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E-Newsletter

A Writer will be known from 1st January 2013 as 'Maritime Logistics Personnel Operations' or 'Personnel'

By the editor

This is a short version of proposed changes to the Writer Category

Background - Project Demeter: Project Demeter is one of a number step strategic initiatives being conducted to shape the Royal Australian Navy for the challenges of the future. The aims are to consolidate the impact of this work on the modern supply community.

Community titles no longer accurately reflect the employment of its constituents. Therefore CN has approved the renaming of the Supply Community to Maritime Logistics Community.

The Writer will become Maritime Logistics - Personnel Operations or Personnel. Other Supply Branches have been also been renamed.

Why Personnel Operations?

Other Services and Navies use the following titles for service were employed in similar roles: Army -Admin Clerk. RAAF - Clerk. RN - Personnel Logistician. New Zealand: Operational Administrator. Canadian Navy: Resource Management Support clerks. USN: Yeoman Secretariat and Clerical.

The RAN is unique: we expect different skills and capabilities from our Personal Operations sailors and so terms like Clerk were deemed insufficient to describe the actual job role. Personal Operations sits neatly with Australian Defence Doctrine Publication definitions of "personal management, personal administration and personal services".

Uniform Changes

With new names comes requirement for new badges. This will take up to 2 years to achieve so Writers will continue to wear the old badge.



By the editor. From the black and white version in the report, the badges as shown here will probably reflect the new Writer Category Badge.

So don't throw your old Writer badges away - keep them for posterity.



What is the new naming convention?	
Supply Community	Maritime Logistics Community (MLogC)
Supply Branch	Maritime Logistics Branch (MLB)
Supply Officer	Maritime Logistics Officer (MLO)
Operational Logistics Officer	Operational Logistics Officer (OPLOG)
Cook	Maritime Logistics - Chef (ML-C or C)
Officer Steward	Maritime Logistics - Steward (ML-S or S)
Stores Naval	Maritime Logistics - Supply Chain (ML-SC or SC)
Writers	Logistics-Personnel Operations (ML-P or P)

Current Sea Shore Rosters for Writers

	WTR	CPO	PO	LS	AB	
	SEA	1.5	2.5	2	1.5	
	SHORE	5	3	4	3	

Less than 3 months to the Gold Coast reunion.

All details on our web site under ‘reunion’

We have approximately 40 vacancies left so why not join us for the reunion.

Who is going ? Check out the web site where all the available pictures of those attending are shown.

Payment form can also be downloaded from the web site.



These links will also assist you with what to do on the Gold Coast:

www.goldcoastmag.com.au

www.visitgoldcoast.com

www.tweedtourism.com.au

This months contacts form from our web site included:
a. John Newton - Looking For Ralph Nader

I am trying to contact Peter Naylor who was a Leading Writer in the UK Royal Navy and transferred to the RAN around 1974. Peter was my best man for my wedding in 1972 and we would really like to contact him. If you have information on Ralph please let us know and we will pass this on to John.


b. Frank Brown (left - at Cerberus in 1962)) - re Reg Gilbert - in our last newsletter

Frank says “ Reg was my Chief at Cerberus on my posting from recruit school, and later when I went into the confidential registry under a PO Williams. Later again as a PO at Albatross, he was again my Chief. He owned the funeral parlour in Nowra and from memory paid off from Albatross.”


c. Kev Cummins (left) re Men's Health Peer Education Publication

By Kev Cummins “I found it to be very informative so I emailed the editor at DVA in Sydney: menshealth@dva.gov.au and asked to be put on the distribution list. The November 2012 edition, the Healthy Ageing Issue, arrived a couple of days ago and is a wealth of information. Next edition is due out in March 2013 and its theme is “Making Change Happen”. I believe everybody who has had, or is experiencing health problems, will find useful information in this magazine.


d. Frank Gribble (left in his navy days) looking for 1951/58's Writers

Frank Gribble says “Would there be many of my vintage 1951/1958 that are members? Any information would be appreciated. I can be contacted at frank.gribble@hotmail.com or at P.O. Box 1084 Darlinghurst 1300.”.

So if you have something to tell or ask us please use the contact form on our web site

and..... please use the 'Change of Details Form' if you wish to update your details with the Association. And don't forget to tell us your birthday - only the date and month required.

Has your membership expired ?

A number of members over the last couple of years have not renewed their membership. Either did not want to stay a member or have forgotten.

We only send one reminder in June each year. So if you are not sure just look at our alphabetical membership listing to check to see if you are still a member if you are not there your membership has lapsed:

<http://www.ranwriters.com/membership.html>

If you wish to renew or wish to become a member then the form can be found on the above page. You can also pay via 'Paymate' online which is secure.

We wish to thank Tara Bolton (nee McNab) daughter of Donald McNab for researching her fathers service in the RAN.

DONALD WILLIAM McNAB

F2729/20 WRITER RAN.

HMAS PERTH 1

Ex writer, known as 'Sandy' McNab.

Born 11 July 1920 – Passed away 17 March 2000.

My Father was born in Cotteslow Western Australia on July 11th 1920 the youngest of four children, he spend much of his time as a young boy on his own yacht sailing the Swan River.

Dad joined the RAN in Fremantle, WA as a writer on 2nd September 1942 and served on several ships, the last being HMAS PERTH 1, a 6" class cruiser. He joined HMAS PERTH 1 on November 28th 1941 and served in that ship during the Battle of the Java Sea and the ship's final action in the Sunda Straits, where she was sunk when hit by four torpedoes by an unexpectedly, overwhelming Japanese force in the early hours of March 1st 1942.

Dad was one of approximately 320 to survive the sinking of the ship from the ship's company of 681 Officers and sailors, of which only 215 returned to Australia 3 ½ years later, having suffered as prisoner of war at the hands of the Japanese. Dad spent his years of captivity at Bicycle Camp, in Bundung on the island of Java.

It is interesting to note that whilst in captivity, Dad and fellow POW's were forced by the Japanese to appear in the Japanese propaganda movie "Calling Australia", in which it was portrayed that the allied prisoners were living in a resort type surrounds and conditions. Needless to say, their existence was the total opposite, suffering years of starvation, deprivation and sub human conditions.

On another interesting note, 10 survivors who salvaged a lifeboat and tried to sail to Australia before being captured by the Japanese where able to hide their canvas sail in Bicycle Camp, and Dad was the descriptive writer, printing the names of survivors in ranks, those who died and those who were injured. Today this canvas is displayed at Garden Island in Sydney.

Dad's posting at discharge was HMAS LEEUWIN on 4 January 1946.

Dad was a loyal member of the Adelaide Naval Club as both Vice President and President of the HMAS PERTH Association in South Australia. Dad was always proud of his association with HMAS PERTH.

Dad passed away in South Australia on 17th March 2000 and the following year his ashes were transported by HMAS DARWIN to the Sunda Straits, where at sunrise on 10 March

2001 the ships company had a ceremony with a guard of honor as his ashes were scattered above the wreck of the HMAS PERTH 1.

Don McNab joined his beloved ship and crew members who were entombed on that fateful night in 1942 in the Sunda Straits, Java.

I am so very proud of my Father for the years of suffering he endured whilst a prisoner of war and the mental and physical battle he fought throughout his life, not once did he ever complain, he would just say "I fought for my country, for the freedom of our wonderful nation, Australia".

Written by Tara Bolton (nee McNab) daughter of Donald McNab

Lest we Forget
Linton James Kirk



Ex WTR RANR PM4809. James joined the AMF (V56057) on 9/1/1941 and transferred whilst in the Army to the RANR as a Writer in July 1942. He served in HMAS *Lonsdale*, *Nizam*, *Geraltan*, Lanka, RANAO Colombo and Trincomalee and RTO Melbourne. A long standing member of the Association.

Reginald Gordon Matthews 'Blue'

Reg passed away 22nd December 2012. Joined 16/5/1920 for 12 years. O/N 23198. Served in establishments Cerberus, Leeuwin and Melville. His sea service as a wWriter was Yarra 24/2/1940 to 8/10/1941. He was promoted LS whilst on nYarra. Promoted PO in 1942. He was discharged 27th June 1951 on promotion to Commissioned Writer Officer and during his service was promoted to Commander. He discharged to shore 9th October 1969.

Membership of the Association

The Committee has approved the issue of a life membership lapel badge. It's hoped that the badges will be issued in February 2013.

All members that are registered as members for life will be issued with the following badge on the right.



Members that have recognised by the Association, and have had 'Life member' bestowed upon them will be issued with the badge on the left. Currently there are three life members.



MELBOURNE DINNER - BY THE PRESIDENT



Friday 7th December, approximately 15 Mexican Marine Logistic Personnel and partners caught up with each other at the Frankston RSL Club for Christmas/Holiday Period drinks and comradeship. It was some 12 months since their last get together, and it was not long before the tall stories were flowing like they were finishing off a story started last week.

(Left Dale Jones (Nee Williams) and Marty Grogan)

The venue, Frankston RSL Club is a good venue and I suggest that it might be worth while for the Victorian Sub Section makes this their permanent fixture for future events.

Be warned that anyone from the north thinking of attending the next gathering make sure they have detoxed their liver etc, as I can assure them they wont break out the Tequila, but will make sure you don't run dry of other Liquid refreshments.

Out of the group attending was 2 new faces [well to me anyway] Greg O'Connell and Peter Johnson, and I hope it wont be the last time we see you at a DO. Keep up the good work, Melbourne troops



l-r Sandra Farlie, Greg O'Connell, Alan Curtin, Peter Johnson, Derek Hamilton, Phil Meiklejohn

Writers Intermediate Course - December 2012

L-r Victoria Clarke, Dallas Smith, Zoe Baker, Wes Intihar (Instr, uctor), Tegan Harwood, Lewis Horsfield (President Writers Association), Jaylene Byrne, Brett Ellis (Instructor), Natalie Webb, Ashleigh John, Maureen Hill, Stephanie Clark, Michelle Walczak

