



## Veteran's stories collected at the Online Cenotaph — Submissions welcome

Since relaunching in 2015, the Online Cenotaph has developed a resource of over 130 Cenotaph Stories.

These range from interviews with living veterans, articles acknowledging commemorative events such as Passchendaele and Anzac Day, to those stories that highlight lesser-known military events and individuals.

Stories have been written by Auckland War Memorial Museum staff and by other contributors, such as academic researchers and whānau. The Online Cenotaph welcomes story suggestions and supports people to submit content for the Cenotaph team to create new posts.

The Online Cenotaph would also love to expand the range of stories being told to include the perspectives of veterans from more recent conflicts.

This article includes some of their recent stories.

### Have a story to share?

If you have Operational Service and would like to submit a story or be interviewed by a Cenotaph team member, please get in touch with Victoria Passau, Online Cenotaph & Enquiry Services Manager:  
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## Lieutenant Commander (Ret) Ralph John McNabb

Lieutenant Commander (Ret) Ralph John McNabb served in the Royal New Zealand Navy for 46 years between 1973 and 2021. His impressive institutional knowledge is a true asset to New Zealand Naval research.

Read the full story on the Online Cenotaph (<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/mcnabb>) [↗](#)

## Ngāti Raukawa Sacrifice and Suffering in 20th-Century Wars

Despite large loss of land and disregard from the Crown in the 19th century, 50 years later Ngāti Raukawa men were enlisting in large numbers to fight in World War One, and later World War Two.

This article outlines the research conducted by Te Kenehi Teira and Heeni Collins as part of a report commissioned by Crown Forestry Rental Trust, Wellington (Māori 2020: *Porirua ki Manawatu Inuira*)

Crown Forestry Rental Trust, Wellington (wai 2200 Porirua ki Manawatu inquiry).

Read the full story on the Online Cenotaph (<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/ngati-raukawa>)

## 80th Anniversary of the Women's Royal New Zealand Naval Service

This article was written in collaboration with the National Museum of the Royal New Zealand Navy in celebration of 80 years since the establishment of the Women's Royal New Zealand Naval Service.

In this article, we highlight the many roles of Wrens during the Second World War, and the legacy of their service post-WWII. Thank you to the Collections Team at the Navy Museum for sharing their expertise.

Read the full story on the Online Cenotaph (<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/wrnzns>)

## Serious business: Women in the Army

July 2022 marked the 80th Anniversary of the formation of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps.

Formed in July of 1942, it was the last of the three women's services to be established.

In this article, Gail Romano (Associate Curator, War History) discusses the history of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps from its inception.

Read the full story on the Online Cenotaph (<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/waac>)

You can read more stories and updates in the Spring 2022 edition of the Veterans' Affairs Magazine



(<https://www.veteransaffairs.mil.nz/assets/VA-News/VA-News-2022-Edition-3-Spring.pdf>)

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