

'Pass the Word'

The Davistown RSL sub-Branch Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 10 JUN 25

Lest We Forget!!

Wes Weir – 3 June

*and all our mates who have
completed their tour of duty!*

Reach out!!

to a mate to see how he or she is
doing!

Sub-Branch 'Active' Members for 2025

**It is that time again when you need
to let me know if you wish to remain
'Active' as a member of RSL NSW for
2025.**

**You call me, tell me, or email me, or
if you attend a meeting this year,
that will also be an indicator.**

Military Terms/Slang

Go by the board - refers either to
the board from which a sailor was
buried at sea, or to the garboard
strake, the position from which
burials took place because of its
sheltered position. (I didn't know
that)

Glory hole - a name for the stokers'
quarters (mess)

Glum bunny - another version of
someone who is not a very happy
chappi



Introducing the RSL NSW Veteran Support Navigator

The new RSL NSW Veteran Support Navigator is a powerful tool designed to empower you to find the solution that suits your situation, or that of someone you know. It allows anyone - whether you're a veteran, a family member or a friend - to view options for professional assistance and support. A free, easy-to-use online tool, the Navigator brings together veteran services and support information into one central location, generating localised results to connect veterans and their families with support, when and where they need it.

Located on the Find Help page of the RSL NSW website <https://rslnsw.org.au> the Navigator will ask you a series of simple clarifying questions and outline possible providers that could help you with services such as:

DVA advice, advocacy, and compensation

Financial assistance and crisis relief

Housing and homelessness support

Health, wellbeing, and mental health services

Employment, education, and training pathways

Social and community connection

Accessible 24/7 on desktop, mobile and tablet, the Navigator empowers veterans, their families, Wellbeing Support Officers, Advocates, RSL NSW sub-Branch volunteers and anyone in the community who is supporting a veteran to access the services and support they need.

The Navigator is another way RSL NSW is strategically responding to the findings of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, which highlighted the need for veterans and their families to have timely access to appropriate support services.

Victoria Cross Awards for June:

7 Jun 1917 - Robert Grieve (1889-1957) from Brighton, Victoria won the Victoria Cross in his battalion's first big action.

7-10 Jun 1917 - Jack Carroll was born in Brisbane but grew up in WA. Over the period of 7-10 Jun, during the battle at St Yves (near Messines), Carroll was outstanding: he rushed an enemy trench and killed four Germans; assisted a soldier in distress and killed another German; attacked a machine-gun team, killing three men and capturing the gun; then extracted comrades buried in a shell hole while under heavy fire. His citation declared: "his magnificent example of gallantry and devotion to duty inspired all ranks in his battalion". Carroll was awarded the Victoria Cross, war service medals, and coronation medals for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.

15 Jun 1901 - Sergeant James Rogers was born at Moama, New South Wales. In 1900 during an ambush by about 60 Boers, near Thaba 'Nchu, Orange Free State, he rescued soldiers who had lost their horses on three separate occasions, each time while under heavy fire. Rogers received the Victoria Cross, the Queen's and the King's South Africa Medals, three medals for service in the First World War, and coronation medals for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.



19 Jun - 6 Jul 1941 - Arthur Roden Cutler, Victoria Cross winner, diplomat and later Governor of New South Wales, was born at Manly on 24 May 1916. Cutler joined the AIF on 1 May 1940 and was posted to the 2/5th Field Regiment of the 7th Divisional Artillery. His unit left Australia on 20 Oct 1940 for the Middle East. Cutler's first experience of combat came against the Vichy French in Syria in Jun 1941. At Merdjayoun, Cutler proved himself to be a courageous soldier and for his actions over 18 days of fighting that culminated in his wounding and the subsequent amputation of his leg, he was awarded the Victoria Cross.

25-26 Jun 1916 - Born in Heidelberg Victoria, an under-age Private John William Alexander Jackson (1897-1959) enlisted in early 1915. He saw service on Gallipoli before shifting to France early the following year. While in the sector around Armentières, he was part of a fighting patrol that broke into the enemy lines. On withdrawing, the patrol came under intense fire and suffered casualties. Although he had got back safely, Jackson insisted on returning to recover wounded men until he too was badly hit, resulting in the amputation of his arm.. After a variety of jobs, he moved to Melbourne in 1953. He died in the Repatriation Hospital, Heidelberg, aged 61.

28 Jun 1918 - Corporal Phillip Davey was born at Unley, Adelaide, and was a horse driver before enlisting in the 10th Battalion in Dec 1914. At Merris, on 28 Jun 1918, Davey's platoon came under heavy fire and the commander was killed. Survivors sheltered in a ditch under almost point-blank fire from a German machine-gun. Davey launched a solo attack on the enemy until forced to return for more grenades. Attacking again, he killed the crew and captured the gun, then used it to mount a successful counterattack until he was wounded. Davey was awarded the Victoria Cross, the Military Medal, service medals for the First World War, and coronation medals for King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II.

28 Jun 1945 - Private Leslie Thomas (Tom) Starcevich (1918-1989) was a quietly-spoken Western Australian veteran of the fighting in Egypt - he was wounded at Tel el Eisa in Jul 1942 - and New Guinea before gaining the Victoria Cross in North Borneo. In the capture of Beaufort he attacked Japanese machine-gun positions, fearlessly firing his Bren gun from the hip.



This Month in History:

1 Jun 1918 – First use of aircraft in combat by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Heligoland Bight. Aircraft were launched from HMAS *Sydney* and *Melbourne* to intercept two German aircraft.

3 Jun 1969 - In the early morning hours (approx. 0315), off the coast of Vietnam, USS *Frank E Evans* (DD 754) was steaming, in darkened condition, engaged in "Operation Sea Spirit" with more than 40 ships of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO) nations.



In the act of taking a new station 1,000 yards astern of the Australian aircraft carrier HMAS *Melbourne* (R21), the two ships were soon on a collision course.

The *Melbourne* struck the *Evans* amidship cutting her in half. The forward section of *Evans* sank in 3 minutes. The stern section remained afloat.

74 *Evans* sailors were killed. Only 1 body was recovered. 73 *Evans* sailors were lost at sea, including 3 brothers from Niobrara, Nebraska: Gary 22, Greg 21 and Kelly Jo Sage 19.



The 199 survivors boarded *Melbourne* and were soon transferred to the American aircraft carrier USS *Kearsarge* (CVS 33) and transported to Subic Bay, Philippines. A salvage party from the USS *Everett F Larson* (DD 830) controlled flooding in the stern section before *Evans* was taken in tow to Subic Bay.

The aft section of *Evans* arrived in Subic Bay 9 Jun where she was put into floating dry dock and stripped of valuable equipment. *Evans* was decommissioned 1 Jul and was struck from the Navy list the same day. On 10 Oct the stern section of *Evans* was towed out to sea and sunk in fleet target practice by USS *John R. Craig* (DD 885).

The "Lost 74" came from 28 states. Years ago, because their names are not included on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC the USS *Frank E Evans* (DD 754) Association decided to place a memorial stone, in their honor, in each of their home states. The shipmates, families and friends of the "Lost 74" continue to fight for the recognition they deserve.



6 Jun 1969 – **Battle of Binh Ba**, located 6 kilometres north of the Australian base at Nui Dat was the site of a battle between an Australian Ready Reaction Force and a combined force of Viet Cong guerrillas and North Vietnamese Army troops who had occupied the village. The enemy were driven off after more than a day's fighting.

14 Jun 1966 – 6 RAR arrive in South Vietnam. The deployment formed part of Australia's build up of forces in Phouc Tuy province in the mid-1960s. D Company from this battalion became involved in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 Aug 1966.



30 Jun 1950 - Prime Minister Menzies announced that No. 77 Squadron, RAAF, was to be committed to combat duties in Korea. This was the first Australian unit sent to the war in Korea; they were equipped with P-51 Mustangs.

June (Gemini until 20 Jun/then Cancer - Emerald & Agate)

Charles Lindstrom - 1

Marilyn Monroe 1926-1962 - Icon and sex symbol who starred in the classic comedy *Some Like It Hot* and became the most famous woman in the world during the 1950s. Her other memorable films include 1955's *The Seven Year Itch* and 1953's *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. Personal struggles took hold of her late in her career and she died of an overdose of barbiturates at the young age of 36. **Before Fame:** She modelled for Blue Book before changing her name from Norma Jeane Mortenson to Marilyn Monroe..



Barry Price - 2

Steve Waugh 1965 - Former Australian Test and ODI captain who earned a reputation as a ruthless and efficient player and leader. He was part of the Australian teams that won 16 consecutive Test matches, serving as captain for 15 of them. **Before Fame:** He made his professional debut with NSW team during the 1984-1985 season. He made his Test debut in 1985.

Doug Hair and Cheryl Jones - 6



Jack Kilmer 1995 - Landed his breakthrough role starring in the 2013 film *Palo Alto*. He has since appeared in films such as *The Nice Guys* and *The Stanford Prison Experiment*. **Before Fame:** He met *Palo Alto* director Gia Coppola in the 1st grade while attending The Center for Early Education in Los Angeles. **Trivia:** He had never acted before prior to *Palo Alto*. He narrated the 2021 bio-pic of his father, Val Kilmer, titled *Val*, while also appearing in the documentary as himself and serving as an associate producer. He has gone on to appear in over two dozen different films, TV series' and music videos. **Family Life:** His parents are actors Val Kilmer and Joanne Whalley. He has a sister named Mercedes.

Steve Laing - 9

Johnny Depp 1963 - Actor who starred as Captain Jack Sparrow in the *Pirates of the Caribbean* film franchise and also played leading roles in the films *Edward Scissorhands*, *Ed Wood*, *Donnie Brasco*, *Blow*, and *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*. He won a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor for his role in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. **Before Fame:** He dreamed of being a rock musician and dropped out of school at fifteen to perform music with his band. During the 1980s, he rose to stardom by starring on the TV series *21 Jump Street*. **Trivia:** In 1999, he did fashion modeling in H&M catalogs.



Barry Waite, Mark Freeman and Bob Allardice - 10

Kate Upton 1992 - Model and actress who was named Rookie of the Year after she graced the cover of the *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue in 2011. She also appeared on the cover of the *Sports Illustrated* Swimsuit Issue in 2012, 2013 and 2017 and was the cover model of *Vanity Fair*'s 100th Anniversary issue. **Before Fame:** She was an equestrian and won three American Paint Horse Association Reserve World Championships. **Trivia:** She appeared as Sister Bernice in the 2012 comedy *The Three Stooges* and as Amber in the 2014 romantic comedy *The Other Woman*.

Graham Moss and Greg Adams- 12

Timothy Busfield 1957 - Actor who received an Emmy Award in the Best Supporting Actor category for his role as Danny Concannon on the TV series, *The West Wing*. **Before Fame:** He was in the cult film, *Revenge of the Nerds*. **Trivia:** He directed several episodes of *Thirtysomething*, which he also starred in.



Stan Morton - 14

Gene Barry 1909-2009 - Dapper star who picked up fame on TV's *Bat Masterson* and *Burke's Law*. **Before Fame:** He received a scholarship for Chatham Square School of Music for his vocal abilities. **Trivia:** In 1953, he played a leading role in the film, *The War of the Worlds*.



Paul Osborn - 23

Frances McDormand 1957 - Actress who won Academy Awards for her roles in the 1996 film *Fargo* and the 2017 film *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri*. She won a Tony Award for her performance in *Good People* in 2011. Her many other film credits include *Almost Famous*, *Mississippi Burning*, *Burn After Reading*, *Transformers: Dark of the Moon* and *The Man Who Wasn't There*. **Before Fame:** She studied at Yale University and was roommates with fellow actress Holly Hunter. **Trivia:** She voiced the character Captain Chantel DuBois in the 2012 film *Madagascar 3*.



Jock Dalgarno - 25

June Lockhart 1925 - Actress who played a motherly figure on the television series *Lassie* from 1954 to 1973 and *Lost in Space* from 1965 to 1968. **Before Fame:** She made her film debut in *A Christmas Carol* opposite of her actor parents. **Trivia:** She originally started in theater.

Stephen Tobin - 26

Derek Jeter 1974 - New York Yankees shortstop who won five World Series Championships and set a franchise record for career hits. He developed a reputation as one of the most clutch hitters in the history of the MLB, always coming through for the Yankees during the playoffs. In 2017, he became the owner of the Miami Marlins and was named CEO of the team. **Before Fame:** He played

basketball and baseball in high school and received the Kalamazoo Area B'nai B'rith Award for being a scholar and an athlete. **Trivia:** His autobiography, *The Life You Imagine: Life Lessons for Achieving Your Dreams*, became a bestseller in 2000.

John Syer - 30

Mike Tyson 1966 - Boxing legend who became the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world in August 1986. He infamously bit off a piece of Evander Holyfield's ear during a match in 1997. **Before Fame:** His mother died when he was 16, leaving him in the care of his legal guardian and boxing manager, Cus D'Amato. **Trivia:** In 1992 he was convicted of raping 18-year-old Desiree Washington, who was Miss Black Rhode Island at the time.

July

Brett Davies - 1

Colin Nuss - 5

Roy Garner - 6

Marion Love - 7

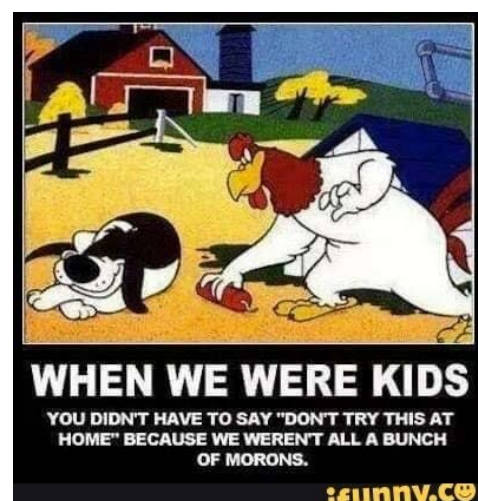
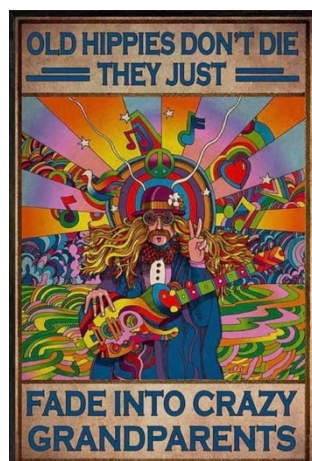
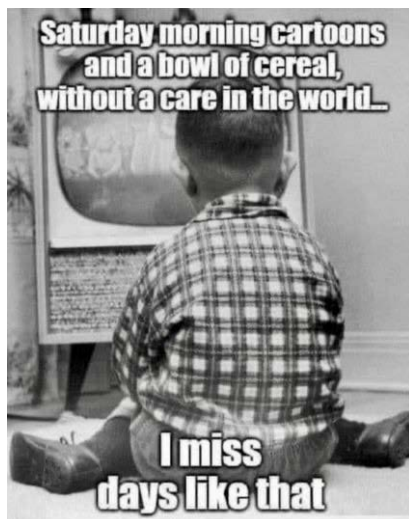
Sharon Monck - 20

Patrick Maquire - 21

Stephen Hogg - 25

Dennis Elliott - 29

Kevin Conroy - 31



Funnies and more....??

A long line outside the store...

It was the day of the big sale. Rumours of the sale and some advertising in the local paper were the main reason for the long line that formed in the morning before the store had even opened.

A small man tried to push his way to the front of the line, only to be pushed back, amid loud and colourful curses. On the man's second attempt, he was punched square in the jaw, got knocked around a bit, and then thrown to the end of the line again.

As he got up the second time, he said to the person at the end of the line, "That does it! If they hit me one more time, I don't open the store!"

Birthday bouquet...

A young man was incredibly in love with a beautiful girl. Her birthday was approaching so he told her he would send her a bouquet of roses, one for each year of her life.

That night he called the local florist and ordered twenty-one roses with instructions that they were to be delivered first thing the next morning.

As the florist was preparing the order, he decided that since the young man was such a good customer, he would put an extra dozen roses in the bouquet.

The fellow never did find out what made the young girl so angry with him.

Two ladies and their husbands...

Two elderly ladies were discussing their husbands over afternoon tea.

"I wish that my Robert would stop biting his nails," one lady said. "It gets me very upset."

"My Harry use to do the same thing, but I broke him out of the habit," the other woman said proudly.

"How?" The first woman asked.

"Well, I hid his teeth."



Archeologists recently unearthed new Ancient Artifacts in a field



The black charger I want-



Black charger I have-



June Phacts:

June in Other Languages Chinese (Mandarin) - liùyuè, Danish - juni, French - juin, Italian - giugno, Latin - Iunius, Spanish - junio

June is named after Juno, the Roman goddess of youth and protection. Her name (Latin *Iūnō*) comes from the root word for "young" (*Iuven*) and goes back to the idea of **vital energy** and **fertility**.

3 Jun 1937 - The Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France. As King Edward VIII, he had abdicated the British throne in December of 1936 amid tremendous controversy to marry Simpson, an American who had been divorced. Following the wedding, the couple lived in France and had minimal contact with the British Royal family. The Duke died in Paris on May 28, 1972, and was buried near Windsor Castle in England.



5 Jun 1968 - Robert F. Kennedy was shot and mortally wounded while leaving the Hotel Ambassador in Los Angeles. The shooting occurred after a celebration of Kennedy's victory in the California presidential primary. He died at 1:44 a.m., June 6, at age 42, leaving behind his wife Ethel and eleven children, the last one born after his death. President John F. Kennedy had named his brother and campaign manager, Robert Francis Kennedy, to the post of U.S. Attorney General in 1961. Robert served as the president's closest confidant. After the assassination of JFK, Robert remained as Attorney General until 1964, when he resigned to make a successful run for the U.S. Senate from New York. Allied with the plight of the poor and disadvantaged in America, he spoke out against racial discrimination, economic injustice and

the Vietnam War. In March of 1968, he had announced his candidacy for the presidency. And with the win in California, appeared headed for the nomination.

22 Jun 1941 - Starting at 3:15 am, some 3.2 million German soldiers plunged headlong into Russia across an 1800-mile front, in a major turning point of World War II. At 7 am that morning, a proclamation from Hitler to the German people announced, "At this moment a march is taking place that, for its extent, compares with the greatest the world has ever seen..."



28 Jun 1914 - Archduke Francis Ferdinand, Crown Prince of Austria and his wife were assassinated at Sarajevo, touching off a conflict between the Austro-Hungarian government and Serbia that escalated into World War I.

30 Jun 1997 - In Hong Kong, the flag of the British Crown Colony was officially lowered at midnight and replaced by a new flag representing China's sovereignty and the official transfer of power.



Welfare Contacts

Club Ltd - 4363 0199 (ask them to contact the sub-Branch for you), or

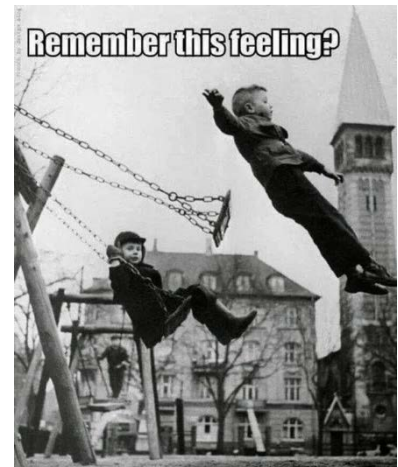
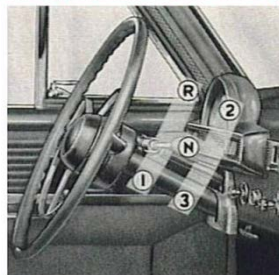
Welfare Support Officer:

Paul Osborn - 0418 645 715

Secretary:

Pete Grothen - 0412 702 700

Many of us over 45 have driven a 4 on the floor - but how many have driven a '3 on the tree.. Have you?



Funnies....??

A coughing man at the local pharmacy

A man was standing quite uncomfortably in the corner of his local pharmacy. After spotting him, another customer approached the pharmacist and asked what was wrong with the man.

"He came in this morning," the pharmacist responded.

"He was looking for something for his cough but I couldn't find the cough medicine. So I gave him a whole bottle of laxatives.

The customer looked confused, "What do you mean? Laxatives won't work for that?"

"Oh yeah? Look at him, he's too afraid to cough!"

The New Parents

A woman is entertaining her parents who have come around to congratulate her on the birth of their first grandchild.

"So, when can we see the baby?" asks the grandmother.

"In a little while," replies the mother.

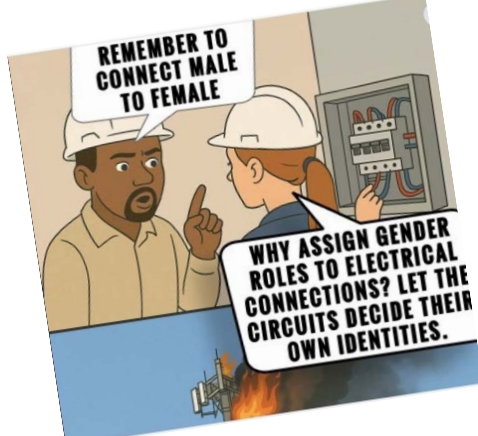
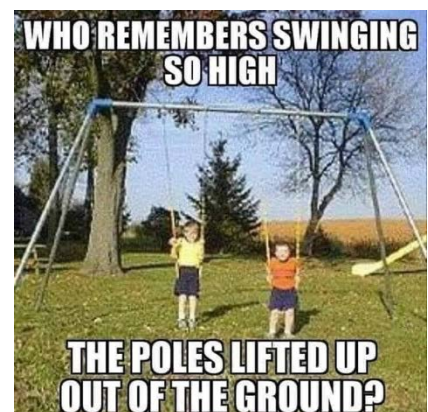
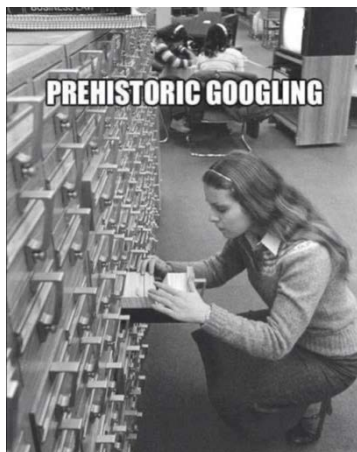
Some time passes. The grandparents are looking quite anxious at this point.

"So, when can we see the baby?" asks the grandfather.

"When the baby starts crying," replies the mother.

The grandparents turn to look at each other, a little perplexed and ask: "Why do we have to wait until she starts crying?!"

The mother snaps back: "Because I put her down somewhere this morning and I can't remember where she is!"



Tariffs are working so well that even the Pope is Made in America! 🇺🇸



Fun June Days:

17th is Eat Your Vegetables Day - If you can't stand greens and veggies on your plate at a meal, maybe it is time to start today. Vegetables are healthy and full of vitamins, phytonutrients, fiber, and minerals. Eating vegetables every day can help reduce the risk of a variety of health problems, including type 2 diabetes, obesity, and some types of cancers. Doctors around the world recommend that people eat at least five portion or servings of vegetables during the day.



How to Celebrate?

This is an easy day to celebrate. Eat up your veggies today and make a resolution to add more greens and vegetables to your diet in the future. Here are some more ways you can celebrate Eat Your Vegetables Day:

- Visit your local farmer's market and get some locally grown produce.
- Prepare all your favorite veggies for all your meals.
- Make your desserts using veggies.
- Have at least five vegetables today.

Did You Know...that onions are the world's most widely used vegetable?

sub-Branch Event Calendar:

June	Tuesday	3	Committee Meeting	1100
	Tuesday	10	General Meeting	1100
July	Tuesday	1	Committee Meeting	1100
	Sunday	13	General Meeting	1100
August	Tuesday	5	Committee Meeting	1100
	Sunday	10	General Meeting	1100
	Monday	18	Vietnam Veterans Day	1055

Editor's Note: Any comments, complaints, or if you would like to provide any items or information for inclusion in future issues of 'Pass the Word', please send an email to: davistownsb@rslnsw.org.au

I am especially keen for members to provide any interesting facts/stories of a military nature which can be included

Disclaimer: While every care is taken to check spelling, dates, facts, information, etcetera, errors will undoubtedly occur. Please accept my apologies in advance, and when errors do occur rest assured that no offence is intended, and I trust none will be taken.

Yours aye, Pete G

