

NEW CDF APPOINTED



VCDF, AVM Kevin Short

The current Vice Chief of Defence Force, Air Vice-Marshal Kevin Short, has been appointed the new Chief of Defence Force.

Air Vice-Marshal Short will take up the position for a term of three years from 1 July, at the conclusion of the term of the current Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Tim Keating.

AVM Short has been Vice Chief of Defence Force since March 2014. He started his career in the Royal New Zealand Air Force in 1976 as a General Duties navigator.

"It's a privilege and honour to be appointed to this role. The stewardship of this organisation is an extremely important responsibility," he said.

"Living the values of the organisation is very important. The Defence Force is a proud organisation with a long history of service to the country.

"I am looking forward to the release of the Strategic Defence Policy Statement, which will update the direction of the Defence Force, and the follow-on Defence Capability Plan Review.

"The role of Chief of Defence Force is challenging, and I welcome that challenge, as well as working to ensure we continue to uphold our values of courage, commitment and comradeship as we go about our task of serving New Zealand."

DEAD? WHO ME?

By Judith Martin

Malayan Campaign veteran Brian Harrington burst into laughter when he heard the news.

For more than 50 years his name has been included in the Roll of Honour at the National War Memorial in Wellington. But Mr Harrington, 82, is very much alive, and living with his wife in Waiau in Canterbury.

"Yeah someone rang me a couple of weeks ago to tell me my name was there. I laughed my head off – I feel bloody dead at times, but as you can see I'm not. It doesn't worry me at all."

His supposed passing was first noticed late last year when a group of Malayan Emergency veterans approached Mr Paul Riley, the Curator of Pukeahu National War Memorial and told him they had no idea who the Private BJ Harrington included in the Malayan Campaign section of the Roll of Honour was. Mr Riley asked New Zealand Defence Force historian John Crawford to look into the matter.

Research showed that Mr Harrington had served in Malaya between 1957 and 1959 before returning to New Zealand and being discharged from the Army's Regular Force in 1960. Mr Harrington has no idea how

his name came to be in the Roll of Honour, and while Mr Crawford's research shows that considerable care was taken in the preparation of the Roll of Honour, there is no indication as to why Mr Harrington's name made it to the list.

The Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant General Tim Keating has apologised to Mr Harrington, and assured him his name will be removed as soon as possible.

Rolls of honour are compiled to record the names of those who lost their lives in a conflict. During the 1960s each Service prepared a roll of its fatal casualties during the South African War, First World War, Second World War, Korean War and Malayan Emergency. This work was done so that it could be displayed in the Hall of Memories which was opened in April 1964. The roll was printed and put on display in 1970.

Mr Harrington was a dog handler in the Malayan Emergency. "The battalion had 15 dogs when we first arrived. We used them for patrolling. My dog was like a scout – as soon as he smelled something he'd let me know."



Very much alive: The Land Component Commander Brigadier John Boswell hands CDF's letter to Mr Harrington.

A Message From

**CHIEF
OF ARMY**



I recently attended the march out of the All Arms Recruit Course 388, where 89 soldiers successfully completed the Basic. I was very impressed with the calibre of the men and women on parade that day, and felt confident about the future of our Army and Defence Force. Furthermore, I was very proud of the combined efforts of our NCOs and Officers of The Army Depot who, in sixteen weeks, trained these soldiers to the high standard we expect so that they are ready to join their units and commence their advanced corps training.

The professionalism and passion of our instructors is second-to-none, and their dedication to their role is what made the difference in the lives of these new soldiers. We can all remember who our Corporal, Sergeant or Platoon Commander were on our Basic, and that the good ones really stood out and made a difference. The challenge for the rest of the Army is to match that same standard established by The Army Depot. We need to ensure we meet our obligation to continue to look after these soldiers as they progress through their career. They each have aspirations to be the best they can, to serve their nation and Army with pride, and to be treated fairly and equitably by those in command.

We all need to commit ourselves to meeting those new soldiers' aspirations. They have been entrusted into our care as commanders and leading them is a huge privilege but one that comes with responsibility and accountability. I need all our leaders in the Army to live our values and, by their actions, demonstrate their care to the men and women in their command. Treat them all with respect and treat them all fairly. With this command support they will look forward to coming to work each day - knowing that their commanders will look out for them, and working to the best of their ability to help achieve their goals to be the best soldier they can be.

If we can all live up to that high standard this will ensure we continue to be a world class army with mana.

Major General Peter Kelly
Chief of Army