



Whether it be assisting a local who has lost everything in a bushfire, or being involved in a service project refurbishing a Veterans Retreat; volunteering with DRA has certainly provided me that missing 'sense of purpose' once again. If you would like to get involved, register your interest on their web site:

www.disasterreliefaus.org

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There are many organisations where ex-service personnel volunteer their time. Volunteering is certainly a rewarding experience, knowing you have helped someone in need – no matter how small the task.

Thank you for your service.

Yours Aye!
NVN Team.



If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know (webmaster@navyvic.net). We will list their names in perpetuity on our special [Memorial Wall](#) on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

- † AB J. Hanson, PM4980, 19 September 2020. Aged 96.
- † LCDR M. Hills, 17 September 2020. Aged 93.
- † CPOCK W.C. Diston, R36688, 15 September 2020. Aged 89.
- † CPOWTR L.A. Horsfield, R55628, 14 Sep 2020. Aged 88.
- † CPOWTR R.W. Sly, R38600, 12 Sep 2020. Aged 90.
- † WRSBA T.C. Stewart(nee Kellett), WR1470, 11 September 2020. Aged 95.
- † ERA4 W. Baird, PM7962, 03 September 2020. Aged 96.
- † CPOMECH K.G. Johnson, R55631, 03 September 2020. Aged 78.
- † CPOSE C.W. O'Neill, R37883, 02 September 2020. Aged 90.

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Republic of Korea and the United States for Exercise Pacific Vanguard, in waters off Guam.

World leading, Australian designed anti-missile technology has been installed on HMAS Adelaide by BAE Systems Australia in a 'COVID-collaboration' with the Royal Australian Navy.

The Morrison Government's National Shipbuilding Program has reached another milestone with the keel laying for the first Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) under construction in WA.

The RAN has officially welcomed Rear Admiral Chris Smith to the role of Deputy Chief of Navy and Head Navy People Training and Resources (HNPTAR).

The world knows the Republic of Kiribati as a very low-lying nation in the mid-Pacific that is in danger of inundation as the climate changes and sea levels rise. Much less is known about its strategic location and the attention now being paid to it by Beijing.

HMA Ships Stuart and Arunta sailed in company with ships from Japan, South Korea and the United States in the Pacific Ocean this week.

With global tensions rising and the war of words between Beijing and Washington escalating, the rising power has sought to flex its growing military capabilities, conducting joint carrier operations for the first time in a direct challenge to the US Navy.

Current and former members of the Royal Australian Navy and the United States Navy gathered in Albany, Western Australia, on August 28 to remember submariners who died during World War II.

The Morrison Government will build a Maritime Security Training Centre in Darwin to facilitate training of Royal Australian Navy and other Australian Defence Force members for Maritime Security operations.

Royal Australian Navy Chief Petty Officer Kieran Lamond, of Ballarat, Victoria,

- † LSIG R.E. Scales, R35692, 31 August 2020. Aged 100.
- † LSAH1 A.P. McGowan, R38444, 30 August 2020. Aged 88.
- † WOETW R.G. Fairbairn, R42214, 29 August 2020. Aged 77.
- † LCDR C.J. Cook, O93637, 28 August 2020. Aged 73.
- † LEUT G.A.R. Bailey, O2287, 25 August 2020. Aged 79.
- † J.R. Kelley, R65789, 24 August 2020. Aged 76.
- † LCK R.S. Ames OAM ASM, R50117, 23 August 2020. Aged 83.
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Lest We Forget

September Hero

Our September hero is LWRWTR Edith Jessie Flanders WR/1528 – Code-Breaker



Edith Jessie Flanders was born on the 10 March 1921 and grew up on her father's property 7 miles out of Harrow, Victoria. Her mother did not have a licence and as she could not travel to school, she was educated by Governesses until she went to boarding school at age 14.

As dawn broke over Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance on Anzac Day 2018, war veterans gathered along St Kilda Road readying themselves for the annual march, their enthusiastic camaraderie warming the crisp, solemn autumn air. Among these revered men and women who served our nation with valour was Jessie Flanders, who at 97 was marching in the Melbourne service for the very first time.

On Jessie's lapel, almost outshining her proud smile, was a precious gold pin she'd received from former UK Prime Minister David Cameron. The veteran Women's Royal Australian Navy officer was taken by surprise when the little package, postmarked from England, arrived at the post office of her home town Casterton, in far western Victoria, seven years earlier. Continue reading Jessie's story at: <https://navyvic.net/heroes/flanders.html>

never thought he would work 30,000 feet above Iraq with the RAAF when he joined the ADF more than 18 years ago.

Two warships of the Royal Australian Navy have conducted high-end simulated sea combat on opposite coasts as part of Exercise VIKING RAIDER.

VETERANS and their families are being encouraged to keep socially connected as part of Veterans' Health Week, with \$200,000 in funding available to community groups and ex-service organisations to assist with activities.

HMAS Sirius has proved invaluable during her current international deployment, not only to the Australian ships in the task group but to multiple partner nations, which benefited from the reliable and efficient replenishment support Australia's only tanker provides.

HMAS Adelaide has been recognised with a 2020 Work Health and Safety Award for improving safety for personnel and extending the service life of some of the ship's key components.

HMAS Gascoyne has evoked her motto "return to the sea" after completing her unit readiness evaluation in Jervis Bay.

First-aid personnel are enhancing Victoria's public testing as part of Operation COVID-19 Assist.

The Royal Australian Navy's lead ship of the Supply Class auxiliary oiler replenishment (AOR) ships, NUSHIP Supply, has set sail from Navantia's Ferrol shipyard for Australia.

HMAS Canberra returned to Sydney after a three-month deployment comprised of multilateral training exercises as part of a task group, maritime integration with Army elements and a successful search and rescue in the Pacific.

BAE Systems Australia has welcomed a fifth ANZAC class warship to its Henderson facility as part of the fleet upgrade that will keep the ships in service until they are replaced by the Hunter class frigates.



VACANCY

The Victorian Government is seeking expressions of interest for three upcoming vacancies on Victorian Government boards in the Veteran portfolio: the Shrine of Remembrance Trustees and the Victorian Veterans Council.

Chairperson to the Shrine of Remembrance Trustees
 Board Member to the Shrine of Remembrance Trustees
 Board Member to the Victorian Veterans Council

[Download the document with full details.....](#)

Mission to Seafarers Art Prize



The Mission to Seafarers Maritime Prize and Exhibition will be opening on 16 October until 1 November. You will be able to enjoy looking at the wonderful Maritime art in the building at 717 Flinders St, Docklands or online. Further details are available on their [website](#).

If you can't make it to the show, then why not buy a raffle ticket [online](#) for one of the fabulous prizes on offer.

Prizes to be confirmed. \$5 per ticket and it will be drawn in October at the People's Choice awards night.

Our Cadets Need You

[Australian Navy Cadets \(ANC\)](#) is a youth organisation for people aged 13-17 years of age and they are currently seeking Expressions of Interest nationally, to perform the roles of Officers and Instructors of Cadets.

Applications for Officers and Instructors of Cadets are currently open.

For more information visit www.navycadets.gov.au.

Watercraft manufacturer The Whiskey Project Group, led by two Royal Australian Navy veterans, announced the acquisition of boat manufacturer and government supplier Yamba Welding & Engineering (YWE), and maritime design company Naiad, in a strategic move that they say helps secure Australian defence industry capability in the post-COVID economy and heralds a new era of sovereign design and industrial capability for military and specialist watercraft.

China is bent on creating a world-class military that can conduct joint operations across the globe and already boasts the world's largest navy, according to the Pentagon's latest annual assessment of the Chinese military.

The Royal Australian Navy has proven its warfighting capability with devastating effect at Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC).

Welcome to the second instalment of 'China military watch', a new monthly feature discussing recent trends in Chinese military affairs. This week, Charlie Lyons Jones and Malcolm Davis look at the People's Liberation Army's perception of Australia's defence strategic update and the growth of China's carrier fleet in the Indo-Pacific.

LEGISLATION introduced today by the Attorney-General is a significant step forward in the establishment of the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention

Naval Historical Society (Vic) President's Musings for September is now available to [download.....](#)

FlyBy – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. [September issue.....](#)

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