers, that lots of us never bothered to climb the ladder, although having the knowledge to do so if we had wished. But at times it was great to encourage some of them to climb to higher decks, so as to get them out of our messdeck! But all jokes aside, I would like to see more members keep the input comming in there may be some young OD's out there still serving, that think you have to be an ex swain to participate or put in some interesting input?
Regards to all...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **evilCA** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:24pm**

When you say we are all equal , That does not include ex WO's does it ? ::)

Regards...CA.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:29pm**

G,day David,
No mate you haven't missed out on anything.

I feel sure that the initial comments in this thread, regarding the Vietnam vets was how a lot of us felt when after 20 odd years the FESR and most of the Minesweepers, had still not ever been awarded a medal and here were the Viet Vets with at least two complaing about "not being welcomed home,everybody hates them,people spit on the and call them baby killers" and so on.

The main reason a lot of lads ,including my brother had no welcome home parade was because he.like hundreds of others were Reinforcements who replaced a man who had been wounded or done his time and so on.
ALL of the battalions had a parade in their home base town or city.
So I reckon we did not have any feeling toward then other than envy because they had at least been recognised for their service.
You cannot by any stretch of the imagination call those wackers who screamed and paraded against them as representatives of this Country of ours.

If you think about it, you will see that the Students and rabble rousers.ie,Polititions, ended up by being the people who 10 years later led the push for a Welvcome Home march and were the now Reporters,were the ones who had slung most of the crap at them 10 years earlier.

I personally had a brief time of Envvy? or not being able to understand why the new

generation had not been taught to "Put it on the Back Burner as Big men and boys do not cry".

Then I went into the Regular Army and spent 6 years working with those lads coming home and being treated like body droppings by the Army and the government and my opinions changed.

So I agree with you and the others who had stated that they are now running RSL and other clubs and doing a fine job of it.

So I say "Up the old Red Rooster.. More alcholic Beverage" (Note. For those who do not know. That was taken from a Pommy Regiment by us wackers in HK)
Tom29216

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 19th, 2005, 1:33pm**

Dont worry CA, we use to let you people think you were controlling things back then,when all the time we were in control. But, we can do the same now if you wish, just to make you feel more comfortable and secure. We junior ratings have and are very obliging to all ex senior ranks!

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **irish50561** on **Dec 28th, 2005, 10:24pm**

I think old Russ was a pussers's cook around about my time in the Senior Circus, what ever.

I paid off in 1961 and joined the Indonesian Merchant Marine, marrying and raising a family and buying a house in Leura meanwhile helping to form a CMF unit in Katoomba and becoming a member of Katoomba RSL in the early 60's. However I was denied membership of the local sub-branch because they reckoned that Malaya was not a 'Real' war, the late Rusty Elgood was President at the time. I resigned in disgust in 1966 around about the time that South Australian National Serviceman Wayne Noack, was killed in Vietnam and much to my chagrin members said that he was 'Only a bloody Nasho' and that 'It was not a real war'. Incidentally and sadly, Wayne was the first Australian National Serviceman to die in that conflict, may he rest in peace. Totally pissed off I spat the dummy saying that 'It was a bloody 'Real' bullet that killed him'. I was so incensed that I told them to ram their neanderthal RSL up their arse.

Why did I resign? basically because members of the Katoomba Sub-Branch, mostly WWII and Korean veterans, very out spokenly, even violently where of the opinion that Vietnam, like Malaya was also not a 'Real' war; I was not to re-join the RSL until our momentous and highly successful rally at Bundamba's Memorial Park in Queensland in 2001 where I became reacquainted with mates old and new. Coincidentally I was to become a member of the new Goodna RSL when we gathered there after the historic rally, I'd joined pussers from Goodna in 1954 when my family had a home there, meanwhile recalling a lot of bittersweet memories and water under the bridge.

Earlier I'd proudly attended the Vietnam Veteran's welcome home 'March of Honour' in Sydney, wouldn't have missed it for quids as they say. Of course that was well before we Malaya and Borneo FESR veterans of the 'Forgotten Fleet', thanks to the perseverance of a tenacious few, to whom we owe so much, had finally gained recognition.

Later when attending various DVA TIP courses in Sydney, I had the honour to meet some of these great Granville Vietnam Veterans and enjoyed a good yarn over the odd schooner.

In my opinion the reason that these Vietnam Veterans have achieved so much is because they where better organised than we, their predecessors. Product of their times they, unlike us have had access to modern tecnoloqv including Television plus

a better media coverage than we latter day veterans from the 50's enjoyed, and more power to them.
Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 29th, 2005, 7:41am**

Well said Irish, especially re Granville. They will tackle anything for anyone and have helped many an old digger no matter what war, conflict or whatever. My aim in posting the original was for the info of all veterans to keep those who might wish to visit the area informed. It is not my kettle of fish but to others it may be a haven for a bit of R & R with a few oppos. I reckon Russ is a frustrated artist who likes to now paint pictures or draw things to get the frustration out of his system! Cheers mate & happy New year.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **sluggo** on **Dec 29th, 2005, 11:02am**

Irish, the reason they say that Malaya was not a real war is because war was never declared on the communist terrorists, I read a story about it and the reason why the Malaysian government never declared war was because if it was a war they could not claim any insurance for any damage caused by the terrorists, so they left it as a "confrontation" to save the almighty dollars,,,,,I kid you not, that is the truth,,,,,they would have done us a big favour if they had of declared war, but, too late now,,,,,regards and happy new year,,Shep

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **Rocky_Rankin** on **Dec 31st, 2005, 1:31pm**

:) Good afternoon, I have spoken to some ex navy gents who have been to Pandanus Park. The reports are good. All enjoyed the experience and friendship. Getting away to a quiet place like that seems to work wonders.

Best wishes for 2006 ;)

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **boots** on **Dec 31st, 2005, 11:28pm**

Ronaldo,
a bosn's Whistle ? what ever next, tut tut..
??? ;D

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **boots** on **Dec 31st, 2005, 11:29pm**

Have a Happy New Year Guys.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 1st, 2006, 7:41am**

Boots old mate. You will have to forgive me. I am of the green empire and a birdie at that! I still don't know starboard from port or 'piping the shrill', or is it whistling the shrill.? We never had those sorts of things on our flight decks except when I was on the USS Ticonderoga. Instead of 'Wakey wakey' of a morning and 'pipe dpwn or lights out' of a night', their terminology was " The smoking lamp is lit' and the 'smoking lamp is out"! and to be said over the tannov svstem of course with a

southern Texan draw Only the Yanks. Escalators to the flight deck, 20 different flavors of ice-cream, Phillipino barbers on board, diirty clothes collected from your bunk, dry cleaned and put on hangers with plastic covers over the items and hung on your bunk when completed, messmen making us pizzas and pop corn when we went to watch the latest cinemascope movies in our chiefs mess, latest issues of playboys delivered by chopper to the ship, a big PX store where you could buy burgers and the like or order any item from the PX to be delivered anywhere. Boy they sure have it tough!. Not like all the mod cons we had on Sydney & Melbourne. Cheers to all and happy new year

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **boots** on **Jan 1st, 2006, 10:24am**

nice when you can get it. we got old out of date movies on the quarterdeck every so often, duty free smokes and 2 bottles of beer with the tops off.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 6:09am**

.....and the Pollies laugh their tits off when they read the likes of this - we should all be having a go at helping each other no matter what service or where we served - war service or not - some of the crap we all put up with and the conditions of service etc would make anyone sick! Fair go mates for all. Keep your eye on the real enemy before they take every last red cent off all of us - medals don't put bread on the table. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **Joe** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:37am**

Boots ... 2 (TWO) bottles - very spoilt mate - we only got a can opened of course - seem to remember the frangers got a work out to keep the gas in the gashies of the (yes they do and did exist) non drinkers!!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 2:37pm**

Two bottles is pretty good. Usually our last night out at sea and home from a trip up top we used to invite the customs officers into the mess for a wee drop. Had the mess puch made up in a plastic rubbish bin consisting of goffas, orchy and pineapple juice. Then each PO of the mess tipped one of the two bottles of spirits that he was allowed to take ashore dut free into the punch and it was topped up with ice. There would be drambui, gold thimble, frigate OP and whatever. After a few snorts of this the Customs were out of the world and gave you a handful of their stickers to put on the rabbits you were binging home. By the time the punch ran dry we were all crawling around on our hands and knees a little worse for wear. Mind you, we were a bit worse for wear ourselves. Missus used to say when she met me on the wharf in GI after travelling down from Nowra after the ship tied alongside, that I looked a bit crook and that my face was pretty red. I used to tell her I was a bit crook as the sea was a bit rough outside last night and I didn't get much sleep. She never cotton- oned on that it was a hangover! That's telling stories out of school tho. Those sorts of things never went on in the Navy did they! We all have been there and done that and have two fo those. Cheers

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by jr67 on Jan 7th, 2006, 2:57pm

In the 60's if you came back via the west you also got the stickers from a Custom's officer named Bodgie.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by boots on Jan 7th, 2006, 4:12pm

.....and was he.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by cliffy_walsh on Jan 7th, 2006, 11:12pm

:(It was sad to read the comments made about the Viet Vets, I have always been solidly Navy and it has only been in recent years that I have had anything to do with Army/RAAf fellas. I did the PTSD Course with a mixture of them, and boy, there are some hurting men out there. I have to admit that I do not have anything to do with either the Labor Party (Vietnam Moratorium, courtesy Jim Cairns and Junie Morosi) or the RSL who gave us and the Army fellas the arse on the day of the March through the Domain. But I keep constantly in mind, we are ALL ex servicemen who elected to lay down our lives if so required, and had a lot of fun in the meantime. There is not a shipmate that I served with, I would ever forget. Can't say the same for civvie colleagues.

I think of the little ode Slim dusty put to music:

Now life is like a mighty river,
Flowing on, from day to day;
Men are vessels launched upon it,
Sometimes wrecked and cast away.
So, do your best for one another;
Making life a pleasant dream.
Help your weary worn out brother;
Pulling heart against the stream.
Theres many a right good hearted fellow;
Many a noble minded man,
Finds himself in shallow water;
So boys, help him if you can.
For life is like a mighty river;
Flowing on from day to day,
Men are vessels launched upon it-
Sometimes wrecked and cast away.

Cheers Cliffy ;D

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by Joe on Jan 8th, 2006, 8:28am

Concur Cliffy - well said Slim.

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by Ernie D on Jan 8th, 2006, 9:49am

That was very moving Cliffy
Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Win for Vets**

Post by boots on Jan 8th, 2006, 10:18am

very nicely put.

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(Message started by: ronaldo on Dec 20th, 2005, 9:07pm)

Title: **Paddy** Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 20th, 2005, 9:07pm**

"T'was a sad night that evening in Dublin City. After a good night in McGuire's Hotel's main bar in O'Connell Street. As usual, that time of night, just before closing time, poor old Paddy Murphy was downing his last pint of Guinness before starting the homeward trek to his good wife Mary, down along O'Connell Street, past the Post Office that still show bullet holes from the '20's uprising, heading towards Trinity College and before crossing over the H'penny bridge across the Liffey River. He had followed this pathway for many-a-year with his two good mates Timmy O'Leary and Sean O'Brian. The trio were pretty well known in the district when full of turps and bad manners having been involved in many a fight with the locals on their way home. For some reason, this night, Paddy was by himself and as he staggered down the road to home, an oncoming car, travelling in the opposite direction collided with Paddy and killed him. The local Police, (The Garda-Siochana), were called and arranged for poor old Paddy to be taken to the mortuary. As usual, the same in any Country, Paddy had to be formally identified and because his face and front were in such a mess from the head-on collision, was unrecognisable. Sgt. Mike O'Shannon decided that more identification was needed, to prove beyond all doubt, that it was indeed, poor old Paddy. He called on his two best mates, Timmy O'Leary and Sean O'Brian, to formally identify poor old Paddy and brought each of them to the morgue for that purpose. Poor old Paddy was wheeled in on a trolley, covered in a sheet and the Sgt. rolled back the sheet so that witness, Timmy O'Leary could make an identification. Timmy looked and stared at the remains, glancing up and down at the lifeless body, tut-tutting to himself. He said to the Sgt, "Could ye roll over the body please Sgt?" This the Sgt did and exposed the back of the poor deceased. O'Leary tuttered a few more times and finally said, "No Sgt, that aint poor old Paddy." The Sgt was taken back for awhile, as he knew for sure that it was Paddy. Hadn't he locked up the trio on many occasions for being drunk & disorderly and fighting on their way home, on many a night? He thought for awhile and called on Sean O'Brian to make an identification. Sean looked the body up and down from the face to the toes, hummed & harred and scratched his head for a few moments then said, "Would ye mind rolling him over so that I can see his back please Officer". This the Sgt did while O'Brian made a few more comments. He then finally said, "No, dis man is not Paddy Murphy". The Garda Sgt was much taken aback and said, "How in the name of the Good Mary can you say that that is not the body of Paddy Murphy?. I know him as well as both of you!" "Cannot possibly be Murphy", said O'Brian, "Murphy had two arseholes!". What do you mean said the Sgt, I have never heard of such rot!" 'Tis true said O'Brian, every night when walking home after the pub closed and as we crossed over the H'penny bridge, the people used to call out, "Watch yourselves laddies or it will be on for young and old, here comes Murphy with the two arseholes!"

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:32pm**

Shaun and Paddy were sitting in their favourite haunt sharing a pint or six of Guinness, when there was an almighty explosion outside. The doors blew in, and through the dust and debris rolled a head, which stopped at their table. Paddy looked down and exclaimed "b egorrah, its shamus O'Rourke". Shaun looked over for a minute, then avowed, "Nooo. that's not Shamus. Shamus is taller than that!"

I think that story is a little far fetched, but cheers to my Irish Heritage.
Cliffy

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Jan 9th, 2006, 12:33pm**

I too am of Irish heritage, so probably OK for me to post this.

An Irish man walks into a pub. The bartender asks him, "what'll you have?"

The man says, "Give me three pints of Guinness please."

So the bartender brings him three pints and the man proceeds to alternately sip one, then the other, then the third until they're gone. He then orders three more.

The bartender says, "Sir, I know you like them cold. You don't have to order three at a time. I can keep an eye on it and when you get low I'll bring you a fresh cold one."

The man says, "You don't understand. I have two brothers, one in Australia and one in the States. We made a vow to each other that every Saturday night we'd still drink together. So right now, my brothers have three Guinness Stouts too, and we're drinking together.

The bartender thought that was a wonderful tradition.

Every week the man came in and ordered three beers. Then one week he came in and ordered only two. He drank them and then ordered two more.

The bartender said to him, "I know what your tradition is, and I'd just like to say that I'm sorry that one of your brothers died."

The man said, "Oh, me brothers are fine----I just quit drinking."

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 9th, 2006, 2:45pm**

Paddy migrates from Dublin with his family and begorroh within a week of arriving he lands a job as a builders labourer working on a new high rise building at the Gold Coast. He became friendly with two fellow workers, one named Walmsley Barklay-St.John, R-Ner of course, and another, a local lad by the name of Bluey Ryan. As soon as the lunch whistle blew everyday, the trio would climb up the scaffolding to the top floor and sit down in a corner swapping yarns and enjoying all the fine views of pacific while eating their sandwiches. On this particular day, as they sat down in their usual possie, Walmsley open ups his lunch and looks in between two slices of bread and says, " Bah Jove. Bangers and mash sandwiches again. I hate cold mash & bangers. I have been eating them for weeks on end. If I get them again I will jump off the top floor and kill myself & teach my wife a lesson." Bluey thinks quitley to himself and then opens up his lunch. "Ferkinell", he said, " Friggin stale bread, dry cheese and vegemite again. I hate the bloody stuff. Wouldn't feed it to me pet dorg. If me missus serves it up to me again, I'll do the same as you Walsmely and jump too." All eyes were on Paddy as he began to open up his lunch. Suddenly Paddy calls out, "By the Holy Cross bayjeezus, If I get this sort of lunch again I will do the same as you two. Cold left over Irish strew again. Holy Father how I hate that stuff.'

Next day at lunch the trio go to the same corner and sit down. Walsmley opens up and inspects his lunch, then shrieks, "Bangers & Mash again. I'm a man of my word. He then jumps up and takes a runnning leap over the top to the pavement 20 floors below. Bluev slowlv oopened his lunch and takes a small bite from the corner

of one sandwich. He jumps up suddenly and spits out the contents and calls out, " I teach that tart, bloody cheese & vegemite again. I'm a man of my word too." He then takes a running jump over the side to follow Walmsley. Poor old Paddy slowly unwrapped his lunch and peeled back a corner of his take-a-way container and then looks inside. " He then crosses himself and mutters, "damm the Irish and their stews, I am a man of my word too!" With that Poor old Paddy throws himself off the top of the building. A couple of months go by, the three wives emerge from the Coroners Court where all three men were found to have died by their own actions. "If only Walmsley had told me he did not like Bangers & Mash, I would have made him something else for lunch and he would be alive today", his widow sobbed. " Same for Bluey", said Maude, "I did not know he didn't like cheese and vegemite. If he had only told me I could of made him something else". "Poor old Paddy. Poor old Paddy", sobbed Colleen. " I don't know what why he did it. The diivil must have got into him. He always makes his own lunch!"

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Cyril Rice** on **Jan 9th, 2006, 4:16pm**

Paddy promised Molly he would not be home late or get drunk. He met up with the boys and the seesion dragged on and when Paddy put his empty glass down on the bar and he fell off his stool, he realised that he had better make tracks home. He crawled across the floor and onto the street pulled himself up into a taxi that took him home. Once there he fell out of the cab dragged himself up to the front door, fumbled for his keys and finally let himself in, as quite as a mouse he hauled himself up stairs and into the bedroom. Not a stir from Molly so he crept into bed thinking "Thank god I got away with that", and as the room started to spin he passed out. Next morning Molly brings him up a cup of tea. "So you got drunk again last noight" "No I never, anyway how would you know, you were asleep" "The pub just rang to say you left your wheelchair there" :o :o

Title: **Re: Paddy**
Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Jan 10th, 2006, 6:07pm**

Irish Medical Dictionary

Artery.....The stady of paintings
Bacteria.....The back door to the Cafeteria
Benign.....What you be,after you be eight
Cauterize.....Made eye contact with her
Coma.....Punctuation mark
Dilate.....Live long
Enema.....Not a friend
Fester.....Quicker than someone else
Fibula.....A small lie
Morbid.....A higher offer
Nitrates.....Cheaper than day rates
Node.....I knew it
Outpatient.....A person who has fainted
Post operative.....A letter carrier
Secretion.....Hiding something
Seizure.....Roman emperor
Tablet.....Small table
Terminal illness.....Getting sick at the airport
Tumour.....One plus one more
Urine.....Opposite of your out

Title: **Re: Paddv**

Post by **Cliffy Walsh** on **Jan 10th, 2006, 6:36pm**

:D Then there was the Irish pirate.....

.....Wore a patch over both eyes.

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **Cyril Rice** on **Jan 10th, 2006, 9:14pm**

8)Paddy had just got his license to drive a grader and applied for a job with the Irish National Main Roads Dept.

His first job was out on a coastal highway, and the foreman took him out and showed him what he wanted done and left him to carry on.

About lunch time the foreman decided to check on how Paddy was progressing and on reaching the site he saw Paddy parked up on the side of the road crying his eyes out.

"Paddy me boy,whats the matter?"

"I just pushed an English tourist bus over edge of the cliff"

"English did you say? Now now meboy they were only English that's nothing to worry over, why are you crying?"

"Corse the bus was only half full"

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Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 8:13am**

Paddy, after living and working in New Zealand as a coach driver for years, decides the world has much greener pastures, and heads across the Tasman for a new life in Sydney. He applied for a job with the City Council as a bus driver and after a couple of days of waiting, receives a letter asking him to go to the local bus depot of a driving test. AT 8.00am on the dot the next day, Paddy rolls up for the test and the local bus inspector puts Paddy behind the wheel of a bus and takes him out on the road for the test. Paddy is going great guns. He turns right when asked. Moves to the inside lane after passing slow traffic. Pulls into the kerb to show how he would pull up to let passengers alight and embark. Travels in designated bus lanes and was impressing the Inspector to no end with his driving. The Inspector after about half-an-hour says, " Paddy old son, you are going great guns. Only one more little test to go". With that the Inspector directs Paddy into a dead end road to see how Paddy would cope in turning a bus around in a confined space. Paddy gets to the end of the dead end road and stops the bus. The Inspector says, " Can you make a u-turn Paddy?". As quick as a flash Paddy replies, " Inspector", he said, "Not oinly did I learn in New Zealand how to make ewe turns but after five minutes I make them go cross-eyed as well!"

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **stokerB** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 11:15am**

Two oirish fellas emigrate to Australia and are out looking for work. They pass a lumber yard with a big sign stating "Tree Fellers wanted"....."no good going in there" sez Paddy to Shaun " there's only two of us"

jps

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **Cliffy_Walsh** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 11:49am**

:DPaddy walks into a lumber camp looking for work.

The boss asks him what he does best.

"well Oi love foightin, thet lo do."

Hmm, says the boss, thinking. Paddys a big bloke, and he might be just what I need.

"Tell you what Paddy, I want you to go through the forrest, and when you come across a cutting camp, you can gee ém along a bit you know? If theyre slacking off, get em moving."

öi kin do dat, oi kin, sure".

So off he goes into the forrest with his waterbag and sangers.

He comes to a giant Karri tree, and there were two men, about six feet off the ground, on their spears.

One either side of this huge tree. A little bloke and a great big fella. They have a sixteen foot crosscut saw going flat out! Throwing sawdust eight feet either side of the cut.

Paddy watches them for a few moments, then walks over to the big bloke, hauls him off the spear, and smacks him as cold as yesterdays mutton. Then he takes the saw out of the cut, walks around the tree and hands it up to the little bloke and says,"and if he tries to take it off you again, you just let me know, ok?".

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 12:56pm**

An Irishman goes to a carpenter. "Can you build me a box that's two inches deep, two inches wide and 50 feet long?"

"Well," says the carpenter, "it could be done, I suppose, but what would you want with a box like that?"

"Well"" said the Irishman, "my neighbour moved away and forgot to take a few things with him -- and he asked me to send him his garden hose."

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **Cliffy_Walsh** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 1:26pm**

:oThree blokes sitting in a spa, a German, a Japanese and an Irishman.

There is a beeping sound and the German lifts his hand out of the water a presses his finger into his right palm and the beeping stops. "What's that?"asks the Japanese.

"German technology, he replies, When my mobile phone goes off and i'm showering or swimming, I can shut the phone off by pressing a chip in the palm of my hand. German technology."

There is a another ringing tone, and the Japanese man lifts his hand out of the water, puts his palm to his ear, then using his finger, begins pressing his palm.

"What's that" asks the German.

"Japanese technology" replies the inscrutable one, "When my mobile phone rings, and I'm swimming or bathing I have a chip in the palm of my hand. I listen to the message, then SMS the reply. Japanese technology".

Begorrah, thinks Paddy, dey don't make tings loike this in oireland, I better think of something so they don't show me up. So out of the spa he gets and goes off to the bathroom. Back he comes, and spins around and theres three feet of dunny paper hanging out of his butt. "Well, would you look at dut, I'm gittin'a fax"! ::)

Title: **Re: Paddy**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Jan 11th, 2006, 3:44pm**

Oi don't know how Paddy got into this but vou could put it all down to the luck of the

Oirish.

Does history ever repeat itself. Then I ask you.....

Year 1981

1. Prince Charles gets married.
2. Liverpool crowned Champions of Europe.
3. Australia loses the Ashes.
4. Pope Dies.

Year 2005

1. Prince Charles gets married.(again).
2. Liverpool crowned Champions of Europe.
3. Australia loses the Ashes.
4. Pope Dies.

Moral to this story?

In future, if Bonny Prince Chuck decides to get married again will someone please warn the Pope and please cancel the frigging cricket!

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Literate PC user
(Message started by: Ernie D on Dec 21st, 2005, 12:00pm)

Title: **Literate PC user** Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 12:00pm**

I am not a literate PC user although much better than when I started a few years ago. My better half of 43 years purchased a toshiba lap top/notebook for my 68th birthday this year. I can go onto the net through a 4 port ADSL modem at the same time as my desk computer. Can any old salt /young salt out there, on a ship sailing the sea of knowledge, advise this poor illiterate pc user how I should go about downloading all the information off my desk computer to my laptop. I have windows XP home on both computers. I know how to transfer everything onto cd's and such and do the transfer that way, only I realise it would take forever! can anyone help please?
Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 1:31pm**

Ern,

Ok, if your laptop has USB connections you can buy an external DVD writer which will give you a greater per disk capacity (CD=700M DVD=4.7Gig) but mebbe to expensive. OR.....network your computers (a little bit more setting up but much cheaper (network card for desktop \$10, cable \$10 and I'm guessing about \$15-30 for a laptop network card....
If your motherboard in both of your computers has built in networking then all you need is the crossover cable...

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **xnavyman** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 2:49pm**

I would agree with JPS. It would be cheaper to network them and then transfer files to the laptop.

Once you get the network cards and cable then it is only a matter of following the prompts. WinXP is really easy to network as the wizard does it all for you.

I have 2 computers networked, my wife plays bingo online on one while I surf on the other.

Cheers,

Geoff

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 3:03pm**

Thanks for that valuable information lads. I have a network card in the laptop/notebook which is connected to the spare port of the linksy ADSL2 gateway. Would I need another network card for the desk computer as well or would the one card in the laptop be sufficient?
Thanks in advance...Ernie "D"

PS How can I find out if my desktop has a network card built in, would I have to bring up system information I suppose in accessories, hope thats right????

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 4:45pm**

No not necessarily Ern (Bear in mind I'm not real flash on XP, I use 2000P), your "My Computer/control panel" would show your capacity to network as the structure is built in the OS. The info should be in your MB manual or as an "on/off" selection in your BIOS. Yes you would need another 2 network cards (unfortunately I think laptops only have the one slot). Using your existing cards and a crossover cable would require different Network settings which would again have to be changed back to get back on the net (which makes your system less secure). If you have a "router/modem" I think you could actually link your computers through it (I'm still checking up on this).....so I'm guessing with this info you haven't moved forward or back but off to the side..^_^.....

BTW...all this is refutable by someone with greater knowledge...and please do

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 4:55pm**

Here ya go

<http://computer.howstuffworks.com/home-network.htm>

<http://www.homenethelp.com/home-network.asp>

http://www.epinions.com/cmhd-topic-How_to_Network_Computers_at_Home

Here's a start, a google search will pull you up many more

cheers

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **xnavyman** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 6:04pm**

With my two 'puters, the networking is only for the internet sharing not file or printer sharing.

All you need is the network cards in each machine, a network cable to run between the machines. Then run the networking wizard on each machine to get them to talk to each other.

You have to remember to work out whether youiu just want internet sharing or all which includes file and printer sharing.

You connect thru the main computer to the internet.

When setting up, it is advisable to use same names for the computers and connections between them.

Those links in the previous post are worth looking at.

Cheers

Geoff

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **looseleis** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 7:09pm**

There is a program on cable tv called "call for help" it is a program all about computers. You can access it on the web at www.callforhelp.com it is very informative about all of these type of things. You can also talk to them, it is a program out of Canada

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 9:08am**

Thanks StokerB and Lads, I am on the way at half steam ahead, bit of turbulent water ahead, but at least now I can recognise the port I am steering for! Once again thanks for replying to my SOS
Kind Regards ...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **David_A** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 12:03pm**

I have a quick and easy [and so far infallible] method of solving computer problems. I ask my grandchildre!
David A

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 12:43pm**

You found me out Dave ^_^

I've been messing about with these gully gully machines since about 1980, anytime I can help (within my limited capability) I'd be happy to

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **oldsalty** on **Dec 22nd, 2005, 5:03pm**

Simply go to your Windows XP Help and Support Centre and search for Transfer Files and the information for opening the files and setting transfer wizard will be available, follow this and transfer all your old files and settings to the new laptop, simple as.

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 6:22am**

I just went and spoke with my local ISP guy who also does computer repair resale etc. Charged me \$30.00 and took 1 day and transferred everything. Don't know how and don't care - it works and saved me getting a bit het up as I tend to have a short fuse (yes fuse the other has always been short!) - also saved me pulling out the last bit of fuzz I call hair!
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **stokerB** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 1:26pm**

Joe.

Charged you \$30 and took him an hour (tops)
Your local council MAY run a computer familiarisation course for the elderly
which is normally free.
(30 bucks.....thats nearly a slab mate !! ^_ ^)

jps

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:18pm**

;Djps - stands for just passed seventy. :-X

Title: **Re: Literate PC user**
Post by **Joe** on **Jan 8th, 2006, 8:23am**

Ah yes but power is knowledge. Guess I should have just bought a slab and then I
could have done it myself or not cared if it worked or not - come to think of it I did
buy a slab!
Chookas
Joe

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General >> Bulletin Board >> Happy Birthday Raymund Norton
(Message started by: oldmech on Dec 21st, 2005, 7:38am)

Title: Happy Birthday Raymund Norton Post by **oldmech** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 7:38am**

Happy Birthday to my OLD Shipmate and our fellow FESR member.
Nobody could be that old mate, and I know just how many years too, because you were born three years before I was.
Anyway have a good day and enjoy your time with the northern part of your family.
Regards Lesle and Col N

;D :D :) ;)

Title: Re: Happy Birthday Raymund Norton
Post by **Ern Sinfield** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 12:43pm**

Col, Is that the Noton known as Meggs when we were on Tobruk?
Ern Sinfield

Title: Re: Happy Birthday Raymund Norton
Post by **oldmech** on **Dec 21st, 2005, 4:18pm**

Ern,
Sorry mate wrong one. Geez, you would have to see the one I am sending greetings to, HE'S OLD.

Regards ColN

Title: Re: Happy Birthday Raymund Norton
Post by **Ray Norton** on **Dec 31st, 2005, 9:05am**

Col,
Many thanks for the birthday greetings. Your phone call was well timed, however I do take calls in the bathroom. For the record, Col's birthday is the same day as mine and he doesn't seem to be able to catch up.
Ray

Title: Re: Happy Birthday Raymund Norton
Post by **Allen Lyne** on **Feb 2nd, 2006, 2:47pm**

Ray,
You better hope he doesn't catch up, at least for awhile yet

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General >> Bulletin Board >> NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)
(Message started by: Mario_Opassi on Dec 27th, 2005, 7:54am)

Title: **NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)** Post by **Mario_Opassi** on **Dec 27th, 2005, 7:54am**

The Royal Warrant was signed on the 23rd July, 2005 and established yesterday, 26th December. To view the medal click on the link below.

<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/category/f/f5b.html>

At least the New Zealanders get a specific medal for the Asian Tsunami, unlike Australia, who virtually, reclassified the 'Overseas Humanitarian Medal'!!

Regards,

Mario

Title: **Re: NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)**
Post by **stokerB** on **Dec 27th, 2005, 11:13pm**

It appears that there begins to be no distinguishing notability between medals and "been there " gongs. Given the selfless work troops have done, they deserve some recognition, but forgive me I may be old fashioned

jps

Title: **Re: NZ Special Service Medal (Asian Tsunami)**
Post by **cliffy_walsh** on **Jan 7th, 2006, 11:22pm**

;Dforgiven, you are so old fashioned, you never had an official number, you all knew each other! 8)
