

How we began our association with 35 Squadron

Stephen (Beetle) Bailey rang me one Friday morning as I was returning from golf. I pulled over to the side of the road. We spoke for over an hour and a half. When the first Spartan arrived, we went to Richmond and met Brad Clarke the first CEO of the new 35 Squadron and Beetle Bailey and many of the other personnel. We have been lucky with all the Warrant Officers and staff who oversaw 35 Squadron. We have had a good relationship with them as well as the COs when 35 Squadron relocated to Amberley. We have visited 35 Squadron several times keeping in touch with the new Squadron. I decided to do some Wallaby and Spartan pins and Brendan Lohman suggested we present the aircrew with a small gold wallaby pin, and we have been doing this ever since.

Pin Presentation Friday 23 June 2023

Ron Glew OAM from RAAF NSW Association, Trevor Benneworth, John McDougall, Simon Adams, pilot ex 38 Squadron, Andrea and I attended. After we presented the pins to the Air Crew, we had a walk through the Spartan. We were lucky 1 Squadron was having a Family Day and the Hornet did some low-level flying. It dropped flares, did barrel rolls and manoeuvres just above the hangar at the base. We will continue to present the pins to the aircrew as they qualify. Jock Young's son, David, has qualified as a pilot and we were looking forward to Jock presenting a pin to David on our behalf. Unfortunately, David was on flying duties that day. I would like to see more members/veterans attend the pin presentations.

Name Change

On 5 May 2023 we changed our name to Wallaby Airlines 35 Squadron Association. It is the future if we are to continue. It is important the current 35 Squadron members join our Association and make it their Association in doing so. The infrastructure is in place as are our ABN, website and email systems. It would be good if we can get a few of the current 35 Squadron members to help with advising us on matters with the current squadron so we can make the website more suitable for everyone. Katrina, the webmaster, has been excellent in setting up the new website and getting a new ABN and applying for a not-for-profit status.

K.M. Smith

A big thank you to K.M. Smith. Without their sponsorship we would have found it hard to recover from the fraud and I look forward to continuing our relationship with them well into the future.

"Suggy's Men"

This book sells for \$25. If you pick up or are not too far away, I can deliver it. If you need it posted, it's an extra \$10 making it a total cost of \$35. As I have said before we lost a fair bit of money when we were defrauded with the printing of "Suggy's Men" but we are recovering and I believe the police are proceeding to charge a person over this matter. I will let everyone know what happens with this issue.

Reunion

Ron Glew OAM is in discussion with David Torrington CO of 35 Squadron about a reunion maybe in December to celebrate fifty years since the Vietnam War ended. Ron has organized for the Caribou from HARS to visit. A date has not been set but I believe they are talking about it happening in December. It could be difficult obtaining accommodation and buses to take us to and from the base etc. if a definite date is not confirmed before July/August. It will be a hangar bash which saves venue hire.

Evan Cannard

Wallaby Airlines would like to congratulate Evan for his new appointment as W.O.E. at 35 Squadron.

Ralph Clifton

Wallaby Airlines would like to congratulate Ralph, ex 35 Squadron W.O. on his promotion to W.O. of the R.A.A.F.

R.I.P

Sadly, we have lost a few more mates.

Doug Oliver, Vietnam 1966. Doug was a medical orderly. He was born 20 September 1940 passed 26 May 2023.

John "Porky" Donohue Vietnam 1972. John was an instrument fitter. He was born 28 May 1943 passed 9 June 2023.

Peter Dagleish Vietnam 1965. Peter was an engine fitter. He was born 6 December 1943 passed 25 May 2023.

Terry Collier Vietnam 1967. Terry was an elect. fitter. He was born 27 March 1947 passed 6 May 2023.

Lenny Scrase Update

Lenny has spent 12 days in hospital during March/April. He has had difficulty breathing. The hospital staff put him on oxygen but he can't have oxygen at home. He is now using a wheely walker. His mobility is not the best. Hang in there, Lenny. Best wishes, mate.

John McDougall Update

John McDougall has been suffering from back problems. He is having tests and scans done. We wish you a speedy recovery, John.

Kevin Johnson

Kev has been in hospital a couple of times lately Leg pain blood pressure.

50-year Anniversary Vietnam war

We have been invited to lay a wreath in Canberra !8 August I will be attending and laying the wreath on behalf of wallaby Airlines.

If you wish to attend, you must register

All others wishing to attend the commemorative service are asked to register their attendance online at: vietnam50.teg.com.au

Peter Gustafson has arranged Accommodation at the Ainsley football club it must be pre-paid either to wallaby Airlines firstly let me know if you are attending then I will arrange payment details

