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Patron : *His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of New South Wales*



Winners of the 2017 awards at this year's Newton VC dinner

Photo c/- Alan Campbell

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Presidents Report

A very successful Newton VC dinner was held in the SGT's Mess at RAAF Richmond with our Honorary Air Commodore and Patron His Excellency General David Hurley (Ret'd) and Mrs Hurley in attendance. A number of RAAF active reservist musicians provided a musical background which was greatly appreciated by all those who attended. The Squadron is to be congratulated for organising a very successful night. Our one surviving WWII member that we know of, WOFF George Dixon, was released from hospital two days before in order to attend the dinner.

The winners of this year's awards were SGT Marie Blake - Newton VC award, FSGT Jeff Sampson - CO's award, CPL Martin Cooper - Perkins award and WOFF Don Sturwohld - Dean-Gill award. Congratulations from the Association to the winners. All the pictures of the Newton VC dinner will be on the website in a few days.

I reproduce part of the address that I gave at the dinner " I would also like to thank the CO, WGCDR Paul Reddacliff for taking over the organisation of this event. Apart from being a good guy he is also interested in RAAF history. He does not realise that he is setting a precedent for 22 SQN. And well you might ask why.

For almost 80 years 22 SQN was a Reserve SQN, of between 300 and 400, with the majority of members only having served with 22 SQN. This might seem unusual for our permanent force members who move regularly from sqn to sqn. In about 2007 - 8 things changed with the integration of reservists when it became a permanent force squadron. Along with the change came a much more technical Air Force which sadly has meant less opportunity for ab-initio civilians to join as Reservists. The end result is, just like the WWII members, we the pure reservists, are a thin line getting thinner with each year. At some time in the future the SQN will have sole responsibility for this event and will become the custodians of its proud history."

The bottom line is we as a group are slowly going down in numbers. This is a subject that will get some air at the Annual General Meeting. A reminder that the last SQN BBQ is 8th December 2017. A separate invitation is in the mail.

As usual at this time of the year on behalf of the committee we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please drive safely over the holidays.

Alan Lyons
President

Vale

Moss Bailey

Ken Pulling

30 Squadron Association President Fred Cassidy

LEST WE FORGET

Coming events – Put them in your diary

8 December 2017	Squadron BBQ	11.30 am at Canary Cottage. Cost \$5
1 March 2018	Battle of the Bismarck Sea	Details TBA
16 March 2018	Squadron BBQ	Details TBA
25 April 2018	ANZAC Day	Details TBA
8 June 2018	Squadron BBQ	Details TBA
August 2018	Association Lunch	Details TBA
19 October 2018	Newton Dinner	RAAF Richmond 6.00 for 6.30 pm Watch for further details
16 November 2018	Squadron BBQ	Details TBA

Web Site

We have the Web site up and running www.22squadronassociation.org.au so please look at it and give us any suggestions as to how we can improve it. Also any items to be put on the web will be greatly appreciated. Please forward them to me by email alanlyons@optusnet.com.au

Memorabilia fo sale

Association Cap available for \$25 plus postage

Squadron Plaque \$50 incl postage

Cuff Links **SPECIAL** \$5 plus postage

Association 70th Anniversary Tie **SPECIAL** \$25 plus postage

Special Offer - Tie and Cuff Links \$28 plus postage

Association Mug \$12.50 plus postage

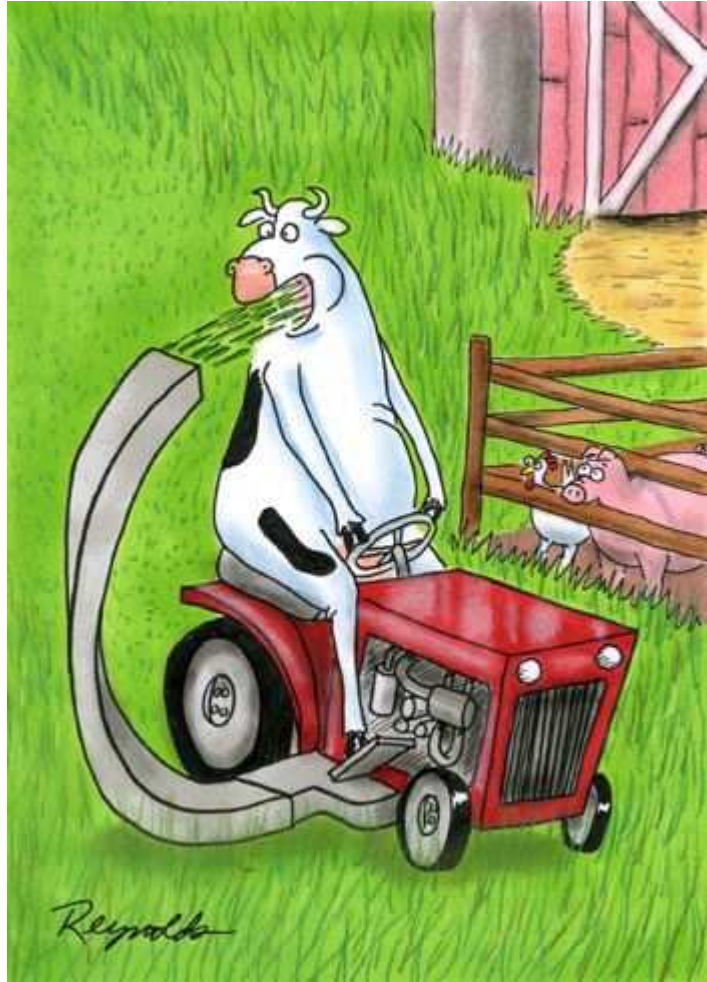
Due to increased postal charges the cap and plaque cost \$15 to post. The tie and cufflinks cost \$10 to post

To order please send Cheque or Postal Order to Secretary 22 Squadron Association, 56 Caravan Head Rd, Oyster Bay NSW 2225

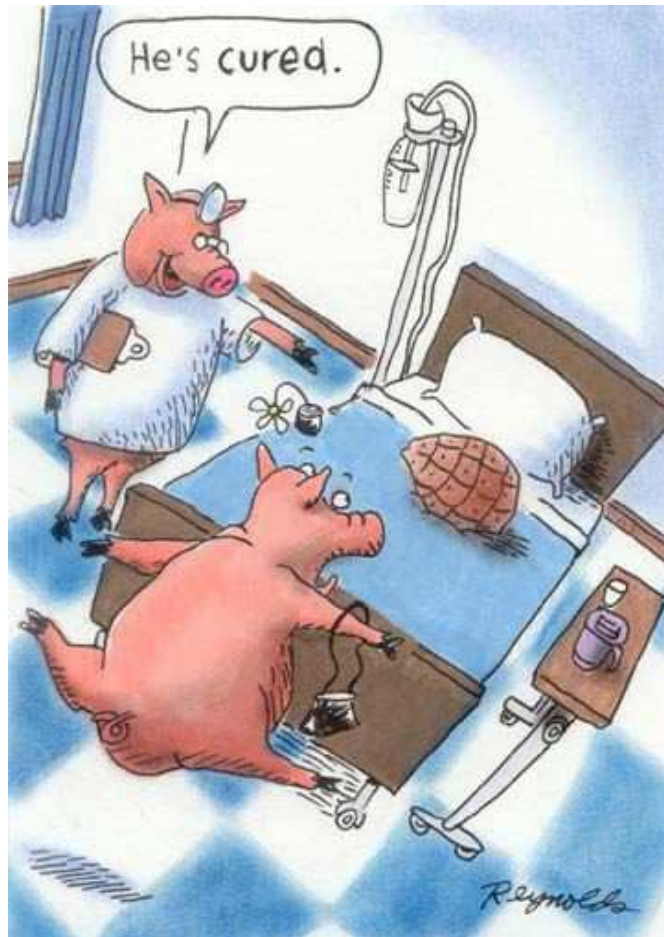
Cummerbund for the Squadron when wearing Mess Dress. One side is the normal dark blue, and when the toasts are over the light blue side can be worn showing the nose art "Retribution" These are available for \$50 from the Squadron or from Association plus postage of \$10.

Hangar Humour





Fast food



Newton VC dinner







