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The WAURior

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- ✓ Funny Stuff!

Contributions sought!!

Thanks are again due to Shaun Chapman, Dave Knight and Mick Mathews for contributions to this edition. Remember, if there is something you would like to see in your Newsletter, please let me know. As I have often said, I would be delighted to receive your contributions - no matter how small!

Regards, Michael Jenkin (Ed)

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Ramblings from the Treasurer

With Shaun Chapman

As this the final WAURior for 2004 I thought some navel gazing was in order. This year has on reflection been fairly quiet for the Association. Membership has stabilized at just over 100. Socially ANZAC day and the Ball were high-lights. We have however been very successful in engaging with WAUR and its current staff, although poorly attended the first Tuesday night of the month meetings lets us bond with the regiment. We are treated as VIPs in the mess and welcome to Mess functions these are something I would like to see greater attendance at in 2005.

Short term we have the final parade for 2004 at WAUR on 14th December, The AGM on 14th January, Unit Birthday and ANZAC Day in April and the Ball in May – details on the first two events are in this issue. We also hope to have a Dining in night mid to late 2005. The new Service Medal issue is coming up, an event we will be a part of as an Association in some way.

Finally Merry Christmas and Happy new year to all our members and their loved ones .

★ AGM SUNDOWNER ★

Don't miss this important event in the Association's calendar! The AGM starts at 1730 h SHARP on Friday, 14th Jan 2005. The venue is the Anzac Club, next to the Central Law Courts, St Georges Terrace, Perth! The Agenda is on Page 2 of this edition. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

AGM Agenda

Friday, 14th Jan 05 - 1730 hrs

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1. Welcome/Apologies
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Office Bearers
5. Social Calendar 2005
5. Other business

Notes:

1. The minimum standard of dress for the AGM is smart casual (ie: tailored trousers, shirt with collar, tie, dress shoes). As the AGM is being held in a private club, jeans, t-shirts and joggers are not acceptable.
2. At the conclusion of the AGM, the Association will conduct a Sundowner at the Anzac Club. The Association will provide food platters and there will be a raffles. Association merchandise will be on sale.

The following appeared in a past WAURior

SNAPSHOT

Frederick the Great (Prussia mid-eighteenth century) Gave an officer candidate who was not living up to expectations a last chance by giving_ him the task of preparing a plan of an impregnable position. A few days later the candidate handed in a sketch of a swamp with an island in the middle, held by troops.

"Now just listen my son", said Frederick, with Your troops in this position I could cannonade them from every side".

"With respect, Your Majesty, the swamp is so broad that no cannon shot can carry over it".

"Yes, yes! But do you have enough provisions on the island?"

"For at least 20 years, Your Majesty".

"Well I just have to wait until the swamp freezes over".

"With respect, Your majesty, the swamp never freezes over".

"But how in earth did you get on the island? And how are you going to leave again?"

THE CANDIDATE FAILED.

The following was WAUR's contribution to the 1973 Chronicle – an Annual report on the Royal Green Jackets activities.

THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT

Honorary Colonel.:

Lieut.-Colonel Sir Charles Court, K.B., O.B.E., R.C.

Commanding Officer.:

Lieut-Colonel C, J. Benson, E.D.

This year, 1973, commenced on a very sad note with the death of Captain John LeTessier, E.D. John LeTessier had served with the unit for over twenty years and at the time of his death was the unit historian and correspondent for *The Royal Green Jackets Chronicle*. His dedication to military service, and to this unit in particular, will be remembered for many years to come.

The past year also brought its own fresh lot of challenges. At the end of 1972 National Service within Australia ceased. This meant that great numbers of National Service deferees serving within Citizen Military Force units became eligible for discharge, and unfortunately many took the opportunity to leave military service. However, the cessation of National Service caused a slight upswing in the rate of volunteers so the C.M.F. units ranks are now filled with an all volunteer element. This brings to units a new enthusiasm which helps to offset the fall off in numbers, At present the strength of W.A.U.R. is twenty eight officers and sixty-five other ranks.

Several of our officers completed their tertiary education at the end of 1972 and, therefore, were no longer eligible to serve with W.A.U.R. and were transferred to other units. In their place we were pleased to gain by promotion Lieut.'s. Haldane and Tindale and by transfer Lieut.'s. Pickering and Ives.

There were several changes in staff appointments during the year. Our QM., Captain H. Hannaveld, left us to rejoin the Pacific Islands Regiment in New Guinea. To date his successor has not arrived and the duties of Q.M. are being capably carried out by the R.Q.M.S. W.O. 11 H. Bush. Towards the end of 1972 our R.S.M. was transferred and W.O. I M. Mullane is now occupying that important appointment. Our Adjutant Captain M. Lawrie leaves us at the end of the year to take up an appointment with 1st Recruit Training Battalion.

At the time of writing this article W.A.U.R. are preparing for the Annual Camp. The syllabus of the unit has been changed to provide an additional period of continuous training during the student vacation period December - February. The Annual Camp will provide three weeks continuous training during December and a further two weeks will be completed during January. As well as providing military training this has the effect of giving employment to students during their vocational period. We are also attempting to allot suitably qualified members of the unit to regular Army units on a full-time duty bash to enable them to earn some extra money to assist them in their tertiary education.

As 1973 draws to a close we are waiting with some reservation the result of an enquiry into C.M.F. Services by a Committee appointed by the Federal Government. At a time when large cuts are being made in defence expenditure in this country, we may expect that there will be some changes (but we hope not too drastic changes) in C.M.F. Service. The service given to this country by citizen soldiers over the past century is readily recognised and we hope that we may be permitted to continue as an important and positive element in the service of our country.



CO WAUR Lt Col Milton Butcher has extended an invitation for Association members to attend final parade night at WAUR on December 14. The main focus of the night is festive drinks from 2100. Given this, a decision has been made to postpone the regular scheduled Association night by one week to coincide with this parade. Members are encouraged to make an effort to attend and should present at the Association rooms at 2030.

Aussie Nurse wins Nursing Service Cross

An Australian soldier, Corporal Sarah Longshaw, has been awarded a Nursing Service Cross for providing medical treatment to seriously injured Iraqi soldiers and civilian workers in Northern Iraq. Corporal Longshaw has brought enormous credit to herself, the AATTI and the entire Australian Army. Her efforts along with other members of the Australian Army Training Team Iraq (AATTI) during two separate attacks by anti Iraq and anti coalition forces were critical in saving the lives of Iraqi soldiers.

The Nursing Service Cross follows the Imperial Royal Red Cross, which was its forerunner prior to the introduction of the Australian System of Honours and Awards. Primarily, the Royal Red Cross was awarded for exceptional devotion and competency in performance of actual nursing duties, for a continuous or long period, or to a nurse who has performed some very exceptional act of bravery and devotion at her post of duty.



CPL Longshaw will receive the NSC at an investiture ceremony at a later date. A copy of CPL Longshaw's citation is below.

CORPORAL SARAH ANN LONGSHAW

For outstanding devotion and competency in the performance of nursing duties as the Medical Assistant on Operation Catalyst with the Australian Army Training Team in Northern Iraq.

Corporal Longshaw displayed medical management skills of the highest order in providing medical treatment to seriously injured Iraqi soldiers and civilian workers on two separate occasions after Anti Coalition attacks in Northern Iraq. Her calm and professional demeanor and technical competence was inspirational in a high threat environment resulting in saving a number of lives. Her efforts have enhanced the profile of the Australian Army both in Iraq and in Australia. These characteristics accord with the finest standards and traditions of Medical Corps Service within the Australian Army.

It has been a while since I've put anything down for the WAURIOR and Chook sounds like he's getting ready to spit so here goes.

WAUR recently completed both the IIB and IIIB modules in September. They were non-continuous courses conducted on Tuesday nights and on a number of weekends between March and September. Some of the areas tackled included Service Discipline Law, the Law of Armed Conflict, Military Writing and Public Speaking. Both courses culminated in a formal dinner run by the trainees of IIB as part of their training (the subject being Participate in a Mess Function). The dinner, held at the Leeuwin Barracks Combined Mess, was a well run and a great time was had by all.

That the function was such a success was noteworthy given the recent changes at Leeuwin. What was the Combined Mess dining room (read old Officers Mess) now serves as the dining room for all ranks at Leeuwin. The larger OR's mess hall was recently shut down. I am told that the new arrangements are a matter of financial efficiency. So, all this meant we were unable to start the set up for the dinner until lunch was finished at 14:00 hrs. Even then, the staff had to leave a couple of tables set up for the evening meal for the locals at 1730 hrs before we kicked off at 18.15 hrs. So, they had to serve a meal, remove the settings and complete the final set up the dinner in 45 minutes. I am reminded CPL Matt McKay at a Northam camp in the mid-80's when addressing his recruit section at lunch..."GET YOUR FOOD IN YOUR HEAD AND GET BACK DOWN THE Q!" Matt was always a fairly direct individual.

Since September, training has focussed on preparing senior SCDTs for modules IIC and IA at RMC in January and February. The emphasis so far has been on improving skills in the operational environment using the Infantry platoon as the delivery vehicle. Nice talk for back to the basics, although in our case the aim is to set the cadets up for the testing (in both senses of the word) module that is IIC. So we have also been running the senior cadets the command roles within the platoon. Training has been aimed at confirming and building on base IMT skills, navigation and Fieldcraft with an emphasis on the roles of PL Comd, PL SGT and Sect Comd, areas that will be assessed during the field phase of IIC. These Field Revision weekends have also been an introduction to the junior cadets of what will be expected of them as they progress. Training will culminate over the weekends 3-5 Dec and 10-12 Dec with a further jaunt to Bindoon on the first weekend for all followed by a TEWTing exercise in Helen Valley for the seniors only.

We are rapidly approaching what you will all recall was always a busy time for WAUR, the summer camp period. Once again, the Unit is committed to running a four week camp covering the initial modules IIIA1 and IIIA2 (read recruit and IET, the only difference being friendly SGTs and CAPTs as instructors rather than angry CPLs). A lot of preparation has gone for these courses at the same time as the training mentioned above. I understand that we are expecting a course size in excess of 50, with SCDTs from all over the country attending. Bindoon in January...I bet some of the tourists won't forget that in a long time.

Once again your intrepid correspondent will remove himself to the milder climes (he hopes) of Canberra in support of Mod IIC. I don't know what it's about, but I really get a kick out of seeing these young men and women getting put through "the mill" and surviving. There is always drama, tears, setbacks, laughter, joy and hopefully a sense of achievement at the end. And that's just the staff. I wonder what the trainees go through.

Unfortunately, this camp will be my last for WAUR for the time being. I have been posted to 11/28 RWAR on return from Duntroon. But all is not lost, not only is LT COL Dave Thompson taking over the reins at 11/28, but CAPT Tony Lamb is being posted into WAUR. (The Uni Regt conspiracy widens). In addition to the wealth of talent and history with WAUR that "Lamby" brings to the unit I am sure he will enjoy being your new LO and taking over as "The Insider". *(Sorry you had to find out this way Tony, but Chook wanted to make it a surprise)*

Hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas and I hope see you all the next time we get together.

Mick "The Insider" Matthews



You asked for it - now **buy** it!

In response to member's demands, your Association (at great expense to the management it has to be said) arranged for the production of quality ties, lapel badges, cuff links and tie bars. These items will be on sale at the AGM and are also available by mail order. The order form is attached. The lapel pins, tie bars and cuff links are in a quality gold coloured metal and feature the Unit crest. The Association ties are modeled on the original Unit tie and have been made up in a quality silk blend material. Please make sure you bring your cheque book!

Price List

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Cuff links (pair	\$20.00	(Gold metal, swivel clasp)
Lapel pins	\$ 7.50	(Gold metal, single pin)
Association Shirt	\$30.00	(Quality fabric, embroidered logo)
Song book	\$ 2.50	(Authentic reprint - all the favourites)
Stubby holders	\$ 7.50	(Yellow text on Green, top quality)
Tie bars	\$12.50	(Gold metal, bulldog type clasp)
Ties	\$45.00	(Silk blend)

VALUE PACKS

Association pack	85.00 75.00
(Tie, tie bar, lapel badge, cuff links)	

Tie pack	57.50 50.00
(Tie, tie bar)	

Lapel pack	27.50 25.00
(Lapel badge, cuff links)	



Left: Tie Pin, Below Tie Bar.
Right Shirt Crest



WHO'S WHO IN THE INFANTRY BOOZER 'ZOO'

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From Tas Nolan

The Boss/WO/CPO- He'll be there until he can slip away or he'll do the opposite and stay until the crowd gets rowdy and then leave. That normally takes about an hour after the first drinks are poured.

The Sarge/PO- He'll outdrink most but no one sees where he goes, the bullshitter reckons it's the bowls club, the Poser reckons he'll RV with the sarge later on and they'll "go cruising for chicks mate". He joined in the early 80's and reckons most of the Nintendo generation are wankers. Possesses a good sense of humour and doesn't take shit.

The married scum- He'll drink his two beers, light of course, with money he borrowed off his single mate- normally the poser and then he'll piss off with a lift from the bull shitter. He keeps looking at his watch like he is trying to will the hands to spin around faster.

The Poser- He's on the mobile phone, sitting in the centre of everyone's conversation. He just had a big windfall on the stock market he says \$12,000 richer he says, then the phone rings. He covers this up by saying it's a new phone from Japan and it can transmit and receive several calls at once then he shows everyone his \$700 sneakers. He has the best Webbing money can buy but had to get the Support Company Guru round on the weekend to show him how to put it together. He then paid him a carton of piss not to tell the boys so he didn't get embarrassed.

The Bullshitter- He's rooted every chick from here to Cloncurry and beat up two blokes at the pub last weekend. Every beer he drinks, the story gets better, and pretty soon, he's beat the shit out of a whole company with nothing but a loaf of bread and a pool ball. He has to leave soon he says to the boys, hes got a hot date, she posed in Penthouse three years back. He tells the hierarchy that he has a chiropractor appointment this afternoon and has to piss off early, he says he wants his back to be tip top for the battalion footy game next week. The boss thinks this is weird considering the bullshitter is the team manager. The married scum normally wears earplugs on the lift home.

The ex choco- He wears his aviator glasses and drinks his crownie, no one tells him Maverick was in the air force. Things weren't as easy as this down at 25/49 he muses. The quiet lid hangs onto his every word like he is some sort of hero. Yep back in Tandem Thrust 2001, I caught six American POW's single handedly. He also did the three-day sniper Course and fired six rounds out of the rifle, he argues with the support company guru about aiming off.

Support Company Guru- He is mortar qualified, sniper and recon qualified, sig qualified and speaks three languages. He is a jet and wonders what he is doing in a rifle company maybe because he punched an officer. Rumour has it he is the next company sig. He hears this off the furf spreader and threatens to put in his discharge. By the time the boss hears it, the support company guru has had enough, is going AWOL next pay Thursday and selling all his goochi gear to the poser.

The Course Grabber- He is CFA, Driver Qualified, Sig Qualified and basic Swahili qualified. The scary thing- he has only been in the battalion seven months. Why has he got all these courses? Your guess is as good as the pissed off whinger's.

Dodgy Brothers- Lost your nad cable- no problem; we can get you one for five bucks. Your bush hat went missing? That's no dramas, six pack. What do you mean it was in my locker? I just kept it there after I found it! Normally hang out in-groups of two or three uses the roid muncher as protection. Apparently part of a much larger organisation involving trusted Q-ies and other "dodge" essential staff.

The quiet lid- He's a young bloke probably from a town like Cunnamulla or Narrabri. He likes the quiet bloke until he punches him up when he transfers into Mr Hyde. He thinks the Chocko is a bit of a dickhead but he'll be alright to hang around until he susses everyone out.

The Roid Muncher- He weighed fifty two kilos wringing wet before leave, two months later, he's 96 kilos of muscles and can bench press the fighter. People look to him to back them during fights at the nightclubs but he doesn't want to rip his shirt so he just throws his opponent's aside. He might throw in the occasional head butt.

Furf Spreader- Bad for morale. In Timor he said that allowances were getting cut to 50 bucks and a big mac a day. Out field he tells you that you are all walking the 27 km back and the good news is your carrying the three mag 58's with you. The truck that went out with you is apparently heading to Cairns, as 51 FNQR owns her. He has the uncanny ability of making it seem like the rumour didn't come from him and has the added skill of being able to substantiate his claims. Ie. We're not cleaning the weapons today; Charlie Company did it yesterday. Yeah mate, they did a half-assed job and the boss is pissed so we're cleaning them again, the OC is going to inspect them, its going to be a long night.

The pissed off whinger- Everything is fucked. He won 50 bucks on a scratchie and he's pissed off because it won't even cover the red light camera fine, he's sure the poser got for him when he lent him his brand new SS ute. In Timor it was raining and he told everyone how shit it was, everyone already knew, they were standing there with him getting soaked to the bone. The allowances are never high enough, the beer is always warm, and the hierarchy should have given the company two days off instead of the one. Why the hell does that lid get all the courses? Who's he screwing? The comedian tries to cheer him up but to no avail.

The rough round the edges bloke- He has been in the army for four or five years, he is a digger and has knocked back sub 1 at least once. He is 22 but looks like he is 42, he's had a hard life, likes to shave his hair right off so people can see the beer bottle scars. He loves a blue and a drink but has a missus now and is quietened down a bit.

The Gobbie lid- He gobs off like a champ, especially at the clerk and the q-ie who have done ten times more field than him and have actually been on operations. He even gobbs off at the boss. He plays computer games like Delta Force and thinks this makes him an expert on M-O-E. The poser likes him and might even take him on as an apprentice. He calls the quiet lid a lid and ridicules him, even though he hopped off the bus only two people ahead when they got to the battalion. The quiet bloke wants to go Mr Hyde on his ass and the rough round the edges bloke might have a go, both are wary that the roid muncher has taken a shining to the gobby lid.

The comedian- Hes a piss funny bloke, he has a great photo album of the platoons adventures on the piss. He loves a drink and a laugh; he has a pretty high percentage rate for the joke to laugh ratio but its ok if he has a miss. The poser will laugh at his jokes even if they're not funny.

Section 2IC- The comedian says 2IC stands for 2 inch cock. The 2 IC is a busy man, he runs around like a headless chook trying to organise shit. The senior digger says, "see that's why I don't want rank, I fucken told ya!" The 2 IC is really beginning to hate his job on so many new levels.

The eyes- No one knows who this person is but the eyes is responsible for information gathering and sending it back to higher. This could be who is pissed at whom, piss trips that are going on or any future shenanigans the dodgy brothers are planning. Everyone thinks it is the sig or the Furf Spreader, the experienced corporal reckons it is the course grabber.

The experienced corporal- He has his own group with the Support Company guru, the senior digger, the comedian, the piss wreck, his 2IC and whoever flavour of the month is. He always has a heads up on what's going on, doesn't pay any attention to the furf spreader, he doesn't mind the quiet lid, can't stand the gob. He likes the quiet bloke/fighter and normally backs him on Monday when he has to face the sarge on drunk and disorderly civvy police charges.

The senior digger- He enlisted in 94 and has been in the battalion the whole time, he is quite happy to stay with his mates in the rifle company and has no ambition to go anywhere. He loves it in the same cage he has been in for the last five years with his four trunks of "Jack stores" that he has. The experienced corporal went through Kapooka with him so he is on easy street, no work parties for him. Don't sit in his chair, he'll smack ya.

The old bloke- He goes alright, likes to pass on his "worldly" knowledge, he might be 38 but before he joined the army, he never left Melbourne and was store manager at Geelong KFC. He calls everyone ridiculous nicknames and wears his uniform in daggy, pseudo echo variations that shock the poser. The boss doesn't mind him; the experienced corporal tolerates him. He talks to the Sarge about "the good old days," turns out they played footy against each other in 1982 and the Sarge opened a can of whoop ass on his bony, withered ass. Give it six more months and it will be a Corp transfer to transport, he heard the grass is greener on the other side there.

The piss wreck- normally more than one member of the platoon, he'll drink the pub dry, any night of the week, he'll spew in PT as he rounds the ring round for the third time but he'll keep going, his shirt covered in porridge like substance, his skin seeping of Bourbon. He is surprisingly fit because he never eats anything. He doesn't go out to pick up, he goes out to drink, the poser reckons he cramps his style.

The defactos- The bull shitter swears he saw them hold hands, they do everything together, one of them went away on course for a month, the other nearly went into shock. They live out with the ex chocko who is moving out because he is sick of them annoying him. The married scum thinks that they are gay.

The dumb bastard- His nickname is DADS- Dumb as Dog Shit, the poor fella tries but he just can't gasp it. He forgets to take the mag off in the unload, he puts down his section commander as his next of kin and claims free travel by air to his place on base. ?????? The sarge has given up, the experienced corporal shakes his head, and the senior digger thinks with a bit more help he might make it. He is the butt of the comedians' jokes. The comedian thinks he is a splitting image of Ralph off the Simpson's, "What's a battle?"

Master Blaster- This twosome gruesome rely on each other to survive, the smaller one is the brain and is ridiculed for being smart. He quotes Hawking, Hemmingway and Shakespeare, he really should have gone to uni. He just read "The Fatherland" by Robert Harris and tries to tell the Poser all about it, the poser tells him to piss off. The Blaster is the big Oaf who is with him who can't even tie his shoe laces, a cross between the dumb bastard and the roid muncher, the two co-exist peacefully by making up for the others deficiencies.

Mister Jack- Mister Jack looks after number 1, he doesn't care about anyone else, there is no letter I in the word "team". He is not well liked and is only nice to people he needs. His hang out group includes the boss and the sarge (who can't stand him) and dodgy brothers who appreciate his business. Mister Jack once jumped in a blue for the defactos but only after they were kicking the guy to a pulp on the ground. He comes from Bunbury.

Lady's man- He always pulls chicks, he doesn't care about standards, and they're all special. His girlfriend in Perth found out about him, some guy named Jack told her, apparently she's hooked up with him when he had holidays, he works at Townsville in the mines or something. She wants to know if he knows him, "fucked if I know, he obviously knows me" is the response. Lady's man would love to find out who he is. He hangs with the Poser on the piss; the poser usually gets the larger of the two ladies.

Mr Happy Go lucky- A bird once shit on his bush hat, "lucky I was wearing a hat, hey fellas?" he asks. The pissed off whinger hates him. Mr Happy go lucky come back from work and his dog ran away, he bought another dog. Two days later his other dog came back, "Well would you look at that mate? Now I have two dogs. I was going to buy another one but the missus wouldn't let me. I had an excuse," he laughs. "See mate, everything works out in the end!" The pissed off whinger looks away in disgust.

Love on the Box

Regular WAURior readers will recall Love on the Box which screened on Access 31 last year, Starring Association Webmaster Bart Simpson it also had appearances by Association members: Colin Abbott, Tas Nolan, Viktor Komaromi and of course Chook "Brad Pitt" Chapman. Well the big news is.....

On December 15, Love on the Box will be released on DVD.

It is a four disc box set and will sell for the now reduced price (as a result of delays and so on) for \$46.95 for **ALL FOUR DISCS** including all 8 episodes, bloopers and cast commentary.

The best way to order is to email dvd@trunkman.com.au

ARMY RESERVES TO HELP PATROL AUSTRALIA'S NORTHERN APPROACHES

Defence Media Liaison Press Release

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Army Reserves will have a greater role in the defence of Australia by providing security elements for Australian Naval vessels, the Minister for Defence Robert Hill announced today. Defence Minister Robert Hill said Reserves will deploy on to Australian Navy ships later this year as Transit Security Elements (TSE) as part of Operation Relex II. "They will be tasked with providing general security augmenting Navy boarding parties and providing security and support onboard intercepted vessels when required," Senator Hill said. TSE's have previously deployed on Op Relex II as well as other operations as standard Defence procedure and consist of approximately 55 personnel. "This decision reinforces the growing importance of Reserves as an integral component of Australia's Defence Force particularly the domestic security capability," Senator Hill said. "It will allow the ADF to make better use of the Reserve capability and more effectively manage resources during a busy period of operations." "Recent operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, East Timor and the Solomon Islands and the establishment of a Reserve Response Force have demonstrated the value of Reserves as a professional, effective and flexible capability," Senator Hill said. Last year the Government announced the establishment of the Ready Reserve Response Force. The Reserve soldiers are trained for short notice response to civil emergencies, including helping police to respond to a terrorist incident. The Reserves have already demonstrated their ability to provide domestic security support at events such as the Sydney 2000 Olympics and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Operation Relex II is the Australian Defence Force operation which contributes to the whole of government program to detect, intercept and deter vessels carrying unauthorised arrivals from entering Australia through the North-West maritime approaches. Operation Relex II includes Navy, Air Force and Army units supported by Coast watch and Customs.

Police

Question:

How do you tell the difference between a NSW, QLD or VIC Police Officer? Just pose the following question:

You're walking down a deserted street with your wife and two small children. Suddenly, a dangerous looking man with a huge knife comes around the corner, locks eyes with you, screams obscenities, raises the knife, and charges. You are carrying a Glock .40, and you are an expert shot. You have mere seconds before he reaches you and your family. What do you do?

NSW Answer:

Well, that's not enough information to answer the question! Does the man look poor or oppressed? Have I ever done anything to him that would inspire him to attack? What does my wife think? What about the kids? Could I possibly swing the gun like a club and knock the knife out of his hand? What does the law say about this situation? Does the Glock have appropriate safety built into it? Why am I carrying a loaded gun anyway, and what kind of message does this send to society and to my children? Is it possible he'd be happy with just killing me? Does he definitely want to kill me, or would he be content just to wound me? If I were to grab his knees and hold on, could my family get away while he was stabbing me? Should I call 000? Why is this street so deserted? We need to raise taxes, have a paint and weed day and make this a happier, healthier street that would discourage such behaviour. This is so confusing! I need to debate this with some friends for a few days and try to come to a consensus.

QUEENSLAND Answer:

BANG!

VICTORIAN Answer:

BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

CLICK ...(sounds of reloading)

BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG! BANG!

CLICK

Daughter: "Nice grouping, Dad! Were those the Winchester Silver Tips?"

Ray Galliot Association foreign correspondent filed this report and photos:

G'day Fellow WAURior's,

Here in Dubailand, we are moving to winter conditions – 30C down from 52C! Surprisingly it does seem cooler. Development in Dubai moves ahead at a staggering rate – buildings go up one floor a week and there are literally dozens of projects underway. Unlike most Arab/Muslim nations, booze is freely available at hotels and clubs around the city – nightlife here is a daily event as most folk eat out rather than cook at home. This place would have to be one of the cleanest, safest, and pleasant cities to live in outside of Oz. Major crime is rare – maybe the threat of death, imprisonment [where you get a new diet and a lot of new boyfriends] and deportation keeps the lid on things. Living expenses are comparable to Perth. Petrol is AUD 0.43 per litre so you don't even think about juicing up the V8! The locals are extremely pleasant – friendly, intelligent, hospitable to a fault and with a wicked sense of humour. Most unlike the image portrayed on TV from the more militant [out-of-control!] nations. I've got 4 weeks leave over Xmas and plan to go 'wadi bashing' around the desert checking the UAE and Oman out. Must remember not to hit a camel – they are everywhere and do serious damage if you happen to wallop one – both to the car and your wallet. The fine for cleaning a camel up is AED 100,000 or AUD 40K! Check out <http://dubaitourism.ae/www/main/content.asp> for the good oil on Dubai.

All the best for Xmas and the New Year – and Chook, keep those newsletters flowing!

Ray 'Hagar' Galliot



Sightings

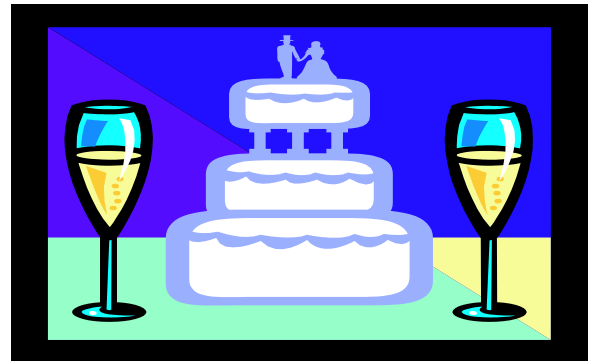
With Shaun Chapman

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It was a gathering of WAURior's for the August wedding of Andrew Jarvis. An excellent affair that started with a ceremony in Kings Park and ended at the Fremantle Yacht club.

Left to Right standing: Brendon Lewis, Peter Arbuckle, Shaun Chapman, Chris West. Sitting Andrew Jarvis and Jerry Szymakowski



Paul Tubman has embarked on a 16 month posting from the WA Police to the Federal Police after a months training in Canberra his first posting will see him do a 4 month stint in the Soloman Islands he has promised a report once in camped.



Grant O'neil in a rare venture out of the office.....

Shaun,

I'm just a lurker (non-member) on your newsgroup but I really do appreciate hearing about the ARes in WA (I'm now in Canberra. Sadly the other RAInf units don't have someone like you to keep the comms going. Ever considered roping them in? (Yes and NO, ed)

I wanted to wish you, your family and the WAUR community a very happy Christmas and New Year. I also wanted to congratulate you, and to thank you, for your efforts in keeping Association members (and lurkers) informed and, for those in the West, entertained, fed and watered. People like you are so important in gluing communities together and I thank you for that – sentiments I expect are shared by many.

Regards.
Peter Otteridge

Websites of Interest

With David Knight

www.adbusters.org - spoof articles, alternative view of current events and lots of anti Bush

www.theonion.com - a weekly magazine that makes fun of anything and everything

www.mediachannel.org - a media issues site with criticism, features, breaking news and investigative reporting from around the world

Got any other interesting, unique, weird, odd or strange web sites? Send them to dsknight@bigpond.com for consideration in this column. David Knight.

About The Museum

The Army Museum of WA was initially established in 1977 and was, originally located at "Dilhorn" which was an existing Defence property in Bulwer Street, Perth. The museum was relocated to Artillery Barracks in Burt Street, Fremantle in 1995. These are historic barracks dating from 1910 and are the oldest military barracks left within the State remaining under Commonwealth control.

The Museum's Collection

The collection encompasses material from the pre-Federation period through to the present day, covering both peace-time Army units as well as the involvement of West Australians in all major conflicts and operations that Australia was engaged in throughout this period. These include the South African War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, South Vietnam and the more recent peacekeeping operations such as East Timor

Opening Hours

The Museum is currently open Wednesday through until 3pm, and Saturday and Sunday 12.30 to 4.30pm. Admission charges are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children and \$12 for a family (2 adults and unlimited children.)

RSL members and readers of The Listening Post are encouraged to visit the Museum. Sub-branch groups and Unit Associations would be particularly welcome to organise group tours of the museum. Group bookings can be arranged for Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.

You can contact the museum on (08) 9335 2077. For those that have access to the Internet, further details can be found on the museum's web site www.armymuseumwa.com.au

Progress Report On The Museum's Tenure At Artillery Barracks

Readers of The Listening Post have been made aware through previous articles of the ongoing negotiations between the Army Museum of WA Foundation and the Commonwealth Government for the museum to remain located at Artillery Barracks in Fremantle since the proposal in early 2000 by the Department of Defence to dispose of the site.

The Army Museum of WA Foundation was extremely disappointed when in September 2003 the Premier of WA, Dr Geoff Gallop announced that after further consultation with the City of Fremantle, the Western Australian Government had decided to reject the Commonwealth offer. To hand over, the whole Cantonment Hill site (less Gun House) by way of a centenary of federation gift. This offer could have been a solution to the Museum's ongoing campaign to remain at the site. In the last progress report in April 2004, readers were informed of the subsequent negotiations with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, the Hon Fran Bailey, MP, which resulted in a proposal of the Barracks site being leased to the Army Museum Foundation. This was to be under a 99 year peppercorn lease agreement with the power for the Foundation to sublet buildings not used by the museum. Other parts of the site were to be sold to the State Government and the Fremantle City Council on a priority sale basis.

It was not until February 2004 that the Army Museum Foundation received a letter from Fran Bailey confirming the above offer and requesting further negotiations to finalise the lease details. Subsequent meetings and communications between Fran Bailey's office and the Museum Board over the following months resulted in a commitment by the Department of Defence to allocate a sum of \$600,000 for upgrade and maintenance of the site over 3 years plus an additional amount to remove identified asbestos from the site. The Foundation Board, although encouraged by this proposal, had a number of concerns, particularly when it emerged that under the proposed lease arrangement the Army Museum of WA would be responsible for its own operating costs such as cleaning, water, electricity, telephone and other infrastructure related costs all currently provided through Department of Defence. When the draft lease document was forwarded to the Board further obligations by the museum as tenants under the proposed lease agreement gave additional cause for concern. These concerns were outlined to all members of the Army Museum Foundation at a general meeting held at the museum on 30 May. It was resolved at that meeting that the Foundation continues to negotiate with the Commonwealth to ensure a secure and sustainable future for the Army Museum of Western Australia at this site.

The Foundation Board communicated its concerns back to Fran Bailey by letter on 16 June 2004, also drawing her attention to the significant difference between the \$600,000 upgrade costs offered and the total costs identified in the Feasibility report for the site and other assessment reports (Over \$2.5 million).

To try and finally reach an acceptable agreement between the Museum Foundation and Department of Defence, Fran Bailey sent two representatives from her office to meet with Foundation Board representatives on Tuesday 22 June 2004. After further negotiations it, was finally agreed that the Army Museum could continue at the site under a license agreement rather than a lease. This agreement requires the museum to recognise ongoing use of parts of the site by Western Australian University Regiment, the Army Reserve unit who currently share the barracks site with the museum. The license extends up to 50 year's with options to renew after an initial term of 25 years, followed by terms of 15 years then 10 years.

A key benefit of this arrangement is that Department of Defence will continue to meet operating costs for the whole site whilst WA University Regiment remains. The level of this support will be reviewed when the University Regiment are relocated, at some stage within the next. 3 to 5 years. This license agreement was agreed to in principle by the Foundation Board at a meeting held at on 22 June, immediately following the above negotiations. This will be put to members of the Museum Foundation for ratification at a Special General Meeting to be held on Sunday 18 July 2004.

Information prepared Peter Shaw, member of Army Museum of WA Foundation Board

Australian Defence Medal

From Grant O'Neil

Subject: New ADM

The following info was received from the Directorate of Honours and Awards reference the new ADM:

1. Detailed eligibility criteria is yet to be established, in essence, it is for six years volunteer Regular/Reserve service.
2. It will be retrospective to the end of WW2.
3. The design will be developed along with regulations for the medal. These have to be approved by the Queen, and production will not begin before the approval is received.
4. The first of the medals are not expected to be issued before mid 2005. 5. The ADM is not to replace the DFSM or DLSSM. These awards remain for the intention of recognising long service.
5. Applications are not being accepted now. A special application will be designed and made available after details of eligibility are established and approved. This will be the subject of a later media release.

Jeffrey. Hansen

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Honours and Awards update

In recognition of the contribution of veterans and servicemen and women to our national security effort (the Honours and Awards System), around 7,000 awards have been issued in the past 12 months to ADF personnel involved in recent overseas operations, and around 120,000 Anniversary of National Service Medals have been issued since 2002.

In recognition of the significant commitment and contribution that voluntarily enlisted servicemen and women make to the defence of our nation, a new Australian Defence Medal will be awarded. This award accommodates the changes in the structure of Australia's military service and enlistment policies over time.

Current and former Australian military members who have served for a period of enlistment of at least six years since 1946 will be eligible for the award.

In addition, eligibility for the Australian Defence Medal will be extended to ex-servicemen and women who:

- (a) have honorably served but, due to the Defence Force service and enlistment policies of the time, were unable to serve the required six years; or
- (b) have been severely disabled or have died in the course of duty, thus rendering them unable to serve the required six years.

To facilitate the timely issue of medals to eligible applicants, the Coalition Government has developed several initiatives:

- In February 2004 the Coalition Government began trialling an Honours and Awards Processing System (*HONSYS*) designed to automate many of the tasks currently performed manually;
- In the past, the arduous task of researching paper service records has resulted in delays in processing World War II medal claims. As of February 2004, the imaging of approximately 700,000 World War II medals slips has greatly simplified the process of obtaining and viewing the service records of applicants;
- New campaign medals have been awarded to Australian Defence Force personnel for their service in Iraq, Afghanistan and surrounding areas;
- Twenty-two veterans of the Battle of Long Tan have been granted permission by the Governor-General to wear honours offered by the then South Vietnamese government 38 years ago. Following the Battle of Long Tan, the South Vietnamese Government sought to award the soldiers military decorations for gallantry. Presentation of the medals did not take place due to protocol concerns held by the Australian Government at the time. With the subsequent fall of the South Vietnamese Government, Australian governments over time have been unable to resolve the issue. The Coalition Government has taken the initiative in correcting this anomaly; and
- New targets have been set that will greatly improve the processing times of medal applications.



What's the story?

A picture is worth a 1000 words and this one is a beauty

Anyone with information on this photo please contact Shaun Chapman.

I am sad to advise WAUR Association members that Captain Bruce Arnold, Army Chaplain to WAUR for some three years passed away on Monday afternoon, 29 November 2004.

Condolences from WAUR have been passed to Gail and her family.

APA has posted Bruce back to WAUR so he is again serving with us.



OPSO and RSM, WAUR are planning the WAUR involvement at his funeral that Gail has requested. There will be a role primarily for SCDTs and I know that this will be carried out with distinction given his great service to the unit and its trainees.

CAPT Arnold's contribution was always highly effective yet unheralded. He did all things with aplomb, professionalism, and made sure the fine detail was attended to. The little things like lighting the fire in the Mess expressed his humanity and of course he was a strong spiritual advocate. We will miss him.

Milton Butcher
LTCOL
CO, WAUR

The articles below were uncovered in a file marked Memorabilia in a the old OR's Boozer records.
The footy victory is about 1984 vintage, the Warrior 2000 uniform is just bizarre!

Uni team victory

SOLDIERS from WAUR triumphed over 11IRC in their recent inaugural Australian Rules match.

Kicking with the wind in the first quarter, WAUR established a two-goal advantage and never relinquished the lead.

Despite a strong second half 11IRC fightback, the students always held enough in reserve to stay in front.

Final score was WAUR 5-8(38), 11IRC 4-7(31).

WAUR's Pte Matt McKay was voted best player, and the students' captain, Pte Doug Hogg, accepted a perpetual mug.

War 2000

Walking computer

THE MAN at right is how Seicon, a London defence equipment firm, sees the ordinary foot soldier of the year 2000.

His gun can fire not only bullets but grenades and smoke bombs.

His back-pack is a computer system packed with computerised maps of local terrain, reference files on enemy equipment such as "smart weapons" and how to dodge them, and facilities for calling up immediate air or artillery support.

New orders

His helmet is a radio transceiver through which headquarters can give him new orders, and he can report on enemy positions, or call for help.

All this, which would be the normal uniform of Warrior 2000, will go on show at a British Army equipment exhibition later this year.



The purpose of the following rules are to ensure the maintenance of efficient management of the canteen as well as to provide enjoyment of canteen facilities by both members and guests.

The OR's Canteen is where all ORs can go and relax, and these rules are not intended to stifle that enjoyment of the facilities: but ensure it for all. It is a privilege to be a member of the WAUR OR's Canteen, and all soldiers should feel proud of their canteen.

Dress

1. Dress may be military uniform of the day, or neat civilian dress. Footwear and a shirt (not singlet) must be worn.

2. Camouflage cream is not to be worn in the canteen. A reasonable attempt to wash it off must be made following an activity.

Hospitality

3. The canteen is for the ORs of WAUR. Anyone else wishing to enter the canteen must be a guest.

4. Officers or Senior NCOs wishing to enter the canteen, after approval from their own Mess, must knock at the door and wait until entry is approved by the PMC or his representative on the Committee. They are then to be treated by members as a guest and accorded the respect due to their rank without undue formality.'

5. Civilian guests are to be escorted into the canteen by their host and asked to record their name in the Visitors Book. They must also be introduced to the PMC or his representative upon entry.

6 'Whilst in the canteen, guests are to be made to feel welcome, and are not to be left alone . This is the primary responsibility of their host, yet this responsibility also lies with all canteen members.

7. If a member feels discomfort. in the presence of a guest of another member, he may approach. the PMC or his representative and voice his objection. That guest may be requested to leave by the PMC. This is to ensure that no member with rightful entry to cannot continue to enjoy the facilities

8 'Members are encouraged to bring visitors to the Mess and should not feel that the above rules are intended to inhibit this practise.

Access to the Bar

9 To allow easy access the bar, members should move .away from the bar serving point after they have been served. No members are to go behind the bar except rostered bar staff and committee members.

10 Most of the property in the canteen belongs ,to the members. Nevertheless, negligent or disorderly behaviour causing damage by a member or his guest , may result in the member paying the cost.

11 All canteen property must remain in the Canteen is not to be lent or taken 'away without the approval of the PMC This includes papers, notices. and periodicals.

Gambling

12 There is to be no gambling in the canteen without prior approval by the CO, on a request by the Canteen Committee.



WESTERN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY REGIMENT
GRADUATION BALL
SATURDAY 7th MAY 2005

Lieutenant Colonel M.D. Butcher, RFD
and the WAUR Association
have much pleasure in inviting you to the

WAUR Graduation Ball

to be held at the Sheraton Hotel
Golden Ballroom, Perth
Saturday 7th May 2005 at 1800H to 0001H

Dress

Mess Dress (Summer or Winter) or Black Tie,
Jacket and Tie or Dress 2F Polys Long sleeve with Tie
Ladies "after five"

Tickets

\$95.00 each

Ticket includes a three-course meal, all beer and wine, table service
plus entertainment including
The Australian Army Band Perth and The Army Pipes and Drums.

\$95 per ticket by 6 April to

WO2 Leanne Mapstone 9430 2512 & leanne.mapstone@defence.gov.au
or Major John Fisher 9370 6045 & j.fisher@ecu.edu.au

Units are encouraged to book tables of ten via the above

The 2006 WAUR Ball will be on Saturday 6 May 2006
Cheques payable to WAUR Regimental Property Account

Advertisement

Thought you might appreciate the subtlety of this ad, done by a Brazilian ad agency, for a lubricating gel (K-Y equivalent) targeting the French market.

They were trying to come up with an ad that is not offensive or tasteless.

The picture looks completely innocent until you notice the details...

Apparently, it has created quite a buzz in Europe



Below: Panic as cracks appear on latest Air-force chopper.





Western Australian University Regiment Association Inc.

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Lapel pin		\$ 7.50	
Association Shirt		\$30.00	
Chest size:			
Song Book		\$ 2.50	
Stubby Holder		\$ 7.50	
Tie		\$45.00	
Tie bar		\$12.50	
PACKAGES			
Package	Qty	Price	Total
Association Pack (Tie, tie bar, lapel pin, cuff links)		\$75.00	\$
Tie Pack (Tie, tie bar)		\$50.00	\$
Lapel Pack (Lapel pin, cuff links)		\$25.00	\$
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TOTAL			\$

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<input type="checkbox"/> Please post my order to the address shown above
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<input type="checkbox"/> I will collect my order from the Secretary (CBD, Perth). Please call me on _____ so I can arrange a convenient time.