



NATIONAL SERVICEMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (SA BRANCH)



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FEBRUARY – MARCH – APRIL 2017 PRESIDENTS REPORT

Greeting fellow members, as stated at the January meeting 017, due to the lack of input by you members, I have found it harder and harder to write up a news letter, after much thought, and with the backing of the members who were present at the meeting it was decided that, the 'Burble' would only be written up on a three (3) month basis.

Members attending meetings have improved considerably which is good; just let's hope with the on coming months when the weather changes considerably from day to day, that you can find the time to come along to meetings. The main interest for the year so far would undoubtedly be the, Unveiling and Dedication of the National Service Memorial at, State HQ, this project has been four years in the making, and it all came together on the, 17th March 2017, if you have not seen the memorial please avail yourself, go down there and have a look at it, some 212 names of young National Servicemen who paid the supreme sacrifice in a war that many other countries had a part in, be it Korea, Malaya or Vietnam they paid with their lives now their names and rank surround a gold coloured cross of specially designed bricks in front of the memorial, then there are all the other bricks with various Nasho names, Nasho Sub Branches, RSL Sub Branches and families all in pavers laid in a random fashion running nearly down to Surry Street, I do believe there is enough room left for another 500 inscribed pavers to be laid down, will let you know when orders are being taken for the next lot of pavers if you are interested, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC Governor of South Australia accompanied by Mrs. Le, unveiled the monument and spoke briefly of his young life in Vietnam as a young boy and how he and his parents escaped from Vietnam by boat to settle in South Australia. The scripture readings and the blessing were spoken by our own National Servicemen Padres, Rev Dr. Vern Cracknell, Pastor Rod Denton and the, Rev Norm Carter. Although it was a fairly hot day there were major no hiccups everything ran smoothly. The BBQ and salads afterwards was very well handled by members of the Vietnam Veterans Association (Northern) and their wives with plenty to eat, cold drinks were on hand and a very well known South Australian Brewery, Coopers supplied the Pale Ale more than welcome on such a hot day. To get down there we decided to hire a reasonable size bus, with Keith as our designated driver for the day, unfortunately there were only 12 of us that made the effort by going along to the dedication, yes I would have thought more of you members would have made the effort to come along, it is always the same few members and their wives who come along to anything the committee organizes, we are not the only sub branch finding it hard to attract members too come out for the day. March meeting, a general meeting followed by the AGM, thanks to Graham Wilson and Graham Sargent conducting the AGM 2 in accordance with the National Servicemen's Association SA bi-laws. The new committee for 2017-2018 is as follows -: President –

Malcolm Kruss, Vice President – Tom Camplin, Secretary – Mrs. Heather Simms, Asst Secretary – Mal Simms, Treasurer – Keith Fitzgerald, Committee – Trevor Cabot, Richard Dixon and John Hadaway. Following the AGM a number of us stalwarts ventured along to the Cross Keys Hotel for a very nice Sunday Lunch, most enjoyable and good company.

Since January there have been a couple of our members that I know of on the sick list but glad to say they are on the road to recovery, Mrs. Rae Cabot and Nick Gogilis, both have been sent get well cards and hoping their health keeps improving.

Birthday greetings and cards have been sent to the following members: - **February**, Rev. Norm Carter 1938,

March, Fred Jackson 1936, **April**, Nicholas Gogilis 1936, Graham Sargent 1939, Trevor Cabot 1936, Brian Cahill 1935, Ray Norton 1933 NS Tom Camplin 1946.

From the Enfield RSL, please note that at long last, and with dedicated help from a number of us Nasho's the kitchen has recommenced serving meals on a Friday evening 6.30pm – 8.00pm and Saturday evening 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Jo (formally Salisbury RSL) is now our residential cook, she has written up a good menu with a good selection to choose from at a reasonable price that won't break the purse strings.

ANZAC DAY yes once again I'm asking for help from any of you members that can give a hand in setting up the hall on Sunday 23rd April 017 starting at 2.00pm, there is a lot to do and not enough people to do it all, again on Monday prior too Anzac Day there will be a few things to do, that I'm sure of, think about it and if you can help out you will be more than welcome.

Malcolm Kruss
President

DAWN SERVICE 25th APRIL 017 6.15AM

FOLLOWED BY THE TRADITIONAL ENFIELD RSL GUNFIRE BREAKFAST

**NASHO SUBS ARE STILL PAYABLE TO KEITH IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID UP
AS YET**

WHY IS A MILITARY HALL CALLED MESS??

The mess hall that we know today is where a group of people eat regularly, such as in a military camp, military post or etc. But although we know what a mess hall is, few people actually take the time to think about why it is called a "mess" in the first place.

When you think about the word "mess" synonymous words like "untidy" and "clutter" enter your mind. Then you picture a group of people eating together and pair it with what you know about the word "mess", and you probably think it was called a mess hall because of the clutter that goes along with the people eating together.

But remember this is a military dining hall we are talking about. The people that eat here are neat and disciplined. So why indeed a military dining hall is called a "mess".

The origins of the word "mess" comes from the Old French word "mes", meaning portion of food, which was taken from the Latin verb "muttere", which means "to put" or "to end", with the primary source of "a meal put on the table".

The meaning of "mess" then appeared in English during the 13th century, and was often used specifically with liquid or cooked dishes like soup or porridge. And by the 15th century, the same word "mess" was used to describe a group of people who dined together. This is why the military dining hall is called a "mess hall."

In the US Army the mess hall is called a Dining Facility or DFAC. A “mess” can also be used to describe the formal affair of dining in or out. A dining in refers to exclusive events for military members only while dining out refers to social events for military workforce and their families as well.

So the next time you come across the phrase “mess hall” don’t immediately have the impression that the group of people eating in the area are messy eaters. The word “mess” when used in this context does not refer to “clutter” or “chaos”. Instead it has interesting origins coming from the old French and Latin language, which was adopted in English as the years pass by.

Today the word “mess” can not only refer to a group of people eating together, but also people who socialize together, such as in social events in the military and etc.

Thank you Heather for this story

**NEXT NEWS LETTER
WILL BE DISTRIBUTED OR E-MAILED
AT THE AUGUST MEETING**

**Articles of interest are always welcome to be written up in the
“Burble”**

Just get them too me and I will soon write them up

