



*2RAR on parade (Malaya or Enoggera, QLD prior to embarkation)*

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## ***Passing of a mate***

If you have become aware of anyone who has served in 2 RAR at any time, pass away, please advise the Secretary ASAP so that all members of the Association may be made aware of the situation. Funeral details and a photo are appreciated if known or the Funeral Directors who are handling the funeral. In this way we can keep up the information flow to the membership.

## ***Membership***

Membership fees are due as of 30 Sep each year. The fees are \$20.00 per year, and you can pay 5 years in advance. You can renew membership on the website at [Membership Subscription Form | 2rar-association.net.au](http://Membership Subscription Form | 2rar-association.net.au) and you can pay through PayPal, direct debit or cheque. Please advise us if you have changed any of your contact details, particularly your email address.

## President's Report

Hello everyone and welcome to a new year. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to assist the association as president. I also want to thank the members of the management committee for their commitment to the association and its members and I am looking forward to their support during the year. Their dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated and through their work the association continues.

As much as the committee does the bulk of the background work we continue to need assistance from our members. We do not have any people in assistant roles within the committee; these positions would lessen the workload, allow for any absences and provide continuance as we move forward.

Anyone who would like to assist in this manner, please contact the secretary, Robert Althofer or any member of the committee. Hand in hand with this request is the need for help with organising events. We are planning a reunion in 2025 to celebrate the 80th birthday for the battalion and require a variety of people to assist in the planning and conduct.

In September we plan to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the battalion's deployment on INTERFET. Planning is underway so if you are keen to assist please contact the committee.

We will be consolidating our finances this month to ensure we maximise our financial growth. Our two, long term deposits will be added to and geared to mature at a more convenient date.

On page nine of this Newsletter is a 'Call to Arms' in particular for our Victorian based members to attend the Internment of 3/10499 Pte William Halliday, 2RAR, Malaya 1955-56. Pte Halliday's ashes were handed into the local RSL and despite best effort to find a NOK, none have been able to be found.

The Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL Sub branch will intern the ashes at the Yarragon Lawn Cemetery on 16 Apr 2024 with a small modest service and plaque provided. If you able to attend the service that would be very much appreciated.

### 'Second to None'



*'Second to None'*  
**Malcolm Gray**  
 President  
 2RAR Association, INC

## Significant 2 RAR Dates: Feb - Apr

**01 Feb 1995** – 2/4RAR delinks to become 2 RAR in Townsville, QLD and 4 RAR re-raised in Holsworthy, NSW.

**23 Feb 1946** – 66Bn arrive in Kure, Japan as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force.

**14 Feb 1968** – 2 RAR involvement in OP COBURG in South Vietnam ends

**Feb 1995** – OP TAMAR-UNAMIR II, B Coy 2 RAR deploy to Rwanda as part of the Australian Services Contingent 2 (ASC 2) to help provide security for the Australian Medical Support Force. A Coy 2RAR return from Rwanda as part of the handover from ASC 1 to ASC 2.

**Feb 2011** – OP YASI ASSIST – 2 RAR personal help support cyclone relief efforts after Cyclone Yasi effects the Townsville, QLD region.

**Feb 2019** – OP NORTH QUEENSLAND FLOOD ASSIST – 2 RAR (Amphib) support JTF 658 efforts in relation to the Townsville floods. Small boats teams rescue some 400 civilians from flood-stricken homes.

**22 Feb 1957** – 2RAR'S flag officially becomes black in its current design.

**10 Mar 1949** – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Australian Regiment now becomes 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. The Bn adopted the King's Crown RAR Badge, and the official colour is red with a large white 2 on the Bn flag.

**17 Mar 1953** – 2 RAR arrives in Pusan, Korea for active service in the Korean War

**Mar 1968** – The three Australian and two New Zealand companies were officially integrated and were given the title of 2RAR/NZ (ANZAC) for operations in Vietnam. This was the first official integration of Aust and NZ Infantry at unit or Bn level.

**Mar 2006** – C Coy plus attachments deploy to Innisfail, QLD to Support OP LARRY ASSIST cyclone relief efforts.

**Mar 2007** – OP ASTUTE – TLBG 2 personnel deploy to Timor Leste consisting of a Sniper pair from 2 RAR.

**Mar 2017** – OP QUEENSLAND ASSIST – 2 RAR supports clean up efforts after Cyclone Debbie in the Whitsundays, QLD.

**Mar 2023** – OP VANUATU ASSIST – 2 RAR (Amphib) support to assist civilians in Vanuatu.

**16 Apr 1954** – 2 RAR returns from active service in Korea on the MV 'New Australia' arriving in Brisbane, QLD

**Apr 2003** – OP FALCONER and OP CATALYST, 4 PL, B Coy, plus Coy HQ Elements deploy to Iraq as part of Security Detachment 1 (SECDet 1)

# Veteran Stories — A SOLDIERS TALE

## 1951 -1976 (Korea, Malaya, Vietnam)

I joined the Australian regular Army on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1951, and after recruit training at 5 Recruit Training Company Enoggera, I was posted to 1RAR at Holsworthy as a Regimental Signaller.

In March 1952 the Battalion was on its way to Korea on board the MT Devonshire, and after nine days we disembarked at Kure Japan and were bussed to a former Japanese army camp for acclimatization and the issue of cold weather clothing. We remained in Japan for 2 weeks and then left for Korea to join our sister Bn 3RAR. During our 12 months in Korea the Bn was actively engaged in patrolling no man's land and conducted numerous attacks against North Korea and Chinese positions. One memorable incident remains firmly embedded in my memory. On the position known as Little Gibraltar, Hill 355, the Forward Control bunker I was in received a direct hit from the Chinese artillery. I escaped unscathed by the incident, although a bit shaken' Luck I suppose when you consider that two days earlier one of my best mates was killed when a piece of shrapnel no bigger than a thumbnail severed his jugular vein

When the Bn returned to Australia, I was seconded to the BRITCOM Base Signal Regiment in Kure Japan for three months for further training as a radio operator. On returning home and after a period of leave I was placed on the unallotted list and remained at the Eastern Command Personal Depot waiting reassignment. After three months I grew tired of the uncertainty and inaction and asked to be considered for a second tour of Korea. Even though the truce had been signed, Australia still had a Bn in country.

My request was granted and I was posted to 4RAR the unit responsible for the training of reinforcements for Korea. The training was boring, but at last I was keeping busy and active with a definite goal, a return to Korea. Eventually in 1954 I flew out to Japan to the 1<sup>st</sup> Reinforcement Holding Unit at Hiro. A period of training followed and on Australia Day in 1955 I joined 1RAR in Korea.

It was an entirely different Korea than the one I left in 1953. The Korean people were slowly getting their lives in order even though the threat of war was always a possibility. 1RAR was a member of a United Nations contingent in readiness in case North Korea decided to continue hostilities. The Bn was based on the South bank of the Imjin River in Quonset huts. We were engaged in active patrolling north of the river up to the demarcation line and the maintenance of a ready prepared defensive position known as the Kansas Line about ten kilometres south of the main base.

One of the most exciting things that happened during this tour was when the Delta Coy Q store burnt down and we all rushed to get our cameras. The next most exciting thing was when the Kiwis tried to drive a jeep across the frozen river in winter. We all watched in fascination waiting for it to break through the ice, and it did.

My next posting was to the Jungle Training Centre as a rifleman/signaller. While there, I completed a basic parachute course. I was promoted to Corporal and later, when the SAS was formed I was on my way to Swanbourne in WA to become one of the original members of what was then known as 1 SAS Coy, RAR. Unfortunately, I had a personality clash with one of the officers of the unit and applied for a transfer to 1RAR who had been warned for duty in Malaya. The transfer was granted.

I was part of the Bn advance party for Malaya and underwent training at the British Jungle Warfare School at Jahore where we learned the tactics that had been proved successful against the terrorists since the emergency began just after the end of WW2.

1RAR deployed to Malaya on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 1959. I was a section commander in A Coy. We were based at a small outpost at Lasah about an hour's drive south of the township of Ipoh. Each rifle Coy was based in other small outposts where the threat from the Communist Terrorists {CT} was considered greatest. The Bns task was to patrol the jungles close to the Malay/Thailand border where it was thought the CT were based. Deployments were about a month at a time Each Coy had their own TAOR but not always the same as the previous patrol area. We carried nine days tinned rations and were resupplied by air drop with fresh food at least twice. Once back at base it was 5 days leave, make and mend and prepare for the next bout of jungle bashing.

After 2 years in Malaya the Bn returned to Australia and I was posted to 3RAR Pentropic in 1961 as a section commander. After a series of exercises and training the Pentropic experiment was considered to be not suited to Australia's defence needs and the Bn reverted back to the old establishment of 4 rifle Coys, Support Coy and HQ Coy. During the reshuffle I was transferred to C Coy

The Bn was warned for duty in Malaysia and deployed in 1963. We were based at Terendak in Malacca. The Bn trained in both jungle and conventional warfare, with lots of ceremonial duties thrown in. I was promoted to Sergeant.

During this period The Malaysia Federation was formed although the Federation remained a member of the British Commonwealth.

Indonesia opposed the formation of the Malaysia Federation and commenced military action in 1964 mainly in the Borneo/Kalimantan border region, although there was an attempted airborne assault on the mainland which was quickly quelled. As part of the South East Asia Strategic Reserve the Bn was sent to Borneo in 1965. I had in the meantime been selected to attend a Officers

## ***A SOLDIERS TALE - cont.***

Qualifying Course, and after qualifying was appointed as a Lieutenant in the Australian Military Forces in the Infantry Corps. I was posted to 2RAR and returned to Borneo to complete my tour of duty with 3RAR. The Bn then returned home in 1965, and I moved on to 2RAR at Enoggera.

In 2RAR, I had a short period as a platoon commander, then moved on to Assistant Adjutant. I was promoted to Captain and moved to A Coy as 2IC. The Bn had received a warning order for Vietnam duty and training was based on that concept at Shoalwater Bay and Canungra. It was at this time that the Bn received the first intake of National Servicemen. I would like to place on record, that with the odd exception they were some of the finest soldiers I have served with.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1967 the Bn deployed to Vietnam and were based at Nui Dat as part of the 1ATF. This was to be our home for the next 12 months. We were actively engaged against the local Viet Cong Bn, D445, and other local VC units, as well as brief encounters with elements of the North Vietnamese Army harassing them in their known habitats and generally keeping them off guard.

Things changed drastically during the 1967/68 Tet Offensive when the NVA broke the usual cease fire which was usually observed by both sides during Tet, and made a decisive push to take Saigon. We were deployed outside our normal Tactical Area of Responsibility in Phuoc Tuy Province up to Bien Hoa Province where there were numerous successful engagements against main force NVA units. The Bn returned to Australia on board HMAS Sydney in June 1968.

My next assignment was as the Adjutant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn Royal Tasmania Regiment. I am not a cold weather person and my stay there couldn't end quickly enough. I remember arriving at Devonport in mid October dressed in shorts and T shirt and almost froze to death. I said to one of the deckhands "don't you have summer here" he replied, "it was yesterday, you missed it."

Then I was off to Vietnam again in 1970 as the GSO3 Ops at HQ AFV. It was at this time that Australia was preparing to end our commitment in Vietnam and most of my duties were associated with the travel arrangements for visiting officers from Australia. I was the highest ranked nursemaid in country. In my opinion the Vietnam War was one we should never have been involved in.

On returning to Australia, I was promoted to Major and ended up in Townsville as a Coy Commander with 2RAR. At this time Gough Whitlam became Prime Minister and one of his first actions was to abolish National Service. Consequently, many units were decimated and the powers that be in Canberra decided to amalgamate various units, in other words downsize. 2RAR joined with 4RAR to become 2/4 RAR, and I became the OC SP COY.

In 1975 I was back in Brisbane as the CO of 5 Cadet Bn, the unit responsible for the administration of the school cadets south of the Brisbane River as far south to the Gold Coast and west to Toowoomba. Gough Whitlam decided to abolish the school cadets as part of his downsizing of the military, so I was on my way again and posted to HQ 1 Div as the OC HQ Coy. I requested a transfer back to the RAR which was rejected. I decided to call it quits.

So, after almost 26 years in the Australian Army, it was goodbye,

During my military service I represented the Army in volleyball and basketball in inter service sports, and cricket and rugby with various units.

My journey through those army years was not always plain sailing. At times I tested the system and, in most cases, lost. My wife at the time, Joan, once said to me "I am not going to sew your chevrons on your shirt anymore, I will put them on with press studs". Meg often remarks that they couldn't make a good soldier out of me, so they made me an officer.

I lost a lot of good mates in battles fought and as a result of their active service; I go to join them on Gods parade ground. On second thoughts, does the Devil have a parade ground?

**Author – 12040 CAPT Kevin 'Skinny' Grayson (2IC A Coy 1<sup>st</sup> Tour)**



**Picture of Mural on Silo in Gunnedah, NSW**

# Machine Gunners – B Company 2 RAR

## Vietnam Nov 1967-Feb 1968

In late November 1967 the first two of nine Machine Gunners from Bravo Company, 2 RAR were unofficially seconded to the US Army's 135 Assault Helicopter Company. This unit, known as 'The EMUs', was the home of the RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam. The RANHFV was a detachment of Australian naval aircrew, helicopter maintainers and support personnel which was integrated with the US Army. The aim of the secondment was to assist the 135<sup>th</sup> maintain the normally high degree of combat readiness that was currently being affected by a temporary shortage of door gunners.

The secondment originally began at the 135AHC base at Vung Tau Airfield but in January 68 the Unit moved to Camp Blackhorse, to the north of Nui Dat, the home of the 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Cavalry. The attachment was usually for two to four weeks and lasted until late February 1968. During which time the soldiers were airborne daily flying both combat and resupply missions into known and suspected Viet Cong locations.

The period Dec 67-Feb 68 was the start of intense VC activity (Tet Offensive). Almost from their first mission the helos came under fire. On 19 Dec 68, Pte's Lee and Hoger, were involved in their first night 'hot' extraction to the north of Binh Hoa where elements of the 191<sup>st</sup> Light Infantry brigade were under heavy enemy attack. With a 'Hot' extraction Helos were required to show minimal lighting and were not allowed to use suppression fire arriving and departing the LZ for fear of hitting the US troops on the ground. The helos transitioned in and out of the LZ flying beneath heavy artillery fire and were required to remain on the ground for an extended period to ensure no troops were left behind.

*"After 1 hour into my first flight a 105-artillery shell exploded metres in front of us. The chopper banked 90' left and dropped down quickly, then levelled out and we kept flying."*

*Pte Ralph Hoger – B Coy*

On the 08 Jan 1968 Pte's Kingdon and Wearne were involved in a "hot" insertion when two Company helos were shot down and six others also hit.

During their period with the 135<sup>th</sup> the B Coy soldiers flew many combat assaults carrying US, Australian and Republic of Vietnam troops. All soldiers were in helicopters that were hit by enemy fire whilst Pte's Lee and Mansfield were involved in separate incidents where their helicopter was shot down.

Each member was awarded a set of 'Air Gunner' aircrew wings which were approved by the Royal Australian Navy to acknowledge the special efforts by both RAN Fleet Air Arm and Australian Army non aircrew personnel in acting as door-gunners in the Iroquois UH1H helicopters on operational missions with the US Army 135 AHC.

The names of the following soldiers have been added to the RAN Fleet Air Arm 'Wall of Service' at the FAA Museum at NAS Nowra.

The soldiers involved were:

Private 1732098 Roland Lee	27Nov67-06Jan68
Private 5714518 Ralph Hoger	27Dec67-06Jan68
Private 3788527 William Wearne	07Jan68-23Jan68
Private 4411148 Geoff Kingdon	07Jan68-23Jan68
Private 3789095 Robert Carmichael	23Jan68-14Feb68
Private 3788990 Stanley Jaruga	23Jan68-14Feb68
Private 3789132 Robert Devers	14Feb68-28Feb68
Private 54937 David Mansfield	08Jan68-05Feb68
Private 5411393 Kerry Pearse	08Jan68-05Feb68

A tenth soldier, Private 3789238 Noel Heard relieved Pte Hoger for one day of operations as a door-gunner while the 135AHC was based at Vung Tau.

The members involved flew between 40 and 90 hours during their time in the 135<sup>th</sup>. This number of combat hours ensured each soldier an entitlement to the US Army's combat flight decoration 'The Air Medal'.

*Information for this article taken from Ray Godfrey RAN article about the Machine Gunners of B Company 2 RAR*



*Pte Bill Wearne (2 RAR), Jeff McIntyre, Graham Todd*

## B COY – MACHINE GUNNERS - IN THEIR OWN WORDS

### Private Stan Jaruga

One day at Nui Dat Rob Carmichael and myself were asked if we wanted to be 'door gunners' in US Army helicopters. We immediately answered in the positive. No more scrub bashing for three weeks! When we arrived at the 135<sup>th</sup> the yanks were at first a bit standoffish, but we were soon accepted. The Aussie sailors McIntyre (Little Mac), Brooksy etc. took us under their wing and were good company.

My time with the 135 AHC was a blur of frenzied activity as it coincided with the start of the 'Tet Offensive'. We were flying continuous combat assaults mainly with the US 9<sup>th</sup> Div as well as the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> ARVN Divisions. We also did a couple of lifts moving ATF troops to the Ben Hoa /Long Binh complex to interdict the NVA/VC rocket regiments who were attacking bases in the area.

Rob and I flew over 80 hours of combat missions with our only respite being supposedly non combative 'hash and trash' missions throughout 3 Corps. Then we carried everything from senior US officers, POWs and resupplies to the inevitable KIA's. Even so both day and night we regularly came under enemy fire. One highlight was flying into the home of the US 1<sup>st</sup> Div at Lai Khe and seeing the huge 'Big Red' 1 painted on the airfield.

When I was on my first combat assault no one told me when not to fire the M60. We had two flights of 9<sup>th</sup> Div troops going into an LZ in the Delta and when the pilot said, 'open fire' I let go with about 80 rounds and every chopper in the vicinity yelled 'CEASE FIRE' Nobody had told me not to fire from the middle of a flight!

Rob and my 'cherries' were busted on the 08Feb68 when taking 9Div troops into an LZ in the Delta. We flew into a 'shit storm' of incoming. The lead chopper was hit and crashed killing all four crew. Rob later found that his chopper took numerous AK47 hits including one to his M60. I fired nearly all my rounds and 'shit' myself. It was a sad time for the 135<sup>th</sup> and it made me think of my mates back at Nui Dat hoping they were OK.

Another 9<sup>th</sup> Div mission involved an emergency night insertion. We loaded the troops and flew 'flat chat' bringing in reinforcements as the first insertion had been ambushed by at least a battalion of VC. We had to fly through the incoming artillery fire with my arse puckered up as tight as could be. Flying at nighttime the red and green tracer and the explosions are spectacular but knowing that there is DEATH below takes the shine off it!

That night while we refuelled, I was told to report to the Command and Control (C&C) chopper which carried the battalion commander. The C&C ship controlled the infantry, air, artillery, and the spotter plane. We flew back to the AO and I reckon there was more green (enemy) than red (friendly) tracer flying around. We were circling the battle zone when I saw these big white balls (50 cal) heading for us. I yelled at the pilot to douse our lights as they had us bracketed. F#@\* they missed!

One 'hash and trash' mission Rob and I were on a multi - aircraft lift taking US KIAs from Fire Support Bases (FSB) to the morgue at Long Binh. This unnerved both of us and really brought home how bad the Tet Offensive was in terms of non-stop action and combat losses.

My chopper was then tasked to deliver urgent re-supply to a FSB under a ferocious attack from VC. When we landed, I jumped out and started unloading when the crew chief grabbed me and said, 'let's go'. He said that the VC were bracketing our chopper. As we were lifting off a mortar round hit five meters from where we were. We received only minor damage.

On another sortie loaded with ARVN troops we were ambushed in the LZ. We took several hits while other choppers sustained serious damage. It was widely believed that the ARVN was heavily infiltrated at all levels by the VC and I for one concur as it appeared the VC knew we were coming.

Sometime during Tet Blackhorse had a 'red alert' which meant we had VC in the wire. A US officer ran to me and told me that as I was a 'grunt' I should deploy our blokes as I saw fit. I told everyone to get as much ammo as possible and when we got to the defensive perimeter, we had 11 x M60s with 2000 rounds each. That's a lot of fire power in any one's language. Thank Christ it was a false alarm!

While we were on exchange some of the 135<sup>th</sup> Yanks went to Nui Dat and participated in combat ops with B Coy 2 RAR. They were rapt to be on patrol with the Aussies as were we sitting down and firing a M60 machine gun. The whole experience was mind blowing; it delivered to Rob and me a sense of elitism. It produced a profound effect on the way we saw the war and of the battles we witnessed. What it brought home to us was the waste of lives. Being with the 135 AHC was unbelievable and to all our mates who partook in being door gunners, all I can say is "CLEAR RIGHT".

# Warriors Who Have Marched Out

**61609 Pte John "Tank" ACKERLEY** 21 Oct 1946 - 2 Sep 2023  
John enlisted in the CMF in 1963 and transferred to the ARA in 1964. After initial training he joined 2 RAR and in 1966 was transferred to 5 RAR. He deployed to Vietnam with Mortar Platoon, Support Company, 5 RAR (30 Apr 1966 – 12 May 1967). Serving with 8 RAR, John re-deployed to Vietnam (17 Nov 1969 - 3 Sep 1970). He also served in Malaysia with 8 RAR. John was a "Bloody Nice Bloke". A Service for John was held at the New Norfolk RSL Club, New Norfolk, Tas.

**Melita Dorothy BARRINGTON** Unknown - 6 Jun 2022  
Melita, late of Woodlands WA, was the widow of WO1 Ken Barrington (Korea, Malaya, Vietnam) passed away on 6 June 2022.

**Robin Saxon CORFIELD** 31 Mar 1929 – 9 Oct 2010  
Robin was a Military Historian. Robin late of Lara Victoria passed away on 9 Oct 2010, aged 81. He was an Honorary Member of 2 RAR Association.

**B 4497/1500 Jack Franklin GALLAWAY**  
24 Feb 1926 – 7 Jul 2017  
In World War 2 Jack enlisted in the RAN (11 Mar 1943 – 12 Jul 1946) attaining the rank of Able Seaman. He enlisted in the Australian Army and served with 3 RAR in Korea (28 Sep 1950 – 8 Feb 1952 a total of 398 days). He was an Honorary Member of the 2 RAR Association. Late of Tingalpa Qld, Jack passed away on 7 Jul 2017 aged 91.

**43521 Cpl John (Johnny "Agro") Graham GASSON**  
11 Jun 1945 – 26 Jan 2024  
John served in Malaya (10 Pl D Coy 4 RAR) and Vietnam with 2 RAR CHQ B Coy (19 May 1967 - 05 Jun 1968) and 8 RAR Spt Coy (26 Nov 1969 - 10 Nov 1970). He also served with 6 RAR, 8 RAR and 8/9 RAR. Johnny passed away peacefully a long battle with cancer. A private family funeral was held with a get together for his many mates held later.

**3788990 Pte Stanley (Stan) JARUGA**  
24 Dec 1945 – 9 Jan 2024  
Stan was born in Germany, as a National Serviceman served with 1 Section, 4 Platoon, B Company, 2 RAR in Vietnam from 19 May 1967 – 13 Jun 1968. During his tour Stan was one of 9 Machine Gunners unofficially seconded from B Company to the 135th Assault Helicopter Company. Stan served this role from 23 Jan 1968 to 14 Feb 1968. This unit, known as "The EMUs", was the home of the RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam. The members involved flew between 40 and 90 hours and were awarded the US Army's combat flight decoration 'The Air Medal'. They were also awarded a 'one off' set of 'Air Gunner' aircrew wings and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm Unit Citation.. Stan passed away in Geelong Hospital, Vic on 9 Jan 2024. A funeral service was held at West Geelong attended by many B Coy members.

**51811 Captain Norman (Norm) Herbert GOLDSPINK MBE**  
20 Dec 1927 – 10 Jan 2023

Norm was born in Perth and grew up on a vineyard at Herne Hill WA in the 1930s. Education was a low priority and required an 18km bike ride to a town. Norm, later developed an annoying obsession in the cleanliness and serviceability of boots, Norm never, ever wore shoes until he started high school, which he left with just a basic education, aged 14.

With two brothers already in the Army Norm expected he too would enlist, but his mother refused to sign the early enlistment papers before the war ended. A brief flirtation with a navy career was quickly quashed by his returned brothers, so he worked as a labourer until he had saved £500 to put a deposit on his own vineyard. It was an enormous amount, but not enough to satisfy the bank, so he reasoned six years in the army as a sapper would provide the extra cash he needed. It was a momentous decision which would impact thousands of Australian Army personnel for nearly four decades.

Rather than becoming a sapper he found himself an infantryman in 1 RAR enroute to Korea, where Australians were involved in another war. He served in both 1 and 2 RAR, and with the Reinforcement Holding Unit in Hiro, Japan.

After serving with 1 RAR in Korea (7 Apr 1952 - 28 Feb 1953) his leadership potential was recognised and would return to Australia to instruct National Servicemen, starting the career path which made him such a profound influence on all those who passed through his care. He was a drill sergeant at both Duntroon and Scheyville Officer Training Units, then to Vietnam as CSM C Company, 5 RAR, ( 7 Jan – 2 May 1967) where he distinguished himself on 14 February 1967 when a mine wiped out company HQ; Norm took temporary command of the company and supervised casualty evacuation. He later served with 1 ARU (3 May – 2 Aug 1967). On return to Australia, he was appointed RSM, Duntroon, then the most prestigious warrant officers' appointment in the army. In his four years as RSM, seven classes passed through, and in April 1970 he choreographed the presentation of new colours to RMC by HM, the Queen. He was appointed a Member of the Order of the British Empire. Norm Goldspink's influence was evident in many cadets who rose to high rank, including General Sir Peter Cosgrove.

No speck of dust escaped his steely gaze, no badge displayed a blemish, no uniform crease deviated from regulation, no haircut strayed from tonsorial perfection as he inspected, drilled, cajoled and inspired his cadets. Naturally some did, but woe betide the cadet, present or former, whose wretched attention to military sartorial elegance failed to meet his high standards, even in shared retirement.

After postings as Apprentice School and then Infantry Centre RSMs, he returned to RMC on promotion to captain to be the director of all the college's ceremonial, though he felt his lack of formal education could be a hindrance. None who knew this exceptional soldier believed that for a moment. Norm Goldspink died aged 96 on 10 Jan 2023, in Canberra.

*A Tribute to Captain N H Goldspink MBE – Exceptional leader was an inspiration by nature from Ross Eastgate*

**216912 WO2 Leslie "Jock" Scott KAMINSKI**

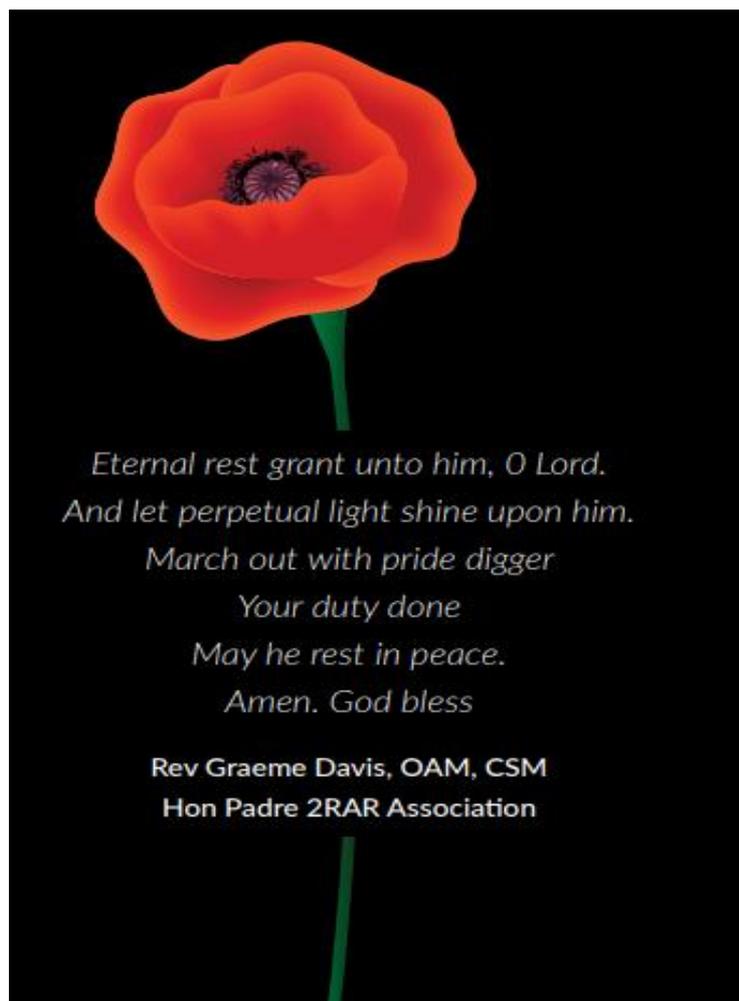
16 Jul 1945 – 15 Dec 2023

Jock was a member of 2 RAR from 1967 – 1973 including served two tours in South Vietnam - 3 PI A Coy (8 May 1967 - 21 May 1968) and Cpl in Pioneer Pl, Support Coy (17 May 1970 - 1 Jun 1971). Jock continued in 2 RAR until it linked with 4 RAR. He was a member of 2/4 RAR from 15 Aug 1973 – 24 Aug 1977 and again from 9 Jun 1979 – 16 Mar 1982. Jock later served with UNSWR. Jock was member of the 2 RAR Association since 1990. He passed away peacefully in Liverpool Hospital NSW on 15 December 2023, aged 78. Jock's funeral was held at Guardian Funerals, Blacktown NSW.

**39880 (NZ) Major George Whatanui KEREAMA**

1943 – 18 Nov 2023

George graduated from Officer Cadet School Portsea and on returning to New Zealand was posted to Malaysia (1 RNZIR). He saw active service in Vietnam as the 2IC Support Company 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn and continued in that role with 2 RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn from May to Sep 1970. On return to New Zealand, he was promoted to Major as 2IC of 5 RNZIR (Wellington, West Coast and Taranaki). George was a member of the 2 RAR Association for many years. Passed away on 18 November 2023 at Halcombe New Zealand. His funeral was held at TAUMATA O TE RA Marae, Halcombe NZ.



**REFLECTIONS FROM THE FALLEN**

In this foreign land, our spirits watch as you pass by  
A peaceful forest where we now lie

Bright coloured birds sweetly sing and gone forever is misery and pain  
Soft damp green grass has replaced sandbags, slurping mud and drenching rain  
Your laughter comforts us, for we are weary of grief and tears  
You are drunk with vibrant youth, which we only sipped in angry years

Absent are screaming shells and whispering fluttering flares by day and night  
No more the fear stirred when roused from restless sleep with dawn's light  
Faded are the ugly scars from hate, constant doubt and broken dreams  
While in great national halls of pride, our names etched on walls are to be seen  
Deeds of sharing, caring, seeking cheer, and so often risking all for each other  
In the furnace of war where we were forged to be sisters and brothers

When you return to our beloved land  
Mid concrete towers where once bark huts did stand  
Guard well the torch you hold, glowing with its precious way of life  
Fuelled with yesterday dreams, blood, sweat, tears and terrible strife  
We are you, and you are us, now and forever after  
In a land down under, where abound free spirit, many smiles and laughter.

*George Mansford*

**CALL TO ARMS**

The Internment of 3/10499 Pte William Halliday, 2RAR, Malaya 1955-56.

If any Victorian based Ex 2 RAR members that could attend and make sure that he's not buried alone, that would be a great thing.

An ex-soldier, Bill Halliday, from 2RAR served in Malaya 1955-57 and passed away with no known relatives. His ashes were handed into the Victorian RSL. You can read more here:

<https://7news.com.au/.../nationwide-search-after-ashes-of...>

Despite best effort to find a relative, none have been found therefore it has been decided that the Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL Sub branch will intern the ashes at the Yarragon Lawn Cemetery on 16 Apr 2024.

A plaque and a small modest service will be conducted. If you would like to attend, please contact Paul Altamore directly, the treasurer of the Trafalgar/Thorpdale RSL Sub branch at [trafrsl@bigpond.com](mailto:trafrsl@bigpond.com)

# We Brave Few

## 3/410113 Private Leonard Andrew PENNANT MM Malayan Emergency

A veteran of the Korean war where he was wounded twice, Pte Pennant went to Malaya with 2RAR in 1956 as a Bren Gunner.

Australia lost 6 servicemen in combat during the Malaya Emergency. Len saw three of them die while patrolling a pipeline near the northern Malay town of Sunggei Siput. "We were jumped by 20-30 guerillas who had laid a carefully planned ambush, the 1<sup>st</sup> three men in our patrol were hit by machine gun fire and were killed instantly. I tried to return fire with my Bren gun but the guerrillas had planted battery-triggered land mines at the ambush site and they detonated one right underneath me. I was blown about 12 feet into the air, managed to crawl back to my Bren gun and bang, they detonated another mine, blowing me head over heels again.

Other soldiers reported that Len, by now peppered with shrapnel wounds, again crawled back to his Bren gun and aimed it towards a group of guerillas who were attempting to charge the Australian position. His first burst of fire cut down the leading attacker whose comrades then broke off the assault. The firefight continued for about 45 mins until a relief patrol of Australians arrived and forced the guerillas to flee. Len then spent a month in hospital recovering from his wounds.

His citation reads:

Date – Immediate Award on 22 Jun 1956 at Sungei Siput, Malaya.

On the afternoon of 22 Jun 1956, Pte PENNANT was a Bren Gunner of a Section of 1 PL A Company 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, The Royal Australian Regiment patrolling the jungle edge of Sungei Siput.

The section entered a well-prepared Communist Terrorist ambush which was sprung by the detonation of land mines and booby traps coupled with the opening of a volume of automatic fire. Pte PENNANT was thrown to the ground by the initial blast, but regaining his feet he grasped his BREN Gun and took up a fire position, engaging the terrorists with his weapon. A hand grenade was thrown which again threw him to the ground. He once more took possession of his Bren gun and continued to engage the Terrorists, despite the fact that his section Commander had been killed and a second member of his section had been mortally wounded.

By his determination and courage, Pte PENNANT was largely instrumental in preventing the loss of any of his section's weapons and enabled the second section of his platoon to mount a counter-attack against the Terrorist position, from which they eventually withdrew leaving behind two dead.



*Honour Board at Hervey Bay RSL, QLD*

PENNANT - Leonard Andrew. Of Rutherglen Formerly of Arundel, Qld 2 RAR Korea and Malaya (Military Medal) Len passed away at Glenview Nursing Home Rutherglen on Thursday Sept. 11, 2008 aged 79 years. Loved husband of Olive (dec.), father of Donald, loved uncle of Milton and Maureen Thompson and families.

A Brave Heart at Rest.

# LIFE MEMBERSHIP – 2RAR Association

## 1735186 Louis Alfred (Lou) KUCKS (Member 287)

On 18 January 2024 a large gathering of approximately 50 of Lou's family, relatives, and friends as well as his service mates from 2 Platoon, A Company, 2RAR/NZ (ANZAC) Bn South Vietnam 1970-1971 attended a special presentation at Sherwood Services Club Corinda QLD.

The gathering was to befit a special honour to one of our own 2 RAR Association members, Lou Kucks. Lou was presented LIFE MEMBERSHIP of the 2 RAR Association, Inc for outstanding service on behalf of the Association in assisting Veterans and their families and other organisations.

Some noteworthy veterans were in attendance including Lou's Company Commander, Colin Brewer AM, Lou's Platoon Commander, Tery "Moon" O'Neill, and Lou's Section Commander Barry Seeley as well as other members of the Battalion. Additionally, there was also other 2 RAR Association Life Members in attendance in Kevin 'Dasher' Dean and Rick Avery.

Lou is the 20th member to be awarded such an honour and his citation of Life membership reads:

### CITATION – LOUIS KUCKS

1735186 Louis Alfred Kucks joined the Australian Army as a National serviceman in January 1969 and was discharged in January 1971. He served with 2 RAR as a private soldier from 12 May 1970 until 17 December 1970, serving with 4 Sect 2 PL A Coy in South Vietnam.

It's not possible to complete a full summary of the extraordinary commitment Louis has made over more than 50 years to both the veteran community and to the 2 RAR Association. A short summary of some of the many commitments Louis has made and continues to make are as follows:

Louis has been instrumental in promoting membership of the Association to ex 2 RAR personnel, his consistent support of all veterans suffering the negative impacts of combat service and the support he shows and provides to families of members suffering, hospitalised, or in need of support is inspiring to all veterans of 2 RAR and the 2 RAR Association.

Louis is endlessly running around providing banners and other requirements for Association and Battalion events and promoting attendance at our AGM's, reunions and bereavement services.

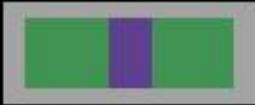
He is characterised by his exceptional organisational skills, his big-heartedness and generosity of spirit. He is dedicated and organised through his many years of support to the RAR National Memorial Walk through the care of the lawn surroundings at the Memorial Gardens in Enoggera. Louis also volunteers at the annual Diggers Race Day in Kilcoy alongside many other volunteering tasks such as Banner carrier for the ANZAC Day services.

Louis has exemplified a steadfast and unwavering commitment to 2RAR and the 2RAR Association. His enthusiasm for those who are "Second to None" knows no bounds.

The Association is pleased to recognise the services of Louis Kucks and appoint him to Life Membership from this day forth.



*Veterans in attendance for the Life membership of the 2 RAR Association, Inc presentation to Lou Kucks (Lou is middle row holding his citation and statuette)*



# The 2 RAR Historical Collection

## MAILING ADDRESS

The 2 RAR Historical Collection  
2 RAR(Amphib)

Samichon Lines  
Lavarack Barrncks  
Queensland 4814

The curator can be contacted  
on: 0419749198 or via email at  
[2RAR.Museum@gmail.com](mailto:2RAR.Museum@gmail.com)

The 2 RAR historical Collection exists to collect, preserve, display and research all items from 66 BN, 2 AR, 2 RAR, 2/4 RAR, 2 RAR (Amphib).

Ex-members and their family are permanently invited to visit. Please think about donating your photos, slides, objects, uniforms, maps, trinkets from your time in

the Battalion to the Collection.



Objects can be viewed by visiting: [www.thecollectingbug.com/2rarmuseum/](http://www.thecollectingbug.com/2rarmuseum/)



Like us on Facebook - search "The 2 RAR Historical Collection"



# Veterans Matters

## VETERAN WHITE CARD

The Veteran White card provides access to clinically required treatment anywhere in Australia for **ACCEPTED** service-related injuries or conditions as well as all mental health conditions.

If you are eligible the White card can also provide you with medical treatment for cancer (malignant neoplasm) and pulmonary tuberculosis covered under NLHC.

The White Card is being redesigned and will be known as the Veteran White Card.

How to get your white card – A white card will be sent automatically when you discharge from the ADF if you have at least 1 day continuous full-time service or DVA has accepted a service related injury or condition.

Always check with your medical provider before your appointment that they will accept your veteran Card.

If you think you should have a White card but you have not received it, please call 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372).

For further information on the Veteran White Card and how to use it visit: [Veteran White Card | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](#)

## DVA CLASS ACTION POSSIBLE

The Department of Veterans' Affairs could face a class action from up to 300,000 ex-military personnel for secretly passing on medical files to the University of South Australia over a 20-year period.

Investigations to potential legal action over the DVA's Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services (MATES) program that quietly shared records of veterans and their families with the University is currently occurring.

The MATES program has only now just been shut down with investigations ongoing with legal options currently being looked at to protect the privacy of veterans and their families and attempt to rectify these injustices with consideration given to avenues for compensation.

Gordon Legal is heading the investigation into DVA's apparent sharing of veterans' medical history without the veterans informed consent.

## LEGACY

Joshua Gavin was just seven years old when an army padre turned up on the family's doorstep to deliver the heartbreaking news that his father had been killed in action while on a deployment in Afghanistan

Simple things like going to the footy, sharing KFC for lunch, laughing and joking together will never again be enjoyed with his father. His mother, Jacky, remembers the grim initial weeks after her husband's death. "I went on autopilot. I didn't have much chance to fall apart, just because of the kids, but there were moments where I didn't even want to get out of bed," she says. "You hope it's never going to happen to you. You don't wish it on anybody else but it's always in the back of your mind."

*With the help of Legacy, they're not fighting alone.*

Enter Legacy, which helped with camps for the family, meetings with other war widows for Mrs Gavin, ongoing financial assistance and lining up attendance at special events like an NRL match.

"Legacy has given us some amazing opportunities — their help has been massive for us," Mrs Gavin said.

Some days the children struggle to understand and accept that, unlike the other kids at school, their father isn't coming home. But through the support of extended family members, Legacy and their Legatee, they're still surrounded by strong role models.

The role of a Legatee can vary with each family or individual, although ultimately Legatees serve to ensure Legacy's vision and mission is met through conscientious support in the form of personal service. This includes assisting war widow(er)s, partners and families of veterans to gain their appropriate entitlements and support services.

If you would like to contribute to your local community by bringing compassion, sensitivity and caring support to others, then Legacy would love to hear from you.

To express your interest in becoming a Legacy Legatee visit: [www.legacy.com.au](http://www.legacy.com.au)

# Weapons of the Australian Army

## General Support Machine Gun (GSMG) Mag 58

The General Support Machine Gun (GSMG) MAG 58 can be used either as a Light Support Weapon (LSW) fired from the bipod, or be fired from a tripod in the extended range role. It can also be mounted on a tripod with a C2 sight and used in the sustained fire role.

It is a fully automatic, belt-fed, air-cooled, gas-operated weapon, firing from the open bolt position. It is capable of a sustained high volume of fire. Stoppages can be easily and quickly remedied. The barrel is chromed internally to reduce wear.

The ammunition belt is made up of disintegrating link, factory filled and packed in 500-round containers. The belts are normally fitted in the ratio of four ball rounds to one tracer round mix, although all-ball round belts are available. 'NUTSCRATCHERS'



## EVENTS

### REUNIONS

B Company 2 RAR Veterans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tour 1970-71  
16-21 August 2024, Rainbow Bay, Gold Coast, QLD.  
All veterans and partners of Bravo Company are invited to attend.

Contact: Philip Burke  
PH: 0412 739 435  
E: [reunion24@familia.com.au](mailto:reunion24@familia.com.au)

Vietnam Veterans Day – Old Bar  
Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia reunion (FAAAA)  
Aug 16-19 2924

Contact [hfvemu67@gmail.com](mailto:hfvemu67@gmail.com) for further details or the 2RAR Association at [2rarassoc@gmail.com](mailto:2rarassoc@gmail.com)

### SUPPORT NEEDED

The 2 RAR Association are looking for a few good men and women to take up roles within the organisation.

The Following positions are available for volunteers to support the Association in its goal of supporting all veterans across Australia:

- Website Manager
- Membership Member
- NSW State Rep
- SEQLD State Rep

If you are interested in supporting fellow veterans and would like to help, the Association would like to hear from you. To find out more on the role or to volunteer contact the 2 RAR Association at [2rarassoc@gmail.com](mailto:2rarassoc@gmail.com)

# ***Roll Of Honour: Remembering our Fallen***

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**SX33581 CPL LR LISHMUND** (23 Jan 1926 – 19 Dec 1945: aged 19 yrs)



## **Service Details:**

Leonard Ronald Lishmund was born in Kingscote, South Australia on 23 January 1926. Prior to his service Leonard worked as a junior assistant (PMG) before enlisting on 24 April 1944 in Wayville, South Australia. He enlisted as a Pte with the service number SX3358 and moved through the ranks to Corporal prior to his passing.

Corporal Lishmund was the son of Frederick Clifford and Ada Mary Lishmund and he is survived by his sister Doreen Lishmund, of North Adelaide.

Corporal Lishmund emplaned from Moratai on No.35 Sqn RAAF Dakota A65-83 (VHCIZ), which went missing on a medivac flight between Ambon and Darwin on 19 Dec 1945 over the Arafura Sea.

Corporal Lishmund body has never been recovered.

### No. 35 Squadron Operations Record Book:

A50 Entry dated 21 December 1945:

In terms of lives lost, the disappearance of A65-83 with twenty five lives is one of the worst accidents in the history of the RAAF. No trace of the crew or passengers has been found despite an extensive search lasting 17 days.

**Unit:** 66th Battalion, Australian Infantry, 2nd AIF.

**Fate:** Died at sea (between Ambon and Darwin), 19 December 1945.

**Cause of Death:** Accidental (Aircraft accident)

**Memorial Details:** Column 6 Ambon Memorial, Ambon, Maluku, Indonesia. Panel 71, Commemorative Area, Australian War Memorial, Canberra, ACT, Australia. WWII Honour Roll, National War Memorial of SA, North Terrace, Adelaide

*'Lest we forget'*



### WELFARE:

RAAF Holiday Resort - Ambassador Apartments - Gold Coast, QLD

Not-For-Profit group who provide Discount Holiday Accommodation to Current and Former Serving Members of the Australian Defence Force, their families and Defence Australian Public Servants.

Location: 9-13 Parnoo Street  
CHEVRON ISLAND QLD 4217

Phone: + 61 417 780 961  
Email: aambassador@bigpond.com

## SUPPORT SERVICES

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### OPEN ARMS

Veterans and Families Counselling - 1800 011 046, or [www.openarms.gov.au](http://www.openarms.gov.au)

### OPEN ARMS SUICIDE INTERVENTION

<https://www.openarms.gov.au/get-support/suicide-intervention>

ADF – All-hours Support Line 1800 628 036

- Defence Members & family Helpline  
1800 624 608
- Defence Chaplaincy Support  
1300 333 362
- ADF Mental Health Services <https://www1.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/health-well-being/garrison/adf-mental-health-services>

### LIFELINE

13 11 14, [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

### BEYONDBLUE SUPPORT SERVICES

1300 22 4636, [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)

### SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE

1300 659 467

### HOMELESS HOTLINE

1800 474 753

### VETERANS OFF THE STREETS AUSTRALIA

1800 868 726

### ALCOHOL & DRUG INFORMATION SERVICE

1800 177 833

### SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DV CRISIS

1800 737 732

### DVA

1800 555 254



**2ND BATTALION, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
*(Incorporating 66 Inf Bn, 2 AR, 2 RAR, 2/4 RAR and 2 RAR (Amphib))*

**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**New Member**  **Renew**  **Membership Change of Details**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Tele: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Mob: \_\_\_\_\_

Regimental /PMKeyS No: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 19 \_\_\_\_ / 20

**Years Served** in the Bn from 19 \_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ to 20 \_\_\_\_ Total Years \_\_\_\_\_

A COY	B COY	C COY	D COY	ADMIN COY	SPT COY	BHQ

**Deployments**

YEAR			
AO			

**Honours and Awards (NOT Service Medals)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Post-Nominals: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive your copy of  **SUBSCRIPTIONS** Membership  RINGO via email or post  
 Yearly \$20 or Multiple-Years \$40 (2 years), \$60 (3 years), \$80 (4 years), \$100 (5 years)  
 Year: 1 October to 30 September

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt Required? YES/NO

Either – **POST** this Form to: The Secretary, 2 RAR Association, PO Box 2352 IDALIA QLD 4811  
 Or **EMAIL** a copy to [2rarassoc@gmail.com](mailto:2rarassoc@gmail.com)

**DIRECT DEPOSIT** to: Account Name: 2RAR Association, Inc.  
 Account details: Suncorp Bank. BSB: 484-799  
 Account no: 063 350 355. *Include your NAME as reference.*

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS** – Ring Rick Avery M: 0419 415 365



2RAR Association, Inc  
Merchandise Order Form

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Tele: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Mob: \_\_\_\_\_

PostCode \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**All prices are inclusive of transaction fees, packaging and postage fees within Australia**

ITEM	PRICE	QTY	ITEM	PRICE	QTY
<b>Clothing Items</b>					
<b>SHIRTS</b>					
Polo Shirt, Off Duty M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL	\$55		Polo Shirt, Black Cotton M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL	\$55	
Tee Shirt: Black – M/4XL/5XL	\$30				
<b>HATS</b>					
Cap - Black 2 RAR	\$35		<b>STUBBY COOLERS</b>		
Cap - ICB Silver	\$35		Stubby Cooler - "2RAR"	\$11	
Bucket Hat - II	\$30		Stubby Cooler - First Round On Us	\$11	
			Stubby Cooler - Second to no Bastard	\$11	
<b>TIES</b>					
Tie - 2 RAR Black Heritage	\$30		<b>CHALLENGE COIN</b>		
			Coin Black and Gold – 2 RAR (NEW)	\$20	
<b>BADGES</b>					
Lapel Badge - Member	\$13		Lapel Badge - NOK	\$13	
Lapel Badge - replacement Life Member	\$13		Lapel Badge – Slouch Hat	\$5	
<b>STICKERS</b>					
Sticker – Unit Colour Patch	\$8		Bumper Sticker - 2RAR Association	\$8	
Sticker (Round) – "2RAR"	\$8		Bumper Sticker – Second to None	\$8	
Sticker (Square) Roman Numerals II	\$8		Bumper Sticker – Vietnam Veteran	\$8	
Sticker (Oval) – "ICB"	\$8		Sticker (oval) – Vietnam Veteran	\$8	
Sticker – ICB Window Transfer	\$8		Sticker – 2 RAR Amphibious	\$8	
Sticker – 2RAR/NZ ANZAC Bn	\$8				
<b>PATCHES</b>					
Patch – Woven - Rising Sun	\$8.00		Patch – Woven - Unit Colour Patch	\$8	
Patch – Woven - Combat Vietnam	\$8.00		Patch – Woven - ICB	\$8	
<b>KEY RINGS</b>					
Key Ring - Black/Gold – 2RAR	\$20		<b>PLAQUES</b>		
			Wall Plaque: 2RAR	\$55	
<b>PRINTS</b>					
Print - 2RAR Air Assault Operations Nui Dat Vietnam	\$40		Print – Korea, Samichon	\$40	
<b>FLAGS</b>					
2 RAR Large Double Sided	\$90		<b>BOOKS</b>		
2 RAR Single Sided	\$50		Book – East Timor in Pictures	\$20	
			Beat PTSD	\$20	
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>					
Enamel Mug - 2RAR	\$25		Pewter Drink Coaster - ICB Badge	\$25	
Note Pad Leather ICB	\$10		Car Registration Plates	\$20	
Cards – Deck Playing	\$20		Bar Runner – 2 RAR	\$55	

You can pay for your merchandise by:

Direct deposit to the Association's bank account:

Account details: 2RAR Association, Inc.  
Bank: Suncorp Bank.  
BSB: 484-799  
Account Number: 063 350 355.

When ordering merchandise using this form, email to:

2rarassoc@gmail.com  
or  
Post the Merchandise Order Form to:  
PO Box 2352, Idalia  
Townsville Qld 4811

- Please include name and address