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## Anzac Day 2013



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another quarter of the year has gone already and it has been a period of intense activity for the Association, commencing with Anzac Day which this year was fine and made the day much more pleasant. The attendance for the March was excellent and despite the lack of bands to keep us in step and up to the pace we conducted ourselves with some pride.

We also received two enquiries for membership which the Secretary acted on very smartly.

The activity at the Southern Cross Hotel organised by the Victoria Barracks Chapter was well attended and conducted and a good time was had by all. Our thanks are due to Peter Zimmerman for driving the bus provided by 3 Recovery Company to take us there and back and convey the old and bolds in the March.

The next activity was the project conducted by the students of Alkira Secondary College to record the personal history of several of our members for their project related to the VCAL program.

These were presented at an activity at the college on 31st May, and the histories were presented in book form to the participants. A most enlightening day.

The day after Anzac Day the College conducted their Anzac Service which was written and conducted by the students assisted by three guest speakers from the RSL, Vietnam Veterans Assoc and the RAEME Association. During this service a seedling of the Lone Pine Tree was presented by John Wells of the RSL and will be planted in the Garden of Remembrance when it is established later this year.

At the completion of this service I was taken by several students to a Primary School where they conducted the Anzac Service for the younger students,

at the completion of which I was taken to a class room to address a group of year 5 students - about 60 of them.

After a brief introduction I asked if there were any questions. I left this group some 2 and a half hours later completely utterly and mentally exhausted!

On 27 June I will accompany the Secondary Students to the State Parliament to receive recognition from the members for the participation of the College Staff, Students and the organisations supported by the Shrine of Remembrance in this new venture to ensure the future of Anzac Day.

The Presidents Luncheon conducted at the Clayton RSL was well attended with 52 participants including 3 widows enjoying a 3-course lunch provide by the new caterer.

A great deal of discussion took place after lunch and due to another function later in the day some of us had to move to another area to continue the chatter.

The next activity is RESERVE FORCES DAY on SUNDAY 7 JULY at the Shrine at 10-00AM.

Please come and support us and show the other arms and services that we are still serving although not in uniform. But this year we have gained permission for those still serving in uniform to be on parade fully booted and spurred. SEE YOU THERE !!!!

To all those who are not well or feeling the effects of increasing age our thoughts are with you and yours, keep positive and get well soon. To all those who sent their apologies for the various activities a big THANKYOU, as it assures us that the messages are being received.

**Arte et Marte**

**John Boothroyd  
President**

*John Boothroyd addressing students at Alkira Secondary College on Anzac Day*





## SECRETARY'S REPORT

**ANZAC DAY** Thirty Association members attended the march including the Victoria Barracks & 105Wksp Coy members. Once again 3 Rec Coy provided a bus & driver for those members who required transport. Thanks to Peter Zimmerman for being our congenial driver. After march members retired to the Southern Cross Hotel Sth Melbourne to enjoy a few cold drinks, a game of two up and to catch with old friends including those from other Corps

### LIFE MEMBERS

At the last Committee of Management meeting a By-law was passed relating to the nomination for Life Membership.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary.

### ALKIRA SECONDARY COLLEGE

Several members of the Association attended the Remembrance Service arranged by the Alkira Secondary College held at the RAEME Tree on the 12<sup>th</sup> November after the Students attended a tour of the Shrine.

Several members of the Association were involved with an "Anzac Project" by VCAL students. See the President's Report and other articles in this "Lightning Flash".

### BURNSIDE LADIES LEGACY

A donation of \$100-00 has been forwarded to the ladies to assist in their 'Care Packages' being sent to our overseas RAEME deployed troops.

### AGM LUNCH

Due to the ever increasing cost of providing the lunch at the AGM, members are requested to notify the Secretary if they will be staying for lunch as we must pay the caterer for the number of meals that are forwarded to the caterer, previously we have taken a calculated guess on how many will turn up, this will mean that if we cater for 40 & 50 turn up we will run short of food alternately catering for 50 & 40 turn up we will have over-catered costing the Association a unnecessary expense.

Your assistance in this matter is appreciated

**PRESIDENTS LUNCH** Was again a great day attended by 49 members & 3 widows. Craftsman of the Year presentations were made to Jason Cassar (1999) & Sean Halley (1993) a little late but better than never. Thanks must go to Berd Papazian for the raffle prizes he donated.

**RAEME Port:** Chapter members wishing to purchase this year's RAEME Port should arrange order & delivery through their respective Chapter as detailed in attached form

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT NOMINATIONS:

Members wishing to nominate for the 2013-14 Committee of Management should contact the Association Secretary for a Nomination Form.

Completed Nomination forms should be forwarded to the Association Secretary no later than SEVEN days prior to the 2013 AGM Refer to AGM Notice Note: Chapter Presidents or Nominee automatically hold a position on the Committee of Management.

**Alan Rogers**  
**Secretary**

## President's Lunch - May 2013



**President John Boothroyd presenting  
past Craftsmen of the Year with their awards**

**Sean Halley 1993**

**Jason Cassar 1999**

### RAEME Association Functions 2012-2013

<u>August 2013</u> 17 <sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans Heidelberg Repat Hosp Annual General Meeting TBA Refer to AGM Notice	<u>September 2013</u>	<u>October 2013</u>
<u>November 2013</u> 11 <sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Clayton RSL 1100hrs 16 <sup>th</sup> Bandiana Dinner 29 <sup>th</sup> RAEME Birthday Dinner	<u>December 2013</u>	<u>Shrine Pilgrimage</u> <u>March 2014</u> <u>Date TBA</u>

*Venues, Dates, Timings will be issued under separate cover  
Some dates & venues may be subject to change from time to time*

*Note; Months after August 2012 will be subject to 2013- 2014 Committee of Management*

Place on Fridge as a Reminder of Dates



*Alkira College Cranbourne - Anzac Project Group of Staff, Students and ex-Service Participants*

## **BLUEBELL VIETNAM VETERANS SOUTHERN**

Seymour Commemorative Walk Committee are awaiting the arrival of an Iroquois helicopter, which they were hoping to have before the anniversary of "Long Tan". There is work still to be done on the sight where the "Chopper" will be located.

We are also supporting the Edwards Family Treasure Chest, which is helping to educate 300 street kids from South Vietnam. Dennis Edwards has moved to Vietnam to oversee the Program. We will be looking to hold a fund raiser at some stage to support the Edwards Treasure Chest.

ANZAC Day was a success with the form up on the south east side Collins Street, where we used to congregate with other Vietnam Units. It has taken a number of ESO meetings to achieve this result. 1 Field Squadron had their new banner for the parade. We are in desperate need of a band for the March, as it lacked atmosphere without one. If anyone has a band member contact could they please inform one of the Committee. We cannot rely on the ANZAC Day organizing team to do this for us. We need to be pro-active and supply our own. Previously we had Nunawading Pipe Band, who we supported, but I believe they have unfortunately disbanded. I have a list of the bands who currently attend the ANZAC Day March.

### VVAA BIKE RIDE

The next ride will take place in March 2014. Get on your bike and keep fit.

### 1 FIELD SQUADRON WORKSHOP REUNION

A most successful week consisting of a Monday evening meet and greet with some forty odd people in attendance. Tuesday started early with a bus trip to the VVAA Phillip Island Museum including lunch and returning mid afternoon for a quick nanna nap then out for the Unit dinner at Box Hill Football Club. On Wednesday an informal free day culminating with an evening BBQ at the Crystal Brook caravan park. ANZAC Day was a bus trip to the dawn service at the Shrine followed by breakfast. It was great to have increased numbers for the march and lunch-re-union at the Southern Cross Hotel. Returned back to Crystal Brook for another evening BB-Q. Friday morning saw the bus Group visit two Yarra Valley Wineries, lunch and then a stop at the Yarra Glen Chocolaterie. Those who remained for the next day went panning for gold, with some success at Pound Bend on the Yarra River near Warrandyte. Received lots of positive feedback making all the effort worth it with everyone looking forward to the Adelaide in 2016.

### UNIT REUNIONS

1 Field Squadron Workshop  
Adelaide Final Date TBA 2016  
Contact Don Grieverson

17 Construction Squadron Workshop  
13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
Clare Valley South Australia  
Contact Garry Whykes H 08 9276 1920 M 0411 810077  
[gwhykes@gmail.com](mailto:gwhykes@gmail.com)

102 Field Workshop  
27<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013  
"Avondale" 601 Bray's Rd Gannawarra  
Contact: Noel Lake 03 5456 9246

1 Armoured Regiment LAD  
Mudgee 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
Contact: Russell Cunningham H 03 5766 2413 M 0437 834089  
[bungie12@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bungie12@bigpond.net.au)

1 Div S&T / 5 Coy Workshop  
Darwin 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
Contact: Trevor Smith H 08 8985 4116 M 0408 033380  
[trevor.smith13@bigpond.com](mailto:trevor.smith13@bigpond.com)

106 Field Workshop  
Wrest Point Casino Hobart 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014  
Contact: Patrick Downey H 03 244 2508

### **Vietnam: LOOKING BACK AT THE AMERICAN FACTS**

On the issue of psychological health: Mental health problems attributed to Service in Vietnam is referred as PTSD. Civil War Veterans suffered "Soldiers Heart". In W.W.1 the term was "Shell Shock". During W.W.2 and in Korean War it was termed "Battle Fatigue". Military records indicate that "Civil War" psychological casualties averaged twenty six per thousand men. In W.W.2 some units experienced over one hundred casualties per one thousand troops. In Korea, nearly one quarter of all battle field medical evacuations was due to mental stress. That works out to about fifty per one thousand troops. In Vietnam the comparable average was five per one thousand troops.

To put Vietnam into its proper perspective it is necessary to understand that the U S Military was not defeated in Vietnam, and that the South Vietnamese government did not collapse due to mismanagement or corruption, nor was it overthrown by revolutionary guerillas running around in rubber tyre sandals, wearing black pyjamas and carrying home made weapons. There was no "general uprising" or "revolt" by the southern population. Saigon was overrun by a conventional army made up of seventeen divisions, organized into four Army Corps. This totally conventional force [armed, equipped, trained and supplied by the Soviet Union] launched a cross border on South Vietnam and conquered it, in the same manner as Hitler conquered most of Europe in W.W. 2. A quick synopsis of America's "Vietnam Experience" will help and clarify the Vietnam Scenario: *To be continued.*



1 FIELD SQUADRON WORKSHOP REUNION



## ANZAC REFLECTION

*Below is a poem that was written by Jorja Henry, a student at Alkira Secondary College, and was included in the ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony at Alkira College.*

*Nicole Scott,  
Staff Member  
Alkira Secondary College*

### REFLECTION –by Jorja Henry

Today we sat in silence.

Thought filled silence. Silence which engulfed us, consumed us; became us. Our minds wondered through memories and dismal reflections. We mourned the dead who fought bravely for our country and sacrificed everything for us... This country they love.

We can live in peace, with the privilege of self-expression and the ability to love and choose. Some people don't have that... This was the hope I saw in the darkness.

Through the pain, the suffering and lingering melancholy, I could spy the brightness of freedom and hope for the future.

Without them, we would not live like we do today. To show our gratitude, the least we could do was sit in silence. So that is what we did. Eight hundred people, thinking, loving, remembering, believing, and breathing as one.

Sometimes people cry, laugh or sing to remember those who fell. We just ceased our trivial banter, closed our eyes and made the silence so strong, so un-breakable, that it spoke louder than words.

All I can say for the opportunity to do that is "Thank you".

Thank you for showing me hope.

### Corps Shoulder Flash



**William (Bill) Sinclair**  
(late of Bundeena)  
30 May 2013

**Bruce Doolan**  
(formerly 105 Field Workshop)  
12 June 2013

**Colin (Joe) Smith**  
(formerly 101 Field Workshop)  
18 June 2013

## SPANNER CLUB

**The next Spanner Club will be held on the  
19<sup>TH</sup> July at 1900hrs  
Southern Cross Hotel South Melbourne**

Spanner Club is an open Club for all personnel regardless of rank who have served in the Corps of RAEME

### Aims of Spanner Club

- To maintain & improve the 'esprit de corps' within the Corps
- To maintain fellowship between both Regular & Reserve, Serving & Retired RAEME personnel
- To hold regular informal functions.

**For further information Contact:**

**Alex Birrell** ☎ 0419 004 809

**Alan Rogers** ☎ 9704 6700



## RAEME CORPS PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK PROJECT

Most would be aware that the current Head of Corps, RAEME, BRIG Andrew Mathewson, is seeking your support to submit stories to the Corps History Project Team on your experiences as individuals, or with various units, during service in the Corps. The ultimate aim is to place these stories in a repository in perpetuity, but more importantly, place them into a book, which presents a pictorial history of RAEME, to be published later this year.

I have taken the liberty of asking most addressees to contribute a story or stories to the subject Book. I know most of you have received the promotional material, which explains the purpose of the book, seeks stories, and indicates the project time line. So the purpose of this email is to follow-up and remind those addressees, who promised me a story, that the cut-off date of **1 Apr 13**, looms large, and I am still keen to get your stories.

For those who haven't started, there is still time to get your story in – we are particularly short of stories from Afghanistan, especially from special forces personnel.

For addressees, who haven't received or seen the material previously disseminated, which requests the stories, please reply by return email and it shall be provided.

To assist all addressees, I have enclosed the latest RAEME Association Queensland Newsletter which spells out on **the next page** the requirements, with the writing instructions. Remember please send your contribution to [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com)

Please pass feel free to pass this email on to your circle of friends and colleagues in your area. The scheduled publishing date is **1 Dec 13**, the Corps 71<sup>st</sup> Birthday. If you wish to get some feeling for what the book will look like, try the following link on the Army website  
<http://www.army.gov.au/Our-history/Army-in-Profile>

Eventually this mailing list will also be used to invite people to place their orders, but for those who do not want to be on this address list, please advise me by return email and you will be removed.

I look forward to your contributions.

**BRIG Ross L.G. Grant (Retd)**



### COLONEL-COMMANDANT

I can report on my RAEME Association activities as follows. I am still working in Russell Offices Canberra as a Professional Services Provider.

Consequently I am attending RA-ACT functions if they are scheduled during the working week e.g. a Luncheon at the Ainslie Hotel last Friday, the March and Luncheon on ANZAC Day and After-Work Drinks at the Kingston Hotel earlier in the year, where I had a beer with one of our ex-DGEME MAJGEN (Retd) Doug Powell.

I dined with COL (Retd) Larry Foley (ex-CO 4 Base and ex-DEME) on both occasions at the Ainslie Pub.

He sends a special 'hello' to Andy Turner and other ex-4 Base members including Andre Scheitler.

Also I am constantly meeting currently serving and retired RAEME members in the canteens and corridors of Russell.

I have shared stories and photographs over a coffee with quite a few including Geoff Heron and Gary Pearce who work in the same building as me.

I look forward to catching up with my RAV mates in Albury-Wodonga at the RAV-B Annual Dinner later in the year.

**COL Brian Jones**  
COL COMDT (Vic/Tas)



## RAEME CORPS HISTORY PROJECT DETAILED GUIDELINES FOR CONTRIBUTORS

This project provides a wonderful opportunity to record individuals' experiences, or those of their mates and colleagues. Therefore you should not be constrained from presenting your stories in your own style, but be aware that the editorial board reserves the right to "standardise" the style of storytelling throughout the publication. Writers may choose to draft a complete story, or provide dot points outline, from which a story may be created. Collaborations are welcomed. In either event, you will be asked to observe the following broad guidelines:

**Outline** the broad context of the story:

☐ **What** was the operation in which the formation, unit, sub-unit, team, individual(s) or equipment was engaged?

☐ **What** were the circumstances leading to the event depicted?

☐ **Where** was the broader activity being undertaken? **Identify**, describe and explain the situation, action, event or activity depicted in the photograph:

☐ **Where** did the activity occur?

☐ In **what** operation, exercise or setting did the activity depicted occur?

☐ **Provide** the identity of any equipment, (aircraft, vehicle, plant or watercraft) or weapon(s) depicted in the photographs.

☐ **Describe** the degree of danger and/or technical and practical difficulty involved in the situation.

☐ **Explain** the outcome of the situation and what happened immediately after the situation depicted in the photograph.

☐ **Conclude** the description of the event and story and relate it to the photograph:

☐ **Outline** the conclusion of the event and the consequences.

☐ **Sum-up** highlights of the event/experience.

☐ **Identify** (name and rank) the soldier(s) depicted in the photograph. Also include as much background information on each soldier as possible. For example:

☐ **His** or **her** specific role in the activity shown.

☐ **How** long each soldier had been in the Army at the time of the activity depicted.

☐ **The soldier's origins** –did he or she start with RAEME as an apprentice, or was he or she an adult trainee, or entered the Corps by another means.

☐ **What** happened to them after the depicted situation ended?

☐ **Are** the individual(s) still serving, what rank did he or she attain during their service, or what civilian occupation did they go to after discharge/retirement?

☐ **Describe** any amusing anecdotes, regarding any of the soldiers depicted, during their time with the unit.

☐ **Were** any of the soldiers renown for any particular skill/activity/behaviour (e.g. Service representative in sport, a particular character)? This information should be provided as an addition to the information provided to support the photograph.

Write your contribution send the electronic copy to [raemebookproject@hotmail.com](mailto:raemebookproject@hotmail.com) and be eligible for the \$500 prize for the best story.

Or send your hard copy to:

**HOC Cell – RAEME  
Latchford Barracks  
BANDIANA, VIC, 3694.**

Find a contemporary photographic depiction of the Corps engaged in its daily work in warlike or peacetime operations and submit it to be eligible to win \$500.

**Anzac Day 2013****Congratulations!**

The President and Members of the RAEME Association of Victoria congratulate  
**Brigadier David Anthony Creagh AM** on being awarded the

**CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS (CSC)**  
in the 2013 Queens Birthday Honours.

"For outstanding achievement as the Director General Logistics Assurance,  
Joint Logistics Command."

**Congratulation!**

**Aranka Illia**

Aranka Illia - Treasurer of the RAEME  
Association of Victoria  
was recently elected  
President of the Clayton RSL

**Help Wanted**

**A request from Keith Dyll**

If any members have served  
or knows anyone who has served in Malaya,  
could they contact Max Carmichael on e-mail:  
[max.carmicheal@bigpond.com](mailto:max.carmicheal@bigpond.com)





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## 2013 RAEME Craftsman Port

Dark Tawny Port; Martin Cellars Winery Barossa Valley Region

Label will feature the

7th Battalion (Mechanized) The Royal Australian Regiment Technical Support Platoon

Cost @ \$20-00 per bottle

**Orders for the 2013 RAEME PORT need to be placed with the Association Treasurer no later than 10<sup>th</sup> August 2013 accompanied with payment**

### **ALL ORDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT**

EFT payments made; Bank- NAB Berwick BSB 083 547 Acct No 28634 9442

Record as 2013 RAEME Port

Please advise your EFT details ASAP to e-mail; [aranka.illia@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:aranka.illia@police.vic.gov.au) ☎ 9566 9468  
**(Remember to include your name in a direct deposit transaction)**

**Cheque Payment to PO Box 2118 FOUNTAIN GATE 3805**

**Chapter members to arrange order & delivery through their respective Chapter Contacts**

<b>Bandiana: George Reid</b>	<b>Victoria Barracks: Tony Minitti</b>
<b>Seymour: Dave Maddick</b>	<b>Vietnam Veterans: Dennis Clarke</b>

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### **Order Form**

I \_\_\_\_\_ wish to order \_\_\_\_ Bottles of the 2013 RAEME Port  
@ \$20-00 per bottle; Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Payment By: Cheque Money Order Cash EFT (please circle payment option)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_.

**Remember to include your name in a direct deposit transaction**  
**Post to Post Office Box 2118, Fountain Gate, 3805**

*Please Note: Due to postage cost all Port orders must be picked up.  
Contact Aranka Illia for details: [aranka.illia@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:aranka.illia@police.vic.gov.au)*

### Generation Gap

When I was a kid, adults used to bore me to tears with their tedious diatribes about how hard things were. When they were growing up; what with walking twenty-five miles to school every morning.... Uphill... Barefoot... BOTH ways...yadda, yadda, yadda

And I remember promising myself that when I grew up, there was no way in hell I was going to lay a bunch of crap like that on my kids about how hard I had it and how easy they've got it!

But now that I'm over the ripe old age of sixty, I can't help but look around and notice the youth of today. You've got it so easy! I mean, compared to my childhood, you live in a damn Utopia! And I hate to say it, but you kids today, you don't know how good you've got it!

- 1) I mean, when I was a kid we didn't have the Internet. If we wanted to know something, we had to go to the damn library and look it up ourselves, in the card catalog!!
- 2) There was no email!! We had to actually write somebody a letter - with a pen! Then you had to walk all the way across the street and put it in the mailbox, and it would take like a week to get there! Stamps were 10 cents!
- 3) Child Protective Services didn't care if our parents beat us. As a matter of fact, the parents of all my friends also had permission to kick our ass! Nowhere was safe!
- 4) There were no MP3's or Napsters or iTunes! If you wanted to steal music, you had to hitchhike to the record store and shoplift it yourself!
- 5) Or you had to wait around all day to tape it off the radio, and the DJ would usually talk over the beginning and @#\*% it all up! There were no CD players! We had tape decks in our car. We'd play our favorite tape and "eject" it when finished, and then the tape would come undone rendering it useless. Cause, hey, that's how we rolled, Baby! Dig?
- 6) We didn't have fancy crap like Call Waiting! If you were on the phone and somebody else called, they got a busy signal, that's it!

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# RESERVE FORCES DAY

## Sunday 7 July 2013



A message from the  
**Governor General and Commander in Chief**

"If you're a Serving or Former Reservist, I encourage you to participate,  
so that we can all say"

**"Thank You"**

**Assemble at**  
**Government House Drive**  
**No later than *1020hrs***





# NEWSLETTER



## Reserve Forces Day Council Vic. INC.

[AIN AOO56874F] [ABN 58 637 427 280]

**RECOGNISING THE VALUE OF RESERVE SERVICE TO THE NATION**

Patron in Chief Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce, AC  
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
Victoria Patron His Excellency, The Honourable Alex Chernov, AC QC GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA  
National Chairman - The Honourable Sir Laurence Street, AC KCMG QC  
Victoria Chairman - Brigadier Neale Bavington, RFD ED Ret'd

**THE VICTORIAN RESERVE FORCES DAY PARADE FOR 2012  
AT THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE, SUNDAY 7 JULY 2013 AT 10.00AM.**

**Message from RAEME Association (Vic) Inc President. Major John Boothroyd RFD ED (Rtd)**

### TO ALL RAEME MEMBERS

#### BACKGROUND

In 2012, 20 parades and celebrations were held throughout Australia including two in Victoria (Melbourne and Horsham). The ongoing objective of the day was to raise the profile of the Navy, Army and Air Force Reserve Forces, to recognise and thank serving and former Reservists and their employers.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE PARADE FOR 2013

**The Parade will be held at The Shrine on Sunday 7 July 2013, commencing at 10.20 am. All MEMBERS OF THE CORPS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE PARADE**

A static display of 6 ex Army Vehicles, including two new proto types will be on display at the Northern entrance to Shrine. Open from 0930hrs till 1230hrs.

Also on the Parade 2013 will be the very colourful Association Corps Standards and Banners behind which Association participants will March. The March will be straight from Government House Drive to Shrine no stops. RAAF band will lead Parade.

**Dress Preferred; Suit or Jacket, Association tie, Beret Official medals as appropriate, otherwise neat dress to suit the day**

Our invited guests for the Parade include Government Ministers and Opposition members of Federal and State Parliaments and Local Government, Senior ADF Officers as well as our many sponsors and supporters.

Speeches will be kept to minimum and no delays to Parade.

**The Reviewing Officer for the Parade will be Major General Greg Garde**

It is expected that the Parade will be completed by 12.00 pm.  
Personal who feel the March is to much and would like to watch / participate are encouraged to come we have an area set aside but you will need to bring a folding chair, please make the effort

**I look forward to a great turn out of past & present Regular, Reservists & Retired RAEME Members to this interesting, colourful and meaningful event.**

**Serving Regular & Reservists are encouraged to support this event**

*John Boothroyd*  
**President**  
**RAEME Association (Vic) Inc**  
**Arte et Marte**

**PHONE No (03) 9704 6625**  
**email; johnboothroyd@bigpond.com**

**Note: ALL WEARERS OF 'HARRY the HORSE' ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**



### Major Edward (Ted) Richards

One of the great pleasures of being part of our Corps Association comes when we are able to reveal stories of iconic individuals; their careers and contribution to our Corps and country.

Such is the case of Major Edward (Ted) Richards. Sadly we reported mid last year on Ted's passing. We were subsequently contacted by the family who were disappointed to discover that they had very little in the way of a pictorial history of Ted's military life. They asked if we could assist by canvassing our membership to see if anyone had photos of Ted that they would be willing to copy and share. Our appeal for photos was largely disappointing; especially considering the spectrum of units to which he had been attached. However, we were contacted by BRIG Ross Grant (Project Manager for the New Pictorial History of the Corps volume). Ross highlighted that Ted was one of a select few who had been awarded the United States of America Bronze Star for his service in Korea.

With a new focus, we spoke to the family again to see if they had discovered any record of this rare award.

We are delighted to be able to present though our Newsletter the fruits of these enquiries and with great appreciation to the family for their generous support; the documentary and pictorial record of the presentation of the US Bronze Star to WO2 Edward Richards in 1954.

We would be most interested if someone was able to identify any of the other personnel of the presentation group.

It is our fervent wish that this historical package might gain a prime place in the volume being prepared by Brig Ross Grant and we will certainly ensure that all documents are made available to the project team.

*COL Milner - US Military Attache - Pins the Bronze Star Medal on WO2 Ted Richards*

*(Reprinted courtesy of the RAEME Association of NSW)*



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