

Everyman's

Serving the
Australian Defence Force
since 1940



ON PATROL

September 2018

Patron

His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd)

From the CCOMM's desk...

We have been excited and honoured by a recent development where Everyman's has been granted permission by the Chief of Army LTGEN Richard BURR, to wear the Rising Sun badge on our number one fur felt slouch hats with our full dress uniforms. We regard wearing this badge as a very real privilege. It is simply iconic not only with the Army, but with the wider Australian population as part of our history. GEN Burr said in his letter **"in appreciation of the work that Everyman's Welfare Service does for Army personnel at home and on operations, I am pleased to approve the wearing of the seventh pattern Rising Sun badge on the hat KFF by Everyman's and Everywoman's representatives."**



REP Ben Ridley wearing his slouch hat with the iconic Rising Sun badge

We consider this as an historic and outstanding honour, by which we are both humbled but also deeply appreciative to receive gladly. However this appreciation is only possible because of the dedicated service of all our REPs both in the field, in the Rec Centres, and on overseas operations. Not only that, but this unique honour is a testimony to all the Everymen and Everywomen who have gone before us since 1940.

I thank God today for enabling all our REPs to achieve this level of appreciation, and pray that through it, EWS will be able to effectively touch the hearts and minds of many in need, not only in the Army, but also in the Navy and Air Force as well.

CCOMM Ken Matthews
Everyman's National Headquarters
ALTC, Gaza Ridge Barracks
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Far from home & on the Range

One of the traditional services Everyman's has been remembered for down through the years is the "Brew Run to the Range." Generations of Defence personnel remember the Everyman rolling up to the Rifle Range with the Brew wagon full of goodies, in weather that could be stinking hot, freezing cold, and anywhere in between.



CCOMM Ken Matthews serving chilled drinks to soldiers at the Rifle Range

That tradition remains alive and well on our overseas operations where CCOMM Ken is working out of the back of a Kia Sorrento hatchback, specifically ordered for Philanthropic use by the Chief of Defence. In this place of severe and relentless heat, (some days of 53 degrees and high humidity) the Defence members are only interested in cold drinks. Ken was able to procure a large old Engel car fridge from the Q store to take to the range with bottled water which has been chilled the night before. An orange flavoured electrolyte powder is mixed into the water on the range. It is most important in these extreme environments of burning heat and humidity to replenish the body's sodium, magnesium and potassium. Running these mixed drinks out to our Defence members is crucial, as they wait in details in the searing heat before their shoot. The drinks are greatly appreciated and help Everyman's build strong and lasting relationships with Defence members. This helps them to approach our Everyman and Everywoman afterwards with confidence, if they have a problem they need to share and if they would like prayer for their needs. It creates, in the long term, great opportunities to share our Christian faith and the hope we have in it.

Administration

EWS is in demand – We are growing!

With the increase of our commitments, both in Australia and overseas, the work load of our Office staff has been increasing.

We now need to increase the number of office staff to carry out our administrative obligations.

An increase in staff means an increase in financial commitments

To this end we are seeking support from our faithful contributors, Defence personnel and the general public to raise funds, enabling us to employ another office worker 2.5 days per week.

This will be an ongoing position

Our target is \$30,000 by the 31st December 2018

Please help by donating now!

Thank You!

EWS LOCATIONS

- RAAF Base, AMBERLEY, QLD
- Kokoda Barracks, CANUNGRA, QLD
- Gallipoli Barracks, ENOGGERA, QLD
- Victoria Barracks, PETRIE TERRACE, QLD
- HMAS Kuttabul, HOMEBUSH, NSW
- Navy Accommodation, STRATHFIELD, NSW
- 17 Brigade, RANDWICK, NSW
- Blamey Barracks, KAPOOKA, NSW
- Gaza Ridge Barracks, BANDIANA, VIC
- Latchford Barracks, BONEGILLA, VIC
- Simpsons Barracks, MACLEOD, VIC

National Relations Manager Report

Life continues to move at a high pace with lots of travel, providing support to both military personnel and others. It is exciting to see new faces coming into Everyman's, providing increase of support to the troops and some decrease pressure to our Reps. I am looking forward to training up Jeff Greene to be able to ease my pressure with speaking engagements around the country and open new doors of opportunity to present Everyman's work to other groups and individuals. We are also increasing our staff at Simpson Barracks in Melbourne, where God has moved Leane Dabitz from Darwin to assist Adrian in supporting the troops there.

Recently I was able to deliver the refurbished brew truck to Simpson Barracks, which will provide increased capability to support brew runs to Puckapunyal. We need to continue our brew truck replacement and upgrades of our aging fleet of vehicles.

Please call me to explore ways you might get be able to get involved with this endeavour.

If you would like to have an Everyman's presentation delivered to your friends, Rotary/Lions or church group, size does not matter, a few or many, I love to talk about all we have done and our future plans of outreach. Bless ya heaps,

Phil Marshall
Acting CCOMM

The Anzac Biscuit Ministry

Anzac biscuits have long been associated with the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC) established in World War I. The biscuits were sent by wives and women's groups to soldiers abroad because the ingredients did not spoil easily and the biscuits kept well during naval transportation.

It has been something Everyman's has been known for, perhaps since our inception in 1940, and there is no doubt that home-made Anzac bikkies are still greatly enjoyed and anticipated by members of the ADF. CCOMM Ken on overseas operations at the moment gets to visit many ADF members in their workplaces as part of his duties.

Ken cannot bring over large shipments, but small parcels of home-made Anzacs can come across and are greatly appreciated, often reminding ADF members of their mothers and grandmothers, and letting them know their efforts overseas have not gone unnoticed.



Happiness is a home-made ANZAC biscuit when you're a long way from home



REPs Kristian & Chris Kemper couldn't resist dropping in to the new Everyman's Rec Centre at Amberley on a recent holiday in QLD. They met up with Acting CCOMM Phil Marshall, SNR REP Richard Gibson & REP Jeff Greene, both at Canungra, and REP John Turner, Amberley.

The Anzacs

are a great way for the Everyman to get to know the many men and women serving. Most times it is just a friendly conversation, but at other times some will open up with their concerns and problems.

If you love to bake, perhaps this could be a home front ministry for you and your friends. Please contact our National Headquarters and check out our special Anzac Biscuit recipe on our website <https://www.everymans.org.au/anzac-biscuit-recipe/> Please remember our Defence members serving overseas.

Overseas operations haven't finished and in fact will, in one form or another, continue into the foreseeable future. Your help is greatly appreciated as we look to continue the traditional Everyman's service to our Defence Force overseas.

Partner with us as we “Serve those who serve our Nation”

Have you ever heard this statement:

“God gave us two ears and one mouth, so we should listen twice as much as we speak?”

This has been Everyman’s in action for over 78 years now, whether around a pool table or coffee table in our Rec Centres, or standing around a ‘brew truck’ out-field, away from home, or at a firing range, Everyman’s REPs have been there. I have a simple belief system which is: “Given enough time and space, most of us can work out, or through, our issues”. Our ‘issues’ might be small, like a stone in our shoe causing irritation, or it may be a huge personal or family issue. Whatever it is, having someone to talk to, someone who will listen, in many cases makes a massive difference with the outcome.

As people are made with four distinctive areas: physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual, Everyman’s REPs encounter a diverse range of conversations, some are short, somewhat shallow and general, while others go much deeper and continue over a longer period. We remain committed to supporting our Defence personnel, from the new recruit to the high ranking officers, providing opportunity to ensure we, as an organisation, maintain our founding goal, of serving those who serve our nation.

Having our Chief Commissioner serving overseas for four months, has certainly increased the pressure back home, but through amazing dedication and skill of our staff, plus the wonderful strength and grace from God above, we continue to do great things.

Thank you for your ongoing support with prayer, encouragement and finances. With your gift we are accomplishing much...with more our efforts will only increase! Please consider your current giving, in light of our current appeals to increase admin staff, continue renewing and upgrading our fleet & general operational costs.

Be blessed
COMM Phil Marshall

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