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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE **10 October 2008**

Greetings all, this will be the last Update before the 60th Celebrations in Albury/Bandiana. As I can only email to members that I have on the latest list, and as there are still more to register and many who do not have email or are not members, I would appreciate use being made of intake networks to disseminate this Update far and wide as a matter of urgency.

I will not duplicate information previously forwarded under my earlier Updates, which are available on our web page, but I will update information and emphasise areas that concern me.

Registrations

We need to set a cut-off date for receipt of registrations to allow for name tags to be printed, orders for memorabilia etc placed and catering numbers finalised. This will be next Thursday 16th October. An exception is that email registrations to me frank.poole@bigpond.com can be sent up to COB next Friday 17th October along with payment details.

All those who have outstanding accounts are asked to settle these by 15th October.

Meet and Greet

This will be open from 1200 hours on Friday 24th October, but please note that NO LUNCH is available at the Museum. Upon arrival you will be directed to car parking without needing base passes if you say you are an Army Apprentice. If a disabled ticket is displayed on your vehicle, you will be directed to dedicated disabled parking.

The Meet and Greet will be held in the Museum vehicle compound to the left of the Museum. Immediately upon arrival, please register yourself and any guests at the appropriate registration desk which will be on the left side of the driveway into the compound. You will be issued with a name tag and bag which contains among other things, a lanyard for your name card and the Memorial Dedication Order of Service Book.

Please wear the name card in a conspicuous place at all times as this serves as a security pass for entry to the Gaza and Latchford Barracks as well as free entry to the Museum. It also serves to identify you for BBQ's, reunion dinner and parade attendance.

Next to the registration desks will be an Apprentices Association flag which we would like all attending the 60th celebrations to sign. It will later be presented to the Museum.

Once in the vehicle compound, there will be Museum vehicles on display and a cash bar will be operating. Jack Westernhagen will be selling memorabilia and taking orders for clothing, Reunion DVD and Anniversary Port. Card facilities will be available.

The Organising Committee is publishing a 60th Anniversary Compendium and provided to all who register at the Meet and Greet. Additional copies for late arrivals can be obtained by ringing the Editor Barry Teal on 0427 376 110. The Compendium contains program details and much more to make it a valuable keepsake for your family album. A limited number of extra copies will be available at a cost of \$8.00 each all funds going to the Memorial Construction and Maintenance fund.

The BBQ dinner will be served from 1700 hours in the compound and there will be tables and chairs in a number of locations around the compound. Toilet facilities will also be provided inside the compound.

Do not bring any alcoholic beverages onto the base and please do not take any food or drink into the Museum.

AGM

The AGM will be held at 1500 in the Museum conference room. Only limited seating is available. All Committee members are reminded to send their reports to Rod Eagleton (webmaster@austarmyapprentice.org) and Steve Hladio (Stephen.hladio@defence.gov.au) ASAP. The agenda and notice for the AGM are posted on the web, with nomination and proxy forms attached. I would welcome nominations to fill vacant positions as notified in the AGM Agenda. These, Proxies and Apologies should be sent to the Secretary, Steve Hladio ASAP.

Parade

The Albury City Council is excelling itself in support and promotion of the parade. It will now be led by two mounted Light Horsemen. Local scouts and cadets will be assisting and the RSL is providing poppies for all marchers. The Council has set aside a dedicated area for our guests and partners who are attending located on the lawn behind the library; Cadets will act as guide for guests who will be identified by their name tags.

Marchers are to form up in an area in Swift Street between the Library and Convention Centre. There will be two companies of marchers, with signs indicating the left markers for each company, as well as the intakes comprising each company. Marchers should form up in column of route 10 wide, with the earlier Intakes to the front of each company and in succession to the rear of the companies. Order of March will be Light Horse, flag bearers from 49th Intake, Museum vehicles for disabled and infirm, parade commander (Frank Poole) and Chair Anniversary Planning Committee (Frank Maloney), A Company led by Greg Mulcahy and Jeff Heron, Parade Marshal (Stephen Hladio OAM), Victorian Military Band, B Company led by Ray Wilson and Barry Teal and Rear Guard (Jack Westernhagen).

WILL ANYONE REQUIRING TRANSPORT FOR THE PARADE IN THE MUSEUM VEHICLES PLEASE EMAIL ME ASAP.

Marchers (only Apprentices – no dependants or NOK) will form up initially on the footpath and then be moved out onto Swift Street at 0955. We will step off at 1000 hours, then left turn into Kiewa Street, past the saluting base (eyes left), left turn into Dean Street then left turn into the park with another eyes left at the War Memorial, past our guests and then a right wheel and halt in front of the back steps of the Art Centre. The Mayor will address the parade and present a plaque. Our Patron (LTGEN Ken Gillespie) will then respond and present an engraved crystal water set to the Mayor.

A narrator will be announcing the marchers over a public address system to the public. If intakes have a particular personality among their ranks be prepared to provide a short written script (30 words) to the narrator on Saturday morning before the march.

Unfortunately the use of the park by the general public and other administrative difficulties will preclude morning tea, so upon dismissal, all are free for the day.

Latchford Barracks Open Day and Wreath Laying

The ASEME at Latchford Barracks will be open for inspection and all training areas will be open. Entry to the base will be upon sighting of name badge and you will then be directed to car parking. Guides will be located in the area in front of the Chapel;

At 1430, I will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Association at the Memorial Stone at Latchford in front of the Chapel. Anyone wishing to join me will be most welcome, but please be there by 1415. Wreaths are available from Vines Florist 510 Olive Street Albury 02 6021 3103.

The Chapel will be open for meditation and viewing of the GG Banner that is laid up in the Chapel. You may also like to check up on your intake tree which are located either side of the entrance road to Latchford.

Anniversary Dinner

This is to be held in the Albury Convention Centre in Sharpe Street. Diners are asked to ensure that they identify the table they are on and the location of the table before entering the Dining Room. Table Plans and Table Allocation Details will be on display both at the Meet and Greet on Friday and in the foyer of the Convention Centre. Doors will open from 1745 with Dinner commencing at 1830. Entrees will be on tables, but you are asked NOT to start eating until Grace has been said.

THOSE REQUIRING SPECIAL DIETARY CONSIDERATIONS, WHO HAVE NOT YET NOTIFIED ME, PLEASE EMAIL ME ASAP.

Drinks will be waiter, table service on a **CASH ONLY** basis.

Dress is tie and jacket with miniatures.

Throughout the evening there will be a number of toasts and addresses, raffle draws and a DJ will be providing appropriate low volume music. . It is also hoped to have a display of SPAASSM images running continuously. The announcement of the winner of the “What being an Apprentice Meant to Me” will also be made.

Memorial Dedication

This Service will be held in front of the veiled Apprentices Memorial in the Memorial Park which is opposite the Museum. There will be limited seating and I ask that you ensure that priority be given to our more mature colleagues. There will be disabled seating in the front rows. Official Guests and VIPs will have name cards on their seats.

Everyone is asked to be seated or standing by 1000 when the Service will commence. Please bring the Order of Service book which was included in your bag.

After the official wreath laying, any one else wishing to lay a wreath will be invited forward.

Following the Service you will be free to inspect the Memorial, remembering that we still have work to do, but we have made an effort to ensure that all inscribed pavers will have been laid.

Gourmet Lunch

Following the Service, a Gourmet lunch will be served in the Museum Vehicle Park, please ensure you are wearing your name tag to ensure entry to the vehicle park and to the BBQ.

There will be a couple of short addresses and presentations and then we say farewell.

Insurance

The Association has now Public Liability Insurance that we can extend to intake reunions or regional social events. To be included in the cover you must advise the Committee of the venue, numbers and dates in time to have it minuted at a Committee Meeting. Details of the cover will shortly be available on the web site.

My next Update will be later in the year after the first Committee Meeting with the new Committee and at which time I hope to outline some initiatives for the coming years. Again, Updates can only be distributed to members with email, although they will be posted on the web site. If not already a member, I encourage you to consider joining and to support the Association.

Please observe the cut-off date as we do not want people to miss out on meals or “the bag”.

Regards to All

Frank

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President

