

HMNZS NGAPONA ASSOCIATION INC

LONGCAST

15 January 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Swanson RSA
1 February 21 – Auckland Anniversary Day
8 February 21 – Waitangi Day
12 February 21 - Navy Club Lunch – Remuera Club
19 February 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Titirangi RSA
19 March 21 - Ngapona Assn Lunch at Waiheke RSA

Hi Folks

DEATH NOTICE

CARNALL, Kenneth Colin RNZN, NZ13706 Medical CPO(D.A) May 1950 - April 1967.

Boy Bugler Her Majesty's Royal Marines May 1945 - April 1950.

On 22 December 2020, at Orchards retirement village Glenfield.

Private funeral was held 24 Dec 20.

Beloved husband of the late Leslie. Cherished and much loved dad of Cathy, Colin (deceased), Barbara, Chris, Trish and their families. Loving grandad and great grandad.

22 April 1950, NZ13706 Ordinary Seaman Kenneth Colin Carnall enlisted into the Royal New Zealand Navy, May that year Ken transferred trades to start his career in the RNZN as a Sick Berth Attendant (SBA), later specialising as a Dental Attendant. Ken continued to serve New Zealand until retiring from the Royal New Zealand Navy on the 20th Apr, 1967.

FROM THE SICKBAY

Larry Tomkins (Ex CPOS R100686) suffered a medical event last week and is now recuperating at home on light duties. Get well soon Larry.

Elaine Payne (Ex LWTR G100700) remains unwell in Tauranga Hospital.

(Interesting to note that Larry and Elaine were both on the same Basic Training Course at Tamaki in 1980.)

NEW YEAR HONOURS

Congratulations to Keith Ingram, JP, Half Moon Bay, Auckland, for his award of the MNZM in the New Year Honours for services to the fishing and maritime industry. Well done Keith!!



QUEENSLAND MARITIME MUSEUM

I have been following the fortunes of Queensland Maritime Museum who, amongst other things, have old HMAS *Diamantina*.

The local bullies want it all closed down –I’m guessing so they can put up condominiums to house more retirees.

In this case it is likely that they’ll sell her for scrap and likely put the engines in a local kids’ park to look at and rust away.

They need signatures to help prevent closure. Please GOOGLE ‘*Queensland Maritime Museum*’ to access the petition.

(Info supplied by Russell Ward)



TAMAKI-FORT CAUTLEY REUNION

2021 is the year in which, if you haven’t already done so, begin to think about joining the Tamaki-Fort Cautley site and register, consider your travel plans, money saved, is your health good? And keep an eye on Covid 19 virus policies around the world.

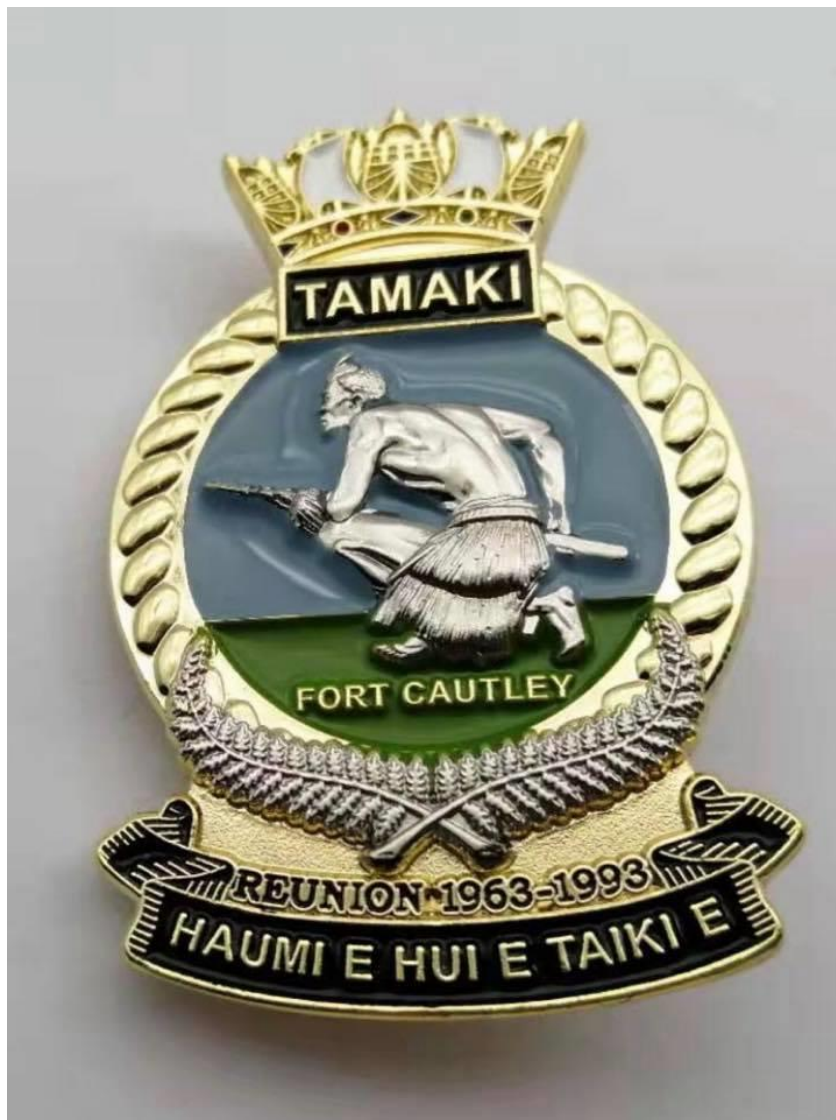
Make sure you follow all the Tamaki-Fort Cautley site posts that will come “*thick and fast*” from our committee throughout this year. There may well be amendments to the program, even a change of date(s) and don’t make bookings for travel too early.

Although it is still early days with 16 months to go I can visualise that sailors will come from all corners of the world, by air, sea, land, in cars, campervans, on horseback or simply walk to that special place where our lives in the Navy began. There will be those who can no longer walk, those who need to be supported, some are now grey or bald headed, maybe a little larger around the waist, chubbier in the face or still look the same from their 'Navy days' These are our veteran sailors. I can guarantee you their humour, cheekiness, audacious ways and personalities will still be there within and 'shine through'

Finally, spare a thought for those who will not be there, those who have XTB, are too sick, in poor health, cannot travel, cannot afford it or do not wish to attend. It could also be that this covid virus may still prevent overseas travel who knows. Let's all remain positive, be prepared as we begin the countdown for FRIDAY 13th MAY 2022.

Your "amicable" GI Jack Donnelly

Our reunion motto is: HAUMAI E HUI TAIKI E. (*To join and gather in harmony*)



The reunion pin (pictured) will be available in due course...Watch this space!!!

MEDAL FOUND

From Lieutenant Commander Craig Walecki NZCF



Stan Hansen

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This was handed to me some time ago. Forgot about it. Looking for: D20381, Lt CDR, M. D. Moore, RNZN. Medal was found Lytteton rubbish dump.



If you know of Lt Cdr DM Moore please contact editor@ngapona.org.nz

SHIP OF THE WEEK – HMNZS TOROA

The Otago Division was established in June 1928 and they first used the Kensington Army Hall, Bridgeman Street, South Dunedin for parades and training. They soon moved to premises on the corner of Willis and Tewsley Streets which were close to the Fryatt Street wharves.

During WWII, the Otago Division was used as a Signals Training School from 1943 until 1945.

In 1947 the Government transferred a Harbour Defence Motor Launch to each unit. Otago received HDML 1350 in November 1948. Naval Reservists also trained in Royal New Zealand Navy cruisers, frigates and minesweepers but the motor launches were now the mainstay of seamanship training. Training in general was focused, as in the regular force, on training Seamen, Gunners, Communicators, Radar Plotters, Electricians, Marine Engineers, Medical Assistants and Clerks. The Otago Division of the RNZNVR was commissioned as HMNZS *Toroa* 4 December 1951 and the HDML renumbered as P3564 and named HMNZS *Toroa*. In November 1967 she was renamed HMNZS *Koura*. *Koura* was replaced by *Haku* in 1976 which was withdrawn from service 1980-81.

From 1978, as the ships of the regular force became more and more complex, Naval Reserve training focused on patrol craft seamanship and engineering, and on the protection of merchant shipping. Around 1984 the motor launches were upgraded to Moa class inshore patrol boats.

The Otago Division IPC, HMNZS *Moa*, was commissioned 28 November 1983 but didn't arrive in Dunedin until 19 February 1984 with the dedication ceremony taking place at Dunedin 24 March 1984.

On Thursday 24 March 2005 HMNZS *Moa* departed for Auckland to assist the RNZN with sea training.

Since first arriving in Dunedin in 1984, *Moa*, manned mainly by Naval Reservists, steamed over 90,000 nautical miles and spent over 10,000 hours at sea. *Moa* finally paid off 23 January 2007.

(Thanks to Jim Dell for supplying the above information – Ed)





Regards

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