# Veterans Affairs TE TIRA AHU IKA A WHIRO

# **Connecting with veterans** and their whānau



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## Tēnā koutou katoa

### Welcome to the summer edition of our magazine

This time last year we were still navigating our way through a global pandemic. COVID-19 is still out there in our community, so please, do all take care. But in recent weeks we resumed our community outreach programme with a spectacular gathering of veterans and their whanau at the Air Force Museum of New Zealand at Wigram in Christchurch. We have some great photos from this forum, and vou can read more about it later in the magazine.

We are planning both face-to-face and virtual forums in 2023 so keep an eye on our Veterans' Affairs Facebook page and website for further details. It's important that we stay connected - as social beings simple things such as picking up the phone or using technology to connect with family, friends and colleagues goes a long way to ensuring we maintain good health and wellbeing. We will certainly continue to look at different ways of bringing veterans together in an environment that is safe and enjoyable.

Since the launch in late June of the Veteran, Family and Whānau Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy Framework, known as Te Arataki, we have talked with more than 20 different agencies in Wellington about an action plan to address the recommendations of Te Arataki. Without exception, we have been welcomed and listened to, and there is agreement and enthusiasm about the need to do more for our veterans and their whanau. I hope to share more information on this in future issues of Veterans' Affairs Magazine.

In November last year, it was announced that two new conditions had been added to the list of

Cover Image: The Ōtautahi Christchurch Forum

Prescribed Conditions eligible for an ex gratia payment under the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between representatives of Vietnam veterans and the Crown. This made hundreds of Vietnam veterans who had these conditions, eligible for ex gratia payments. Over the past 11 months Veterans' Affairs has made more than 900 payments, mainly to veterans, but also to some surviving spouses or partners. If you know of someone who you think may be eligible for an ex gratia payment, please have them get in touch with us.

As we finish up another busy year I would like to thank you all for your patience as we deal with an unprecedented increase in the number of claims being received. You will hear from us. In the meantime, please continue to take care of yourselves, your mates and your loved ones. My staff and I look forward to serving you again in 2023.

Meri Kirihimete ki a koe me te whānau, we wish you and your loved ones and safe and happy Christmas season.

**Bernadine MacKenzie** Head of Veterans' Affairs

# "Meri Kirihimete!" Minister Whaitiri

### Kia ora,

After a tough couple of years a real highlight for me in 2022 has been the fact we have been able to meet up with each other again, and reconnect with friends, loved ones and comrades face to face.

Kiwi veterans did such a fantastic job of supporting each other during the height of Covid-19 and, as Minister for Veterans, it's been a privilege to be able to meet so many of you in person during the course of this year at various events, ceremonies and commemorations up and down Aotearoa.

I was honoured and moved to be on the shores of Gallipoli for the Anzac Day Dawn Service on 25 April. I was able to walk around the peninsula and see first-hand where so many of our soldiers fell. They, and all those who fell there, are looked after well by the Turkish people, and we are grateful for this.

In June, a number of us gathered at Parliament where we launched Te Arataki mō te Hauora Ngākau mō ngā Mōrehu a Tū me ō rātou, the Veteran, Family and Whānau Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy Framework. This came about after some great work by a lot of different individuals and agencies – much of it done through virtual meetings while we were all locked down. It's been good to see that steps are already being taken to action some of Te Arataki's recommendations.

I attended the RNZRSA's National Council meeting in October, and had the opportunity to say thank you to the retiring National President, BJ Clark QSM. In his eight years in that role, BJ has been a tireless advocate for veterans and I've enjoyed working with him since I have been Minister. I'm looking forward now to a similar close relationship with his successor, Sir Wayne Shelford.

As we look towards the new year, I'm pleased to see that more commemorations are being scheduled. I was particularly pleased to see we now have a date (February 2023) for a memorial service and blessing of the graves of servicemen who had died in the Lake Alice psychiatric hospital and were buried at Mount View Cemetery. The reason

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we can commemorate those buried there is because of some hard work that was done by a caring local veteran who wanted to make sure that those who had served, many of whom were lying in unmarked graves in that cemetery, would not be forgotten. Remembrance – honour – and respect. That is what caring for veterans is all about.

As we come to the end of another year, I wish all of you and those you love a happy and safe Kirihimete, and a happy and healthy New Year to follow in 2023.

Hon Meka Whaitiri Minister for Veterans

Photo above by Elias Rodriquez, Mark Tantrum Photography

### **Christmas and New Year opening hours**

We'll be closed over the Christmas and New Year period, from midday on Friday 23 December, until the morning of Monday 9 January. We wish you and your whānau a safe and happy festive period.

### **Christmas and New Year Payment dates**

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### The Lake Alice Soldiers

The Mt View Cemetery Commemoration. The unveiling ceremony of the previously un-marked graves of Lake Alice Soldiers previously planned for 2021, will now be held at Mt View Cemetery on Saturday 4 February 2023. The ceremony will be hosted by the Marton RSA and the Rangitikei District Council. It will include members of 5/7 Battalion New Zealand Infantry Regiment. There will be one soldier standing at each grave throughout the service.

If you are interested in attending, for more information, please email Alan Buckendahl:

alan@martonprint.co.nz

# A message from CDF



### Meri Kirihimete, Merry Christmas

Veterans' Affairs has this year successfully charted and then followed a direct course to improve the wellbeing of our veterans.

Last year, two new conditions were added to the list of Prescribed Conditions eligible for an ex gratia payment under the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Vietnam Veterans.

Following that announcement, Veterans' Affairs contacted over 900 eligible veterans to discuss the implications of these additions and to those that had a claim which had already been accepted for one of the new conditions -to arrange payment. This has been a huge undertaking for Veterans' Affairs, but by May almost all payments had been completed. We know of cases where this ex gratia payment has been life changing for a veteran. As at 1 November this year, 933 ex gratia payments have been made by Veterans' Affairs; 883 to veterans and 50 to surviving spouses or partners.

Support for our veterans doesn't only sit with Veterans' Affairs; There are many Government agencies that provide or facilitate support. With the aim of raising awareness of the challenges that some veterans face, Veterans' Affairs set up a working group including veterans, their support groups and other agencies, to develop the Veterans, Family and Whānau Mental Health Wellbeing and Policy framework. The framework, Te Arataki mō te Hauora Ngākau mo ngā Mōrehu ā Tū me ō Rātou Whānau, was launched in June. It aims to encourage and guide Government agencies to develop their own strategies for veterans.

Since the launch, Veterans' Affairs has been working with agencies to operationalize Te Arataki. Veterans' Affairs Head Bernadine MacKenzie, Willie Apiata VC, veteran adviser and Veterans' Affairs Clinical Adviser, Dr Mike O'Reilly (all members of the working group that developed Te Arataki) have been meeting with Government agencies to discuss veteran wellbeing.

With more agencies aware of veterans in our society, and with the prospect of new services being developed for them, this gives me confidence that support for veterans will continue to improve.

I wish you and your whānau a safe and restful Christmas break and all the very best for the New Year.

Ko tātou hei Mana mō Aotearoa -We are A Force for New Zealand

Air Marshal Kevin Short Chief of Defence Force

# Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) Sir Harawira Tiri Gardiner KNZM

Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) Sir Harawira Tiri Gardiner, KNZM passed away on 17 March 2022.

He was a soldier and a veteran, and he made significant contributions to public life in New Zealand.

Sir Wira was remembered by family, friends and colleagues at a memorial service celebrating his life and his service at St Paul's Cathedral in Wellington on 16 November.

He served in the New Zealand Army for 20 years, and saw active service in Vietnam. When he retired from the Army in 1983, in the rank of LTCOL, he was, at the time, the Army's highest-ranked Māori officer. He published a number of books on New Zealand history and the Māori world, including the 28<sup>th</sup> Maori Battalion.

Sir Wira also had a 38-year career as a public servant. He held a number of senior roles. He was the foundation Chief Executive of Te Puni Kōkiri; National Director of Civil Defence; Chair of Te Māngai Pāho; Deputy Chair of Te Ohu Kaimoana; Council member of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa; Deputy Chair of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi; Chief Executive of Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi; Chair of the Tertiary Education Commission; and Chair of the Board of the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa. His final appointment, at the age of 77, was as the head of Oranga Tamariki.

In 2021, Sir Wira was awarded a Spirit of Service Awards Lifetime Achievement Award to recognise his exceptional contribution to New Zealand.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment Colour was paraded at his service, and music was provided by the New Zealand Army Band.



# Connecting with veterans and their whānau The Ōtautahi Christchurch Forum

After a break of 16 months, our first face-to-face forum for veterans and whānau was held at the Air Force Museum in Christchurch in late October.

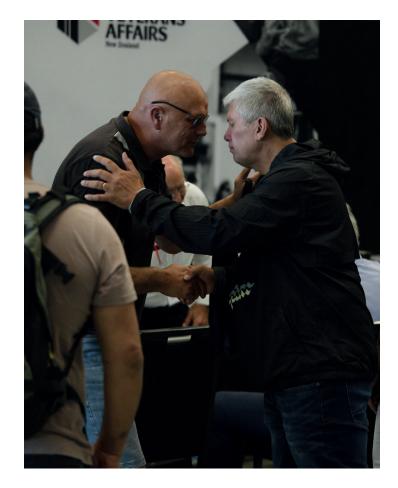
More than 300 veterans and members of whānau came to the event to meet with Veterans' Affairs and other support organisations.

Veterans came from all over the South Island, some came from the North Island and a couple were there from Australia.

The forum was a 'one stop shop' for those attending. As well as catching up with staff from Veterans' Affairs, veterans were able to meet with representatives of some of the 28 other support organisations that had stalls or made presentations there.

A feature of this forum was the number of serving personnel and younger veterans who attended. Burnham Camp was just 20 minutes away, so it was easy for serving personnel to come along and see what Veterans' Affairs might be able to do for them. Some of the organisations at the forum were offering careers in their sector. This provided an important source of information for those still serving. Successful transition into civilian life is key for future wellbeing.

More forums are planned in 2023. Keep checking our website and Facebook page for announcements about them.











# Changing of the guard at the RSA

The RNZRSA has farewelled its National President BJ Clark QSM at their National Council held in Auckland in October.





BJ has held the role of National President for eight years, but chose not to seek re-election this year bringing to an end over 30 years spent in governance roles within the organisation.

BJ first came in to the RSA in 1973 as a young soldier, and when he retired from the Army in 1991 he became involved in the governance of the RSA, first as an Association Vice-President, working his way through District appointments in Canterbury and culminating with being elected National President in 2014.

He had served for twenty-one years in the Royal New Zealand Corps of Engineers, attaining the rank of Warrant Officer Class One. He served overseas in Moscow as part of the team that refurbished the New Zealand Embassy, completed two postings to Singapore, deployed to Fiji, Antarctica and the Sinai.

"New Zealanders and New Zealand Governments haven't always understood the challenges that face our Armed Forces personnel and veterans. I was determined to ensure future generations of veterans were able to access support when they needed it – and that New Zealand as a whole valued the sacrifices made on their behalf," said Mr Clark. BJ represented the RNZRSA at numerous international occasions, most recently the funeral for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

For 30 years BJ has been part of the governance of the RSA, and worked hard to ensure that local RSA's had the guidance they needed to deliver support to veterans in their areas.

"Local RSAs are often at the heart of their communities and provide a visible reminder to New Zealanders of the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces. I'm very proud of the work that has been done in recent years to revitalise the RSA's support network and help the current generation of veterans realise that their service is just as valuable as their forebears."

National Office Chief Executive, Marty Donoghue said that BJ's service to the RNZRSA has been significant.

"The role of National President of the RNZRSA is a demanding one, and for anyone to give eight years of their time voluntarily to the role is incredible. BJ has brought passion, dedication, patience and kindness to the RNZRSA and his wisdom and guidance will be greatly missed."

BJ Clark was farewelled from the RNZRSA by Sir Jerry Mateparae, GNZM, QSO, KStJ and was presented with the RNZRSA Badge in Gold (RNZRSA's highest honour) and Life Membership.

# Sir Wayne Shelford, KNZM, MBE new National President of the RNZRSA



### He Aha Te Mea Nui o Te Ao, What are the most important things in the world? He Tangata, He Tangata, He Tangata Tis the People, Tis the People, Tis the People.

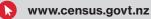
Sir Wayne served over a decade in the Royal New Zealand Navy, and has a strong family connection to the military with four generations having served.

In the early days of the new role Sir Wayne is looking forward to tackling some of the challenges facing New Zealand's veterans and their whānau.

# 2023 Census

### The next census is coming.

It will be held Tuesday 7 March 2023. The census is a nationwide survey that happens every five years to understand more about life in New Zealand and how it is changing. Iwi, community groups, local and central government, and businesses use census data to make decisions about funding and providing services that affect you, your whānau, and your community. By taking part in the census, you help create a better understanding of your community and what it needs. To learn more about the 2023 Census, visit:





# Tom Johnstone, born 1918

# Tom Johnstone, veteran of the Second World War, recently had his 104<sup>th</sup> birthday.

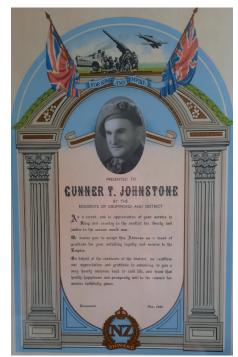
He grew up on a Southland farm, and still lives in his own home in Winton with help from a care giver and family. A retired farmer, he never married and hasn't travelled a lot out of the province.

But in 1941 he followed his older brother into the New Zealand Army. They landed in Egypt, and then went on to North Africa. By the time they got there the "war had moved on" so his unit guarded prisoners. He and his brother joined an artillery unit and saw action in Italy. He had the role of gunner in an ammunition truck and was at The Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy.

As a young man he played for the Drummond Rugby Club and after the end of the war he trialled for the New Zealand servicemen rugby team, the 'Kiwis' in Italy.

Tom is a life member and has been the patron of the Winton RSA.





# Paramount Services comes on board

From 31 August service provider Paramount Services has been engaged by Veteran's Affairs to provide interior house cleaning for veterans as part of the VIP Services programme.

Galvin and Suzanne Bartlett founded Paramount Services in December 1979 and they've grown their company into one of the largest New Zealand-owned commercial cleaning organisations.

David Jahnke, Business Services Manager Veterans' Affairs is pleased that Paramount has come on board.

"Paramount Services has operational centres throughout the country, and that level of support is what we need to maintain a high standard for veterans."

Galvin is also pleased that they can provide support for veterans.

"Some of them have been through a lot, and it would mean a great deal to me if we can take a worry away from them and help them be happy and independent in their own homes."

# **Commemorative Fund supports Vietnam Veterans' Day**

### The idea of commemorating the Battle of Long Tan in South Vietnam began over a few beers.

Shortly after those beers Chris Gunn (a veteran of Whiskey 1 Company) and a small committee began to organise and spread the word about the event.

Chris was encouraged to find that the commemoration was so well supported.

"There were 125 veterans and family members registered."

By August 2021, everyone was in Rangiora ready for the event the next day – then the bombshell hit, says Chris.

"That night the whole country went into lockdown. The RSA was not permitted to open, so there was no alternative but for everyone to go home."

All those who had registered were contacted and refunds were offered, but the overwhelming response was to keep the funds intact and try again in 2022.

The decision to hold over funds and try again the following year, proved to be a good one.

"Registrations for the commemoration improved. Over 70 New Zealand veterans, others from Britain, Australia, South Africa and the USA were now planning to attend."

The Vietnam Veterans' Day Commemoration included a parade at the Rangiora Cenotaph followed by a lunch and afternoon live entertainment at the RSA in Rangiora and an evening meal at the Spitfire Restaurant. Chris thought that the event was very upbeat.

"The mood was exuberant, the joy in meeting old comrades. There was a sense of great satisfaction as they had finally been able to come together and celebrate their shared involvement in serving New Zealand."

The Veterans' Affairs Commemorative Fund provided funding for this event. If you're planning a project, reunion or event that recognise veterans sacrifices, visit our website to see what we may be able to help with:

www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/ a-z/commemorative-projectcontribution/





# Art in Recovery Workshop

It's hoped the recent New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) Art in Recovery Workshop will be the first of many.

Veterans' Affairs and the RSA sponsored the free, two-day event in Christchurch, which was run with the support of the New Zealand Army.

It was open to serving and former Injured, Wounded or III personnel from all three Services, and NZ Army Families of the Fallen.

Former aircraft technician Gill McFarlane signed up for the workshop, after dealing with symptoms of long-Covid.

"Having Covid-19 and still working and being a mum, there's always pressure, there's always stress, and I thought this would be a good way of coming up with some tools for dealing with stress."

McFarlane deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Antarctica while serving with the Royal Air Force and Royal New Zealand Air Force, and is now a health and safety advisor at Base Woodbourne.

She described the workshop as fun, joyful and down-to-earth; she found drawing with pastels to be calming and meditative, and was surprised by how much she enjoyed the poetry exercise.

Those "aha moments" when people discover new activities, are a particular highlight for Elizabeth Love - one of two qualified art therapists who led the workshop.

Love, who previously served in the Royal New Zealand Dental Corps,

said the creative arts are important in helping to ease stress.

She said participants were able to dabble in a range of mediums.

"[We] wanted people to go away with the ability, when times are hard, to have places to go in their imagination. They don't have to wait until after work to reach inside themselves."

McFarlane hopes to see similar events at all NZDF camps and bases.

It's a sentiment echoed by workshop organiser Rebecca Maddaford, Liaison Officer - Injured, Wounded, Ill, who said "In these busy and stressful times, something we should all consider is how we look after ourselves. I would like to see more of these kinds of creative art initiatives available, to support our NZDF whānau to enhance their mental health and wellbeing."



Gill McFarlane with some of the art she created during the workshop.



(Left to right) Art therapists Elizabeth Love and Sarah Moore, with Papanui RSA President Doug Francis, workshop organiser and NZDF Liaison Officer - Injured, Wounded, III CAPT Rebecca Maddaford, and Head of Veterans' Affairs Bernadine MacKenzie.



# NZDF's Adaptive Sports Programme

The aim of NZDF's Adaptive Sports Committee (and programme) is to create life-changing opportunities through sport for physically or psychologically injured, wounded or ill (IWI) warriors. To foster independence, and to create unforgettable experiences.

Experiences like the Invictus Games. The committee supports many adaptive sporting events, but the Invictus Games loom large for many athletes. After being delayed by Covid-19, 22 athletes, support staff and whānau are off to the games in Düsseldorf, Germany in September 2023.

Chair of the Adaptive Sports Committee, WO1 Evan Kareko, says that the Invictus Games is bigger than ever and it is a prominent goal for many athletes.

"A large team is off to Düsseldorf 2023 and they've been training hard for an event that was put off because of Covid. We have training camps throughout New Zealand leading up to the Games." NZ athletes often come away with more than just medals from Invictus Games and other adaptive sports events. Evan Kareko believes that these events work for our athletes in a number of ways.

"They compete hard, and also form friendships with athletes from other countries. It gives our athletes a boost, meeting people with shared experiences and enhancing their feelings of normality."

The Invictus Games is just one part of the Adaptive Sports Committee's role. Their vision is to connect current and former serving military personnel with local adaptive sport communities and organisations around New Zealand.

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For more information email WO1 Evan Kareko at:

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# Former NZ Army Padre speaks for students



Delivering the student graduation speech.

Darren Paruhiterangi O'Callaghan (Tapuika, Te Arawa, Waitaha (Te Arawa) and Ngāti Pūkenga) recently graduated from the University of Waikato's Diploma in Te Tohu Paetahi, an immersion Māori language programme. The former NZ Army Padre was chosen as the student speaker for the Faculty of Māori and Indigenous Studies at the end of course ceremony. Paruhiterangi, 61 and battling Parkinson's Disease, was surprise and honoured to be called upon to represent his class, "I was one of the more 'senior' students." "I spoke about my grandparents being punished at school for speaking reo and that they didn't speak it to my mother and her siblings. Two to three generations missed out on learning their language. I sadly recalled my mother's whakamā (embarrassment) not understanding when spoken to in te reo."

It was reported that there wasn't a dry eye at that graduation.

Paruhiterangi served for 14 years in the NZ Army, reaching the rank of Major. He was deployed to East Timor, Solomon Islands and Afghanistan. In 2023 he will be studying te reo full time.



Darren Paruhiterangi O'Callaghan in Afghanistan.

# What the NZDF **Force Financial Hub** has for you

**October's successful** Veterans' Affairs forum in Christchurch was a great opportunity to engage with veterans about the range of benefits available to them and their family through the Force Financial Hub.

The Force Financial Hub was established by NZDF in 2015 and provides access to a range of financial, insurance, investment and mortgage services for the Defence community.

Its goal is to enhance the financial capability and security of the Defence community, and Veterans and their families are a very important part of that community.

We've partnered with great organisations to bring these services and benefits to you, including:

1. The NZDF KiwiSaver Scheme and NZDF FlexiSaver Scheme managed by fund manager Mercer and that provide access to a broad range of investments, potentially delivering higher returns than obtained through bank deposits.

- 2. The Member Insurance Benefits Programme managed by Aon and which offers access to discounted insurances, including a funeral plan for those aged 50 and above.
- 3. House, contents and vehicle insurances provided by Tower and that include a 10% discount on standard prices.
- 4. Will and Power of attorney's provided by Perpetual Guardian at discounted price.
- 5. Financial advice and mortgage broker services provided through Become Wealth, headed by Veteran Joseph Darby, and which provide comprehensive financial advice and investment services at considerable discounted prices.

Regardless of your age and stage in life, the Force Financial Hub has something for you.

To find out more google Force Financial Hub or email me here:



When enquiring about a member benefit please introduce yourself as a veteran, or veteran family member. I look forward to hearing from you.

Mark Williamson **NZDF Benefits Manager** 



# NZDF Force Financial Hub

Recognises that financial wellness is an important Strategic purposi

- Aims to enhance the financial wellbeing and security of members and their families; veterans and their
- Aims to equip members with the tools to make the
- best financial decisions for themselves
- Through this, the FFH aims to support operational preparedness and NZDF strategic goals (People 25 Strategy); and to reach out more effectively to the
- Veterans community





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Become Wealth	0508 645 378

# NZDF in action

### NZ and the Pacific

Two personnel are in Fiji providing support to the junior non-commissioned officer course. Three personnel are in

Tonga to undertake communications equipment maintenance, training and installation alongside the Australian Defence Force.



An RNZAF P-3K2 Orion aircraft conducted surveillance

patrols in the vicinity of Fiji, Honiara, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau. In addition there was a maritime patrol around the Kermadec Islands.



An RNZAF NH-90 helicopter provided support to the Department

of Conservation for a conservation and predator control activity in the Ruahine Ranges.

Around 100 personnel are working with the Australian Defence Force and Pacific security forces in Cook Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga and Vanuatu.

The NZDF is also hosting personnel from Australia, Canada, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Tonga, Singapore, UK, USA and Viet Nam on courses in New Zealand.



### **Around the world**

The New Zealand Defence Force currently has 135 personnel deployed to support multi-national and partner operations in efforts to support Ukraine's self-defence.

Outside the Pacific, the NZDF routinely has 110 personnel working throughout the world. Of those 50 personnel are working with the United States and Canadian militaries and 40 personnel are working with the United Kingdom's Armed Forces in various roles. Around 20 personnel are working throughout Asia.

Twenty-six RNZAF P-8A crew trainees are embedded with the United States Navy in Jacksonville, Florida, for training on the new P-8A aircraft.

An RNZAF C-130 Hercules aircraft is in the United States to participate in training exercises at the Advanced Airlift Tactical Training Centre in Missouri.

### **Operations**

Personnel deployed on major peace support operations, training missions and headquarters positions around the world:

**31** personnel to the Multinational Force and Observers in Egypt, including the Force Commander.

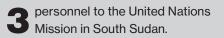
**12** personnel to the United Nations Command and Military Armistice Commission in the Republic of Korea.

**16** personnel to Antarctica to the Scott Base Support Team and McMurdo Station.

**8** personnel to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation based in Golan Heights, Lebanon and Syria.

personnel to Honiara, Solomon Islands.

**3** personnel to the Combined Maritime Forces Headquarters in Bahrain.



**2** personnel in the Middle East in roles associated with the Defeat-ISIS Coalition in Iraq.