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Bravo Zulu: Honours and Awards to Australian Naval People: Volume 1, 1900-1974

Between 1900 and 2014 over 4,000 Australian naval people received honours and awards for their efforts, courage, sacrifice and service to the nation. Whether a George Cross for defusing mines during the World War II UK 'Blitz', an American Silver Star for flying helicopters into intense enemy fire in Vietnam, a Distinguished Service Medal for the Iraq War or a Conspicuous Service Medal for quietly 'just getting the job done', *Bravo Zulu* recounts the stories of the men and women recognised for their Royal Australian Navy service. Some give insights into running of our Navy; others recall inspiring feats of courage under fire or bravery in risking their lives in saving others, on and off duty.

BRAVO ZULU

Honours and Awards
to Australian Naval People

Volume 1
1900-1974

Ian
Pfennigwerth



For the past seven years Ian Pfennigwerth and a team of dedicated volunteer researchers have explored the background of these honours and awards – Imperial, Australian, and foreign. The book is written so that no knowledge of things naval is necessary to appreciate the significance of each award while becoming

acquainted with the history of Australia's naval forces – and enjoying a good read. Volume 1, covering the period 1900 to

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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11 Nov – Remembrance Day

19 Nov – Anniversary of sinking of HMAS Sydney II, wreath laying in the Sanctuary

20 Nov – HMAS Goorangai service at Queenscliff – [download details](#)

25 Nov – Re-dedication of the HMAS Sydney Room by Governor General at HMAS Cerberus.

28 Nov – NHS end of year function

01 Dec – Anniversary of sinking of HMAS Armidale, wreath laying in Sanctuary

Latest News Headlines

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NOTE: The full articles of the news items listed below can be found on our website:

<http://navyvic.net/news/news.html>

Videos to view on the 'News' page:

- * Young Endeavour voyage to North West Australia
- * Operation RENDER SAFE 2016 wraps up
- * Clearance divers haul in 3.5 tonnes of WWII munitions
- * Let's Talk
- * Operation Render Safe - HMAS Diamantina destroys munitions

1974 has now been released and it will be officially launched by the Chief of Navy.

With almost 800 pages, 24 maps and 250 illustrations, through the recipients' stories the book traces the formation and development of the RAN, its fortunes during World War I, its resurrection from the depths of the Depression, and its fine fighting record during World War II. Post-war the stories tell of our Navy's growth toward independence, the exploits of its men in Korea, Malaysia, Indonesian Confrontation and Vietnam, and its development of ships and weapons system like the famous Ikara anti-submarine missile. There are also stories about the loss of *Voyager* and of spectacular feats in naval flying and diving. The 74-page Index of recipients of honours and awards links each award to the text.

Reader comments have been extremely positive:

'Congratulations on an outstanding piece of research. I enjoy very much going through the volume. The Naval family is in your debt'.

'Superlatives do not do justice to Volume 1: I am more than impressed'.

I'm utterly overwhelmed by "Bravo Zulu" - grand in concept and splendid in execution. Heartiest congratulations'.

Bravo Zulu Volume 1 comes in two editions; the hardcover retails for \$75 and the paperback sells for \$65. Postage is \$13.00 for domestic purchasers. Overseas postage rates depend on the purchaser's delivery address. The book is available through the author's website at www.nautilushistory.com.au or Echo Books at www.echobooks.com.au

Volume 2, covering honours and awards to December 2014, is expected to be released in mid-2017.

Review by Tom Frame

Director

Australian Centre for the Study of Armed Conflict and Society
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Some retired officers invite visitors to take a book from their libraries as a memento and to reduce the estate their family will need to disperse. But if I embrace this custom, Ian Pfennigwerth's magisterial *Bravo Zulu: Honours and Awards to Australian Naval People, Volume 1: 1900-1974* will be hidden from

Australian Navy's new replenishment ships to feature Saab's combat systems

Spanish shipbuilder Navantia has contracted Swedish defense contractor Saab to deliver an integrated combat system for the two new Royal Australian Navy replenishment ships.

Australian minehunter finds US fighter jet 44 meters below surface

The crew of the Australian minehunter HMAS Huon has found a missing American World War II plane during a mine clearance operation in the Solomon Islands. At the request of the United States Department of Defense, Huon began the search for the Grumman F4F Wildcat downed in the waters off the islands.

Minister announces Anzac Day Schools' Awards winners

A Primary School from the ACT and two High Schools from Victoria are the national winners of this year's Anzac Day Schools' Awards.

Capability on Show at HMAS Cerberus

HMAS Cerberus opened the gates at on 23 October for their biennial open day, offering visitors an insight into initial training, naval tradition, new capabilities and life in the 'blue suit'.

Droning on about innovation

The launch of drones from the air and from the sea heralded the start of an innovative series of demonstrations at Fleet Base East in Sydney. The lunchtime displays are the brainchild of the naval engineering community.

UK's first Successor submarine to be named HMS Dreadnought

Her Majesty The Queen has given her consent for the first of the next-generation nuclear-missile-armed submarines to carry the name *Dreadnought*. One of the most

view. I intend to keep this volume because it will frequently come in handy and is a delight to read. The two letters in the title - Bravo and Zulu - mean 'Well Done' in naval parlance, and Volume 1 is quite literally a brick of a book as will be the second volume (1975-2014). With illustrations maps, tables, reference notes and an index, it runs to 775 pages.

This is not a traditional reference book with names and citations reproduced alongside a commentary on the origins and criteria of an award. It tells the story of the Colonial Naval Forces, the Commonwealth Naval Forces and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and weaves the honours and awards received by Australian naval personnel from Australian and Allied governments into a fast flowing narrative. It's inclusion of honours and awards received in peacetime and civilian bravery awards is most welcome. A good deal of the RAN's success in combat operations resulted from energetic and enlightened peacetime service among unheralded officers and sailors.

When the research for this volume commenced in 2009, Ian Pfennigwerth and his research partner David Ruffin did not imagine the task would be so difficult or demanding. But, as Ian explains, he relied on hundreds of people to open doors and archives, to provide introductions and insights, and to make connections between places, people and events that defied quick and easy explanation.

In the first chapter the Imperial (British) honours and awards systems, the significance of certain orders and particular decorations, how an individual was recommended and the process by which they eventually received it are explained. I learned a great deal from this chapter including the lament that Australian personnel received fewer honours and awards than their Royal Navy counterparts, a fact that was 'the subject of much adverse comment' in the 1930s.

Subsequent chapters are arranged chronologically, the second covering the period to 1939, which was marked by upheaval and uncertainty. Transitioning from a tired colonial flotilla to a battle-ready fleet, Australian naval personnel distinguished themselves in ways that I had not previously known. Their creativity in developing new tactics and their courage in imperilling their own lives to save others in need are simply inspiring. Chapter Three details the honours and awards system operating between

symbolic names in Royal Navy history is thereby being resurrected after more than 35 years.

Unmanned Warrior 2016 concludes

The Royal Navy-hosted review of unmanned technologies which took place on the West Coast of Scotland concluded on October 20.

OSI to deliver integrated bridge systems for new Australian replenishment oilers

Spanish shipbuilder Navantia has contracted Canadian OSI Maritime Systems to supply two integrated bridge systems (IBS) to the Royal Australian Navy for the AOR (auxiliary oiler replenishment) program.

Bradley's Head holds historical highlights

Many officers and sailors from navies all over the world have come to attention as their ships sailed past Bradley's Head on Sydney Harbour, but how many of them knew of the significance of the headland?

German WWI 'mystery' submarine found off Scotland

A WW1 naval mystery might be finally solved after a German U-boat was found off the coast of Wigtownshire, Scotland by engineers who are working on a subsea power cable laying project.

Russian aircraft carrier escorted off Norway en route to Syrian coast

Russian cruiser-carrier Admiral Kuznetsov and other ships from its strike group were escorted off the Norwegian coast as they were sailing towards the Mediterranean.

New Zealand Navy hosts International Naval Review

The Royal New Zealand Navy is hosting a 15-nation International Naval Review to mark the 75th anniversary of its existence

1939 and 1974, when Australian honours replaced Imperial awards.

The next four chapters cover the Second World War. Given the duration of the conflict and the number of personnel in naval uniform (nearly 40,000), these represent the bulk of the narrative, sensibly told by theatre. This arrangement provides coherence for the operations of individual RAN, often lost when they are tracked and assessed separately. I was struck by the inconsistencies in recognising wartime service, with some service in some ships in some situations more likely to be recommended. Approving authorities could not be objective when relying on written accounts rather than eye-witness testimonies, but many deserving acts went either unnoticed or were inadequately recognised. Recipients were usually surprised and always delighted with their honour or award while the empty-handed simply went on with their duties.

Chapter Nine – ‘Testing Times, 1946 to 1965’ – coincides with my area of personal and professional interest. The serious decline of the RAN in the late 1950s, and a series of accidents climaxing with the 1964 *Melbourne-Voyager* collision, suggested to the parliament and the press that the Navy’s professional standards were deteriorating. This was countered by the RAN’s highly effective performance in complex naval operations in Vietnamese waters and the Mekong Delta, in the air and along the Vietnamese coast. While very ably depicting the RAN’s involvement in the Indonesian ‘Confrontation’, *Bravo Zulu* also describes vital pioneering work in signals technology, weapons engineering, personnel management and command organisation. The Navy struggled with obsolete equipment and acquiring modern replacements, but its people used ingenuity and their refusal to concede defeat to nurse the RAN through what Ian Pfennigwerth rightly calls ‘testing times’. The final three chapters cover the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict and the ‘End of Forward Defence 1966-74’.

I decided to avoid naming any individual recipient in *Bravo Zulu*’s 2075 individual stories but, I want to mention seven-year-old Jennifer Purtell, presented with her father’s Distinguished Service Medal in 1943 after he had died in action in HMAS *Parramatta*. The picture of the presentation is incredibly moving. She could not have understood why the war was necessary or why her father had been taken from her, but I hope the medal

Euronaval 2016: DCNS presents new SMX®3.0 submarine concept

French shipbuilder DCNS has unveiled its new submarine concept ship SMX®3.0 at Euronaval which is being held in Paris, France. Available from 2025, the submarine will feature on board 3.0 technologies, better power management and improved data systems, DCNS said.

China to export eight submarines to Pakistan

China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation, one of two biggest shipbuilding conglomerates in China, confirmed that a project to export eight attack submarines to Pakistan has been initiated.

Minister launches veterans’ training program

The Minister for Veterans’ Affairs and Defence Personnel, Dan Tehan, has called on the private sector to explore new pathways to provide veterans with employment opportunities.

Russia fires ballistic missiles from three platforms in one day

Two Russian Navy submarines and one launch pad at the Plesetsk Cosmodrome fired ballistic missiles from different positions within a single day on October 12, the Russian Ministry of Defense has informed.

Australian Navy patrol boats undergo mid-life refit

Australian shipbuilder Austal has announced that it was contracted to deliver a mid-life remediation program to the Royal Australian Navy’s Armidale Class patrol boat (ACPB) fleet.

Front-line women to room with Marines to ‘boost team spirit’

Women fighters will share rooms with male Royal Marines commandos for the first time under controversial plans put forward by the head of the

and what it signified brought her some comfort and consolation.

Bravo Zulu is a terrific book that every library in Australia should acquire as a reference text. It is a personalised history of the RAN and an invaluable compendium for students and scholars chasing an elusive fact or form of words to detail an action or to describe a person. Echo Books is to be warmly commended on a first-class, handsome volume. In sum, the naval historical community owes a great debt of thanks to Ian Pfennigwerth and his team, a debt that will be enlarged as we eagerly await the appearance of Volume 2.

Tom Frame

Yours Aye!

NVN Team

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- † LEMWR L. Lever, 25 October 2016. Aged 68.
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- † CPORSSM C.R. Ware, R93154, 18 October 2016. Aged 72.
- † CPORS R.J. Baker, R58946, 17 October 2016.
- † TEL D.C. Wheeler, 16 October 2016. Aged 99.
- † CMT3* R. Johnson, R55632, 06 October 2016. Aged 74.
- † CPOETW L.J. Ward, R43628, 03 October 2016. Aged 64.
- † POWM H.N.F. Tallack, R53457, 30 September 2016.
- † LSA D.M. Cockburn OAM, PM6484, 26 September 2016. Aged 91.
- † RO(S) M. Darby, R62069, 19 September 2016. Aged 74.

Lest We Forget

To all who read this: If you hear of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know (webmaster@navyvic.net). We would like to list their names in perpetuity on our special 'Vale' wall on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

HMAS Goorangai march and service –

Sunday 20th November 2016

The story of HMAS Goorangai and its significant place in our naval history can be found on our website navyvic.net
[download full details and booking form for luncheon.....](#)

Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria's newsletter, "Rogues' Yarn" is attached below



navy. The First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Philip Jones, said that allowing women to sleep alongside their male counterparts would boost 'team cohesion' and 'equality'.

Release of the IGADF report into complaints about the conduct of anti-malarial drug trials

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne and Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Dan Tehan today announced the release of the report from the independent inquiry into the conduct of anti-malarial drug trials in the ADF.

ScanEagle soars in Christmas Island trials

A team from the Navy Unmanned Aircraft Systems Unit have deployed to Christmas Island to test their ability to conduct long term Unmanned Aircraft System operations without support.

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V360 Australia Ltd. are proud to announce the first NATIONAL FREE CALL number for veterans, their families and friends to contact our Outreach Team and seek information or assistance for any ex-service personnel who are vulnerable, at risk or experiencing homelessness.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Victorian Chapter) President's October Musings are now available to [download.....](#)

Navy League of Australia (Vic & Tas) October newsletter – [download.....](#)

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Don't forget to visit the [website](#) as there are many more news articles that may be of interest to you but are not included in this newsletter.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

ROGUES' YARN



A Mariners Lot

HMAS Assault, Kanimbla, Manoora & Westralia Wreath Laying Ceremony, Shrine of Remembrance at 1100 on 10DEC16, this will be followed by a Christmas Reunion at the Bentleigh RSL, commencing at 1230. The AMC/LSI extend an open invitation to all current and ex-serving members, their families and friends to attend our service and the reunion lunch to honour and remember those who served in wartime and in peace-keeping aboard these ships, past and present. For more information, contact: Chris at 0412 390 686 or amclisvic@gmail.com www.amclis.navyvic.net



-LtoR Mrs Pamela Makings, Mrs Jenny Barrett, VADM Tim Barrett, Chief of Navy with MR Colin Brooks MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Victoria Premier after the Seafarers Service at St Paul's on Sunday 16OCT16. The large number of parishers witnessed a significant service in memory of all Mariners, past and present. ↓ HMAS

the battle of the Atlantic, this involved Mariners of all allied Navies during WWII. With over a million Mariners at sea across the world on any given day, there continue to be losses at sea. The annual Navy Week wreath laying service held at the Shrine of Remembrance was foregone this year, the purpose being to commemorate the loss of our Mariners by way of a tribute during the Seafarers Service. ↓ CN



(Guest of Honour) placed a wreath next to the altar, a tribute to Mariners lost at sea. Also participating in the service were over forty Australian Navy Cadets. Cadets carried shipping company House Flags and National Flags of Allied Navies. AWE Bearer, ↓PO Kenneth Bateson marching out

the Colours at the end of the service. RAN Band quintet, led by LS Malcolm Stuart, provided music and the bugle calls during the service. Seafarers continues to be the most significant opportunity for all Mariners to gather and reflect on the sacrifice made by Mariners.



Cerberus Colour Party presenting the AWE to the Dean at commencement of the service. This service has been held since 1907 and provides an opportunity of all mariners to come together and reflect on support provided by Mariners to Australia's wellbeing on a daily basis. It reminds us of the dangerous circumstances many Mariners find themselves involved in during their normal work. There have been significant losses experienced at sea, particularly through war like situations, such as WWI and WWII. For instance, over 30,000 mariners lost their lives during



You should attend:

HMAS Goorangai
Service on Sunday
20OCT16, 1115 from
RSL, then 1130 at
Ocean View Reserve
Queenscliff

HMAS SYDNEY
Wreath Laying Service
Saturday 19NOV16
1200 in the Sanctuary
Shrine of Remembrance

HMAS ARMIDALE
Wreath laying
Thursday 1DEC16
1000 in the Sanctuary
Shrine of Remembrance



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Articles contributed are the Authors thoughts only. An article may be edited to meet the space available. Political articles will not purposely appear in R's Yarn.

Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for anyone with an interest in Navy. Also, if you are involved in arranging a Navy specific function why not provide information on the activity to the wider Navy Victoria Community. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

President's Report

Thank you to all those who participated in Navy Week Victoria activities during October. Whilst the number of activities was small, the enthusiasm of those involved remains as strong as ever. Experience tells us that serious consideration is required by our different Associations if we are to ensure the legacy of Navy is sustained. Frankly it is not good enough for those in responsible roles to read about an event and then forget about it. If nothing else is to happen, if you have access to a wider audience, your members no matter how small should be given the opportunity to think if something is worthwhile attending or not. We are not sharing information sufficiently well enough to conjure up even the slightest interest from the vast majority of the ex-Navy community in Victoria, those who don't get involved can hardly be maligned for any lack of interest. There might be a case to answer by saying we have too many events, hardly likely, but possible. If my sentiment is out of order, I would be very pleased to hear from you or anyone remotely involved in your group to see what we might do to change our likely fortunes - or lack of any future success that is. It seems to me that there might be one hundred individuals

that go along to all of the activities throughout the year. That is, these individuals don't go to everything, but they keep each of the many events afloat by going along to some. Then there is that faithful handful that do go to virtually every thing. Thank goodness for them, the champions of the ex-Navy family. They are doing a sterling job, but for how long is the question. Who will replace them as they close the door behind them so they can just enjoy their participation gracefully. We need to give some serious thought to how to bring others into the fold, not a scary proposition although we seem to have done enough to scare them off. It is time we sought to determine our relevance, what is it we bring to the table that might be of some interest to those outside the tent. We have organized workshops in the past to see how best to tackle this problem, but we have not managed to reap any benefit thus far. What are your ideas, how do we carefully and thoughtfully encourage our successors into the fold, albeit gently and caringly. I look forward to everyone, or maybe someone, providing a comment.

Yours aye, Terry Makings

Navy Week Victoria - Seminar

The Navy Week Victoria Seminar went off without a hitch, RADM John Lord AM RAN opened the gathering where he referred to the need for Australia to look at nuclear power for future requirements and the desire to encourage the involvement of younger ex-Service men and women in activities that support Australia's Defence Force. CAPT Mike McArthur RAN, Director Sea Power Centre delivered the key note presentation. He described the breadth of the Defence White Paper as it effects Navy and benefit to Australia well into the future. Understanding the Defence White Paper is crucial if the ex-Service community is to actively engage in a conversation about the capability of today's Defence Force. Mr Peter Croser, Director General Specialist Ship Acquisitions then presented on achieving the outcome described in the Defence White Paper. Peter demonstrated a comprehension of the transition from Defence White Paper to practical ship building limited to very few in the public service. Peter, who

served as a Marine Engineer Officer in the Navy described his practical engineering capability by way of refurbishment of a spitfire aeroplane. Peter's knowledge of ship building is unsurpassed and with the vast shipbuilding program ahead his talents will be critical in achieving the appropriate outcome. Mr Mark Duckworth, Chief Resilient Officer in the Victoria State Government then described the influence of counter-terrorism measures within the community. Mark's presentation was adjunct to the future of Australia's external focus on Defence and helped shape an understanding of defence at home & abroad. Each presentation was very interesting and enjoyed by all in attendance, with plenty of questions from the floor. These presentations were followed by senior representatives from RUSI, NCCV/MNC, NAA and NL. Each spoke of the objectives of their own organisation touching on the importance of collaboration and declining membership. A common theme was the need for a concerted effort to remain viable.

Melbourne Port

The Victorian Government announced on 19SEP16 the 'Lonsdale' Consortium as the successful bidder for a fifty year lease of the Port of Melbourne. The Consortium comprises the Future Fund, Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC), Global Infrastructure Partners (GIP) and Borealis Infrastructure who we are advised are amongst the largest and most experienced global infrastructure investors with significant expertise in managing large scale infrastructure assets. The Consortium will proactively work to develop the port in a positive commercial manner over the full life of the 50 year lease. They intend to drive the supply chain efficiency and build capacity and to maximise economic, environmental and social performance. Having regard to the port's proud history, the Lonsdale Consortium has elected to retain the existing "Port of Melbourne" operating name and brand, ensuring familiarity and relevance to all stakeholders. Formal commencement of the Port of Melbourne business will take place concurrently with the establishment of Victorian Ports Corporation [Melbourne] (VPCM) which will be the successor entity for certain functions performed by Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC). The core functions of VPCM includes management of shipping in Port Phillip channels, waterside emergency and marine pollution response and management of the premier Station Pier.

Goorangai



The annual HMAS Goorangai Commemoration Service is scheduled for Sunday, 20NOV16, the 76th anniversary of the loss of the ship and its entire crew. A short march will commence at 1115 from the Queenscliff RSL Sub-Branch rooms, King Street. The marchers will arrive at the Ocean View Reserve in time for the service at 1130. This is an important occasion, when Navy, ex-Navy and those interested in the maritime industry that operates at and near Queenscliff seek to reflect on the difficulties experienced at sea, in peace time and during war. Queenscliff, is a busy intersection between the major trades routes of the world and Melbourne.

Cadets

Australian Naval Cadets in Victoria have undergone a restructure and LCDR Jeff Paull RANC is now Flotilla Leader, Victoria. Jeff mentioned that he is waiting approval for the reorganised Flotilla to be renamed *LONSDALE*. This coincides with the *Cerberus* Museum establishing an HMAS *Lonsdale* Room. WO Marty Grogan, Museum Manager has a lot of *Lonsdale* memorabilia, including the Ships Bell, Large oil Painting of CAPT William Lonsdale and a range of crests, along with other objects. Marty is in the process of seeking more artifacts from Spectacle Island, Sydney, such as the Honour Boards and ceremonial life buoy. The primary purpose of setting up a room is to showcase CAPT Lonsdale's original Silver Dinner Service, along with an elaborate candelabra. These objects were presented to CAPT Lonsdale by the Citizens of Melbourne on his return to England in 1860. This silverware was paid for by donations from the Citizens of Melbourne, the consequence of their gratitude and respect for CAPT Lonsdale for this untiring survey work in and around Melbourne.

Open Day



This photograph by LSIS Nina Fogliani at Open Day, HMAS *Cerberus* on Sunday 23OCT highlights the Guard and Band. The day was packed with activities from Band recitals to seeing an old fashion steam traction engine. All activities appropriately show cased the range of skills and professionalism required to operate today's Navy. A welcome to country with dances by indigenous sailors also helped to enlighten the many thousands of visitors.



← CAPT Stephen Bowater OAM RAN, CO HMAS Cerberus in the CBD, Melbourne selling Legacy Badges. You don't often see the Senior Naval Officer Victoria working in direct support of a charity. Here we see a proud member of the Navy taking to heart the

wellbeing of the ex-Navy community in Victoria by supporting Legacy. CAPT Bowater is on the final leg of a three year appointment at Cerberus and we are grateful for his continued support of the ex-Navy community. Together we have endeavoured to keep the legacy of Navy strong and in the public eye. We congratulate CMDR Melanie Verho RAN, Executive Officer HMAS Cerberus for her appointment as the next CO, SIRIUS. This is a great achievement for Melanie and HMAS Cerberus, as Melanie follows CMDR Mike Oborn's path, demonstrating executive roles at Cerberus are the path to success.



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Melbourne Naval Committee. The MNC, originally known as Melbourne Naval Centre, now the *MN Committee* has established a new home at the Mission to Seafarers, cr Siddley and Flinders Street. All Navy type organisations are encouraged to make use of the facilities at the Mission. The aim is to bring all Mariners together so that there will be a permanent place for all of us to meet and greet. Contact details to make appropriate arrangements, email to: operations@missiontoseafarers.com.au

Divisions at HMAS Cerberus. 25NOV should be set aside so you can attend Divisions at HMAS Cerberus, along with the Governor General. Whilst the general public is most welcome to attend, they need the ex-Navy community to support one of the

final official activities of Captain Stephen Bowater, Senior Naval Officer Victoria. Following Divisions, His Excellency will be invited to officially declare the new HMAS Sydney Room open. The import of this occasion will not be lost as it is understood that His Excellency was posted to HMAS *Sydney* III during the Vietnam era.

HMAS Vendetta. *Vendetta* was the only Daring to serve on the gunline at Vietnam. *Vendetta* relieved USS Walke at Da Nang on 20OCT69 as the Naval Gunfire Support Ship for 1 Corps. Her 1st operation was in support of US Marines and Korean troops attempting to stop the Viet Cong from interfering with the rice harvest. *Vendetta* fired her first shots against the enemy on 30OCT69.

HMAS Sydney 1 - 102nd Anniversary Memorial Service. If interested in being at Bradley's Head, Sydney, then go to the navyvic website for info.

Federation Star. Any sailor who is awarded a Federation Star has made a magnificent contribution to Australia's Defence Force. CMDR Mike Brice is one such person. CN presents Mike with his 3rd Fed Star.

