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12 FIELD REGIMENT (VIETNAM) ASSOCIATION

REUNION

ADELAIDE 24th – 27th April 2012

INFORMATION FOR ATTENDEES

Thanks for registering to attend the official reunion in Adelaide.

When planning your trip, you might like to consider the following hints:

- Weather:

Late April can be quite cool in Adelaide, so you might like to bring at least a few warmer clothes. Daylight hours should be fairly balmy and pleasant, but it might be wise to bring an umbrella, especially for the march. On the other hand, for blokes with bald heads, a hat or sunscreen might be needed..... Who knows?

- Dress:

1. For the “Meet-and-Greet” function on the first night (Tuesday 24th) at the “HMS Buffalo”, neat casual is fine. You might need a jacket or other warm top at that time of year. For those staying at the Comfort Inn Haven Marina, it’s just a few metres walk across to the Buffalo, so you won’t be exposed to the elements for long.
2. The Dawn Service and ANZAC March are the same as in any capital city with jackets and medals being the order of the day. Change back into casuals for the barbecue at night if you like.
3. Our formal dinner on the last night (Thursday 26th) at the Comfort Inn Haven Marina will be a “dress” affair, with jackets and ties and medals the preferred dress.

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- Free Day:

*Unfortunately, the planned excursion to the new 102 Coral Battery lines at Edinburgh has been cancelled, due the fact that the Battery is now being deployed to Shoalwater Bay for exercises at that time. One option for the “free” day is golf. There is a very good public golf course near Glenelg (Holdfast Shores) so think about bringing your golf clubs. Other options might include a visit to the zoo to see the pandas, a self-guided tour to the Southern Vales winery etc. Directions and more suggestions for other activities on the “free” day will be given to you in your Arrival Pack at the “Meet-and-Greet” on the first night.

- Travel:

It's an easy tram ride from Glenelg (where the Comfort Inn Haven Marina is) to the city. Public transport is free to vets wearing medals on ANZAC Day, and free to all holders of government Seniors Cards on any day.

Car travel in and around the Glenelg area is pretty easy, especially to those of you used to driving in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane!

For those of you flying into Adelaide especially for the reunion and who don't know Adelaide well, we might be able to arrange to collect you at the airport and deliver you to your accommodation. You could ring Trevor on 0409007734 to organise this in advance.

- ANZAC March Protocol:

The RSL's ANZAC Day March Committee has a strict principle that no non-veteran personnel can march forward of any veterans. This means that no civilians such as family members, friends, spouses etc. can march with veteran groups. There is a special section later in the order-of-march that provides for civilians such as those representing veterans . In order for 12 Field Regiment (Vietnam) Association to obtain a march position in the section dedicated to Vietnam Veterans, we have had to guarantee the Committee that our unit will NOT include any civilians. If Association members who are not vets would still like to march, please ask any of the marshals on the day where the FUP for non-vets is located.

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The Programme:

The programme is locked in pretty much as per the Notices originally sent out by the Association. More details regarding times, locations, directions etc. will be provided to you in your Arrival Pack.

Tuesday 24th April: *3:00pm Annual General Meeting at the Buffalo Restaurant, Adelphi Terrace, Glenelg.

*6:00pm to 10:00pm: Meet-and-greet function at the Buffalo, with finger-food meal.

Wednesday 25th April: *Dawn Service at Glenelg War Memorial, followed by public breakfast. (Or breakfast back at the motel if you want something quieter.)

*ANZAC DAY march in the city of Adelaide, followed by finger-food lunch at the Allegra Hotel from noon till 3:00 pm overlooking the Waymouth Street Party.

*6:00pm barbecue dinner back at the Comfort Inn Haven Marina at Glenelg.

Thursday 26th April: * Free activities for anyone who wants to, or just a good day for shopping, seeing the sights or relaxing.

*6:00pm Official Dinner at the Comfort Inn Haven Marina..

Friday 27th April: * Breakfast assembly at the Comfort Inn Haven Marina and goodbyes.

- Accommodation:

There are still rooms available at the Comfort Inn Haven Marina where most of the reunion activities will take place. They are offering discounted room rates for members of the Association. Phone 08 8350 5153 and tell them you're with our reunion group. If you prefer a location for your caravan, or a self-contained cabin, the 5-star rated BIG 4 Adelaide Shores Caravan Park is nearby. (Online info and bookings at

<http://www.adelaideshores.com.au/accom/caravan/default.aspx>

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- Other Information:

If there's anything else you need to know, feel free to ring Trevor in Adelaide on 0409007734, or e-mail him at tandjbryant@bigpond.com .

Your SA representatives, Peter Geelen and Trevor Bryant, look forward to welcoming you.
Have a good time!!!!