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Greetings Members, a reasonable attendance once again for the September meeting which I am glad of, now that the weather is gradually warming up and the aches and pains in our bodies seem to disappear till winter next year. Apologies were received from -: Richard Dixon and Padre Norm Carter. The main item on the agenda for the September meeting was the selling of poppies and lapel badges for the lead up to the, 11-11-014, as most of you know who attend meetings of the sub branch, getting volunteers to help for a couple of hours is hard work and only a handful of members seem too give up their time when needed. This year there will only one shopping centre to sell from and that will be, the Gilles Plains Shopping Centre, unfortunately this year we missed out on the Newton shops as they wanted money just to man a booth to sell the poppies, but with some hard and fast talking from Keith managed to twist the arm of the manager and she relented and let us have Gilles Plains Shopping Centre free of charge, next year could be a different story and not be able to have Gilles Plains. It is really disheartening that these shop owners are so money hungry and can't see past the end of their noses, that we of the National Servicemen's Association are giving up our time to collect money to help maintain the RSL Villas and the welfare also of our veterans and their families. Members that are willing to help are required for the, **7th and 8th November 014, 09.00am – 04.00pm**; please talk to Keith so he can finalize a roster. Again we have been given permission from, the Adelaide Cemeteries Authority to place poppies on the Wall of Remembrance at the, Enfield General Cemetery, this will be on **Sunday 9th November, time 01.30pm**, again helpers will be needed. Keith and I will be attending Salisbury RSL Sub Branch Annual Dinner representing Northern Central Area National Service Association, to be held on the 25th October 014. I have also received incoming mail from, Para District Sub Branch inviting our Sub Branch to attend their Charter Luncheon (BBQ) to be held on **Sunday 2nd November 014**, to be held out at the, National Military Vehicle Museum Edinburgh Park, cost \$10. per person, the meeting will take form as a general meeting followed by the Charter Celebration also **Sunday 7th December 014**, an invite from Para District Sub Branch again inviting us to join in with them for a general meeting and BBQ lunch to be held at the Penfield Modellers Club (Model Railway) Woomera Avenue Edinburgh Park, \$10 per person. Great guest speaker that Keith arranged for the September meeting from the Heart Foundation a most informative speaker who not only spoke on what can cause a heart attack, smoking, excessive alcohol, but other problems that can lead up to a heart attack and a stroke, and the research that is going on here at the new centre down on North Terrace is phenomenal, yes it was worth the 20min's or so that our guest speaker spoke, a small donation was also made to the Heart Foundation at the conclusion of the talk .
Birthday Wishes for October have been sent to the following members -: 3rd Oct. Wally Smith, 19th Oct. Bob Kay, and 25th Oct. John Hadaway.

The monthly raffle winners -: Nick Gogilis, Keith Fitzgerald and Donald Campbell.

Sunday 7th December 014, Head Quarters Christmas Luncheon, this year a new venue: North Adelaide Football Club Rooms (home of the 'Roosters'). The past few years our sub branch has always had good roll up for these occasions be it the Anzac Day Luncheon or the Christmas Luncheon, so let's keep up the tradition of our sub branch and once again come along and enjoy yourselves. Tickets available from HQ (John Piep).

Malcolm Kruss
President

A FEW DON'T FORGETS

**SUBS ARE NOW DUE
(SUBS TO BE PAID TO TREASURER KEITH, NOT HQ)**

**MORE VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR POPPY SELLING 7th & 8th NOV.
AND THE PLACING OF POPPIES AT THE REMEMBRANCE WALL
ENFIELD GENERAL CEMETERY 9th NOVEMBER 01.30pm**

**REMEMBRANCE DAY 11-11-014
ENFIELD RSL 10.30AM
LOUNGE BAR WILL BE OPEN AFTER THE SERVICE**

**HEAD QUARTERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON 7th DECEMBER 014
NORTH ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB ROOMS PROSPECT
LET'S GET TOGETHER MAKE UP ONE BIG TABLE AND ENJOY
OURSELVES. PLENTY OF RAFFLE PRIZES AS USUAL**

NEW U.S. ARMY RIFLE

The XM25 Counter Defilade Rifle Target Engagement System has a range of roughly 2,300 feet – and is soon to be deployed places of conflict soon. I would call it the “Equalizer.” Some call it the “Punisher”.

The rifle’s gun sight uses a laser rangefinder to determine the exact distance to the obstruction, after which the soldier can add or subtract up to 3 metres from that distance to enable the bullets to clear the barrier and explode above or beside the target.

Soldiers will be able to use them to target snipers hidden in trenches rather than call for an air strikes.

The 25mm round contains a chip that receives a radio signal from the gun sight as to the precise distant to the target.

Lt. Col. Christopher Lehner, project manager for the system, described the weapon as a ‘game-changer’ that other nations will try and copy. He expects the Army to buy 12,500 of the XM25 rifles in the future, enough for every member of the infantry special forces.

Lehner told Fox News: “With this weapon system, we take away from [enemy targets] forever. Tactics are going to have to be rewritten. The only thing we can see [enemies] being able to run away”.

Experts say the rifle means that enemy troops will no longer be safe if they take cover. The XM25 appears to be the perfect weapon for street to street fighting that troops in theatres of war have to engage in, with enemy fighters hiding behind walls and only breaking cover to fire occasionally.

The weapon’s laser finder would work out how far away the enemy was then the U.S. Soldier would add one meter using a button near the trigger. When fired, the explosive round would carry exactly one meter pas the wall and explode with the force of a hand grenade above the enemy fighter.

The army’s project manager for new weapons, Douglas Tamilio, said: “This is the first leap-ahead technology for the troops we’ve been able to develop and deploy”. A patent granted to the bullet’s maker, Alliant Techsystems, reveals that the chip can determine how far it has travelled. Mr. Tamilio “You could shoot a Javelin Missile, and it would cost about \$69,000. These rounds will end up costing \$25. a piece”.

They’re relatively cheap. Lehner added: “This is the game-changer. The enemy have learned to get cover, for hundreds if not thousands of years. Well, they can’t do it anymore. We are taking that cover away from them and there are only two outcomes: We’re going to get you behind that cover or force you to flee. “The rifle will initially use high-explosive rounds, but it makers say it might later use smaller explosive charges that aim to stun rather than kill

Thanks Ron

Christchurch NZ