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Anglesea Barracks Hobart

NORM Mac MILLAN BACK IN BUSINESS

It is pleasing to see that that our State President is back in business and shaping up very well after his recent health shock.

Welcome back to the fold Norm, we all missed your absence and we hope you will remain fit as a fiddle.

Nelson & HMS Victory

In 1805 the Royal Navy had 600 ships in commission. Nelson had 27 Ships-of-the-Line in his fleet at Trafalgar with 18,000 seamen. The ship's compliment of HMS Victory was 850 officers and sailors.

Victory was laid down in 1759 and launched in 1766. She had 6510 Sq Yards of canvass and could sail at a maximum speed of 8-9 knots. She was a 104 Gun First Rate Ship-of-the Line of which the Royal Navy had 100.

HMS Victory is still a commissioned vessel in the Royal navy with a posted RN Officer as her captain.

Nelson's tomb is in St Paul's Cathedral London and his statue looks down over Trafalgar Square.

THE BATTLE OF KURSK (RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN) JULY 1943

The Battle of Kursk, which began on 5 July 1943, was the greatest land battle the world has ever seen. It finally involved four million men, 69,000 guns, 13,000 Tanks and Self-Propelled guns and almost 12,000 aircraft.

When the Germans launched the invasion of Russia in June 1941 (Operation Barbarossa) they were supported by 3,350 Tanks, 7,200 Artillery pieces and a total of 3.8 million troops.

At Kursk, The Russians lost 863,303 out of 1.9 million men, and the Germans lost 203,000 out of 780,900. Russian Tanks losses were around 6064 tanks, 1626 aircraft and 5,244 guns. The Germans lost 720 Tanks and 681 aircraft. It wasn't so much the loss of equipment for Germany that won or lost the action but the inability of Germany to replace those losses. By comparison, the Russian war machine would have been able to sustain a loss rate of 19,000 tanks with the ability to effect speedy replacement.

Churchill said of the Russian campaign, " Stalingrad was the end of the beginning, but Kursk was the beginning of the end."

Folk interested in the Battle should read Lloyd Clark's excellent book, "KURSK."



The fatal shot 21 Oct 1805



Nelson's Tomb



Hobart



Launceston

Christmas Breakfast
Officers Mess, Anglesea Barracks
Thursday 22 NOV 2012



8.00am start
Cost \$18.00 each

CHRISTMAS FUNCTION – ANNUAL DINNER
SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2012

Tamar Yacht Club
Launceston

2013 Activities

2013 PROGRAM DATES

Thursday 21 February 2013

WGCDR Charles Hill
“East Timor Interlude”

Thursday 21 March 2013

John Wadsley
“Soldiers Walk Hobart”

Thursday 18 April 2013

Major Graeme Wren
Solomon’s Deployment

Thursday 16 May 2013

Dr Gavin Daly
“Wellington’s Peninsular War”

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2013

BBQ and presentation by
Brigadier Andrew Nikolic AM
“ OS Teddy Sheean – A Tasmania Hero”

WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2013

Mr Neil Crawford
“Commercial Airline Operations”

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL 2013

Dr Frank Madill
“Max Sanders DFC – WWII Navigator”

Presentations held in Paterson Barracks
Area Mess
St John Street Launceston

*Christmas greetings to
all our Members*

