

# Flint & Cap

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## Generals' Orders from the President

It's close to Auction Time!

We are now asking for helpers over the weekend of the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th of July. Several of our senior members struggle with the heavy lifting, so we are asking all of YOU younger members to get involved with the set up. We have a sign up sheet available with a range of duties at the June meeting. If you haven't done this before please consider lending a hand. We look forward to the help.

The catalogue is finally finished and should be in your hands by our June meeting. Anyone who has not received their expected copy should advise Steve or Scott.

This year we have access to St Pats college hall to do our postal wrapping. We will undertake this task starting at 9:00am Monday, the 9th of July. Once again, we need help for this task. Remember, many hands make light work.

Thanks  
Alwyn

JUST ONE MORE THING FOR THE AUCTION!  
YEAH RIGHT!

## SAD PASSING

It is with sadness, we report the passing of George McDonald. Many of us will remember George for the interesting items he found with his metal detecting equipment.

George was well known for searching areas with military history in the greater Wellington region, and we all enjoyed his displays of these great finds.

Our thoughts are with George's family at this time.  
Alwyn



## The Editors' Touchhole

### YEAH RIGHT!

We have all read, heard or even said this famous punchline at some point in our lives.

For me, it's the first line that pops up when the word "Auction" is mentioned. You might think it's just getting a bunch of stuff together, giving the items to the Auction Convenor, the stuff is numbered and photographed for the catalogue, and then it shows up at the Auction. Yeah Right!

The process is complicated and labour intensive. EACH individual item is tagged by a volunteer with a vendor number, then put in a box or area for the next person to process. The next person will have to know a bit about the item, write something short and sweet about how great it is, look for a S/N etc. and on and on this goes for hours, days and even for some, sleepless nights... the next person has to take the handwritten notes and input the information into a computer, next the item is placed in another spot for another person to possibly photograph. Every item photographed must have the tag taken off, then a bit of a clean-up if necessary, photo taken, the tag is hopefully put back onto the same item and marked as photographed, etc. Easy! Yeah Right!

We have just begun! Throughout this process you have the Auction Convenor making sure everyone is happy. He brings in lunch & tea, he tells a good joke now and again making the whole crew lighten up a bit and so on, until, the catalogue print deadline. Then we think we're done. Yeah Right! We still have 2 months to go...

I have a whole new appreciation for volunteering for this job. A very wise woman told me, "Honey, if you can help with the Auction and come out of the experience still intact, and still married, you've done well dear... and expect to do it again next year!", as she said with a twinkle in her eye. Yeah Right!

### "Quote of the Day"

"There are thousands hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the Root"

*Henry D. Thoreau.*

## The letters for May were G & H

- Martini-Henry Accoutrements- Armours cleaning rod, sword & triangle bayonets, pkts. of cartridges, foresight protector, bore morror & sub cal. adapter.
- Historic postcards. WWI 14 copies of drawings by M. Crete
- UK GSR respirators. New general service respirator rquires a special face plate, plus detector paper etc.
- NZ Volunteer helmet plates and helmets, 9 victoria helmet plates with 2 helmets.
- Handcuffs of NZ Police, 4 different makes & models, not latest issue.
- Historic Rumanian hat, shirt, and badge with written history.
- GR Tower musket .68 cal 1700-1815 with bayonet.
- Gold Hunter 12g shotgun by Browning. Paper clipping of owner riding in 1906 Grand Prix racer.
- hunting hat badges 20 plus with plate showing hunting scene. European Hunters hat.
- Gallipoli reminders of the battle, Anzac cove in Gallipoli- relic mess tin, remains of scabbard etc. with book.
- Hungarian helmets from WWII
- Two German helmets and numerous German medals.
- Rhodesian guard force 1975-1980, bayonets, badges, medals and documents.
- Husquarna 9" long & holster with homemade .22 cal pistol. Made by Airforce Armourer in the 1940's.
- German singleshoot 11' mod 71 mauser cavalry carbine dated 1876.
- Holland (Dutch) singleshoot 11.3X50 Beaumont infantry rifle mod 71 dated 1877, with 2 hand grenades.
- GI Garrand rifle and 1903 Springfield, M17 with bayonets, clips, oil bottles etc.
- harrington and Richards pistol and Husquarna pistol.
- 1911 AMT hardbaccer long slide in .45 ACP

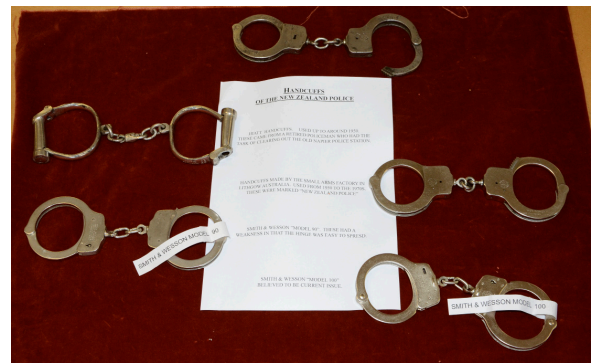
Any errors, misspellings or mistakes are intentional and for testing members power of focus and comprehension.



## May letters were G & H



20 plus Hunting Hat badges & Plate with hunting scene



Handcuffs of NZ Police



Two German Helmets & Medals from WWII



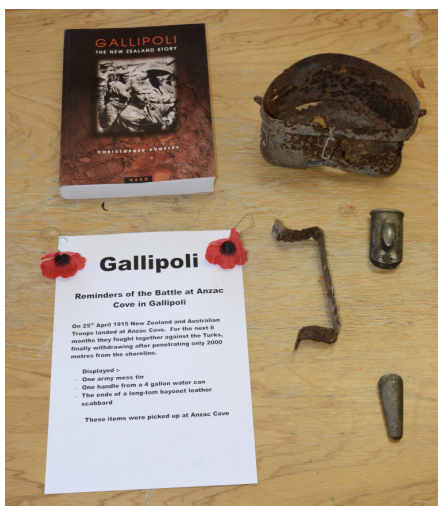
NZ Volunteer Helmet Plates and Helmets



Two Hand Grenades



Gold Hunter 12g shotgun by Browning and newspaper clipping



Reminders of the battle at Anzac Cove



GI Garrand Rifle, 1903 Springfield, and M17 with bayonets



## THE COLFO REPORT

Dear Members,

This column is an update on the Council's activities so far this year.

We have been involved in one small radio interview in regard to the recent hunting accidents.

Over the last four months we have been lobbying parliament with updated research in regard to firearms safety in New Zealand. This month will see the fourth message sent to the Members of Parliament. We are planning another two messages over the coming months. We are in the process of drafting a guide for firearm owners to use in approaching their local member, after we have completed the centralised lobbying.

We have met twice with police this year to progress our discussion on police policy.

We are preparing to present information at the United Nations (UN) on the how successful New Zealand firearms legislation has been to highlight how successful our risk management has been relative to the enforcement cost when compared with other states.

We are also preparing an open letter to the UN in relation to the proposed Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). This is due for discussion in July of this year and will then feed into the review of the Program of Action (PoA) in August.

It is our intent to represent a positive view on the benefit of appropriate firearms controls. While it would be ideal to be present at both discussions we believe it is prudent to only be present at one.

At this time it is felt our efforts are best put into the Program of Action review as this is likely to cover the work that has been done over the last four years on standardising all levels of Firearms legislation, not just the transfer between states.

If you have any thoughts or feedback please email me at [chair@colfo.org.nz](mailto:chair@colfo.org.nz)

All the best,

Michael Dowling

## SHIVER ME TIMBERS



From a young age, like most small boys of my generation I was enthralled by stories and books of pirates of the like of Long John Silver, Black Beard, pieces of eight, and also with watching Hollywood movies that debunked the popular myths of 'walking the plank', maps with an X marking the spot where treasure be buried'.

The truth is, walking the plank would have been a civilised way to be expelled from a ship and this earth. When infact the preferred method of dealing with unwanted passengers was to slice open bellies of those to be 'done in', reach inside the opening, pull out some intestines, nail them to the mast and force the poor soul to walk backwards – by brandishing a white hot poker – until they were disembowelled.

A thrilling and scary tale for a child to hear no doubt, but sadly, in these days of political correctness gone wrong, will shall just have to make do and go along with the corrected version of life under sail on the Spanish Main.

It is my understanding that maps showing the whereabouts of buried treasure never existed for the simple reason that, if your map should ever end up in the wrong hands, your treasure would be lost. So in reality, only a fool would have made a map.

Ross T.

## IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado.

Most students of the history of the Wild West would agree that John Wesley Hardin was the most dangerous and lethal gunfighter of them all.

Born May 26th in Bonham, Texas, the son of a Methodist preacher. Celebrating his 21st birthday at the horse races in Comanche, Texas, Wes had a run of good luck and was celebrating in a saloon with friends when he got into an argument with Deputy Sheriff Charles Webb and both men went for their guns.

Wes was hit in the side and Webb took a shot to the head and as he fell Hardin's mates pumped a few more slugs into him to make sure the fight was over. A lynch mob quickly formed and although Wes escaped his brother Joe and the Dixon brothers were soon apprehended and promptly "strung up".

Wes was involved in many gunfights in his 42 years but when the time came to "cash in his chips" there was nothing he could do about it in a one sided situation.

But that's another story.

## Signals & Posts from the Secretary

### 2012 Trip to Waiouru Army Museum

The date is set for the 15th September. We're hoping to leave around 7am with the return close to 8pm.

If you are interested please give your name to Scott. At this point we have 12 members signed up.

We're still figuring out transport so any ideas are welcomed. Between \$20-\$40 transport w/ addl: \$15 entry fee. Bring your own refreshments or you can buy your own lunch at the Museum Café.

Thanks  
Scott

What puffs and patters?  
What clicks and clatters?  
I know what, O, what fun!  
It's a lovely Gatling-gun!

- Excerpt from NAZI picture book for young children.

## FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

NO DRINKING ON THE JOB



The Kaiser, in addressing officer cadets at a naval school in Flensburg Germany, prior to World War One, put his finger on a weak spot when he told them to avoid the use of alcohol.

He said that "the next war would demand healthy men, and victory would belong to that nation which showed the smallest consumption of alcohol". It is not only that the temperate man is best able to acquit himself creditably in battle, but his wounds will heal more quickly. The clean-cutting bullet of the modern rifle does not inflict a very bad wound if it avoids a vital spot, and experience has shown, or, at least, teetotallers claim this to be the case, that those who abstained from the use of alcohol recovered more readily both in the South African War and in the war between the Russian's and the Japanese".

Needless to say that later on Hitler would have agreed with him too, as would the military surgeons of today. I would say that this message would have largely fallen upon deaf ears with those cadets, and along with most of today's military cadet's worldwide.

Ross T.

## RANGE CALENDAR

Eye and Ear Protection is mandatory (Don't forget)

Range Calendar is available at:

<http://www.hvnzda.org.nz/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/ClubRange/HomePage>

- 16th September
  - 14th October
  - 11th November
  - 16th December
- XMAS Shoot & BBQ

## 2013 Gun Show

The Committee has booked the Lower Hutt Agricultural Hall for our Gun Show on the 16th & 17th February 2013.

Start thinking about how you can help (ie.put on Displays etc.). If anyone has an interest in this please see Dave.

## Firearms License Reminder

[Check your Firearms License Expiry Date Now!](#)

It has become a lot harder to get a new license (if it has expired) than renew...

Remember it can take up to six weeks for the Police to act on a renewal request. So keep yourself updated and don't delay.



Deck crew climbing up to get the pilot out. He did. Is that a fuel tank he's standing on? Empty?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 23rd June Whangarei Hunting, Shooting & Fishing Show
- 1 July Auckland Branch Gun Show, Mt Eden
- 7 & 8 July Wellington Branch Auction
- 21 July Mainland Arms Gun Show, Christchurch
- 29 & 30 September Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson

## SALUTE 70

The 70th anniversary of the Friendly Invasion of New Zealand by U.S.Armed Forces 1942 - 1944 will be held in Kapiti, Porirua and Wellington from Sunday 27 May to Thursday 14 June 2012.

We will discuss this topic at our June meeting to see whether members are interested in getting involved with main events.

If you are interested the web site is:

<http://marinenz.com/Salute%2070%20Home%20Page>

**We extend a Warm Welcome to our new members,** John Moore and Mick Chate!

We are looking forward to getting to know you better and hope you will enjoy displaying your collections with us.



### JUNE LETTERS ARE I & J

We're looking forward to these displays, be creative and have fun!

Venue is Petone Working Mens Club  
@ 1:00pm  
First Sunday

The Complaints  
Department  
Manager