
Central Bureau Intelligence Corps Association Mini Newsletter, March 2008

Here again is your mini-Newsletter for March, with the arrangements for Anzac Eve and Anzac Day. Please fill in the form on the attached page.

ANZAC EVE – April 24. We meet at the corner of Martin Place and Pitt Street near the old GPO. The service starts at 1830, so please be there by 1815.

ANZAC DAY – APRIL 25. We revert to our original meeting place on the corner of Elizabeth and Hunter Streets. (facing north.)

Assembly time is 0900 hours. Look for our green and gold banner. As usual our companions in the march will be Z Special Force and some members of the Australian Intelligence Association. This year the RSL State Council has made some changes which will affect some units but not ours.

Commodore Ian Callaway, Chief Marshal, explains in a letter published in Reveille, then in AIM – the Australian Intelligence Magazine. Here is an excerpt:-

“It is important that the March recognize the WWII veterans with a position of honour as they begin to pass from the scene...To achieve this in the 2008 Sydney March, WWII veterans, in the order Navy/Army/Air Force, will be invited to march immediately behind the WWI memorial banners and standards and the New Zealand contingent and ahead of other veterans.”

He explains that veterans of post-WWII conflicts cannot march with WWII veterans, unless they served first in WWII. These changes will affect the Australian Intelligence Association, separating those who served after 1945 from their WWII fellows. The journal AIM says: “Corps WWII veterans may elect to march with or adjacent to Central Bureau.” AIA hopes to provide these veterans with a banner.

The Landrover holds only seven, and will be shared between CB and AIA. If you seek a place in this please ring Gordon Gibson on (02) 9487-3029, or Bruce Bentwitch (02) 9417-1427. Ring immediately after the Easter holidays if you can. (Gordon will be back in Sydney then.)

In past years it was hard for some to climb into the Landrover – or get out of it. People clambered on milk crates, or were hoisted in and out by mates. The RSL promises that things will be different this year. Ladders and sturdy helpers will be at the ready. So, if you need a ride, please don't be diffident.

On the March: Bands accompanying the WWII marchers will slow the pace in deference to age, so there should be no gaps between young banner bearers, bands and elderly marchers as there were in 2007. We look forward to keeping step with the music of the Pittwater House Band, and its talented young players.

Dropping out: Veterans who really want to march, but think they might not be able to last the distance, should stay at the rear of their units. After passing the Cenotaph and turning into George Street, they will find exit gates through the barriers at King

Street. Those forced to leave the march early will find golf carts at King Street waiting to take them to taxis or to public transport. (This information from Commodore Callaway).

After the march the REUNION LUNCH is held at the Marriott Hotel, 36 College Street, Sydney (02) 9361-8400. The Marriott is opposite the War Memorial where the March ends in Hyde Park South. Parking will be free for CBers on Anzac Day. Lunch starts at 1200, and **the price this year has risen to \$45.** (Drinks are extra). Please send your cheque for the lunch to the Hon. Treasurer, Bruce Bentwitch (address below). **WE'D APPRECIATE THE RSVP FOR THE LUNCH AND YOUR CHEQUE BY MARCH 30.**

Membership fees for 2008 are now due. If you haven't paid yet please send your \$15 to Bruce. Write to The Hon Treasurer, Mr Bruce Bentwitch, 7 Holly Street, CASTLE COVE, NSW, 2069

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If you finish the march early, and find the room at the Marriott not ready, Gordon Gibson suggests meeting first at a quiet and pleasant pub nearby. It's the Macquarie Boutique Hotel, 42 Wentworth Avenue, just across Oxford Street. Some foregathered there last year for a drink and chance to take the weight off their feet!

Looking forward to seeing you – and please wear your name badge.

Many wishes for 2008

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*Cheques sent for
Reunion Lunch and
Annual Fee.
27th March 2008.*