



The Noticeboard

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Welcome to the Newsletter of RSA Queenstown

Newsletter

Hello Members. Thank goodness we are heading for warmer weather- it sure has been a “winter of discontent” but all we need to do is look at the news and we can be relieved that we live in a small island country far away from the troubles with Covid19 being experienced in many other countries. I am hoping that by the time the elections are over and we are charging towards Christmas, we can all look forward to a more positive summer

Plate Night Friday 16 October

To “celebrate” our “new normal” of level One we are having a plate Night on Friday 16 October, Ferg Burger are kindly donating some goodies and please do bring along some nibbles (only if you want too!!) and we will all enjoy a nice social evening. The bar will also have extended hours 5.00pm – 9.00pm and it would be great if we could get a good turn out

Bar Duties

A reminder that we are always needing members to run the Gallipoli Room bar on Fridays. As with most clubs – its always the “same people” who volunteer and it would be most helpful if we could get a few more added to the roster. The duties are very simple and its only for 2 hours, if you are interested please let any of the Executive Committee know

The Gallipoli Room is back on Level One!!

As we spent another few weeks in Level Two over August/September the Gallipoli Room attendance has understandably been only a trickle of members. The combination of social distancing and cold evenings sure had an impact. Now we have daylight saving and are also back to Level One. The turnout last Friday 2nd Oct was very good and it was nice to see members once again enjoying the social gathering

A few of our regular members out and enjoying themselves of Friday



Rest in Peace Noeline

We received very sad news that our member Noeline Cleaver passed away this week. When in better health Noeline was a regular attendee at the Gallipoli Room on Fridays and she was a lovely, fun person and great company. Our sincere condolences to Noelene's family.

From RNZRSA National Office

RSA CELEBRATES 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF SENDING XMAS PARCELS TO SERVICE PERSONNEL



Wellington, 28 September 2020 – The Royal New Zealand Returned & Services' Association (RSA) says today will mark the 80th anniversary of sending Christmas parcels to New Zealand service personnel overseas with a special packing event supported by local schools, key sponsors and the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF).

For the last 79 years, the RSA has been sending Forces Gift Parcels to New Zealand's serving personnel wherever they are stationed or based around the world from the

Middle East to the Pacific Islands so that they can receive a little bit of NZ food from home at Christmas time.

RSA National President B J Clark says the 80th anniversary of Forces Gift Parcels Pack Day is a major milestone for New Zealand's commitment and proud history of service and sacrifice especially in a year so affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

“Despite the very challenging times created by the global COVID-19 Pandemic, fortunately, the Forces Gift Parcels Pack Day is still going ahead. This is the 80th anniversary year of supporting our service personnel at Christmas time and the RSA is committed to making sure we recognise their service and dedication, wherever they are in the world. However, the Pack day on 24 September will take place behind ‘closed doors’ at Wellington Area Sports Club to ensure COVID-19 self-distancing guidelines are followed and that we can continue this great tradition of ensuring Kiwi service personnel receive their Gift Parcel packs for Xmas,” says Clark.

Clark adds that without the generous support of Pams and Packaging Products who are providing all of the food items and the boxes and labelling for the Gift Packs and the original handwritten Christmas Cards made by the students of Mt Cook and Silverstream Schools, the Pack Day would not be possible.

“What makes the Pack Day extra special and adds some aroha into every gift we send to service personnel are the Pams food products from soft centre cookies, natural liquorice to peanut butter and a new toothbrush and the Xmas cards from the kids at Mt Cook and Silverstream Schools. We can't thank our sponsors enough for their support for Kiwis away from home, often working in dangerous conditions, so that they know we all care for the sacrifice they are making.”

Chief of Defence Force, Air Marshal Kevin Short says the Forces Gift Parcels Pack Day is a reminder that there are NZDF personnel who cannot be with their whanau, family

and friends at Christmas time because they are deployed overseas protecting New Zealand's interests.

"We know how much it means to our deployed service personnel when they receive a care package from home. The Christmas parcels reassure our personnel that, even though they are far away from New Zealand at what is traditionally a time when they are gathering with their whanau, family and friends, they are not forgotten, and their efforts are appreciated. The parcels also allow our personnel to celebrate Christmas, to a small extent, in a distinctly Kiwi style."

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This Month in History

September

September 1, 1939 - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting [World War II in Europe](#).

September 2, 1930 - French aviators Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte made the first non-stop flight from Europe to the USA.

September 2, 1945 - President [Harry Truman](#) declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal [Japanese surrender](#) to the Allies aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

September 2, 1945 - Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the independence of Vietnam and the establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

September 2, 1962 - Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the [October Missile Crisis](#) after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.

September 3, 1939 - Great Britain and France [declared war](#) on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.

September 7, 1940 - The German Luftwaffe began its [Blitz bombing campaign](#) against London during World War II.

September 7, 1994 - The U.S. Army closed its headquarters in Berlin, ending the American military presence in the once-divided city after nearly half a century.

September 7, 1999 - For the first time since World War II, Germany's parliament, the Bundestag, returned to Berlin, former capital of Imperial Germany as well as Hitler's Reich. The Bundestag held its first session in the fully restored Reichstag building, attended by parliamentarians from around the world. The session also marked the 50th anniversary of the Bundestag's first post-war session, held in Bonn, the former capital of West Germany.

September 8, 1941 - The German Army began its blockade of Leningrad, lasting until January 1944, resulting in the deaths of almost one million Russian civilians.

September 10, 1919 - Following the defeat of Germany in World War I, the victorious Allies signed the Treaty of Saint-Germain ceding parts of pre-war German-Austria to Italy and Czechoslovakia. Austria was also forbidden to unite with Germany.

September 10, 1943 - Hitler's troops occupied Rome and took over the protection of Vatican City.

September 12, 1943 - Former Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini was rescued by German paratroopers on orders from Adolf Hitler. Mussolini was being held prisoner by Italian authorities following the collapse of his Fascist regime.

September 14, 1930 - The Nazi Party became the second largest party in Germany following a stunning election triumph by Adolf Hitler.

September 15, 1916 - Tanks were first used in combat, during the Allied offensive at the Battle of the Somme, in World War I.

September 15, 1935 - Nazis enacted the Nuremberg Laws depriving German Jews of their rights of citizenship.

September 15, 1940 - The height of the Battle of Britain occurred as massive German air raids took place against London, Southampton, Bristol, Cardiff, Liverpool and Manchester. The British claimed 185 German planes were shot down.

September 15, 1944 - The first entry of American troops into Hitler's Germany occurred as elements of the U.S. 7th and 5th Corps reached the southwestern frontier of Germany.

September 17, 1939 - Soviet Russians invaded Eastern Poland, meeting little resistance and taking over 200,000 Poles prisoner. This was done in accordance with the Nazi-Soviet Pact in which the Nazis and Soviets had predetermined how they would divide up Poland.

September 26, 1918 - The last major battle of World War I, the Battle of the Argonne, began as a combined force of French and Americans attacked the Germans along a 40-mile front.

September 29-30, 1941 - Nazis killed 33,771 Jews during the Babi Yar massacre near Kiev.

September 30, 1938 - British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned to England declaring there would be "peace in our time," after signing the Munich Pact with Adolf Hitler. The Pact ceded the Czechoslovakian Sudetenland to the Nazis. Chamberlain claimed the agreement meant peace, however, Hitler seized all of Czechoslovakia in March of 1939.

September 30, 1949 - The Berlin Airlift concluded after 277,264 flights carrying over 2 million tons of supplies to the people of West Berlin, who were blockaded by the Soviets.

September 30, 1966 - Nazi war criminals Albert Speer and Baldur von Schirach were released from Spandau prison after serving 20 years. The prison, originally built for 600 inmates, was left with only one prisoner, former Deputy Führer Rudolf Hess.

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