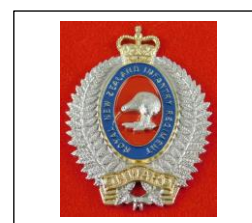




THE FIGHTING FOURTH

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Dear Member's

As your editor is still recovering from his unexpected illness, I am putting together a mini-Fighting Fourth.

It has been quiet over the Christmas New Year period.

We had our AGM on the 19th of November 2022 where the Committee was re-elected unopposed. We welcomed Alan Dorber as our new Treasurer and thanked Mike O'Neill for his service to the committee. Your New Committee is:

President: Mr. Noel Fairley

Secretary: Mrs. Wendy McLean (Appointed)

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On the 4th of February 2023 is our 59th Battalion Birthday Service to be held at Geebung RSL. Invitation following in newsletter. Also, after the 19th of January keep an eye out for an expression of interest for a trip to regional Queensland for us to hold our AGM/ANNUAL DINNER. We feel we need to take it to the regional area's as 4RAR is not just in the Brisbane but Australia wide. We hope you will join us on our inaugural trip once it is arranged. Hop on the train/bus/plane and relax your destination.

We are having our first Committee meeting for the year on the 19th of January 2023 where we will plan out our year and functions .

Wendy McLean - Secretary



4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment Association Queensland Incorporated

Invites you, your family and friends plus other services who supported the
Battalion to join us in celebrating the

59th Anniversary of the Formation of the Battalion

on

SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2023

In the Newman Room

At the GEEBUNG RSL CLUB

**323 Newman Road,
Geebung QLD 4034**

**Time: 10.30am for Memorial Service to commence at 11.00am
Please join us afterwards for a pay as you go lunch to catch up with
old friends and the committee.**

Dress: Gentleman Smart Dress with Medals

Ladies: Smart Casual

**If you are considering staying for lunch, would you please advise Secretary
Wendy party numbers by 26th January 2023 so we can notify the RSL for
catering purposes.**

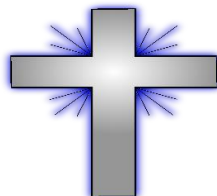
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Passing Parade

***AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN
AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM
LEST WE FORGET***

William (Bill) Crapp	23/09/2022
Robert Sims	02/11/2022
Graham Leslie McLean	19/11/2022
Chris Clarke	27/11/2022
Gordon Smith	13/12/2022
James Ronald (Hawkeye) HAWKE	22/12/2022
Roslyn Hinton (Wife of Tony)	10/10/2022



*Yes, you will always march beside us
And when our time is through
We will muster on the last parade
To march again with you*

RIP



The Greatest Stories Ever Told

Posted by

Richard Strachan

Jan 23

When James Elliot “Willie” Williams convinced a county clerk to change his age on his birth certificate so he could enlist in the Navy at age 16 he thought he would get to see the world. "I thought there was nothing better than servin' my country and gettin' paid for it." He said. He would become the most decorated enlisted man in the history of the U.S. Navy.

19 years later, Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Williams was assigned to River Squadron 5 in South Vietnam to command a patrol boat. His job was to patrol the inland waterway to prevent Vietcong from using them to transport troops and supplies. On the morning of October 31, they were patrolling River 105, not expecting conflict. "We were on a day patrol, kind of like the 'relax and recreation' patrol -- nothin' too heavy. We were only gonna check a few boats coming down the Mekong River for contraband," he said. Then all hell broke loose.

Two fast speed boats crossed the river ahead of them. They knew that the Cong used these kinds of boats. Sure enough, they started firing on Williams' boat. Williams and his crew took off after one of the boats and sank it, then turned to the other one. Speeding up the river, it took a sharp turn into a narrow canal through a rice paddy. They couldn't follow, but Williams knew that the boat would come back out a little way up the river from them. He was determined to intercept and capture that boat, and tore up the river at top speed, right into a Vietcong staging area. "I looked up and didn't see nothing but boats and people and more boats and more people, " he said.

Williams thought fast. At top speed they veered hard left, creating a wake that rocked the closest enemy sampan and disrupted its fire. then they sped straight through the middle of the formation, causing mass confusion. The enemy fired at Williams but ended up hitting each other. They zigzagged through the formation and made it through, hoping to high tail it out of there. Instead, they found themselves in the middle of another, larger staging area. "There was no way out. I twisted, crisscrossed, and turned that PBR. I did whatever I could to get them off our backs," he said. The fight would last over 3 hours. When it was over, Williams, with just two boats and 10 men, had sunk 65 enemy boats and eliminated 1,200 enemy troops. He and his men all survived. Williams was awarded the Medal of Honour for his actions that day.

His men, all in their late teens and twenties, affectionately called 36-year-old Williams "The Old Man". Williams knew the importance of looking out for his team. Referring to his medals for bravery, Williams said, ""You gotta stop and think about your shipmates. That's what makes you a great person and a great leader - taking care of each other."

Williams' brave actions did not end that day. He would go on to rescue a sailor trapped in a sinking dredge, and to destroy many more enemy sampans. During his last seven months in the Navy, Williams received every sea-service award for heroism.

Here is a list of his military decorations:

Medal of Honour

Navy Cross

Silver Star (with one gold award star)

Legion of Merit (with “V” device)

Navy and Marine Corps Medal (with gold award star)

Bronze Star (with “V” device and two gold award stars)

Purple Heart (with two gold award stars)

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (with “V” device and gold award star)

Navy and Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation (with bronze service star)

Navy Good Conduct Medal (with four bronze service stars)

Navy Expeditionary Medal

National Defence Service Medal (with bronze service star)

Korean Service Medal (with two bronze stars)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Vietnam Service Medal (with two bronze service stars)

Korean Presidential Unit Citation

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry (with gold star and palm)

United Nations Korean Medal

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Korean War Service Medal

Launched in 2003, the Arleigh Burke class destroyer, USS James E. Williams, is named after James Elliott Williams.





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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



New Membership Membership Renewal (Please Indicate)

I wish to make application to join or renew my Membership in the 4RAR Association Queensland Inc as a former serving member of 4RAR, 4RAR/NZ (ANZAC), 2/4RAR, 4RAR (Cdo)nor other unit or service with close ties to 4RAR as accepted by the committee.

Army Number.....
Surname.....Christine Name.....
Home Address.....
Postal Address.....
Rank on Discharge.....Company..... Unit.....
Honours and Awards (CSC, DCM, OAM etc)
Unit and subunits served.....
Spouse's Name.....
Telephone Numbers..... (M).....
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Joining Fee and Annual Subscriptions. In each financial year including the year of acceptance to the Association. Ordinary members are to pay before 30 June, an annual subscription for membership from 01 July until 30 June each financial year. Ordinary Members are entitled and encouraged to vote.

I enclose: 1 year membership fee (\$30) or 2-year membership fee (\$60) or 3-year membership fee (\$90). Please indicate.

Payments may be made by: Direct Deposit via CBA, BSB:064-140 Account no: 0090-2215. Include your name e.g., "John Jones"

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DESCRIPTION	SIZE	QTY	COST \$	\$
POLO SHIRTS Plus Postage \$12.50				
MENS SIZES: SM, MED, LARGE, XL,2XL,3XL,4XL,5XL			\$ 50.00 each	
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*Ladies who require larger sizes please refer to the chart below.				
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NB: If purchasing Cap & Shirt together Postage is \$15.00 only				
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NAME TAGS Plus Postage \$2.50			\$ 15.00each	
4RAR FACE MASKS Postage Included			\$ 15.00each	
4RAR COFFEE MUG 1-4 MUGS Plus Postage \$15.00			\$ 14.00each	
TOTAL ITEM(S) PRICE:				\$
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PS65 Men's TrueDry Pique Short Sleeve Polo

EASY FIT	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
Half Chest	55.5	56	58.5	61	63.5	66	68.5	71
Body Length	70	72	74	76	78	80	82	84

PS66 Ladies TrueDry Pique Short Sleeve Polo

Modern Fit	8	10	12	14	16	18
Half Chest	43.5	46	48.5	51	54	57
Body Length	60	62	64	66	68	70

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