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Greetings.

This is another brief but important edition of LOCREP.

Due to the postponement of the May 2007 Committee Meeting, the close proximity of the Annual General Meeting, and printing/distribution deadlines, it is necessary to issue a special edition.

JOINT PATRON

We have yet another new Joint Patron in **BRIGADIER Phillip Winter CSC** who assumes the role of Head of Regiment. I raised the matter with him at a meeting in Canberra recently and he has graciously accepted my invitation to join Rusty as Joint Patron.

Members will recall that Brig. Winter was a previous Joint Patron when Commander, Land Command Artillery.

ARMY COMBAT BADGE

There has been much confusion over the Association's role in the issue of ACB's. Advice recently to hand from DOD indicates that this Association, along with others, was to be contacted last year to take part in the application and issue process. ***That did not happen***, hence our confusion when members approached us seeking procedural advice.

There would be in excess of 400 Locators eligible for the badge. The Association has some 200 members, of whom less than 100 would be eligible. We would not be able to verify applications since we have only anecdotal evidence of members' combat service and no information at all in respect of non-members. In any event we simply don't have the resources to undertake such a task.

Many members have reported having applied individually and have already received their combat badges. If you consider yourself to be eligible you should apply in writing to:

*The RSM Ceremonial
R8-9-046
DGPERS-A
Department of Defence
Canberra ACT 2600.*

Your letter should state:

*Regimental Number
Rank on retirement or discharge
Unit Served and SVN dates (131 Div Loc Bty is officially accredited)*

We recommend that your application take the form of a Statutory Declaration (available at any newsagent) if you cannot provide copies of official documents verifying your status.



40TH - ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIONS - THE BATTLES FOR FSB'S CORAL & BALMORAL

The Association has been invited to take part in planning for these activities, along the lines of the Long Tan commemorations.

At this stage, initial planning is in progress to seek approval and funding for events to take place in Canberra in May 2008.

With Keith Ayliffe's valuable assistance, we will attempt to track down all 24 surviving Det. 131 Bty personnel involved (incl RAEME attached), whether Association members or not. At this stage we don't know how many places will be allotted for Locators and their partners to attend as guests. If necessary we will ballot.

If you consider that you may be eligible and may like to attend, please write to the Secretary, 63 Highland Drive Bowral NSW 2576, to register your expression of interest. There is no commitment either way at this stage; we simply want to start to collect data.

RESERVE FORCES DAY 2007

RFD takes place annually on or near the first Sunday in July.

Members can obtain contact information on the RFD website www.rfd.org.au for local activities.

The Sydney March will assemble at 1100 hrs on Sunday 1 July in College Street, adjacent to St Mary's Cathedral. The RFD Committee has advised that the preferred dress code is Blue Jacket with medals and decorations, tie, grey or fawn trousers with beret. Woven Association beret badges are available from the Merchandise Officer, 6 Apex Ave Picnic Point, Tel 02 9774 1473.

The (Sydney) post- march watering hole is the Sporters Bar, Menzies Hotel.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Sunday 15 July at 1000 hrs at Paddington RSL.

In accordance with Association Rules, Notices of Motion and nominations for Executive (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and Ordinary Committee Positions must reach the Secretary, 63 Highland Drive, Bowral NSW 2576, not later than 8th July. Present Committee Members must be re-nominated if standing for re-election.

A nomination form is enclosed.
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Allan Harrison
President



1. PROPOSER TO COMPLETE

I hereby propose (Please print)
..... for the position of (Please print)
..... on the Committee of the (Please print)
Locating Artillery Association (Inc).

.....
(Signature & date)

2. SECONDER TO COMPLETE

Isecond the above nomination. (Please print)
..... (Signature & date)

3. NOMINEE TO COMPLETE

I accept the above nomination. (Please print)
..... (Signature &
date)