

Military Heritage

2024

Midday Presentations, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

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8 Feb – “28th Māori Battalion” in the Second World War and the “75th Anniversary of the release of the “Blue Smoke” by Ruma Karaitiana, Rangitane.

14 Mar – “The 80th Anniversary of the Battle for Cassino” (Feb-Mar 1944), by LTCOL (Rtd) Dr Glyn Harper, QSM

11 Apr – “The Royal NZ Army Medical Corps and the Awapuni Medical Memorial, by Deployable Health Organisation, Joint Services Group, NZDF (Linton Camp)

9 May – “The 70th Anniversary of the Borneo/Malaysia Conflict”, by WO1 (Rtd) Dave Hayward, RNZIR, former Sergeant Major of the NZ Army

13 Jun – “The 25th Anniversary of the East Timor/Timor L’este Conflict”, by LTCOL (Rtd) Dr Glyn Harper, QSM

11 Jul – “The 80th Anniversary of the D-Day (Normandy) Landings in France in June 1944”, by RADM (Rtd) David Ledson, former Chief of the RNZN

8 Aug – “30th Anniversary of UNPROFOR and the Bosnian Conflict”, by BRIG (Rtd) Phil Gibbons, ONZM, Senior National Officer, Op RADIANT 3

12 Sep – “70th Anniversary of RNZN Support to the Borneo/Malaysia Conflict”, by CDR (Rtd) Richard Jackson, RNZN

10 Oct – NZ Land Wars Month – “The Battle for Orakau”, by LTCOL (Rtd) Dr Cliff Simons, ED

28 Nov – “The 80th Anniversary of 3rd (NZ) Division in the Pacific during the Second World War”, by LTCOL DR Peter Wood, ONZM, Director of the NZ Wars Study Centre, NZDC

Evening Lectures, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

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24 Apr – “The 160th Anniversary of QAMR”, by LTCOL Jacob Murray, RNZAC, Commanding Officer, Queen Alexandra’s Mounted Rifles (QAMR), Linton Military Camp

25 Jun – “The 80th Anniversary of the RNZAF Flying Boats and other aircraft of 5 Sqn, RNZAF”, by GPCAPT (Rtd) Rick Bulger and SQNLDR (Rtd) Hugh Francis, RNZAF

27 Aug – “Operation DRAGOON – Second D-Day into France in August 1944”, by Dennis O’Rourke, RNZN, and NZ Police (Rtd)

11 Nov – Remembrance (Armistice) Day – “NZ Forces into Samoa in the First World War, in 1914”, by LTCOL DR Peter Wood, ONZM, Director of the NZ Wars Study Centre, NZDC

Major City Events

3 March, Sunday – Explore Esplanade Day (with NZDF display?)

1-10 March – PNCL Local History Week

1-28 March – Heritage Month in Palmerston North

25 April, Thursday - ANZAC Day (Dawn and Civic) Parades and Services in Te Marae o Hine/The Square and elsewhere in Ashhurst, Bunnythorpe, Linton Camp and the Māori Battalion Hall.

11 November, Monday – Remembrance (Armistice and Poppy) Day Parade and Service in Te Marae o Hine/The Square and NZPPT launch of more streets and sites of significance, following the service.