



Welcome to the twenty eighth edition of the Journal. Another year has come to an end but I think I can say it has been a successful one for the Federation and I hope you have enjoyed my reports on our various activities. As always I appeal to our member Associations to send me more reports of what you have been doing to put in the Journal.

The journal is not only for the officers of Associations but also Association members so we ask you to give it as wide a distribution as possible to members and anyone else you think might be interested.

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Another apology for you, I got the number wrong in the opening remarks of the last Journal, I also had some difficulty in attaching the Journal to the email.

## **DIARY OF EVENTS FOR 2015**

Please bear in mind that we are only publishing the information as we have received it and you should check with the organisers of a particular event to make sure it is taking place on the date we have given. Here are the dates for the coming month.

### **JANUARY 2015**

**Sun 25            0930 Laying up of the Standard of the Devon and Cornwall Branch of the British Korean Veterans Association at Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth.**

**STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 0930**

I am not now aware of any events in the next couple of months but we will be looking in the near future to start assembling the information for the **Federation Events Dairy 2015**. If you know the details of any event you are planning then please let me know so that it can be included in this document which lots of people found very informative last year.

## PAST EVENTS

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

As I promised in the last issue here are some photos, courtesy of Ossie Glover, from the Remembrance on the Hoe.



Garth Wright the RAA's 95 year old standard Bearer on parade at the Naval War Memorial



The Standard Bearer on the east side of the Naval War Memorial with our Parade Marshal in front of Roger Galloway the RAFA Standard Bearer

## **NORTH CORNER MEMORIAL**

As usual the Royal Marines Association organised the ceremony at North Corner on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> December to remember those commemorated on the memorial there, one of whom was a Royal Marine, Cockleshell Hero, lost in the raid on St-Naziare. There were seven Standards present, several of the Standards being from RM Associations that we do not see paraded very often. It was a cold but clear day, and luckily the showers held off during the service but we were all a bit stiff after it was over. The Roll of Honour was read by Mr Derek Quinton and wreaths were laid by the Lord Mayor of Plymouth Councillor Michael Fox, the Associations present and the Federation and several relatives of those remembered. After the service we all adjourned to the Cornwall Arms for a warm up, drink and Buffet. It was good to see one of our local Members of Parliament, Mr Oliver Colville there as he supports many of the local commemorations that take place in Plymouth.

## **FUNERAL OF GWYNNE PARCELL**

### **THE LATE GWYNNE PARSELL 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 1925-11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014**

On 29<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Efford Crematorium I represented the Federation at the Funeral of Gwynne Parsell former Veteran of the Royal Air Force and Burma Star Association. The funeral was well attended by family, friends and members of the RAF and Burma Star Associations and a guard of honour was formed by Veterans

with eight Standards in attendance that included the Standards of the RAF Association and the Burma Star Association. Following the Kohima, the Last Post and Reveille was sounded by Royal Marine Buglers. A fitting tribute to a special Veteran. My thanks to those Federation Standard Bearers who attended.



*Basil Downing-Waite* Chairman

## **SUPPORT FOR ORGANISATIONS BY THE FEDERATION**

The finances of the Federation are not normally featured in the Journal but we have been doing well with our fund raising and support for the Remembrance Festival so we decided to make donations to organisations whom have helped us with the Remembrance Festival both this year and in the past. We thought our readers would like to note that the following donations were approved at the Federation meeting in November following the successful Festival.

Military Wives Choir	£250.00
Plymouth Police choir	£250.00
Plymouth Youth Concert Band	£250.00
HMS Heroes Military Kids Choir	£250.00
Devonport Field Gun Association	£500.00
City of Plymouth Pipe Band	£250.00

We have are also been continuing our support for various Veterans organisations and at the last meeting also agreed donations to the following organisations.

Far East Prisoners of War Association	£500.00
Alabare Homes	£500.00

HOSSANA HOUSE Christmas Dinner

£050.00

## MESSAGE FROM THE FEPOW ASSOCIATION

The Chairman of the Far East Prisoners of War [FEPOW] Association Plymouth Mr Arie Den Hollander [left] accepting a donation of £500.00 from the Federation of Plymouth and District Ex-Service Associations handed over by Mr David Hutson the Association's delegate. This donation, thanks to the fundraising Activities of the Federation and the generosity of the people of Plymouth, will be used to finance the replacement of the Rowan Tree [Tree of Peace] which is a living memorial to all those who died or suffered at the hands of the Japanese in the Far East during World War Two.

The original tree which stands adjacent to St Andrews Church was planted in 1985 on the 40th Anniversary of VJ Day and the new tree will be planted and dedicated in time for the 70th Anniversary on 15 August 2015.



## **LIFEBUOY AVAILABLE**

Someone I know has a lifebuoy he would like to give to any organisation who would like one, if you are interested then please contact me for details.

## **THE FEDERATION HAS A NEW WEBSITE**

The Federation now has a new website up and running which is worth checking out here is the web address [www.fedexservicesassoc.co.uk](http://www.fedexservicesassoc.co.uk).

**MAY I WISH YOU ALL A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM  
THE FEDERATION**