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4 YORKS arrive

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Soldiers from the 4th Battalion, Yorkshire Regiment arrived in Adelaide on Sunday for 2 weeks training with the soldiers of 10/27 Battalion, RSAR. Our guys met them at Adelaide Airport as they landed at 2235 hrs. The 4 YORKS soldiers will spend Monday and Tuesday on Weapons Training, and acclimating to our way of training, and on Wednesday the Executive of the RSARA committee will accompany



the new arrivals to a visit of the Spirit of ANZAC Exhibition at the Wayville Showground's, before they're whisked off to magical Cultana for 10 days learning how we do things Down Under.

On March 19th they will be treated by the RSAR Association to an Aussie style BBQ lunch at Keswick Barracks, before returning to the UK on the 20th March.

"Soldier On" soldiers on

One of our hardest tasks is to find Guest Speakers for our quarterly luncheons who will interest our members. Some have been good, some very good, and a couple worthy of the stocks.

The most recent Guest Speaker came highly recommended from a couple of former workmates (myself and Norm Tregenza) so we asked him along to talk to our members over lunch.

From all reports, Justin Brown (CEO Soldier On) held the awe of all in attendance, and enthralled the audience with stories of his many years in the Army on overseas deployments. Justin was introduced by Norm, who told of Justin's service commencing as a young apprentice the Engineers, which later became the 2nd Combat Engineer Regiment in 1987. He deployed to Namibia in South West Africa in 1989 and then to Cambodia for a year from 92 to 93. Justin then corps transferred to the Armoured Corps in the ARES, and drove M113s



RSAR Association Treasurer David Hope (L) and President Rodney Beames (R) present a cheque for \$200 to Soldier On (SA) CEO Justin Brown (centre)

for three years. After a final posting to ADFRU (Australian Defence Force Recruiting Unit) for a year, he discharged in 2003 after 15 years exemplary service. Justin enthralled the audience so much that the committee decided to donate a sum of \$200 to Soldier On, and a cheque for this amount was presented to Justin after his talk.

ANZAC Day 2016

Although we haven't received official notification from the RSL about where we will form up on Monday 25th April this year, I am betting my grandma's cotton socks (I think they were cotton) that we will be in exactly the same place as last year, and the year before that.

The march itself will commence at 0930 hrs, but we won't step off until after 1030 hrs. "Why do we have to wait for so long?" I hear you ask! Simply because those who went before us to guarantee our way of life for the past 100 years, will go before us again. Albeit little slower!

The luncheon after the march will once again be held at the Queens Head Hotel in Kermode Street North Adelaide at mid-day, and if you wish to attend please reserve your seat with **NORM TREGENZA** on **0412 804 779** or his email of normlyn@bigpond.com. No reservation. No lunch!



If you can march, please consider joining us on this day of the year when we march for all those who either can't march or are no longer with us. Lest We Forget.

Private Gomad reckons.....

My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to morons that needs work.

Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.

The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than "please." I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".

I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do that second week.

I've lost my mind and I'm pretty sure my wife took it!

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

Oops! Did I just roll my eyes out loud?

Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?

Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?

Why, Why, Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds; when they already know you're broke?

Geez, ya gotta larf! See yaz next time!



SX 1002 Private Gomad

The Dawn Service

It is often suggested that the Dawn Service observed on Anzac Day has its origins in a military routine still followed by the Australian Army. The half-light of dawn was one of the times most favoured for launching an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the "stand-to". As dusk is equally favourable for battle, the stand-to was repeated at sunset.

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they had felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. A dawn vigil became the basis for commemoration in several places after the war. It is difficult to say when the first dawn services were held, as many were instigated by veterans, clergymen, and civilians from all over the country. A dawn requiem mass was held at Albany as early as 1918, and a wreath laying and commemoration took place at dawn in Toowoomba the following year. In 1927 a group of returned men, returning from an Anzac Day function held the night before, came upon an elderly woman laying flowers at the as yet unfinished Sydney Cenotaph at dawn. Joining her in this private remembrance, the men later resolved to institute a dawn service the following year. Thus, 150 people gathered at the Cenotaph in 1928 for a wreath laying and two minutes' silence. This is generally regarded as the beginning of organised dawn services. Over the years the ceremonies have developed into their modern form and have also seen an increased association with the dawn landings of 25 April 1915. Today's dawn services include the presence of a chaplain, but generally not of dignitaries such as the governor-general. Originally, the services were simple, and usually followed the military routine. Before dawn, those who had



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In recent times more families and young people have taken part in dawn services. Reflecting this change, some services have become more elaborate, incorporating hymns, readings, pipers, and rifle volleys. Other services, though, have retained the simple format of the dawn stand-to, familiar to so many soldiers.

LEST WE FORGET

Thomas Jefferson. Right or Wrong?

Thomas Jefferson. Born April 13th 1743. Died July 4th, 1826. A different type of president then.

When Jefferson saw there was no negotiating with Muslims, he formed what is the now the Marines (sea going soldiers). These Marines were attached to U. S. Merchant vessels.

When the Muslims attacked U.S. merchant vessels they were repulsed by armed soldiers, but there is more. The Marines followed the Muslims back to their villages and killed every man, woman, and child in the village. It didn't take long for the Muslims to leave U.S. Merchant vessels alone. English and French merchant vessels started running up our flag when entering the Mediterranean to secure safe travel.

Why the Marine Hymn Contains the Verse "To the Shores of Tripoli"

This is very interesting and a must read piece of our history. It points out where we may be heading.

Most Americans are unaware of the fact that over two hundred years ago the United States had declared war on Islam and Thomas Jefferson led the charge!

At the height of the 18th century, Muslim pirates (the "Barbary Pirates") were the terror of the Mediterranean and a large area of the North Atlantic.

They attacked every ship in sight, and held the crews for exorbitant ransoms. Those taken hostage were subjected to barbaric treatment and wrote heart-breaking letters home, begging their government and family members to pay whatever their Mohammedan captors demanded.

These extortionists of high seas represented the North African Islamic nations of Tripoli, Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers - collectively referred to as the Barbary Coast - and presented a dangerous and unprovoked threat to the new American Republic.

Before the Revolutionary War, U.S. merchant ships had been under the protection of Great Britain. When the U.S. declared its independence and entered into war, the ships of the United States were protected by France. However, once the war was won, America had to protect its own fleets.

Thus, the birth of the U.S. Navy. Beginning in 1784, 17 years before he would become president, Thomas Jefferson became America's Minister to France. That same year, U.S. Congress sought to appease its Muslim adversaries by following in the footsteps of European nations who paid bribes to the Barbary States rather than engaging them in war.

In July of 1785, Algerian pirates captured American ships, and the Dye of Algiers demanded an unheard-of ransom of \$60,000. It was a plain and simple case of extortion, and Thomas Jefferson was vehemently opposed to any further payments. Instead, he proposed to Congress the formation of a coalition of allied nations who together could force the Islamic states into peace. A disinterested Congress decided to pay the ransom.

In 1786, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams met with Tripoli's ambassador to Great Britain to ask by what right his nation attacked American ships and enslaved American citizens, and why Muslims held so much hostility towards America, a nation with which they had no previous contacts.

The two future presidents reported that Ambassador Sidi Haji Abdul Rahman Adja had answered that Islam "was founded on the Laws of their Prophet, that it was written in their Quran that all nations who would not acknowledge their authority were sinners, that it was their right and duty to make war upon them wherever they could be found, and to make slaves of all they could take as prisoners, and that every Musselman (Muslim) who should be slain in Battle was sure to go to Paradise."

Despite this stunning admission of premeditated violence on non-Muslim nations, as well as the objections of many notable American leaders, including George Washington, who warned that caving in was both wrong and would only further embolden the enemy, for the following fifteen years the American government paid the Muslims millions of dollars for the safe passage of American ships or the return of American hostages. The payments in ransom and tribute amounted to over 20 percent of the United States government annual revenues in 1800.

Jefferson was disgusted. Shortly after his being sworn in as the third President of the United States in 1801, the Pasha of Tripoli sent him a note demanding the immediate payment of \$225,000 plus \$25,000 a year for every year forthcoming. That changed everything.

Jefferson let the Pasha know, in no uncertain terms, what he could do with his demand. The Pasha responded by cutting down the flagpole at the American consulate and declared war on the United States. Tunis, Morocco, and Algiers immediately followed suit. Jefferson, until now, had been against America raising a naval force for anything beyond coastal defence, but, having watched his nation be cowed by Islamic thuggery for long enough, decided that it was finally time to meet force with force.



Thomas Jefferson. 3rd President of the United States of America

He dispatched a squadron of frigates to the Mediterranean and taught the Muslim nations of the Barbary Coast a lesson he hoped they would never forget. Congress authorized Jefferson to empower U.S. ships to seize all vessels and goods of the Pasha of Tripoli and to "cause to be done all other acts of precaution or hostility as the state of war would justify".

When Algiers and Tunis, who were both accustomed to American cowardice and acquiescence, saw the newly independent United States had both the will and the right to strike back, they quickly abandoned their allegiance to Tripoli. The war with Tripoli lasted for four more years, and raged up again in 1815. The bravery of the U.S. Marine Corps in these wars led to the line "to the shores of Tripoli" in the Marine Hymn, and they would forever be known as "leathernecks" for the leather collars of their uniforms, designed to prevent their heads from being cut off by the Muslim scimitars when boarding enemy ships.

Islam, and what its Barbary followers justified doing in the name of their prophet and their god, disturbed Jefferson quite deeply.

America had a tradition of religious tolerance. In fact Jefferson, himself, had co-authored the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, but fundamentalist Islam was like no other religion the world had ever seen. A religion based on supremacy, whose holy book not only condoned but mandated violence against unbelievers, was unacceptable to him. His greatest fear was that someday this brand of Islam would return and pose an even greater threat to the United States.

This should concern every American. That Muslims have brought about women-only classes and swimming times at taxpayer-funded universities and public pools; that Christians, Jews, and Hindus have been banned from serving on juries where Muslim defendants are being judged; Piggy banks and Porky Pig tissue dispensers have been banned from workplaces because they offend Islamist sensibilities; ice cream has been discontinued at certain Burger King locations because the picture on the wrapper looks similar to the Arabic script for Allah; public schools are pulling pork from their menus; on and on and on and on...

It's death by a thousand cuts, or inch-by-inch as some refer to it, and most Americans have no idea that this battle is being waged every day across America. By not fighting back, by allowing groups to obfuscate what is really happening, and not insisting that the Islamists adapt to our own culture, the United States is cutting its own throat with a politically correct knife, and helping to further the Islamists agenda.

Sadly, it appears that today America's leaders would rather be politically correct than victorious!

If you have any doubts about the above information, Google "Thomas Jefferson vs. the Muslim World"

New Members for March

The word is still getting around about the RSAR Association, and its success supporting the soldiers of the 10/27 Battalion, and indeed, the popularity of the Association continues to grow. This month we welcome two new members to our team, and trust they will enjoy the camaraderie that we all do.

Bruce Lakin served as an officer with 10 RSAR between 1974 and 1977, and hopes to rekindle some old friendships.

New member **Kathleen Winger** is the grand daughter of Jorgen Jensen VC, a South Australian soldier who served with the 50th Battalion during WW1. For his bravery and actions at Noreuil in France, Private Jensen was awarded the Victoria Cross.

The RSAR Association welcomes both Bruce and Kathleen and trusts we will all get to know them in the near future.

Age-old deficiency

IT'S about time the authorities did something about older drivers on our roads.

For far too long older drivers have caused havoc as they hog the left lane, stick to the speed limits (even the road work limits) and stop at stop signs, causing great inconvenience and often preventing others from doing whatever they like.

Another major concern is that by avoiding fines and demerit points, they are not doing their bit for the revenue of our state, and are therefore placing a further burden on younger drivers.

Until older drivers can prove that they are proficient at weaving in and out of traffic, driving while texting, tailgating, using drugs or doing burnouts, they must be banned from holding a licence.

Doug Money, Oak Park

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Haynes, Scott	
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Horseman, Ian	LM
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Hudson, Rick	
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James, Grant	SM CoM
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Lee, Pat	
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Marcus, Ray	
Martin, Bob	
Matchett, Bill	
Mau, Mark	
McCulloch, Don	
McGree, Barry	
McLachlan, Joshua	SM
McMahon, Tyler	SM
McMullin, Jim	
Meissner, Terry	SM
Milde, Peter	SM
Mitchell, Barry	
Mitchell, David	
Morony, Frank	
Moore, Jeffrey	
Moore, Terry	LM
Moschis, James	SM
Munro, Ron	
Oliver, Peter	

Orrock, Alan	CoM
Ockenden, Marc	
Oswald, John	
Pach, Chol	SM
Paul, John	
Perkins, Bob	
Pollard, Barry	
Portakiewicz, Anthony	
BAND	
Portakiewicz, David	BAND
CoM	
Phillips, Don	
Phillips, Colin	
Phillips, Trevor	
Payne, Bob	
Parslow, Howard	
Preece, Brian	
Rado, Stephen	
Ranger, Denis	
Rathmann, John	
Rathmann, Norm	CoM
Ramm, Hank	
Robertson, Jim	
Rorie, Graham	SM
Rossetti, Lee	
Sage, Andrew	
Salamon, Peter	
Sanders, Ashley	SM
Sanderson, Max	
Sands, Mike	
Sexton, Mark	SM
Slater, Ian	
Slattery, Kimberly	BAND
Sniedze, Julie	BAND
Sprigg, Rob	
Staker, Cameron	SM
Standing, Michael	CoM
Stone, Eddie	
Strain, Doug	
Steer, Phil	
Stewart, Rob	LM
Stuart, Matthew	SM
Tiller, Garth	
Thomson, Jim	
Tolotta, Tarrant	SM
Tompkins, Ian	
Tregenza, Norm	CoM
Trezeise, George	
Tucker, Belinda	BAND
Ullrich, Andreas	SM
Vella, Joe	
Wake, Stephen	
Waters, Ian	LM
Weepers, Nicole	BAND
Weightman, Aidan	SM
Westover, Rhys	
Wheeler, Chris	
Williams, Darrian	SM
Wilson, Graham	LM

Wilson, Neil	
Wood, George	
Woore, Phillip	
Yorke-Simpkin Reg	LM
Zuromski, Paul	SM

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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Dart, Caroline
Demosani, Gail
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Eva, Gail
Field, Shirley
Gatley, Graeme
Gill, Maureen
Gilmour, Helen
Hawking, Lorraine
Hook, Phillipa
Hudson, Margaret
Jolly, Sandra
Klopf, Josie
Laing, June
Lampard, Kay
Main, Raelene
Marcus, Yvonne
Lee, Anne
Mitchell, Roma
Phillips, Heather
Sanderson, Lorraine
Tregenza, Lyn
#Winger, Kathleen

HONORARY MEMBERS

T. Burnard CO 10/27
RSAR
J. Moulton ADJT 10/27
RSAR
M. Reyne RSM 10/27
RSAR

LM denotes LIFE MEMBER

SM denotes SERVING ADF MEMBER

BAND denotes serving 10/27 Band member

Denotes NEW MEMBER

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members

as at 3/3/16

Abareh, Wadi	SM
Abel, Colin	
Acton, Chris	
Adams, Aaron	SM
Apostolides, Chris	
Attenborough, Geoff	
Ayles, Jeff	
Baldwin, Bob	
Bampton, Michael	BAND
Barnaart, Philip	
Bates, Allan	
Beames, Rod	CoM
Beckett, David	LM SM
Bennet, Graham	
Benveniste, Sam	SM
Bilsborow, Jason	SM
Blackmore, William	
Blake, Sam	SM
Blondell, Mark	SM CoM
Bloomfield, Max	
Bourne, Ian	SM
Boath, Ian	
Boothroyd, Lincoln	SM
Boscence, Bob	
Bras, Riley	SM
Broadbent, Robert	SM
Brookes, Phil	
Brown, Bruce	
Brown, Harry	
Burnard, Trent	SM CO
Burton, Ray	
Buttars, Erik	
Campbell, Wenona	BAND
Carnachan, Ian	
Chittleborough, Jeff	

Clyne, Lachlan	SM
Cooke, Nat	CoM
Contibas, Nikolaus	SM
Cotton, Bob	
Cram, Kevin	
Dart, John	
Davey, John (Jack)	
Davey, Trevor	
Dawson, Trevor	BAND
Del Vecchio, Victor	
Demasi, Nathan	SM
Demosani, Tony	
Domanski, Glenn	
Dubsky, Eddie	
Dunn, Peter	
Dunn, Bob	
Dunn, Jeff	
Durbin, Russell	
Durrant, Chris	
Edson, Roger	
Elliott, Graham	
Elliss, Scott	SM
Eva, Keith	
Ewens, Mimi	SM
Ferguson, Shane	BAND
Field, Don	
Flanagan, Ted	
Fridday, Ross	
Fortune, Nigel	BAND
Gaborit, Lyndon	LM
Gallagher, Erin	BAND
Genovese, John	
Gibson, Lindsay	
Giles, John	
Gill, Graham	
Gilmore, Graham	