



“The maintenance of the maritime well-being of the nation”

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NAVAL HISTORY

As we look back over the years the history books reveal the following naval events that have transpired during the month of July.

JULY 1925

Ninety one years ago under the command of Admiral R.E. Coontz USN, a fleet of 56 ships arrived in Australia. As the US fleet neared Australia's East Coast they split into two groups, with the main group of 44 ships proceeding directly to Melbourne and the remaining 12 ships sailing to Sydney.

This event was commemorated in the year 2000, as the 75th anniversary of the event, and celebrated at a luncheon-reception which was hosted by the NLA Vic. Division for the Senior Officers of USS John Paul Jones, when the Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer visited Melbourne 16 years ago.

JULY 1911

On July 10th 1911 King George V gave his approval for the Naval Forces of Australia to use Royal Prefix, thus the Commonwealth Naval Forces became the Royal Australian Navy.

JULY 1942

On the 1st July 1942, a number of allied prisoners of war, including RANR Coastwatcher's, lost their lives when the Japanese Transport Vessel "Montevideo Maru" transporting the P.O.W.'s to Japan was torpedoed and sunk by the American Submarine USS Sturgeon off the Coast of Luzon in the Philippines.

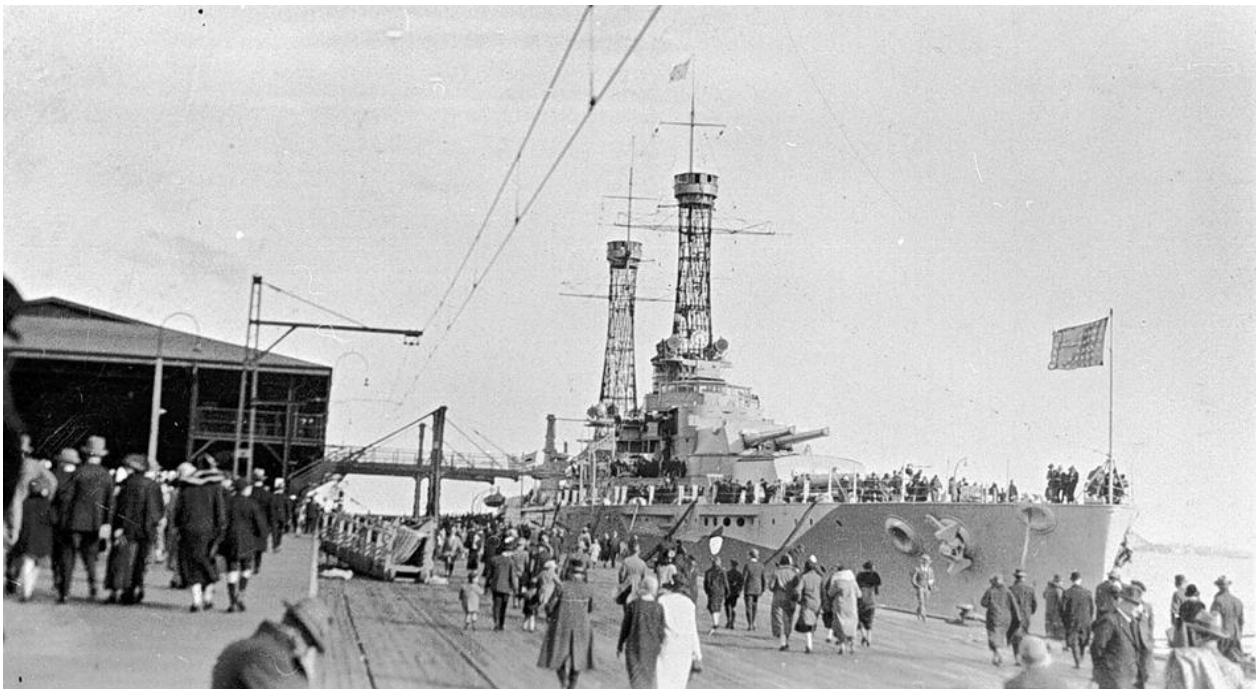
JULY 1943

During World War 2 on the 10th July 1943, the allies landed in Sicily. This operation was codenamed Op "Husky". The following RAN Bathurst Class Minesweeper-Corvettes participated in this operation:-

HMA Ships Cairns, Cessnock, Gawler, Geraldton, Ipswich, Lismore, Maryborough and Wollongong.



WWI 100 YEARS AGO, HMAS PIONEER OFF EAST AFRICA 1916 JULY 1916



**CROWDS WAITING TO BOARD THE USS NEVADA AT STATION PIER DURING A VISIT TO MELBOURNE BY THE AMERICAN FLEET.
44 SHIPS SAILED DIRECTLY TO MELBOURNE. THE 12 REMAINING SHIPS
SAILED TO SYDNEY.**



VICTORIA-TASMANIA DIVISION

Tasmania Established 1900, Victoria October 1915

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JUNE 30TH 2016

Please forward annual payment of **\$35.00** to Hon. Secretary R Gill by 30th June and that will assist our Honorary Officers responsible for the administration.

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Please ensure reference name is included.

We hope you are enjoying Navy League's quarterly journal "The Navy".

We hold occasional Welcome Luncheons for visiting ships and special events

depending on ship arrivals so please let our Secretary Ray know if you are

Interested in being notified of these events and we will update our records.

To contact Secretary phone 9884 6237 or email...raydotgill@optusnet.com.au

If you/or a friend would like to attend events or need advice.

Yours Aye!

CMDR *John M Wilkins* OAM RFD*

Hon Treasurer – Events Co-Ordinator

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AS IT WAS IN JULY 2006

Once again we invite you to join us as we take a look at more recent naval history at items that involved or caught the eye of Navy League over the years on our “Keep Watch” brief. This time we go back 10 years as we browse through our records and reports to July 2006, we note that it was around this time we reported on the following:-

1. Mexican Navy visited Melbourne.
2. Dutch replica paid a visit.
3. Nuship PERTH handed over to RAN.

MEXICAN NAVY VISITS MELBOURNE

The Mexican Navy sail training ship ARM CUAUHEMOC BE01 paid a visit to Melbourne arriving on 27th June 2006.

The 1800Tonne Barque is part way through a circumnavigation of the world training cruise, having left her home port of Acapulco Mexico 1st December 2005.

During the ships stay in Melbourne, The Navy League of Australia's Victoria Division executives and members participated in tours of the Barque plus on board functions.

The NLA Vic Division also took the opportunity of hosting an official reception for the ships Captain and Senior Officers at Melbourne's Naval & Military Club. During the reception which included luncheon, a mounted collection of historic naval buttons was presented to the visitors and naval plaques were exchanged.

Special guest of honour at the reception was the Mexican Ambassador to Australia H.E. the Hon. Martha Ortiz De Rosas, accompanied by her husband Jorge Carvajal.

Some of the main statistics and main characteristics of ARM CUAHEMOC are listed in the following.

- Ship built in Bilbao Spain
- Commissioning date 29th July 1983
- Maximum length 90.5 metres
- Beam 12.0 metres
- Draft 5.4 metres
- Auxiliary engine 1x1125 HP
- Speed at sail 17 knots
- Speed at engine 9 knots

CUAUHEMOC has a Barque rig of 3 masts and 23 sails, of which 10 are square sails on the main and foremast and 13 are staysails. Total sail area is 2368 square metres

ARM CUAUHEMOC is currently under the command of Comandante Captain Roberto Gonzales Lopez, with Executive Officer Captain Mario Carbajal Ramirez. The Chief Engineering Officer is LCDR Ruben Sergio Nunez Fuentes and the Supply Officer is LCDR Pedro Martin Gracida Chavez.

The ship has the capacity for a total of 186 officers and sailors plus 90 midshipmen cadets.

ARM CUAUHEMOC sailed from Melbourne's Station Pier at 12:00 noon on Sunday 2nd July 2006 on the next leg of her around the world journey bound for Sydney.

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DUTCH REPLICA PAYS A VISIT

The Dutch replica sailing ship DUYFKEN (Little Dove) visited Melbourne recently arriving in Victorian waters during mid-June 2006.

The 16th Century replica was in Melbourne as part of her around Australia voyage to celebrate and commemorate the 400th anniversary of European contact in Australia.

The original DUYFKEN was built in the Netherlands in 1595 and owned by the Dutch east India Company. She was captained by Williem Janszoon.

A spice ship, she sailed from Indonesia in search of gold and trade sighting the northern tip of Australia in 1606.

The DUYFKEN'S landing at Cape York is Australia's first known contact with Europe.

Captain Janszoon mapped 350km of the Cape York Coast.

The replica DUYFKEN was built at Fremantle in 1999 and is under the command of the Master, Captain Gary Wilson with First Mate Mike Dallen as Second in Charge.

During the ship's stay in Melbourne, the NLA Vic Division, arranged a reception at the Naval & Military Club Melbourne for the Master and Mate of DUYFKEN which coincided with the Leagues plans to host our Mexican guests from the CUAUHTEMOC and Mexican Embassy thus resulting in a two ship reception.

As was the case with our Mexican guests Naval Memorabilia was presented and received to mark the occasion.

The main characteristics of the original DUYFKEN are as follows:-

- Displacement Approx. 110 tonnes
- Length 60 Feet
- Beam 20 Feet
- Draft fully laden 2.4 Metres
- Sail area 290 Square Feet
- Cargo Capacity Approx. 60 Tonnes
- Ships Company 20

Three masted ship, square rigged fore and mainmasts with lateen rig on mizzen mast.

The replica DUYFKEN sailed from Melbourne on 6th July 2006.

LAST ANZAC HANDED OVER TO RAN

Tenix's Williamstown shipyard recently handed over to the RAN the last Anzac Class Frigate of their 10 ship building project.

The ship is expected to leave the Tenix dock on August 8th 2006 to be commissioned August 26th 2006 in Western Australia as HMAS PERTH FFH157.

Eight ships of the Anzac Class were built by Tenix for the RAN and two for the RNZN.

Nuship PERTH is under the command of Commander Simon Gregg.

The Following 4 images depict:-

1. The Dutch replica sailing ship DUYFKEN
2. The 2006 arrival at Station Pier Port Melbourne of the Mexican Navy Sail Training Ship ARM CUAUHTEMOC.
3. The Leagues 2006 Victorian Division President CMDR John Wilkins welcomes the CUAUHTEMOC Senior Officers at The Navy League presentation.
4. Navy League Victoria Division Vice President Frank McCarthy at the 2006 CUAUHTEMOC welcome luncheon presentation, with Mexico's Ambassador H.E. the Hon. Martha Ortiz De Rosas and Captain Roberto Gonzalez Lopez.





Membership

Any person with an interest in maritime affairs, or who wishes to acquire an interest in, or knowledge of, maritime affairs and who wishes to support the objectives of the League, is invited to join.

OBJECTIVES

The principal objective of the Navy League of Australia is "The maintenance of the maritime well-being of the Nation" by:

- Keeping before the Australian people the fact that we are a maritime nation and that a strong Navy supported by maritime elements of the Air Force and Army and other Government Maritime agencies are indispensable elements of our national well-being and vital to the freedom of Australia.
- Promoting defence self-reliance by supporting maritime research, defence industry, Australian shipping, ship-building, port and transport infrastructure and off shore resource exploration and development.
- Promoting and encouraging the interest and training of youth in the sea.

ACTIVITIES

The Navy League of Australia works towards its objectives in a number of ways:

- By including in its membership leading representatives of the many elements which form the maritime community.
- Through soundly-based contributions by members to journals and newspapers, and other media comment.
- By publishing *The Navy*, a quarterly journal reporting on local and overseas maritime happenings, past, present, and projected.
- By organizing symposia, ship visits and various other functions of maritime interests throughout the years.
- By supporting Australian Navy Cadets, and assisting in the provision of training facilities.

Member participation is encouraged in all these activities.

POLICY

The policy of the League can be found at the back of *The Navy*.

Joining the League

To become a Member of The League, you do not need to have had any previous maritime experience. You merely need an interest in maritime affairs. Simply complete the Application Form below, and post it, together with your first annual subscription of \$35.00 (which includes the four quarterly editions of The Navy), to the Hon Secretary of the Division of the Navy League in the State in which you reside, the address of which are as follows:

New South Wales Division: GPO Box 1719, Sydney, NSW 2001.
Victoria Division: PO Box 2340, Mt Waverley, Vic 3149.
Queensland Division: PO Box 2495, Chermside Centre, QLD 4032.
South Australia Division: PO Box 3008, Unley, SA 5061.
Western Australia Division: 3 Prosser Way, Myaree, WA 6154.

*If you live in Tasmania, please post the form to the Hon Secretary of the Victoria Division.
If you live in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory, please post the form to the Hon Secretary of the New South Wales or South Australia Division respectively.*

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THE NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



To: The Hon. Secretary
The Navy League of Australia

Division _____

I wish to join the Navy League of Australia, the objectives of which I support, and I enclose a remittance for \$35.00 (including \$3.18 GST) being my first annual subscription to 30 June next.

Name: [Mr] [Mrs] [Ms] [Rank] _____

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