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ACT/NSW Branch Newsletter

Malaya & Borneo Veterans Day 31 August

This Day again goes uncelebrated at the Australian War memorial due to lack of interest from the membership of this Branch.

To try and turn this around for 2014 I am trying to enlist the support of other Associations across all Services. Next year the date will fall on a Sunday so we are faced with the same issue as 2013 where the AWM will not organise a ceremony on the weekend. This is something we will need to consider in the planning but I would suggest we would look at Monday 1 September 2014.

National Service Commemorative Service

This will be held at the Australian War Memorial on Friday the 6th of September 2013. All former Nashos are invited to attend with form up at 0930 for the ceremony at 1000hrs. Family members of Nashos no longer with us are also welcome to attend and will be given the opportunity to lay a floral tribute at the magnificent National Service Memorial on the East side of the main building.

Sandakan Ceremony in Canberra 29 May 2013

The annual ceremony of Remembrance for the men of Sandakan was held at the Sandakan Memorial in the grounds of the Australian War Memorial on the 29th of May 2013. The move to a 1400 timeslot was received warmly by those in attendance. Late May in Canberra can be very cold but by 1400 the sun had taken the chill off the air and all agreed we should keep to that time each year.

In attendance were former Sandakan POWs Leslie Bunn Glover, Russ Ewin and Bill Young OAM. Both Bill and Leslie have written about their experiences and released books available publicly. These three men were transferred from Sandakan to Kuching and thus avoided the Death Marches but Kuching was no holiday camp and they have some tales to tell.

Dr Brendan Nelson, Director of the AWM, welcomed all to the ceremony and the address given

by Mr Brian Hales shared the story of Pte "Lofty" Hales who died on the first of the marches.

DVD of Malayan Emergency

We still have some copies of this DVD available. It is titled Jungle Green/ Khaki Brown, Malaya's fight Against Terrorism. It covers the period of 1948 to 1960 and was produced by TV3 Malaysia as an 8 episode TV series. TV3 visited Australia to interview members of our defence forces who were involved in The Emergency and it is certainly interesting viewing. For a copy send your cheque or Postal Order for \$25 in an envelope marked "DVD Order" to the ACT/NSW Branch of NMBVAA at PO Box 670 Jamison Centre ACT 2614.

ACT/NSW Branch AGM

The AGM of this Branch will be held at the **Canberra Southern Cross Club Woden on Tuesday the 10th of September at 1100hrs.** Following this we will dine in the Club. Please let Ian know if you are able to attend by calling 02 6258 8988 or email maindav@bigpond.com up to the 9th of September.

2013 MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW OVERDUE.

\$20 Ordinary and Associate. \$13 other members of household.

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Newsletter by email ?

If you would prefer to receive the colour National Newsletter plus the local newsletter by email please advise me by email to maindav@bigpond.com

Alternatively you can view the colour version on the Association website at www.nmbvaa.org.au

The National Newsletter has not been received as yet but will be distributed as soon as it is available.

"Lest We Forget"

"BONO ANIMO ESTE"
(Be of Good Courage)

"Andai Nya Kita Terlupa"