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Wayne Burrows address is also changed but at time of journal production had not had that information supplied.

Last Post:

1106 Ray Hammond Gold Pioneer C Troop.

Eulogy:

Ray Hammond, 27 Sep 1926 – 11 Feb 2018,

1106 Gold Pioneer Sgt Ray Hammond joined the Legion of Frontiersmen in July 1955. (That's over 62 years ago!)

He was awarded in

1970 Long Service & Efficiency Medal

1977 Silver Fern

1984 Pioneer Axe

1984 Australian Medal of Merit

1990 Legion Meritorious Service Medal

1995 Legion Star of Merit

1997 UK Legion Distinguished Service Cross

1998 Frontiersmen of the Year

2006 Gold Pioneer Axe, recognising more than 50 years of exceptional and exemplary service

2016 Canada Command Honour Badge

Just last year in 2017 he was given the Stirrers Wooden Spoon.

That's our Ray!!

Ray spent many years as Records Officer on NZ Headquarters and held many positions & ranks, both in Auckland and here in the Hawkes Bay. Ray spent many hours, days, nights, & weekends on duties assisting the community in many areas.

Sometimes just watching cars in the car park at a Youth Social, through to assisting with crowd and traffic control for A & P Show's right up to crowd control for Royal Functions, and often travelled far to help out other units.

We once travelled from Auckland to Whangarei to assist with parking at the launching of the "Bounty" replica.

In the paddock next to our cars was only one public car all day, the public all came by boat.

However, we did enjoy the social activity that followed at the RSA.

Ray was always available to help people have a better day by giving them directions.

Ray was the Officer Commanding the Auckland unit when I joined 43 years ago and we were immediately welcomed as part of his wider family.

Our family spent many afternoons at Ray's place with his family, including helping them shift on more than one occasion.

Ray's old Datsun 1200 covered many miles to go to Legion Meetings and Duties.

Early on I learned of the Quartermasters Bag that had to travel to social events and to Conferences, but there were no spare parts for our uniforms in it. It contained glasses and a bottle of liquid for "Medicinal Purposes Only" of course.

I recall Ray always hooked up with an earphone for his little pocket transistor radio to listen to the cricket, the footy and the races.

On one occasion out beyond Waiuku, in the hills, at a Horse Riding event there was Ray, all set up with his sandwiches, his thermos flask and his radio, organising the car parking.

You could always rely on Ray – he even lent me a pair of black trousers at one conference!!!

During his work travels he managed to catch up with Frontiersmen throughout the North Island on his way.

Ray was a most respected member of the Legion of Frontiersmen, NZ Command. And above all to us he was a great mate. God Guard Thee Ray.

Pnr Barry Coker.



Commandant's Report:

Greetings to all Comrades whether in New Zealand or Overseas.

I was very saddened to get the news of the passing of Gold Pioneer Ray Hammond. Ray has been a stalwart of the Legion for as long as I can remember. Ray spent many a meeting at my fathers' house in Ronald Street in New Plymouth. Unfortunately I couldn't

make the funeral due to two appointments that I could not get out of otherwise they would have been another few months away. R.I.P. Ray you will be greatly missed.

I don't have a lot as usual, to say I do hope everyone is surviving the terrible heat that we have been experiencing; something I think we are going to have to get used to.

This being election year for your Commandant, I would like wish both nominees all the best in their endeavours.

Conference is fast approaching and I hope everyone has their registrations and accommodation booked. Looking forward to catching up with those who are travelling to Invercargill, make sure you have plenty of warm clothing.

My condolences to those who have lost loved ones and to anyone on the sick list get well soon.

God Guard Thee
Colonel Sandra Parrish
Commandant

Deputy Commandant's Report: Staff Adjutant's & North Island Liaison Officer Report:

Greetings one and all.

Firstly would like to thank those who attended late Gold Pioneer Ray Hammond Funeral, as the absent of the Commandant I had pleasure as my new roll of Deputy Commandant to stand in for her.

Thank you to Staff Sgt Barry Coker "J Troop" for the Eulogy at the service.

As you all are aware we now have another nomination for Commandant. The unit had couple duties of Xmas parades one assisting "H" Troop.

That's it from me my sympathy goes out to those lost love ones and to those unwell I wish you speedy recovery

God Guard Thee
Arthur

R.S.M's Report:

Hi one and all, New Zealand wide and our friends the maple, the thistle and the Rose and our close friends on the western Island off New Zealand.

Well we have plenty to think about with Global warming and the coldest winter on record in the Northern Hemisphere and Australia cooking at 40 degrees plus.

But we have more to think about, close to home, we are going to decide who will lead our command for the next three years.

It should be someone who has shown good leadership, i.e. Been an O.C, Sgt/Sec or served on NZHQ so as to know how it all runs.

As a member of NZHQ for some years, I know what it costs to be a member of NZHQ, let alone the cost of being Commandant as H.Q only pay half travel and accommodation and the cost of going to funerals etc is on your own pocket.

As the present R.S.M. I would hope that the new C.O will see to it that the CO, unit OC and RSM walk the Sunday parade either on Friday or Saturday so all know what is happening. As when we are not all on the same page knowing what is to happen next things can go wrong, that reflects badly on our ability as leaders. With that said I will hope we all get it right in the Deep South this June.

I did notice at Ray's farewell there were some hats that looked a bit like a farm hat; let's get our brims flat and our brass

shining, it will reflect will on how proud we are of who we are.

Remember they have handed down to us a trust let us not prove unworthy.

As we remember those we have lost, nurse the unwell, keep our strength and do our best in all we do.

God Guard Thee 2127 DR Vaile Pnr
RSM NZ Command

Record Officers Report:

Hi from the north I hope that those members who have been affected by cyclone Gita have recovered with out to much damage being done.

It was good to be able to catch up with Sandra on 2nd of January when she was in the area for a wedding 4 of us made surprise trip to Kerikeri airport and spent about an hour with her and Rob while waiting for their flight back home. It was with sadness that we heard of the passing of G/Pnr Hammond I had only been talking to him on the phone about a week before he took ill Ray was a long time friend of Don and me 4 members from here made the trip to Hastings for his funeral a long trip with 3 days away from home but worth it.

I have at last received the return forms from all units but it makes one wonder why you bother to post copies to some people when they either lose them on misplace them and then go to the rule book an use the ones in there which are not always the same also when a form says in duplicate this doesn't mean that you print on both sides of a page it in fact mean 2 copies so that one can be returned to the unit.

Well that is probably enough grizzles from me for now and will catch up with those of you who are going to conference in Invercargill

If you are on the sick list I hope you

have a speedy recovery and to those who have lost a loved one my sincere condolences.

God Guard Thee
Dawn

South Island Liaison Officers Report:

Greetings from the Deep South.

I hope everybody had a good Xmas and new year with family and friends as we did.

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ray, I have known Ray since 1987 when I joined in Wanganui. It has been a pleasure knowing him as a friend and a comrade.

We start our duties in March beginning with Basketball mid-March, and the Easter Races at the end of March. We will be busy for the next 3 or 4 months with basketball and netball.

We as a unit are looking forward to our conference; it has been 30 years to the day of our conference that one has been held in Invercargill. Most of our members have never been to one, let alone host one, so they are a bit nervous. I'm sure it will come off fine. Of course, it wouldn't be a conference without our comrades from up north.

It will be good for our members to meet new friends.

To those on the sick list, I hope you have a speedy recovery, and my sympathy's go out to those who have lost loved ones.

God Guard Thee
Capt Murray Hamblin PNR

Editor, Overseas Liaison Officer & Quartermaster's Report:

My report, as we are fast approaching conference and voting for a new Commandant one must reflect on one's

role within the organisation. The current Commandant told me once that he or she picks their own staff, and it is a very true statement, so reflecting on that the three positions which I currently hold may well not be mine after the elections, that will be the decision of a new Commandant and ultimately first the members of the Command themselves. Some of these positions are not ones of Headquarters like the Editor, this I have done for the past 11 to 12 years and a new editor would more than likely have a different view on format and content. To that person I wish you all the best. The overseas Liaison Officers position is one that I have held also since 2009 for the New Zealand Command this was a position on NZHQ and the current Commandant requested me to take on this role for NZ as she thought it would be good to have a closer tie to our overseas counterparts. I believe that is necessary for our command to not isolate ourselves and have worked closely to unite the various commands allowing and accepting that every command has the right to disagree with each other without holding it against them, however to work together on the common ground. This position may not even be required by a new Commandant although I am lucky as I still hold the position with other commands.

The Quartermaster this is a new position for me in the scheme of things maybe only two to three years. A lot of this has come about due to the storage room available to me and the closing down of so many units around the country. It was with this in mind that J troop moved to put remits forward to reflect the sign of the times and the modernization of the movement by moving some of these positions outside of the scope of NZHQ staff.

Another position which I have held although not one that is recorded as such is the archivist, one that has been raised in our last few journals is the storage and collecting of items of memorabilia and the papers. I was recently given a piece from the 1977 journal page 6. It reads:
Archives Officer.

I have been asked by the Commandant to act as temporary Archives Officer, as this remit was put forward by me at Squadron. I think this is a very necessary part of N.Z.H.Q. as too much history and records are being lost.

I, myself, have quite a lot of valuable material which I am passing over to H.Q. when a full-time archives officer is appointed. This includes old records, letters, photos and uniforms, equipment, etc. I have access to the Manawatu Museum for storage space to hold all this material and they would like to use some of this for display from time to time. If troops and Squadrons have any material they would like to add to my start of a historical collection, I would be very pleased to hear from them.

F/m L.W. Chalk 32 Campbell Street, Palmerston North. Phone 85-895.

So for me the big question is where did it all go, that is 41 years ago, I know that in the days that Brigadier Doug Baker was the Commandant he appointed QSM Dave Funnell of N Squadron as the Archivist/Historian.

I also know that in J Troop Fm Martin Layzell has been busy re-painting, carpeting, making shelving or is about to do the last part so that all of the QM stores and the papers and books can be stored in an appropriate place. We hope to have photos taken for conference to show you. This position is also one that J Troop has moved to be outside of NZHQ staff, but one must be moved and voted by the command at a conference.

It is not just about modernizing it is also about trying to future proof things and the protection of history. To do this work is very expensive and you need to have the passion enough to be willing to spend your own money really to get things done because restoration of our history in the many forms is of utmost importance especially as our numbers reduce and age is creeping up on us all.

After all as a member would you like to be forgotten as time goes by due to lack of preservation.

Captain Val Baker L247

C. Troop Report:

Welcome to Sunny Hawkes Bay.

It is with great regret in the passing our Gold Pioneer Ray Hammond. A great thank you to all the Frontiersmen that turned up for the Funeral. He will be sadly missed by all that knew him. He was a great friend and comrade to Derek and myself.

I will be the only one attending conference as Derek's health is not the best at the moment. I am taking on the secretary's roll at the moment so please refer all correspondence to this address 12A Avenue Road, Greenmeadows Napier.

God Guard Thee
Fm Robin Cawte.

D Troop Report:

E. Squadron Report:

Greetings to all from the Waikato. We are starting to feel the tides of change in the weather as we head to winter, that is if we ever really had a summer at all. Way back in 2006 our unit was near dead with only four members left to hold the fort, but now

we have eleven even after the loss of three. We have a suggestion and that is that units should be thinking about making contact with past members in an effort to have them rejoin to bring up numbers and to bring back some of the lost experience that these members hold. We at 'E' Squadron would like to give our sympathies to the Hammond family in the recent loss of Ray, one of our most senior members.

As for the continuing efforts of us to build up personal files of our past and deceased members, the statistics are: 15400+ members' names worldwide

700 members' portrait photos

293 New Zealand cemetery headstone photos

543 New Zealand military personal files

Members of 'E' Squadron will not be able to make an appearance at Invercargill this year but we wish that the Conference goes well being at the foot of the nation.

Mike Smith Pnr. Lt.

F. Troop Report:

O C Lt D Yearbury Secretary Maj D Yearbury 143 Otaika Rd Whangarei 0110 Ph 094382601 meetings Bi monthly 2nd week-end of month place and time to be advised

Greetings from the North. We hope everyone has had a good Xmas and new year. I apologise for not doing the last report as unforeseen circumstances prevented my being available. Dale was admitted to hospital with Legionella disease and Pneumonia while there she was put into an induced coma, this incident was caused by using potting mix, Dale came after a week but is still very tired this has made both of us very

aware of taking note and following instructions on bags i.e. wear gloves and use masks or wet both potting mix and compost.

Our duties at Waipu Highland Games and the Mid Northern Rodeo have been done successfully again with both being re booked for next year unfortunately we have lost the old time dance duty due to the fact of a drop in their members and ever increasing costs.

Our AGM was held on 12th February at Gold Pioneer Yorke's residence at Haruru Falls everything went well all officers and Nco's remain the same Lt Don Yearbury Gold Pioneer as OC and Dawn Yearbury as secretary Clive Bracey Sergeant & Joe Yearbury as Corporal.

It is with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Gold Pioneer Hammond, it was good to see members from other units attending his funeral.

We are now back to nearly all of us being able to do duties as far as health issues allow

Well that's all for now to those who have lost a loved one our condolences and to those on the sick list get well soon.

God Guard Thee
Clive

H Troop Report:

J Troop Report:

As we enter the next few months, members will realize we are about to decide on many changes that could affect the future of the Legion in New Zealand. It is in the hands of the many, as over the last 9 years we as members have not had the opportunity to have our

say in that no one has stepped up to have an election, it is good now that the Command has chosen to have a voice. In fact it started months ago, when our Records Officer warned all to make sure your capitations are paid prior to the 28th of February. I recall in 2013 when D Troop was told that there was no point going to conference in Katikati as they would have no vote as their capitations were not paid by that date. As a nominee, I in fact contacted many units who have been denied voting rights in the past or just to remind everybody to confirm that they have made it on time especially with the slow post. So we know that D,E,J,O, P and Y posted cheques off well in time, one can only presume that F,H,N would have also, that would leave W & C left unknown. This means all units should have the right to make a decision on their future direction of the Command. It only requires the capitations to be paid on time and the unit strength form which will inform NZHQ who the capitations are for, not necessarily any other paper work is required in the rules in that time. The last lot of hats has been ordered and charged to my credit card, it's been 10 days since Dawn posted me the cheque so I could pay the account but as yet good old NZ Post has not handed it over, Ross has offered to help me out so I don't incur any interest on the outstanding balance, the two grand wouldn't normally worry me, but unfortunately I had a few expenses to pay out this month, bad timing I suppose. The Canadian Mounted Police

shop that sent the hats changed the shipping company which has caused no end of confusion at this end so is now waiting for them to send me an account for customs to release the hats. Once they do I will be able to hand over to F and Y their replacements and hopefully post down to O Troop their replacements.

The binding of the old journals from 1947 – 2017 inclusive has now been completed and we hope when we receive the cheque for these we can pay Allan Wright for the work, Ross has view them and they are very impressive and well worth the money to have completed. The early "Frontiersmen" 1912 forward to 1947 has yet to be bound; this should be decided on by conference. I urge everyone to continue to agree to preserve your history.

Recently Gold Pnr Ray Hammond sent to me the last missing 21 journals that I listed in the previous journal. Although Allan had already bound past that period the 21 journals have made up a separate volume, to me they will always be known as Ray's volume. Ray told me once that binding them was something that A Squadron had started; he was a great supporter of getting these ones bound. I am extremely grateful for his help, knowledge wisdom and patience over the years, his presence has meant a lot to me personally and to my girls who would seek out to hug him goodbye at the end of conference.

We three were unable to attend Ray's funeral, it is a problem being the boss, one may think it is easy but it is not to

travel to Napier for me or in fact anywhere that requires 10 to 12 hours of driving to go and return in the same day let alone the time to attend is foolhardy, and dangerous, all I can do is to help out with the travel costs to send Ross, that way I know I am in spirit doing my best. There are currently 8 members of the troop attending conference which isn't too bad an effort. We felt that as Murray, Alister and Richard have travelled to conference for long period of time each year that it was time to cover the costs and support them. We are looking forward to attending, its 30 years since there was a conference in Invercargill Dad was Commandant at that time, they had an earthquake that day, the photo of the queen nearly fell down on his head, and just before it started Dad sat down in a hurry and everyone wondered why then it really started to rock the place. Let us hope we have as a good a weekend as we did then without that rocking and shaking around. Everyone take care see those at conference in a few months.

Lastly I have one more item to raise, it's about the right of J Troop to put forward remits at conference. Firstly it's no point carrying around an old green rule book, I have issues from 1931, 1936, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1965, 1976, 1984, 1991, 1995, 1998, 2002 over half of them are green. That is a new rule book on average every 6 years, so if you are carrying one older than 6 years old it is obsolete; you are not up with the times and cannot claim to be up to date. In 2006 we went to a folder because of the

printing costs. When you go out on duty why do you need the rule book, when you attend conference if you use any green book from 76 onwards all except 1991 are green they are at least 20 years out of date. Don't blame J Troop for being pro-active and forward thinking, if they had not done so and made changes last year we may not have reached the quorum required to hold this year's conference in Invercargill.

We could see an issue that has arisen this year on the age restriction on the Commandant this remit was moved originally by Z Troop, if any unit was out there who had a problem should they not have put forward a motion sooner. I also believe that last year everyone felt that we would never get the remits done in the time. At conference in 2005 in Whangarei there was 34 remits that day, done in time, 40 last year at Taupo done in 45 minutes, only 37 so far this year. We are now starting our conference at 9.30 instead of 9 once upon a time it was 8 o'clock for OC's and Adjutants, now because no one knows what to do to fill in time. What do we come to conference for? Truly most of the time everyone has gone off to bed by 9.30 at night except J Troop and a few others, I appreciate that age has a lot to do with this but please don't complain about receiving remits from a unit that has new members and actively looking for more members. We all sometimes in the troop raise our eyebrows when we have to go through them all, but every remit that has been passed at our troop meetings and are

ones that warrant coming forward for the betterment of the command as a whole.

L247 Val Baker OC J Troop

N Squadron Report:

Greetings from the Manawatu
Here's hoping that all members and their families are coping with the unseasonable weather, hot some days then cool the next.

Duty wise, things have been rather at a standstill, still waiting to hear from the Rose City Porcelain Doll Club, if they are going to continue this term or flag it. Registrations last term in 2017, took a slippery slope down, with not enough sales met.

If it wasn't for our faithful comrades across the river W Troop, assisting with the Golden Shears in February, we would still be doing nothing duty wise. It is with sad regret, that I write a brief farewell, to a great Frontiersman, 1106 GPnr Raymond Hammond.

During one of the Eulogise given, it was mentioned how Ray will be remembered as our Ambassador, for his inspiration to us all. His memory will be respected by all who met and worked alongside him.

R.I.P. Ray

Well as the Editor is waiting, this very late report, I must away.

God Guard Thee

Lt.Kathy Butler Pnr

O Troop Report:

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PLACE OF MEETING – 91 Hyde Street
DATED – 25.02.18 SIGNED – A
Webb
No FINANCIAL MEMBERS – 15
JOURNALS REQUIRED – 16
REPORT FORMS

Hi from the sunny south Island. We are almost at conference weekend. We are looking forward to seeing everybody down here. First time in 30 years. We are about to have our AGM and finalize everything for our conference.

Duty wise, we are about to get very busy with Basketball, other duties and BBQs for our fundraising. We have got 2 days at Riverton Races on Easter Weekend. We have just finished the Xmas rush and now into 2018.

As we have the elections this year, I hope we can support whoever gets elected and best of luck.

We were saddened to hear the passing of Ray Hammond PNR into the great divide. RIP.

We are growing in numbers down here which is a good sign for us. Well that's all from me. To those who are on the sick list a speedy recovery, and to those who have lost loved ones, our condolences.

Looking forward to seeing you at conference.

God Guard Thee

Sgt Sec A Webb (PNR)

W. Troop Report:

Hi from W Troop,

Well not much news from down here. Hope everyone is fit and well. Our sympathy goes out to those who have lost loved ones since the last report.

We have had a great summer last year up till now as today it is raining and badly need it for our tanks.

As most of you will know Lt Pnr Graham Stokes has been ill for some time, they thought it was cancer but it is not. It is a relief that he has got lung problem. He has got inhalers to help him breath, now waiting to see a specialist.

God Guard Thee, Sgt/Sec Carol Stokes.

Editors Note:

Glad to hear it's not cancer I don't wish that on anyone. Look after yourselves I hope the specialist can help.

Y Squadron Report:

Other reports & news:

Greetings to you one and all.

Our Condolences to "C" Troop on the loss of our dearly beloved Gold Pioneer, Ray Hammond. Also, to the same Unit for the loss of their only Woman member. Our thoughts are very much with you all.

Our grand Gold Pioneer will be very much missed as a friend, father, Grandfather and at Conferences.

We here in Sanson are hoping that nobody has been washed away or blown away. We are aware that there may also be the odd one been blocked in also. We are fine here and not had any of our landlord's trees land on us.

If there are any more contestants for the running of Commandant, ALL the very best. If so, it looks like we will be having our vote after all.

We are both well at the moment and hope that everyone else is also.

Hope to see as many of you possible at Conference in Invercargill.

Hope everything is going well for you down there with your organising "O" Troop?

God Guard Thee

Ann and Stephen Sheary (J Troop)

Overseas Reports:

U.K.

The new Topic page for February and March "**German Spies are Everywhere**" is now online at www.frontiersmenhistorian.wordpress.com or via a direct link on our main website www.frontiersmenhistorian.info We can assure you that this has absolutely nothing to do with "Brexit" - but is about the early years of the Frontiersmen and the invasion scares that gripped Britain.

The webmaster has just posted one of our brief snippets on the wordpress site "The Inspirational F C Selous" <https://frontiersmenhistorian.wordpress.com/2018/01/11/the-inspirational-f-c-selous/>

This is actually only half of Bill Tobin's article in the Bulawayo Chronicle, but as these are "snippets" we keep it short. Please notify those you think may be interested. This wordpress site is proving great publicity for us with a large readership.

Anne Samson has a copy of the whole article as Africa is her special area of research.

Canada:

Due to circumstances it has been decided that the LFICC, as from 1st January 2018, will become a non tactical unit but will retain its headquarters staff and its connection with the Independent UK Command.

GGT. G.B.Metcalf
Chief Commissioner.

Editors note:

I am sorry that I have been unable to print your end of year Annual OC's reports sent into NZHQ as I have not received them in time from the Records Officer, to be included into this issue. I can include J Troops as I have it on file.

I am now able to print the remits into this March issue so I will be including those and the reports will be in the June issue with the news from conference.

Officer Commanding Annual Report To the Year ending 31st December 2017:

It is with pleasure that I give my report for this last year of the Troop. Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has been able to turn out for duties during the year, always well presented, and if not just up to quite the right detail, quick tidy by one another has ensured everyone's appearance is acceptable to all.

Not all of the duties have been of a financial gain, but we still need to volunteer our time to help make everything happen sometimes for other nonprofit organizations. Some duties have been the cleaning of the rifles that belong to the Legion Command, amongst the other items held and stored by the Troop in its many forms. These hours are not recorded by the Command however, for all of those who have assisted in any way with this care I personally thank you for your efforts. Other non paying duties have been like to name some, ANZAC Day Services; another was travelling to Auckland to the John Grant service. Yet again another was the work with the BNZ

Staff for the "Closed for Good" Day at the local Katikati Cemetery.

Our revenue this year has come mainly from assisting J Squadron with their duties, whether it's the big one for the troop in March with the Multi Cultural Day or the Race Course duties. We also had our Christmas Parade duty and the extra duty this year was assisting with Guarding the Messiah Manuscript for the Western Bay Museum Event.

This year we have a total of five new members, four have transferred from G Squadron and the fifth is our new cadet. This gives us a total of 15 members including 1 Cadet and 2 Associates.

We have continued with our two monthly dinner evenings which have been very enjoyable, and well attended by the Troop members. Our monthly meetings held in the odd months (Jan, Mar, May etc) have also been well attended and those who haven't been able to attend have recorded their apologies. These evenings which we would hope to be shorten on time, doesn't always happen that way, but everyone seems to enjoy the time discussing the many aspects of Troop and Command life.

In closing I would like to say once again a big thank you to all of the Troop members for your support to me personally during the year and to everyone for assisting your fellow members wherever possible.

L247 Val Baker

Remits:

Remits for 2018 Legion of Frontiersmen Conference:
Moved by J Troop/O Troop

Remit J1 Constitution
6. Alteration and amendments to rules and constitution:

6 (b)

Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at a General Meeting (annual Conference) of the Legion in accordance with a resolution proposed by a Unit/and seconded by a further unit pursuant to clause 12 d.

Amend: “12 d” to “12(b)”

Reason: 12 d refers to members voting at Conference whilst 12(b) refers to the remit process.

Will now read:

6 (b)

Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at a General Meeting (Annual Conference) of the Legion in accordance with a resolution proposed by a Unit/and seconded by a further unit pursuant to clause 12(b).

Remit J2 Constitution
6. Alteration and amendments to rules and constitution:

6 (d)

Amendments to the Constitution become effective only after being passed by the Members at a General Meeting (annual Conference) and approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

Add after Societies: “and be advised to the Charities Commission.”

Reason: Change in systems mean there is now a requirement to report to the Charities Commission as well as the Incorporated Societies.

Will now read:

6 (d)

Amendments to the Constitution become effective only after being passed by the Members at a General Meeting (Annual Conference) and approved by the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and be advised to the Charities Commission.

Remit J3 Constitution
8. Executive:

8(a)(i)

One Commandant with rank of Colonel
Amend: “Colonel” to “Lieutenant Colonel”
Reason: To bring ranks more in line with the reduced number of members

Will now read:

8(a)(i)

One Commandant with rank of Lieutenant Colonel

Remit J4 Constitution

8. Executive:

8(a)(ii)

One Deputy Commandant with rank of Lieutenant Colonel

Amend: “Lieutenant Colonel” to “Major”

Reason: To bring ranks more in line with the reduced number of members

Will now read:

8(a) (ii)

One Deputy Commandant with rank of Major

Remit J5 Constitution

8. Executive:

8(a) (iv)

One Records Officer with the rank of Major who shall act as Treasurer and keep the Master roll.

Amend: “Major” to “Captain”

Reason: To bring ranks more in line with the reduced number of members

Will now read:

8(a) (iv)

One Records Officer with the rank of Captain who shall act as Treasurer and keep the Master Roll.

Remit J6 Constitution

8. Executive:

Insert New Rule

8(h)

Headquarters staff roles may be combined, provided that there are at least six members on Headquarters.

Reason: To allow amalgamation of roles and to establish a minimum number on Headquarters.

Remit J7 Rule

Financial

Section 7.10 The Commandant and Records Officer shall receive and pay out all monies, and cheques shall be signed by both officers.

Insert after Commandant: “, Deputy Commandant”

Amend: “both” to “any two of these”

Reasons: Constitution clause 11(a) requires three signatories are appointed and cheques be signed jointly by any two. Specifying the third signatory as being one of the senior executive.

Will now read:

Section 7.10

The Commandant, Deputy Commandant and Records Officer shall receive and pay out all monies, and cheques shall be signed by any two of these officers.

Remit J8 Constitution

11. Duties of Headquarters:

11(a) To open a Bank account in the name of the Legion which shall be operated upon by the Treasurer and any two other Executive members of Headquarters appointed as a signatory to the Account, with cheques being signed jointly by any two of three members appointed.

Amend: “and any two other Executive members of Headquarters appointed as a signatory to the Account, with cheques being signed jointly by any two of three officer.”

To “(Records Officer), Commandant and Deputy Commandant duly appointed as signatories to the Account, with cheques being signed jointly by any two of these three officers.”

Reasons: Defining the three signatories as being senior executives and to tie in with Rule Section 7.10

Will now read:

11(a) To open a Bank account in the name of the Legion which shall be operated upon by the Treasurer (Records Officer), Commandant and Deputy Commandant duly appointed as signatories to the Account, with cheques being signed jointly by any two of these three officers.

Remit J9 Constitution

17. Disbanding and Dissolution:

Insert New Rule

17(f)

The Units stores, records, archives and memorabilia shall be forwarded to the Quartermaster and/or Archivist for storage.

Reason: To cover storage of Legion records, archives and memorabilia.

Remit J10 Rule

Election of Commandant

Section 2.1.4

Be not more than seventy-two (72) years of age in the year of election.

Amend to: “Deleted 2018”

Reason: Age discrimination, unnecessarily restrictive as numbers reduce and there is an increasing average age of members.

Will now read:

Section 2.1.4

Deleted 2018

Remit J11 Rule

Election of Commandant

Section 2.1.5

If circumstances suggest that it is prudent that section 2.1.4 above be relaxed for any particular person, a vote must be held at conference in the year prior to an election year and this must be carried by a 70% majority.

Amend to: “Deleted 2018”

Reason: Age discrimination, unnecessarily restrictive as numbers reduce and there is an increasing average age of members.

Will now read:

Section 2.1.5

Deleted 2018

Remit J12 Rule

Election of Commandant

Insert New Rule

Section 2.2.3 The Commandant elect will be party to the proceedings of conference and will take over the Command at the conclusion of the Church Parade.

Reason: To document the sequence of changing command. It is not practical for staff to change regalia and documentation etc and formalities need to be approved by Incorporated Societies.

Remit J13

Rule Dress

Section 16.1.1

The Unit, as soon as possible after the final acceptance of member, will supply free of charge, 1 set of Regalia, 1 Stetson Hat (c/w hat band), 1 navy/black tunic and slacks, 1 Waist Belt. Female members shall have the option of a skirt instead of slacks.

Delete: “navy/”

Reasons: Generally we refer to black which is more consistently available today.

Delete: “and slacks”

Delete: “Female members shall have the option of a skirt instead of slacks.”

Reasons: Quartermaster stores have no slacks or skirts. Consider these are personal attire. Skirt option to be addressed in Section 16.1.2

Will now read:

Section 16.1.1

The Unit, as soon as possible after the final acceptance of member, will supply free of charge, 1 set of Regalia, 1 Stetson Hat (c/w hat band), 1 black tunic, 1 Waist Belt.

Remit J14

Rule

Dress

Section 16.1.2

Members to provide black shoes, black socks/stockings, white shirt and black tie.

Insert after socks/stockings: "black slacks,"

Add: "Female members shall have the option of a skirt instead of slacks."

Reasons: Quartermaster stores have no slacks or skirts. Consider these are personal attire.

Will now read:

Section 16.1.2

Members to provide black shoes, black socks/stockings, black slacks, white shirt and black tie. Female members shall have the option of a skirt instead of slacks.

Remit J15

Rule

Dress

Section 16.2.1

DRILL ORDER: (MEN) Hat, tunic, slacks, black shoes and black socks, waist belt, (Sam Browne for officers) black tie, white shirt.

DRILL ORDER: (WOMEN) Hat, tunic, waist belt, white shirt, black tie, black low heeled shoes and black slacks with socks or navy/black skirt with black stockings.

Delete: "navy/"

Reasons: Generally we refer to black which is more consistently available today.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.1

DRILL ORDER: (MEN) Hat, tunic, slacks, black shoes and black socks, waist belt, (Sam Browne for officers) black tie, white shirt.

DRILL ORDER: (WOMEN) Hat, tunic, waist belt, white shirt, black tie, black low heeled shoes and black slacks with socks or black skirt with black stockings.

Remit J16

Rule

Mess Dress

Section 16.2.3.2

Miniature medals only may be worn and these are worn on the left lapel. Pioneer Axe will be worn on the right lapel in line with medals. Officers shall wear 'Dress' Pips and crowns (N.Z. Army) Chevrons to be gold on red (N.Z. Army)

Amend: "and these are worn on the left lapel" **to:** "on the Mess jacket and these are worn on the left lapel, the bottom being 1cm above the collar badge

Reason: To tie the rule to the Mess jacket and add positioning.

Amend: "Pips" **to:** "stars"

Reason: Pips are not referred to in current NZ/UK Army rules & all our other definitions use the term star.

Amend after crowns: "(N.Z. Army)" **to:** "(NZ/UK Army or LOF)"

Amend after red: "(N.Z. Army)" **to:** "(NZ/UK Army)"

Reason: Uniformity and availability.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.3.2

Miniature medals only may be worn on the Mess jacket, and these are worn on the left lapel, the bottom being 1cm above the collar badge. Pioneer Axe will be worn on the right lapel in line with medals. Officers shall wear 'Dress' stars and crowns (NZ/UK Army or LOF). Chevrons to be gold on red (NZ/UK Army)

Remit J17

Rule

Mess Dress

Insert New Rule

Section 16.2.3.3

Collar Badges with a red backing will be worn on the Mess jacket lapels by all members. The top of the badge shall be 18cm below the shoulder seam. Gorget patches will not be worn.

Reasons: Corps badges are worn by all ranks including HQ staff in both NZ & Australian Defence Forces and HQ differentiation is not needed in the more relaxed atmosphere.

Remit J18 **Rule**

Dress

Section 16.2.5.2

MEMBERS PARENTS MEDALS: Full Size medals may be worn above the right breast pocket, on Legion Church/Ceremonial Parades only.

Amend to: "MEMBERS FAMILY MEDALS: Full size or miniature LOF and other medals as authorized by the NZDF "Order of Wear" may be worn above the right breast pocket on LOF Church and Ceremonial Parades or duties as specified by the unit OC. No unofficial medals may be worn.

Reasons: The present rule does not allow for grandparents or other ancestor's medals to be worn. It does not allow for miniature medals to be worn (weight & comfort). It does not differentiate between LOF and other service medals.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.5.2

MEMBERS FAMILY MEDALS: Full size or miniature LOF and other medals as authorised by the NZDF "Order of Wear" may be worn above the right breast pocket on LOF Church and Ceremonial Parades or duties as specified by the unit OC. No unofficial medals may be worn.

Remit J19 **Rule**

Dress

Section 16.2.6.1

SUMMER DRESS: Hat, white shirt (preferably with epaulettes), black tie, navy/black slacks/skirt, black socks, black shoes. As an alternate, open necked white shirts with wide reverses may be worn. Frontiersmen slides and rank badges to be worn where practicable. Sam Browne belts/waist belts, NOT worn. Medal ribbons may be worn.

Delete: "navy/"

Reasons: Generally we refer to black which is more consistently available today.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.6.1

SUMMER DRESS: Hat, white shirt (preferably with epaulettes), black tie, black slacks/skirt, black socks, black shoes. As an alternate, open necked white shirts with wide reverses may be worn. Frontiersmen slides and rank badges to be worn where practicable. Sam Browne belts/waist belts, NOT worn. Medal ribbons may be worn.

Remit J20 **Rule**

Dress

Section 16.2.6.2

WORKING DRESS: Summer dress with the following options subject to approval by the Unit O.C. Navy/black jersey (preferably with epaulettes) may be worn.

Black boots complete with gaiters may replace shoes. Frontiersmen slides and rank badges to be worn where practicable.

Delete: "Navy/"

Reasons: Generally we refer to black which is more consistently available today.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.6.2

WORKING DRESS: Summer dress with the following options subject to approval by the Unit O.C. Black jersey (preferably with epaulettes) may be worn. Black boots complete with gaiters may replace shoes.

Frontiersmen slides and rank badges to be worn where practicable.

Remit J21 **Rule**

Dress

Section 16.2.6.4

Probationer Frontiersmen may not wear uniform.

Amend: "not" to: "only"

Add: "at the discretion of the Unit OC."

Reasons: Generally we are short of numbers and need all the help we can get. A keen member is worth encouraging.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.6.4

Probationer Frontiersmen may only wear uniform at the discretion of the Unit OC.

Remit J22 **Rule**

Dress

Section 16.2.8

TUNIC: Will be of navy/black (Preferably navy)serge/gabardine open neck type, may have patch pockets with small Frontiersmen buttons, worn with white shirt and black tie.

Delete: "Navy/" and "(Preferably navy)"

Reasons: Generally we refer to black which is more consistently available today.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.8

TUNIC: Will be of black serge/gabardine open neck type, may have patch pockets with small Frontiersmen buttons, worn with white shirt and black tie.

Remit J23 **Rule**

Dress

Section 16.2.13

SLACKS: Will be of navy/black (preferably navy) serge/gabardine without cuffs.

Delete: “navy/” and “(preferably navy)”

Reasons: Generally we refer to black which is more consistently available today.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.13

SLACKS: Will be of black serge/gabardine without cuffs.

Remit J24 Rule

Dress

Section 16.2.13.1

SKIRTS: Will be navy/black skirt, length should be measured by being level to the ground when kneeling.

Delete: “navy/”

Reasons: Generally we refer to black which is more consistently available today.

Will now read:

Section 16.2.13.1

SKIRTS: Will be black skirt, length should be measured by being level to the ground when kneeling.

Remit J25 Rule

Dress

Insert New Rule

Section 16.2.19

Lanyards of red & green may be worn on the right shoulder of the tunic, after having obtained individual dispensation from the Commandant.

Reason: Consistency in uniform. Standardizing the colours to the majority currently being worn. HQ staff have gorget patches to show their attachment to HQ.

Remit J26 Rule

Badges of Rank

Section 16.4.1

Commandant Crown and two stars on both shoulders.

Amend: “Commandant” to: “Colonel”

Reason: These are definitions of ranks. i.e. Commandant is a position, Colonel is a rank

Will now read:

Section 16.4.1

Colonel Crown and two stars on both shoulders.

Remit J27 Rule

Badges of Rank

Section 16.4.2

2 I/C -Deputy Commandant Crown and star on both shoulders.

Amend: “2 I/C -Deputy Commandant” to: “Lieutenant Colonel”

Reason: These are definitions of ranks

Will now read:

Section 16.4.2

Lieutenant Colonel Crown and star on both shoulders.

Remit J28 Rule

Badges of Rank

Section 16.4.3

Staff Adjutant Crown on both shoulders.

Amend: “Staff Adjutant” to: “Major”

Reason: These are definitions of ranks

Will now read:

Section 16.4.3

Major Crown on both shoulders.

Remit J29 Rule

Badges of Rank

Section 16.4.4

Records Officer Crown on both shoulders.

Amend: “Records Officer Crown on both shoulders.” to: “Deleted 2018”

Reason: This definition of rank is covered in Section 16.4.3

Will now read:

Section 16.4.4

Deleted 2018

Remit J30 Rule

Non-Executive Roles

Insert New Rule

Section 2.4

Non-Executive Roles

Reason: These are ongoing roles that need continuity and are not defined.

Remit J31 Rule

Non-Executive Roles

Insert New Rule

Section 2.4.1 Editor

The Editor will receive and edit journal reports, and publish Routine Orders, and arrange the printing and distribution of “The Frontiersman” journal on a regular basis. This role is to be confirmed annually at the Annual Conference.

Reason: This is an ongoing role that needs continuity and is not defined.

Remit J32 Rule
Non-Executive Roles
Insert New Rule
Section 2.4.2

Archivist

The Archivist shall store all historical records and documentation and memorabilia under appropriate conditions. This role is to be confirmed annually at the Annual Conference.

Reason: This is an ongoing role that needs continuity and is not defined.

Remit J33 Rule
Non-Executive Roles
Insert New Rule
Section 2.4.3

Webmaster

The Webmaster shall maintain his Legion of Frontiersmen, NZ Command website. This role is to be confirmed annually at the Annual Conference.

Reason: This is an ongoing role that needs continuity and is not defined.

Remit J34 Rule
Non-Executive Roles
Insert New Rule
Section 2.4.4

Quartermaster

The Quartermaster shall be responsible for the stock and equipment of the Legion held at the designated Headquarters Q Store. He/she shall take orders and supply to units any stock or equipment available and collect monies, if applicable, and forward to the Records Officer, for receipting and banking. He/she shall show a stock list at all Headquarters and general meetings of the Legion. He/she shall notify Headquarters when the stores have been depleted so as to order replacements. This role is to be confirmed annually at the Annual Conference.

Reasons: Role changed from Executive to Non-Executive as it is an ongoing role that needs continuity and requires suitable storage facilities and to update procedures.

Remit J35 Constitution
8. Executive:
8(a)(vi)

One Staff Quartermaster with the rank of Captain

Amend to: "Deleted 2018 see Rule Section 2.4.4"

Reason: Role changed from Executive to Non-Executive as it is an ongoing role requiring suitable storage facilities. This update is needed if Remit J34 is accepted.

Will now read:

8(a)(vi)

Deleted 2018 see Rule Section 2.4.4

Remit J36 Constitution
9. Duties of Office Bearers:
9(f)

The Quartermaster

The quartermaster shall be responsible for the stock and equipment of the Legion. He/she shall take orders and supply to units any stock or equipment available and collect monies and forwarded to the Records Officer, for receipting and banking. He/she shall show a balance sheet at all Headquarters and general meetings of the Legion. He / she shall notify the Records officer when the stores have been depleted so as to order replacements.

Amend to: "Deleted 2018 see Rule Section 2.4.4"

Reason: Role changed from Executive to Non-Executive as it is an ongoing role requiring suitable storage facilities. This update is needed if Remit J34 is accepted.

Will now read:

9(f)

Deleted 2018 see Rule Section 2.4.4

Remit J37 Constitution
9. Duties of Office Bearers:
9(f)

The Quartermaster

The quartermaster shall be responsible for the stock and equipment of the Legion, he/she shall take orders and supply to units any stock or equipment available and collect monies and forwarded to the Records Officer, for receipting and banking. He/she shall show a balance sheet at all Headquarters and general meetings of the Legion. He / she shall notify the Records officer when the stores have been depleted so as to order replacements.

Insert after equipment of the Legion: "held at the designated Headquarters Q Store"

Insert after monies: ", if applicable,"

Amend: "forwarded" to "forward"

Amend: "balance sheet" to "stock list"

Amend: “notify the Records officer” to “notify Headquarters”

Reason: To update procedures. This update is not needed if Remit J34 is accepted.

Will now read:

9(f)

The Quartermaster

The Quartermaster shall be responsible for the stock and equipment of the Legion held at the designated Headquarters Q Store. He/she shall take orders and supply to units any stock or equipment available and collect monies, if applicable, and forward to the Records Officer, for receipting and banking. He/she shall show a stock list at all Headquarters and general meetings of the Legion. He / she shall notify Headquarters when the stores have been depleted so as to order replacements.

Citations for Commandant:



Citation for L247 Captain V.J. Baker Pnr from J Troop:

I would like to make it known that I have accepted the nomination as a candidate for the Position of Commandant of the New Zealand Command. To most of you my name will be like many others throughout New Zealand, it may only be what you read in the journal but many of you have met me

personally and know of my family and the heritage of that family to the Command.

I was born October 11th 1958 in the township of Katikati, a place I have lived most of my life, other than travelling and working overseas in my earlier years.

I am a third generation member of the Legion with the fourth; my twin daughters, also being members of the Command. I am the daughter of the late Commandant Doug Baker who held the position for eight years, during this period, I was his private secretary, and his aide-de-camp therefore I have a vast knowledge of some of the most proactive years of the Command's history. Including the work required for the instigation of the New Zealand Colours being presented in 1984, the issuing of the LOF frank stamp by the NZ Government, and the awarding of three LOF QSM recipients these are only a few of milestones of that time which I have been involved in.

I also held the position as the first accepted full Female Frontiersmen in New Zealand since the 1940's even though this position was for the Australian Command, it was the thin edge of the wedge which lead to the women of New Zealand first being able to form the LASS movement in 1986, being one of the three adjudicators of the first official meeting of the LASS with Pioneers Claude Bathe and Nolan Hogan. I continue to be a member of the Australian Command a position I have held for 34 years, noting at that time it was more beneficial to NZ to not join its

Command. In 1996 I saw the acceptance of all female members and amalgamation in New Zealand, it was only in early 2002 did I join T Troop, New Zealand Command, then transferring to J Troop a few years later. I have held the position of Officer Commanding of J Troop for over ten years and seen it grow in numbers with a retention of younger members and experienced senior personal, many of the younger members coming from one of my other life style choices of involvement with children, which is hosting exchange students.

I was appointed to New Zealand Headquarters in 2009 as Overseas Liaison Officer, a position held since that date and one held in five other Overseas Commands prior and since this date.

I am currently also holding the positions of Quartermaster and Editor of the Journal.

In 2004 and 2005 I was heavily involved in the adaptation of the Command's Constitution and rule book which we still use today. I was the person who moved the change of section 155 which was that the Commandant had the final say, to a modern democratic view that the Command had the final say, a view which still holds strong for me to this day regardless of whatever position I might hold in the future.

In my life outside of the Legion I also have had to run three separate companies at once which has now been reduced to two, these being a timber and firewood company and a company with a dairy

farm and 8 rental premises. I started out as a junior office worker rising to become the Managing Director of both family businesses. Continuing the values and principles installed by my late parents.

During the last 30 years I have also held the positions as Regional Secretary and delegate and National Secretary for the sport of wood chopping, both of which have been very demanding, one held for 24 years and the other for 20. For this same organisation, this year I have been made a life member at National level, the only female of a small group of eight life members. I still hold the position as archivist of both chopping bodies and am the New Zealand Record holder's officer.

My business skills have given me the ability to be a leader of men, to listen and decipher information, then be able to act, to delegate tasks and call on those with knowledge and not be frightened to seek professional assistance when required.

I would like to see the Command move forward, open minded with our members driving for a positive future while still holding onto and preserving our traditions and heritage. An acceptance of change in our roles as Frontiersmen to meet society's changes, to grow our numbers and a unity for the good of the many.

Moved O. Troop/O Troop and also moved Y Squadron/Y Squadron.

Photos of both candidates are taken in Whangarei in 2015



We nominate Clive Mitchell Bracey
3976 for the position of Commandant
New Zealand 2018.
Proposed by DA Yearbury 1570 F Troop
Seconded K. Butler L84 N Squadron.

3976 Clive Mitchell Bracey.
Clive joined the Legion of Frontiersmen
in 1995 and although not able to be a
very active member due to his work
commitments, in the early years has
proved to be a very valuable member.
Stepping up and helping whenever it was
possible, he has been our unit Sergeant
for the last 6 years and has taken over
running our duties for the last couple of
years he has received both the Legion
Star of Merit and the Long Service and
Efficiency Medals.

We feel that he would make a good
Commandant as he has the ability to
interact with people and will listen and
take advise and suggestions from others.

To those who know me by name only I
3976 Sergeant Clive Bracey would like
to make it known that I have accepted
the nomination for Commandant of the
Legion of Frontiersmen New Zealand
Command to most of you I am just a
name.

I was born on 29th May 1954 in
Hamilton, growing up in a small

community called Tutamoe until
secondary education deemed it necessary
for the family to move to Whangarei.
Upon leaving school I served an
apprenticeship as an Automotive Diesel
Mechanic during that time a stint of 6
years Territorial Army service was done
I have since worked in various
employments including time in the
security trade where I was involved with
dealing with all classes of the public
learning how to interact with all types.
In October 1987 I married Dale Belcher
and took on the responsibility of her two
sons and we now have 4 grandchildren.
My Legion experience began in 1995
where I have listened to and taken
advice from my elders and superiors, my
hopes for the future of the Legion are to
keep the brotherhood and friendship of
members but as a voluntary organisation
we along with many others are finding it
hard to gain members so I hope we can
try to keep our organisation going with a
few modernizations to enhance the look
of the Legion for outsiders wanting to
join.

Clive M Bracey Sgt

On a lighter note:

The first time I heard about paraprosdokians, I liked them. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them.)

‘Spread the laughter; Share the cheer; let’s be happy while we’re here.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you.... but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up.... we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify...." I

answered, "a doctor."

11. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
12. I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
13. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian; any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

