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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The first quarter of this year has kept the ADAA committee on their toes reworking the "Incorporation" documents to align with legal requirements. This document when accepted will be sent to all financial members.

I have received a phone call from the NZADA president (Trevor Baker) that the 2012 AD reunion will now not be held in Christchurch. Alternative venues such as Wellington are on the agenda for a recce shortly. Information should be available in our next newsletter.

ANZAC Day is nearly here, the majority of committee plus local QLD members will march with the Army Transport Association, we have not been together in Brisbane for many years. I will be in touch with State Reps as to activity in other states.

Planning for ANZAC Day 2015 in Gallipoli is well under way with Ron McCaffery, one of our UK members in conjunction with the travel agent who organised the "Arnhem" reunion, will be conducting a recce over the Easter weekend. The recce group will be visiting their counterparts in Turkey, Greece and the Mediterranean plus shipping companies to put a package together so that we can be anchored off Gallipoli for 24 hours on ANZAC Day. This event is still a fair way off, but is fast filling up. Members interested are asked to contact a committee member for details. Your family are also welcome to this one-off event.

The committee has just approved an order for memorial A.D. Sashes to go on the coffin of financial members who pass away. At the end of the funeral the sash will be removed by the ADAA Representative and presented to the next of kin.

This project was funded by donations from the members attending the "Arnhem" reunion in 2010. A photo of the sash will be posted in the next "Clipped Wings".

*Gary Cole, President, ADAA.*

## RACT AIR DISPATCH PAST AND PRESENT REUNION - 26 NOV 2011



Air Movements Training and Development Unit and 176 Air Dispatch Sqn combined will be holding a semi formal Air Dispatch past and present reunion which will be held on November 26, 2011. The reunion will be held at RAAF Base Richmond and will be an excellent opportunity for past and present members of the Air Dispatch trade to catch up in a relaxed social environment. Interested parties may not necessarily be Air Dispatch trade related but may have held close ties to the trade through unit postings, operations and experiences.

All interested parties are invited to submit their mailing details to WO2 Anthony Eddie (Anthony.Eddie@defence.gov.au) and in subject cell insert "[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]" for future mailing reference and appropriate invitation dispersion. for future mailing reference and appropriate invitation dispersion.

## VETERAN PENSION RATES TO INCREASE ON 20 MARCH

Pension	Old Rate	New Rate 20 March	Increase
Service Pension - single	\$716.10	\$729.30	\$13.20
Service Pension - couples	\$1,079.60 couple	\$1,099.40 couple	\$19.80
	\$539.80 each	\$549.70 each	\$9.90
War Widow Pension	\$725.10	\$738.70	\$13.60
Income Support Supplement	\$216.60	\$220.80	\$4.20
Special Rate (IPI) Pension	\$1,092.90	\$1,113.70	\$20.80
Intermediate Rate Disability Pension	\$741.60	\$755.80	\$14.20
Extreme Disablement Adjustment	\$603.30	\$614.80	\$11.50
100 per cent General Rate of Disability	\$388.30	\$395.70	\$7.40

## AIR MOVEMENTS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT (AMTDU)

AMTDU has been commonly referred to as the Air Logistic work horse by both Air Force and Army personnel within the ADF, and nothing has changed this year. 2011 has begun with a bang and there is little scope for respite in the near future.

The unit is very busy completing the abundant development tasks for both the Air Dispatch trade and the overall Air Logistic requirements of the ADF. Development Flight and Load Support Sections are actively involved with the normal Air Drop and External Lift projects alongside their RAAF counterparts who are continuously providing Air Land capability to the ADF.

Army Training Flight has begun the year with a continuous stream of Dangerous Goods and Air Mobility (UEO/APTL) courses which will be soon followed by the normal Air Dispatch trade series.

*WO2 A. Eddie – Army Training*

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## ADAA SOLDIER OF THE YEAR 2010 - PTE DAVID OGIER



Soldier of the Year 2010, Pte David Ogier being presented with his award with ADAA President Gary Cole (left), Denis McCann (right) and Col. James Evans.



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## 176TH AIR DISPATCH SQUADRON “GOOD TO THE LAST DROP”

2010 was yet again a busy year for the Squadron, with continued support being provided to the Army and RAAF. 2010 saw a large number of new Air Dispatch soldiers join the ranks of 176 AD Sqn. Consequently, the manning enjoyed by 1 and 2 Tp is larger than it has been for a number of years. Additionally, the recruiting efforts of the ARes personnel have seen 8 Tp double in size over the past 12 months.

During April, 20 members from the Squadron were amongst the first in the Army to conduct a Static Line decent from the RAAF's new C-17A Globemaster III. Well-trained to jump from the RAAF's fleet of C130 Hercules, the members from 176 AD Sqn received training in the differences in the newer, larger aircraft and prepared for their first decent.

MAJ Neil Peake, OC 176 AD Sqn, led the way by being the first to exit the aircraft, remarking that “The inception of the C-17 as a platform for airborne insertions provides not only a marked improvement in the airborne capability of the ADF, but also in the commander's ability to achieve a tactical end state.” As the only airborne logistic sub-unit in the ADF, this training is essential to ensure that members of 176 are suitably qualified to support the Airborne Combat Team.

In May the Squadron conducted a tactical insertion into Shoalwater Bay Training Area via C-17 for Ex Elephant Trail, 9 FSB's Infantry Minor Tactics exercise. The exercise also provided members an opportunity to conduct live fire vehicle counter ambush drills, live fire section attacks and section defence ranges; an opportunity not often given to logistic soldiers. 176 AD Sqn continued to utilise the C-17 throughout the year for both personnel and cargo drops including Ex Hamel in Townsville, where a number of sequential platform loaded with LR110's and DZ bikes were dispatched in support of the ACT.



Members from 176 AD Sqn conducting Static Line descents from a RAAF C-17A Globemaster III onto Rickaby's Drop Zone.

In June 2010, 176 AD Sqn deployed to Nowra in order to conduct Ex Pelicans Roost, the annual Squadron shakeout. Despite the unrelenting rain and gale-force winds, Ex Pelicans Roost provided the many new soldiers the experience of conducting their trade role away from the comfort and familiarity of RAAF Richmond. 2011 will see the Squadron conduct Ex Pelicans Roost at West Wyalong in central NSW, a location not visited for many years.

176 Air Dispatch Squadron was fortunate to have eighteen members from the Squadron deploy with OP Slipper into to the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO) as part of the 9 FSB led Force Support Unit (FSU – 4). Members from the Squadron have been based out of Alminhad, Kandahar and Tarin Kot. The main role has been to track and transport various cargo into and out of the MEAO via both fixed wing and rotary wing assets. The roles are very different depending on the location, however all members are thoroughly enjoying the experiences of working in an operational environment with a variety of coalition partners. Needless to say these experiences will bring a wealth of knowledge to the Squadron and the Air Dispatch trade as a whole. PTE Heap has done particularly well in Kandahar where he has won five out of the eight fun runs; bringing credit to the Australian contingent and the Air Dispatchers.

2011 is shaping up to be another busy year for 176 AD Sqn with Ex Talisman Sabre, Ex Hamel and Ex Pelicans Roost adding to the workload of continued support to the ACT, RAAF and SOCOMD units, all with a significant portion of the Squadron deployed with FSU – 4. While the workload is only increasing each year, I am confident that all members will remain unified and continue providing the ADF with its only airborne logistical capability.

*Par Oneri De Caelo.*



An Air Dispatch soldier deployed with FSU – 4 loads a Mi-26 Heavy Transport Helicopter at Kandahar Airfield





Australian Air Force pilot Henry Lacy Smith, whose plane was shot down in France in 1944.

## THE LONGEST WAIT: D-DAY HERO IS FOUND AT LAST

FOR the family of Flight Lieutenant Henry Lacy Smith it has been a long wait - 66 years.

The 27-year-old RAAF Spitfire pilot was among the first to land in France after the D-Day invasion. But, having taken off on the evening of June 11, 1944, he was hit by anti-aircraft fire.

He tried to crash land in a field but ended up ditching in a canal, landing upside down in the water and drowning while still strapped in the cockpit.

Letters were sent by the commanding officer of 453 Squadron, Squadron Leader Donald Smith, to the family home in Kogarah and to his English wife of only a few months, Edna Dorothy Smith, who was living in Bournemouth in England.

Last weekend a French couple saw part of an aircraft poking above the water at low tide. The cockpit dials were intact and inside they discovered the remains of Lacy, as he was known to the squadron.

The bones were put in an improvised coffin and the Spitfire has been pulled from the mud of the Orne estuary. Dental records are expected to confirm his identity.

On Wednesday Dennis Dostine, a nephew of the pilot, received a telephone call from Sydney aircraft enthusiast Ray Treasure, who had learnt of the find.

Mr Dostine, 78, speaking from his home in Sylvania, said: "The caller said 'I have some rather exciting news for you.' He asked if I was related to Gwennie Dostine. She was my mother. He said the remains of her brother had been located in France. It was out of the blue. I was absolutely astonished and quite emotional. It was ironic that quite a good swimmer by all accounts had met his death by drowning.



"I was about eight at the time he went off to war. I can remember him in striped blazers going to cricket. I remember coming home from school aged 11 or 12 and being greeted by a very distraught family, women in tears. He was missing but then they received a confirmation letter from his CO."

The letter, kept in a small metal tin with Lieutenant Smith's letters, recounts Lacy's last mission. "Whilst leading his flight over the front line, his aircraft was hit by anti-aircraft fire. His fellow pilots saw him lose height and endeavour to crash land in a field. Unhappily, information from the pilots flying with him ... leads us to believe that ... there would be little hope of Lacy having survived."

In a letter to Gwennie three weeks earlier on May 19, 1944, Lacy said: "As you can imagine we're working pretty steadily in preparation for things to come. It shouldn't be long now. I'm quite settled in with the Aussies and there's a chance that we may return as a squadron when this is over." It ends: "See you soon. Love. Lacy xxx."

On the final page of his flying log is an entry for June 6 which says in capital letters "D" DAY. ALLIES INVADE N FRANCE. Five lines down the entry for June 11 says "Patrol Omaha" (one of the landing beaches). The next line is the word MISSING.

Asked what his mother would have said, Mr Dostine said: "I wish she had known. I detest the word but closure is the current phrase."

Lacy's remains are in the care of the Australian embassy in Paris. There have been calls for a burial in France

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On 11th June 2011, the remains of the pilot are to be interred in Ranville War Graves Cemetery with full military honours with representatives from the Australian, French, and British Governments present. It is my intention to lay a wreath from the President and all members of the ADAA.

There is one other Australian serviceman buried in the cemetery and they shall lie next to each other.

*Sent to us from Ron McCaffery (UK) on February 15, 2011*

## UNIVERSAL LAWS

Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.

Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

Law of Probability -The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.

Law of the Alibi - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the very next morning you will have a flat tyre.

Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).

Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.

Law of Close Encounters -The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

Law of the Theater and Sporting Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.

Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But if you don't make an appointment, you'll stay sick.

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## WISE WORDS

“Although you have chosen to forego some of the freedoms of civilian life you have gained some great privileges along with your new responsibilities.

The Services set themselves high standards, because they acknowledge that they have great traditions to uphold, and because they feel a deep loyalty to Country and to one another.

As Officers you will do your best when you lead by personal example and not by precept. Your aim must always to show professional competence as soldiers, unselfishness as individuals, and dedication to your calling.

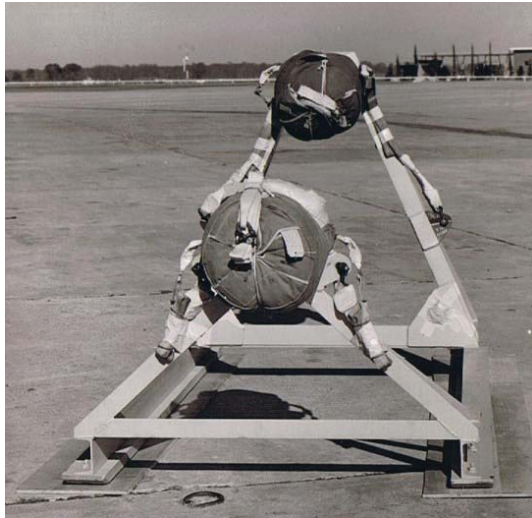
Those whom you command and your Country expect nothing less.”

*An extract from the Speech of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to the graduating class of cadets of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst 1985:*

*These notes are applicable both to Officers, Warrant Officers and Senior Non Commissioned Officers.*

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Some nostalgic memories, for us time challenged After Darker's, The New Guinea era is Circa 1964 let's see if any body can name where we are?



A young CPL was leaving the office late one evening when he found the CO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CO. "This is a very sensitive and important document here and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work for me"?

"Certainly," said the young CPL. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CO, as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy."

A great website for those folks "Out of the Service, but Still in Touch"

<http://touchbase.gov.au/>





## Mr Stuart Robert MP

Shadow Minister for Defence Science, Technology and Personnel | Federal Member for Fadden

## Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson

Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs | Liberal Senator for Victoria

# JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 17 November 2010

## DFRDB Fair Indexation Bill to be tabled in the Senate

The Coalition will take action on military superannuation reform.

On behalf of the Coalition's spokesperson on military superannuation, Mr Stuart Robert MP, the Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, will tomorrow table a Bill in the Senate to index DFRDB pensions in line with the Coalition's 27 June 2010 commitment.

The *Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits Amendment (Fair Indexation) Bill 2010*, will enable DFRDB superannuants aged 55 and over from 1 July 2011 to have their pensions indexed at the higher rate of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), Male Total Average Weekly Earnings (MTAWE) or the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index (PBLCI).

Mr Robert said the introduction of this Bill confirms the Coalition's resolve in taking the crucial first step towards reforming military superannuation arrangements.

"The Coalition made a commitment to veterans and ex-service personnel and we are going to see that commitment through", Mr Robert said.

"I call on those independent members who have previously voiced their support for the provisions contained within this legislation to support this Bill and to support those veterans and ex-service personnel who have given so much to their country.

The Shadow Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator Michael Ronaldson, said that he had listened to the considered views put forward by the veteran and ex-service community and was pleased to be able to introduce the Bill on behalf of the Coalition.

"The issue of military superannuation reform has been raised with me during every meeting I have held with veterans and ex-service personnel. With this Bill, the Coalition meets our election commitment to change DFRDB indexation arrangements and to help support our veterans and ex-service personnel", Senator Ronaldson said.

"This is in stark contrast to the Gillard Labor Government, which promised much to those in the veteran community but has repeatedly failed to deliver due to their own self interest and poll driven policy paralysis.

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**Robert Hardie (Sen Ronaldson): (02) 6277 3582 / 0418 432 909**



Even 6 foot 4 inches of Henry Fabisiak ADer, can fit into the cockpit of a C17!

(Nowra Air Show 2008)

## PARACHUTE RIGGING IN AFGHANISTAN

by Chief Warrant Officer (W-3) Jeffery S. Page, USAR - from Red Hat Chapter

With the poor infrastructure, unimproved roads, and numerous remote unit locations in Afghanistan, aerial delivery is a vital asset in resupplying our Soldiers. The first airdrops began on 8 October 2001 as humanitarian aid for Afghan civilians. As the war completes its eighth year, aerial delivery is more vital than ever.

The airdrop process usually begins with the customer who, after determining an aerial delivery requirement, submits a logistics support request. The movement control team processes the request and submits an intratheater airlift request.

Once the request is approved, the parachute riggers configure the requested supplies on a "skid board," a 1-inch thick piece of plywood that is either 48 by 48 inches, 48 by 72 inches, or 48 by 96 inches in size. The size of the skid board is determined by the type of supply to be dropped. Holes are drilled in the plywood as appropriate, and cardboard honeycomb (energy-dissipating material) is glued to the top. An A-22 container is placed on top of the cardboard honeycomb, and the supplies are then configured on



Army riggers prepare bottled water for airdrop in Afghanistan. Since 2001, the airdrop of supplies has been essential to resupplying units in remote locations inaccessible by truck.



Containerized delivery system (CDS) bundles are loaded onto a C-130 or C-17 aircraft, where riggers will jointly inspect the bundles with Air Force personnel before handing over the airdrop mission.

the containerized delivery system (CDS) bundle. The supplies are strapped in, the skid board is tied to the bundle, and the parachute is placed on top, completing a CDS bundle weighing between 500 and 2,200 pounds.

Next, the bundles must go through a joint airdrop inspection, which is conducted by qualified parachuteriggers and Air Force personnel. After passing the inspection, the bundles are transported to the aircraft and loaded. The parachute riggers and Air Force personnel inspect the bundles again when they inspect the configuration of the aircraft load. At this point, the parachute rigger's job is complete.

The requirement for aerial delivery support in Afghanistan has increased yearly, giving each rotation of parachute riggers the opportunity to outperform the previous rotation. In 2008, the total weight of all CDS bundles almost tripled the 2007 total, increasing from more than 3 million pounds to nearly 9 million pounds. With a success rate of more than 98 percent, the parachute riggers lived up to their motto, "I will be sure always."

In 2009, the 25 parachute riggers of the 11th Quartermaster Detachment (who were replaced by the 612th Quartermaster Detachment in mid-June) and 8 riggers from the 824th Quartermaster Detachment set the pace for CDS resupply to our Soldiers in the fight. During the first 6 months of 2009, the units rigged and airdropped nearly 6 million pounds of supplies, including food, water, ammunition, clothing, building materials, and humanitarian supplies. On top of the impressive CDS totals, the Soldiers rigged 675 low-cost, low-altitude bundles totaling more than 400,000 pounds and provided support for numerous sling-load operations. In addition to their heavy workload for supporting Army units, the parachute riggers of the 612th and 824th were able to provide airdrop support to the Marines when host-nation trucks were unable to get them supplies on time.

The month of June 2009 saw a significant rise in aerial delivery totals, with 1,358 bundles totaling nearly 2 million pounds. The riggers of the 11th Quartermaster Detachment began the operations for June and were replaced in the middle of the month by the 612th. This transition was transparent to customers in the field as deliveries continued without interruption.

The two units' combined total for June was nearly 1.5 million pounds. The 8 parachute riggers of the 824th contributed an impressive 472,150 pounds to the month's total.



# RELAXATION OF REPLACEMENT MEDALS POLICY DUE TO RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS

Amongst the devastation caused by the recent natural disasters including the Queensland and Victorian floods, Cyclone Yasi and the Perth bushfires, items of great personal value such as service medals can be lost, damaged or stolen.

The Australian Government recognises the importance that these awards represent to the members who earned them and the families who treasure them.

On 10 February 2011, the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator the Hon David Feeney, announced that the Government will relax the policy on the replacement of posthumous medals to enable those lost during these recent disasters, to be replaced.

If your Service medals or those of a deceased relative were lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair as a direct result of these disasters, you may apply to the Directorate of Honours and Awards for a replacement.

If your application concerns the posthumous replacement of medals, please visit our website at [www.defence.gov.au/medals](http://www.defence.gov.au/medals) and complete the Application for the Replacement of Posthumous Service Awards due to Natural Disasters. (or click on link below).

Current serving members are advised to complete application form AD808 Application for the Issue of Replacement Medals and/or Clasps to enable their own medals to be replaced.

Applicants should be aware that Defence is only able to replace medals dating back to World War I. Medals for conflicts prior to this war are no longer in production. Further, Defence is only able to replace original medals. Replica medals purchased on a commercial basis cannot be replaced.

Defence Honours and Awards  
1800 111 321  
[www.defence.gov.au/medals](http://www.defence.gov.au/medals)

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## MILITARY COMMANDMENTS

The following, which have been adapted from the Ten Commandments, was found hanging on the wall of the huts at Borden, which were occupied by the Scottish Rifles and now used by the Gordon Highlanders.

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(On Active Service)

1. When on guard thou wilt change all parties approaching thee.
2. Thou shalt not send any engraving, nor any likeness of any airships in Heaven above, or any postcards of earth beneath, nor any drawing of any submarine under sea, for I the Censor visiting the iniquities of the offenders with three months C.B; but showing mercy unto thousands by letting their letters go free who obey my commandants.
3. Thou shall not use profane language, unless under extraordinary circumstances, such as seeing your comrade shot or getting petrol in your tea.
4. Remember the soldiers week consists of seven days, six days shall thee labour and do all thy work, and on the seventh day all thy odd jobs.
5. Honour thy King and Country. Keep thy rifle oiled and shoot straight so that thy days may be long upon the land, which the enemy giveth thee.
6. Thou shall not steal thy comrade's kit.
7. Thou shall not kill (time).
8. Thou shall not adulterate thy mess tin by using it as a shaving mug.
9. Thou shall not bear false witness against thy comrades but preserve strict silence of his outgoings and incomings.
10. Thou shall not covert the Sergeant's port, nor the Corporal's, nor the Staff Major's, but do thy duty and by dint of perseverance rise to the high position of Field Marshal.

*(From the collection of my late grandfather, 16520 Keith Carpenter, 6th Field Coy, Engineers, France 1916-18)*

## BRING BACK ANY MEMORIES?

Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favourite 'fast food' when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him.

'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously.. Where did you eat?'

'It was a place called 'home," I explained. !

'Mum cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate, I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the lad was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I'd figured his system could have handled it:

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, wore jeans, set foot on a golf course, travelled out of the country or had a credit card.

My parents never drove me to school. I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 10.

It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at 10 pm, after playing the national anthem and epilogue; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news show on.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home... But milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers --My brother delivered a newspaper, seven days a week. He had to get up at 6AM every morning.

Film stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the films. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or almost anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren. Just don't blame me if they bust a gut laughing.

Growing up isn't what it used to be, is it?

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## OLDER THAN DIRT QUIZ:

Count all the ones that you remember, not the ones you were told about.

Ratings at the bottom.

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| 1. Sweet cigarettes   | 10. Hi-fi's  |
| 2. Coffee shops with juke boxes   | 11. Metal ice trays with levers  |
| 3. Home milk delivery in glass bottles  | 12. Blue flashbulb   |
| 4. Party lines on the telephone   | 13. Cork popguns   |
| 5. Newsreels before the movie   | 14. Wash tub wringers  |
| 6. TV test patterns that came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning.. (There were only 2 channels [if you were fortunate]) | If you remembered 0-3 = You're still young   |
| 7. Peashooters  | If you remembered 3-6 = You are getting older  |
| 8. 33 rpm records   | If you remembered 7-10 = Don't tell your age   |
| 9. 45 RPM records   | If you remembered 11-14 = You're positively ancient!                                     |
|   | I must be 'positively ancient' but those memories are some of the best parts of my life. |

My view draws on my fundamental belief that the most important people in any Army [or Defence Force] are the soldiers [servicemen] in the front line. When in conflict soldiers in the front line must always get priority and everything the Defence Force and nation does must focus on serving them. They must be professional, aggressive and ruthless when in contact. Their aim must be to win. In doing this it is a simple fact of life that accidents will occur and there will be unforeseen damage/consequences and these should be compensated if it is practicable to do so.

A Defence Force develops Combat Power that serves to win battles and wars or deter any potential enemy. The essence of Combat Power has three primary elements. Firepower, Manoeuvre and Morale. The first two need no explanation in this forum. The principal of Morale is critical. Soldiers in action in the front line must act automatically and without hindrance or doubt when in conflict. Imposing any doubt in their minds can be disastrous. Importantly, discipline in the military is a function of command not to be hived off.

We have an outstanding Defence Force. My three years as a Peacekeeping Force Commander in the Middle East in a time of great instability reinforced this as have all the reports out of Iraq and Afghanistan and elsewhere. Our servicemen are second to none and we must do all that it take to support and protect them. We must give them inner strength and confidence to undertake the difficult, bloody and unsavoury job with which they have been tasked. What has occurred in the charging of these soldiers in unacceptable. We have ignored the fundamentals.

I suggest that when Australia signed up to the ICC our political masters had no idea of the possible consequences. It is a cop-out to present an argument that if we do not do something then the ICC will. Our Government must listen and correct the error. We now need to review the decision, review the present process and appointments withdraw from the ICC. We should then follow a similar process to our American Allies. If this means retrospective legislation then so be it.

Major General David Ferguson AM, CSC [R]

## TREASURER'S REPORT TO MARCH 2011

The following report is for the period July 1, 2010 - March 22, 2011.



### Profit & Loss [Cash]

1/07/2010 through 5/03/2011

#### Income

Subscriptions	\$1,915.00
Merchandise Sales	\$500.00
Donation	\$125.00
Postage Pd for Merchandise	\$8.70
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2,548.70</b>

#### Expenses

Bank Fees & Charges	\$12.25
Newsletter Costs	\$125.00
Newsletter Postage	\$150.55
Postage - Merchandise	\$32.20
Stationery Supplies	\$9.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$329.50</b>

**Net Profit (Loss) \$2,219.20**

### Balance Sheet

As of March 2011

#### Assets

Bank of QLD	\$12,010.82
Paypal Holding	\$88.99
Undeposited Funds	\$39.80
Stock on Hand	\$4,180.60
Merchandise Cash on Hand	\$127.20
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$16,447.41</b>

#### Liabilities

**\$0.00**

#### Net Assets

**\$16,447.41**

#### Accumulated Funds

Retained Earnings	-\$3,026.69
Current Earnings	\$2,219.20
	-\$807.49
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>\$16,447.41</b>
Historical Balancing Account	\$17,254.90



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