

# E NEWS

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*INCORPORATING THE MARINE LOGISTICS PERSONNEL BRANCH*

## WRITER'S DINNER IN THE MIDDLE EAST

With the Middle Eastern sun setting and the nights getting cooler in early November, it was a perfect opportunity to muster all of the deployed Ex Writers and ML-Ps together for an informal al fresco dinner at Al Minhad Air Base (AMAB). It was also an opportunity to farewell some of their own who were about to return to Australia.

WO Jeannie Roberts was able to contact 10 members who were either working at AMAB or passing through and with the help of LEUT Jamie Parker (ex LSWTR), was able to organise the get together. LEUT Parker also did a sterling job in setting up a special table on the veranda of the all ranks mess. With other military onlookers surprised to see the normally bland tables set with tablecloths, near beers (non alcoholic beer), soft drinks, chubba chubs as well as the Writer history printed on appropriate placemats, the mood was set for the odd story from the old and bold.



The esprit de corps was holding firm with the younger members who relayed their stories about their current deployment and how different Army do business.

### **AMAB Ex Writers and ML-Ps at the Dinner:**

AMAB Writer's Dinner CMDR Mick Slattery, LS Kristy Shakespeare, LS Gen Richardson, LEUT Jamie Parker, AB Gemma Stratton, WO Jeannie Roberts, Mr James McLachlan.

LS Lynzey Lake, LS Amanda Appleton & WO Jeannie Roberts



Three of the attendees were about to return to Australia the next day and were farewelled by the ones left behind to continue to work. LS Kristy Shakespeare was returning home after over 6 months working in the contract management area of AMAB. LS Gen Richardson arrived with Kristy and was returning home after her time working at the RANLO Bahrain Clerk. AB Katrina Honeysett from HMAS MELBOURNE was also returning home from her time onboard.

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Some of the S/E Qld lads got together for one or two convivial at the Grand Central Hotel, Brisbane, on Thursday 12/12. They would like to wish all other past and present Scribes a Merry Christmas and a safe festive - Ray Hamilton



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**Subj: change of paint colour for ran surface fleet**

1. Today I announced a change to the grey paint colour of navy's Surface fleet to meet modern war fighting and regional environmental conditions.
2. The RAN has traditionally used a quote 'storm grey' unquote colour Based upon a northern hemisphere light grey which was developed to Deter detection under overcast skies. With predominantly sunlit conditions faced in Australian waters and improvements in paint Technologies, I have decided to change the colour scheme of the RAN Surface fleet.
3. The revised scheme and new paint technologies have been reviewed Through extensive consultation with DSTO maritime group. The new Scheme will be a regionally compatible quote 'haze grey' unquote colour while utilising new technologies in polysiloxane paints with near infrared reflecting pigments (nirr).
4. Research has shown that polysiloxane paints provide improved Durability and fire resistance over older polyurethane systems. The Use of nirr in the haze grey formulation reduces external shipboard Temperatures by up to 20 degrees Celsius compared to the traditional Storm grey colour. This contributes to a commensurate decreased demand on shipboard environmental systems as well as a reduced Infrared signature for the ship, which is desirable in a combat Environment.
5. The scheme will be implemented by a phased introduction through scheduled maintenance and will yield operational improvements as well as reduce costs and improve technical performance.

**Lest We Forget**



Ex Scribe Lindsay Klem passed away 31st October 2013 at Townsville ate the age of 65 years.



Grace Thelma McDonald OAM, ASM passed away 17 December 2013

## **Martin Grogan**



On November 25th 2013 Martin Grogan celebrated 50th years in the Royal Australian Navy. Marty says 'and they said I wouldn't last!'

Family folk lore has it that I was mucking around so much in Recruit School that the OIC wrote to my Mum saying that unless I lifted my game, they were going to discharge me.

Allegedly (according to my ex Stoker Brother Brendan) Mum wrote straight back and pointed out that possession was 9/10ths of the law and she didn't want me back home.

I have recently been granted an age extension to serve until 70 years of age. I think I am the first.

## **Looking for Allan Jorgensen**

Ex PTI Ray Briggs would like to make contact with ex Chief PTI Allan Jorgenson. Last known whereabouts either Yamba or Iluka NSW. Previously at Wagga Wagga.

If anyone can assist, I can be contacted on 07 55753340, or [ground@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ground@bigpond.net.au)



**INITIAL ML-P  
SESSION 013** - PO Ellis,  
SMN Elizabeth Nguyen, AB  
Christine Stone, SMN  
Kathy Kiryakos, AB Helen  
Deane, CPO Lansdell.

Inside the classroom -  
with OIC Supply  
School CMDR  
Rebecca Levitt.



Below President Lewis Horsfield  
presenting the Student of Merit of  
the Class the trophy - Helen Deane.



## WA Pictures - HMAS STIRLING

Frank Carville was fortunate, to be able to attend to programme of a promotion and presentation of some service medals to other scribes in conjunction with our Writers presentation.



**Frank Carville presents LS James (Jimmy) Carter** with the Association Clock from the Writers Association.



Below: **Frank Carville with Scribes from HMAS Stirling and HMAS Warramunga after presentations: l-r CPO Courtenay Brockman, AB Christine Merrilees, LS James Carter, AB Tim Hoben and LS Dean Pedroli**

Right : **CPO Brockman and PO Tanya Lee assist with LS Dean Pedroli's promotion**

