

AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION - GOLD COAST DIVISION NEWSLETTER



November, 2010.

THANKSGIVING IS CLOSE!

Members if you haven't made your booking and paid, please do so. We do need numbers by Nov. 19. If you are able to invite some friends, please do so as we would like to sell all 80 available seats.

It will be a top evening with the normal formality of toasts to the Queen of Australia and the President of the USA plus a reading of his Thanksgiving Message. All this together with the guest speaker and live entertainment!

Guest Speaker will be Louie Shelton, Nashville and the Gold Coast's internationally acclaimed guitar virtuoso, who has performed and/or produced with top groups from the Monkees and Diana Ross to Neil Diamond and Barbra Streisand. Though you may not know it, you will all have heard Louie's guitar work on numerous hit songs over many years. Don't miss this chance to meet a true music legend, and hear his story first-hand.....and then hear him play.

It will indeed be our privilege to hear The Soniiq duo of Louie and his partner, vocalist Atalie Cutajar, play two sets of diverse after dinner music for our listening pleasure.

This evening is not to be missed.

A Guessing Competition will also be held. Prizes include a litre of JW, two gift boxes of Calvin Klein Fragrances one for him and one for her, each valued at \$500. Tickets will be limited. \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10.

Pearl Harbour Memorial Service.

Plans are underway to hold a small Memorial Service at the Centaur Memorial on Point Danger on December 7th at 7.30 am. This service will remember those US Defence Personnel and Hawaiian Civilians who lost their life with the infamous attack on Pearl Harbour on that morning in 1941. 69 years ago. This act of

infamy brought the US into the War into the Pacific. The War in the Pacific was to last 44 months and impact significantly on Australia and Australians.

Navy Week Memorial Service

In late October President Keith and Kathleen Frith attended the Navy Week Memorial Service and laid a wreath on behalf of our Association. Once again it was an excellent Memorial service held in St Peters Anglican Church in Southport.

Following the Service a Luncheon was held at the Sharks Football Club at Arundel.

Next Year will the Centenary Celebrations of the formation of the Australian Navy. The Service and the luncheon will be a memorable occasion. It would be wonderful to take along a table or two of our members to the service and luncheon to show support for a kindred organisation.

Remembrance Day.

President Keith attended the Southport RSL Remembrance Day Service and laid a wreath on behalf of our Association. The Service was held at the new location of the Cenotaph in Anzac Park, closer to the Southport Bridge. This apparently was the original site up until the late 1930s before it was shifted to the top of the hill further north near the old baths.

The new location receives a pleasant sea breeze off the Broadwater.

The Federal AAA President, Geoff Squib and partner Libby were in Brisbane recently and were able to travel down to the Gold Coast and discuss preparations for the Federal conference being planned for 2011. They were entertained with a luncheon at Jackie Menz's home.

Look forward to catching up with many of you at Thanksgiving!

Kind regards & God bless,

Keith

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New Members.

Welcome back to Thalia Leaver. Thalia was a charter member of our association but lost touch with us when she moved to a new home a number of years ago.

Wonderful to have you back Thalia. Thalia and her sister will be with us on thanksgiving.

MEET & GREET

The Meet & Greet held in October was attended by seven members and a guest, David Luxton. There will be no Meet & Greet in November as it is Thanksgiving evening.

Unfortunately photographs taken were not available for this Newsletter. Thanks Phil for being available to sign in attendees.

Get Well wishes to our member Pamela Rex who has undergone surgery in Greenslopes Private Hospital. We trust that Pam will be on the mend quickly!

USAF Band of the Pacific

Those who attended the performance of USAF Band of the Pacific in the Broadbeach Mall on November 6 enjoyed it immensely. They presented a photograph to our Association. It was accepted by Kirstin Yelland on our behalf.



Melbourne Cup Race Day Luncheon.

Seven members had a most enjoyable luncheon at the Radisson Resort on Melbourne cup Day. It was an optional function for our Association.

Thanks Phil for arranging it.

VALE

The fourth President of the AAAGCD, Commander John Foster (Ret) OAM RAN PHF passed away in Cairns on Oct. 10th, at 74 years of age. He had moved there in 2009 from the Tweed Area.

John joined the Navy as a midshipman as a 16 year old in 1952. John trained in Australia and in Royal Navy bases in England. He specialised in torpedo and anti-submarine warfare.

After a number of postings and commands in UK he returned to Australia. He had commands in Australia and was later promoted to commander in 1968. He was posted to the Australian Embassy in Washington in '68. In 1971 he returned to Navy Office. Another command followed. A posting to assist in the handover of Navy facilities to the newly independent PNG Government followed. In 1982 John retired to the Gold Coast as a Marine Consultant. Later he was to become a travel agent on the Gold Coast then the Tweed. RIP.

COMING EVENTS

**25 November - Thanksgiving Dinner
Sofitel Hotel, Broadbeach.**

See Flyer for details.

(No Meet & Greet this month)

7 December – Memorial Service for Pearl Harbour Dead at Point Danger Coolangatta at 7:30 am. “The Act of Infamy” that brought the U.S. into the War in the Pacific in 1941, 69 years ago!

12 December - Christmas Party at the home of Jackie Menz

6 The Mainbrace, Tweed Heads

(Members only)

2011.

26 January – Australia Day Celebrations in the Cascade Gardens, Broadbeach.

27 January – Meet & Greet 5:30 – 7:00pm

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*The President and Management Committee
Cordially invite you and your friends to attend the*

THANKSGIVING DINNER



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Cost: \$60 for members \$65 for non-members.

**RSVP: By Friday 19th November, 2010 please.
OR**

To: AAA Mobile 0429499739

Enquiries & bookings to Keith on 55 907452 or Kit Frith on 55260856

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Make Cheques payable to Australian American Association Gold Coast Division- PO Box 504, Mermaid Beach Q. 4218

I/We wish to attend the AAAGCD's Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday 25th, November 7:00pm for 7:30 pm, at the Sofitel, Broadbeach.

Enclosed is my cheque for \$ _____ being for _____members@\$60 & _____ guests @\$65

Or deposit your money into NAB- BSB: 084917 Acc. 537232696

Names:

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Attendee Contact Name: _____ **Contact Number:** _____