

"Is this a private war, or can anyone get in?..." Maj. Gen Terry Allen

Flint & Cap

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Generals' Orders from the President

Waiouru National Army Museum Trip

We had in excess of thirty people booked for the Museum and a "behind the scenes" armoury visit. The van was filled to capacity and the day looked promising. On arrival, Terrence Seymour, (Weapons Assistant Curator) had a quick chat with us all, sorted us into two groups... and off we went!

No photos were allowed in the armoury due to the Museum policy. However, the items and accessories stored in the facility certainly were of interest to everyone there. Several people commented on the fact that you could study a rack of firearms for 15 minutes and look at the same rack a half an hour later and notice something completely new. Our whole group was intrigued by the items returned to N.Z which were used by the N.Z. soldiers killed in Afghanistan. The day was a great success and we were all on the road home by 3:30 pm.

A big thank you must go to Terrence and Nicola at the Museum for their efforts in allowing us to visit an area that would normally be classified as "out of bounds".

Thank you.
Alwyn



"Quote of the Month"

You don't develop courage by being happy in your relationships everyday. You develop it by surviving difficult times and challenging adversity.

Epicurus



Dispatches from Headquarters

Our Xmas Luncheon is booked for the 4th November. We now have a list available at our October meeting to reserve seats and a space for your displays. Set up will be at 11:00 am with lunch starting promptly at 12:30pm.

Contact Alwyn or Vic by phone if you need help or email Scott if you are attending at: secretary@nzaaawgtn.org.nz

Signals & Posts from the Secretary

Anyone interested in a Name Badge with a NZA&HAA WN Branch logo please give Scott \$20.00 and a piece of paper with your name written as you want it to appear on the badge.

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.

Items for sale

We have a member that has a collection of German items for sale. Included is an assortment of medals, badges, edged items, brassware, and a large selection of other goodies.

There will be a list at the October meeting available for anyone interested.

My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular.

Adlai E. Stevenson Jr. (1900 - 1965), Speech in Detroit, 7 Oct. 1952

September letters were O & P

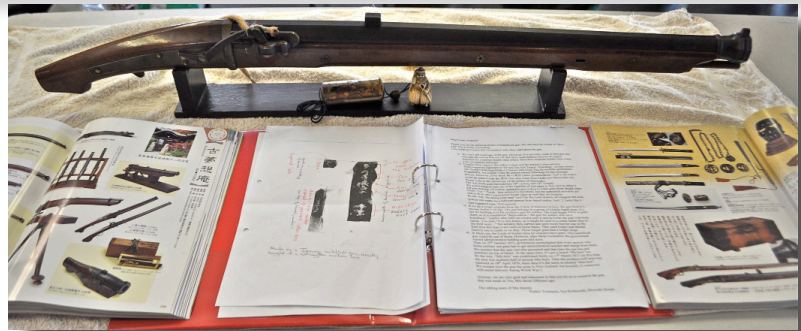
- Old, ongoing project. .222 rimed on .310 cadet action.
- Pistols. 9mm Browning high power 1935. One German, one Canadian, including holsters.
- Original plans relating to Liai & Lzai production.
- Police: British South African, books, badges, epilets, belts, etc.
- Polish Branch insignia for Service dress, approx. 70 different medal badges including helmet.
- Phasers, metal pistols made for futuristic movies.
- "O" Olympic tickets for 1936 Berlin Games. "P" Pipes; clay pipes, royal iskilling fusiliers, royal Irish, and negro head "P" Prisoner of war documents, "O" Ohiggins patriot liberator of Chile.
- PAEKAKARIKI to Wellington morse key board, arrow marked.
- Patt. NZ pattern carbine with bayonet, NZ Cav. carbine with N 2 rack number plus 44-40 winchester carbine.
- Portugese Mauser with medals & helmets.
- Pump guns .22 & 30-06, 12g shotgun & Browning phamplets.
- Japanese match lock gun with all its' history including books on the subject.
- Old US Police badges, 1896 .44-40 Peacemaker. 12 metal badges including Texas Rangers book & badge.
- Odd Item. A temple box animal slaughtering bolt gun, users manual & cartridges.
- Objects of the Past. What are they?
- Oberndorf Mauser with shoulder stock. Mauser pistol with optics. For Sale: "spotting scope".
- Pickelhaube, Prussian helmets, 3 off plus 2 iron crosses in cases, all on an Imperial German flag.

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

Peace is that brief, glorious moment in history, when everybody stands around reloading.



British South African Police badges.



Japanese Match Lock gun with all its' history.



1935 Browning pistols w/ holsters.



Portugese medals.



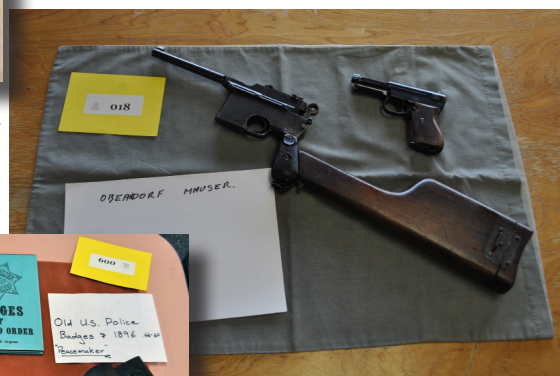
Prussian Helmet with medal.



Futuristic phaser.



.22 pump gun, 30-06 & 12g shotgun.



Oberndorf Mauser.



Old US Police Badges, 1896 44-40 Peacemaker.



Approx. 70 different Polish branch insignia for service dress

2012 Half Yearly Meeting in Feilding

On Friday the 21st of September, I drove up to Fielding for the half yearly meeting of the NZA-HAA. This was held at the Fielding club, with the management committee meeting starting at 11am and going through till 4pm. There were 11 branch reps in attendance, with only Otago not having representation.

Items on the agenda were the finances, which are in a very healthy state (\$10K surplus for the year looking likely). Also discussed was the new Gazette editor, National secretary, Colfo, membership (old and new), membership subscriptions, and future meetings. Friday evening was a viewing of the auction lots and a well earned beer.

Saturday morning the Half yearly meeting commenced at 9am, with roll call, apologies, minutes of the previous meeting and new members. Being on the finance committee I read out the finance report, and the subs set for 2013 will be \$70. The budget however, was not voted on as the committee had decided to make changes and these would need to be recirculated at a later date. We then had Colfo and publishing reports. Kath Arnold read out her Presidents' speech and the meeting closed around 9.45am.

The auction started at 10am with Todd Foster auctioneering the 670 lot event. This had been organised by Tony and Chrissy Mathews and the Ruahine branch who had put together a great catalogue of firearms, militaria and even a stuffed Kiwi. The quality was reflected in the good prices achieved.

The auction and meeting was well attended and it was great to see a good percentage of Wellington branch members present. Thanks must go to Ruahine for a very well run event.

Steve

RIFLE, ROD and GUN CLUB (Inc) MUZZLELOADERS

Turitea Road, Palmerston North

"Spring Shoot"

Come along and meet up with your mates, have a yarn and help us raise some smoke.

Saturday 13 October 2012

Welcome: 9.15am. Events start 9.30am

Vetterli	10/13 shots, 50m and "shoot-off" target
Cut throat gongs	100m. 6 shots
Lever Action	10 shots – Rabbit 25m
The Black Ripper	50m
3 – n – 1	25m
Saturday Night Special	25m
Garden Festival	25m
Shotgun	15 shot.
Starts approx.. 1pm. (F/Perc./Br)	
Chuck Fink	25m

Programme is subject to "hang fires" and "dry-balling", depending on the weather, time, etc.

"Real" Black Powder preferred

All matches offhand

Muzzle loaders if you can and your Lever Action

About 60 shots + lever action + shotgun

Bring earmuffs for yourself & family

Safety glasses are required

Bring your lunch, Tea and coffee on tap

Probably a bit muddy – boots!

Camping on range/ in clubhouse -

\$5 per person/night

Entry: \$30 rifle \$5 shotgun

Raffle – Multi prize. Shoot prizes

Buy, Sell and Swap table: bring out your bits & pieces, and those guns that have proved too tuff for you.

Gate lock combination & enquiries:

Allan Colville 06 354 8290

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FLINT STRIKES FRIZZEN NEWS

During the Second World War Paekakariki served as a major base for US Marines fighting in the Pacific Campaign.

While the American base in Paekakariki was only in existence for a few years it had an important and lingering impact on the region. Several local place names remain as reminders of this wartime presence. Tarawa Street, for example, commemorates one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific War which locally based marines fought in directly after the camps were abandoned in October 1943.



Photo of Memorial at Paekakariki taken by Margaret B.

IT HAPPENED THIS MONTH

By Des Perado.

It happened this month in 1873. Bill Anderson spent some time in the rough Delano area near Wichita, Kansas and had been involved in a livery stable dispute. When guns were drawn, he fired a shot which killed an innocent bystander for which he was later acquitted on the grounds that the shooting was accidental.

On October the 27th at Rowdy Joe Lowe's bar, Anderson was chatting to the barman, Walter Beebe, when a drunken Red Beard staggered in and shot dance hall girl Annie Franklin in the stomach. An equally inebriated Lowe snapped off a quick shot with a shotgun at Red which was followed by a flurry of shots presumably from other interested revelers keen to get in on the action.

Red Beard was chased outside and somehow in amongst all this chaos Anderson took a slug which passed behind his eyes blinding him permanently and put an end to his gun fighting ways. Red had taken some massive buckshot wounds but clung to life for two weeks before dying at 3.00 am on Nov 11.

But that's another story...

Rare World War II German bomber found intact under sea

A rare World War Two German bomber, shot down over the English Channel in 1940 has been recently discovered, hidden for years by shifting sands at the bottom of the sea, is so well preserved a museum wants to raise it.

The Dornier 17 - thought to be world's last known example - was hit as it took part in the Battle of Britain. It ditched in the sea just off the Kent coast in an area known as the Goodwin Sands.

The plane came to rest upside-down in 50 feet (15 metres) of water and has become partially visible from time to time as the sands retreated before being buried again.

Now a high-tech sonar survey undertaken by the Port of London Authority has revealed the aircraft to be in a startling state of preservation.

Ian Thirsk, from the RAF Museum at Hendon in London, told the BBC he was "incredulous" when he first heard of its existence and potential preservation.

"This aircraft is a unique aeroplane and it's linked to an iconic event in British history, so its importance cannot be over-emphasised, nationally and internationally," he said. "It's one of the most significant aeronautical finds of the century."

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>

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

MUZZEL THIS

A DESPERATE CHURCHILL BAILED OUT

In March of 1938 Winston Churchill was near bankrupt his account with his stockbrokers was £18,000 in the red. He asked The Times to advertise his home 'Chartwell' for sale, inviting offers of £20,000. A few days before the ad was to appear, Sir Henry Skrakosch, a South African gold mining millionaire, agreed to pay off his debts and 'Chartwell' was withdrawn from the market.

2013 Gun Show

Our next Gun Show is 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.



The Lower Hutt Horticultural Hall: Laings Road, Lower Hutt, New Zealand. Telephone (04) 570 6930 Fax (04) 569 4290 email: contact@huttcity.govt.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29 & 30 September Auckland Arms Fair, Henderson
- 4th November Xmas Luncheon @11:00am Petone Working Mens Club
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2012
Taranaki Gun Show
PLYMOUTH HOTEL
Cnr. Courtenay & Leach Streets
New Plymouth
3rd & 4th NOVEMBER
Join us for a great weekend of
buying, selling and trading
To book your tables phone:
Andrew Edgcombe
06 2789097 027 3380840
mg34nz@gmail.com
Display Tables Free!

OCTOBER LETTERS ARE Q & R

We're looking forward to these displays, be creative and have fun! Venue is Petone Working Mens Club @ 1:00pm First Sunday of the month.

