

## **VICTOR 4 COMPANY REUNION**

# Burnham 2019

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Greetings and salutations,

The Reunion Committee consisting of Andy Peters, Phil O'Conner, Willie Eruera, Bubs Kupe, Whiti White and Gordy Nairn (absent Pete Ramsay, Sony Hona & Mike Pehi), met in Christchurch on 17<sup>th</sup> August. This was to start the planning for the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V4 deployment to the Republic of South Vietnam.** The actual date is 8<sup>th</sup> May so the reunion will be at **Burnham Camp on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019.** 

It would be fantastic if all V4 veterans could attend and the Committee would ask everyone to search for and encourage all V4 "Lost Souls" to attend. (See following page).

While it is understood that a trip to Christchurch is not financially easy for some of the whanau, it is hoped that this early notification would be used to your advantage. Please contact any of the Committee if you feel that your attendance is beyond your capability. We just might be able help (no promises OK!).

The format for the reunion will follow the usual plan:

- Day 1 Registration followed by Meet & Greet
- Day 2 Welcome Parade and Church/Memorial service followed by a nice dinner
- Day 3 Company meeting and farewells

While final costings are a little hard to pin down this far out, current costs per person per day are \$55 for bed and 3 meals (breakfast lunch and dinner) x 2 for the whole Reunion.

Burnham Camp has **no facilities for campervans** as Waiouru provided. So local sites will have to be located for those "Travelers".

For those that don't wish to stay in camp there are motels in Rolleston and Hornby.

The Committee is also endeavouring to co-ordinate airport pickups and transport to the Burnham Military Camp.

More details will be published nearer to the reunion. So in the meantime hunt out those "Lost Souls" and put a bit of the pension away for 2019.

#### Cheers and beers

#### The Reunion Committee

#### 1. Those with no contact details (I cannot confirm if they are alive or dead)

Min Simons

Mike Stirland

Bill Framhein (Cook Islands)

B Gibbard

**B** Hamilton

P Johnston

H Kerekere

J Tocher (Australia?)

Lucky Turipa

T Wihape

### RAA V4 FO Party

D (Bull) McLeod

P Blunden

D Richard-Preston

The Following have dropped off the mailing list (we would like to include them in our plans)

K Pearce - Australia

Chris Kennedy - Dunedin

Joe TeMiha - Kaikohe

Jim Pedersen - Mangakino

L Rangiwai - Gisborne

L Butt - Australia

Bob Rutherford - Auckland

Lindsay Churchill - Sydney

AB Clark - Whangarei

Mike Wood - Auckland