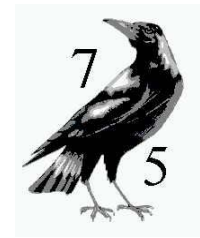




75 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED



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Dear 75SQN Association Member,

I'd like to start this newsletter by welcoming all past and present members to the newly incorporated 75 Squadron Association. Over the past couple of months much has happened concerning the progression of the Association's Constitution. Through the great work of Peter Nelms and Gary Smith we have progressed the attached Constitution through the NT Government and are now a formally incorporated, self funding, non-profit organisation. This milestone is significant in that the 75 Squadron Association now has a recognised hierarchy (elected annually) to govern events and ensure the continued growth of our Association. It is an exciting time for us all, and another achievement to celebrate during our 70th anniversary.

To enact the 75 Squadron Constitution, the first order of business is to elect the committee appointments. The committee positions were identified last year at the AGM held in Nov 11 at Wagga Wagga and are now listed in the constitution. Nominations for these posts were identified at the AGM and are as follows:

President:	WGCDR Phil Arms (currently CO 75SQN)
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This newsletter is a call for further nominations for anyone else interested in being a member of the Committee. Currently the committee is largely propped up by serving members from 75SQN. This is not ideal however necessary for implementation. If anyone would like to nominate someone for a committee position within the 75SQN Association, please forward details of the nominee to FLTLT Gary Smith no later than 31 May 12 (e-mail to gary.smith8@defence.gov.au). If no further nominations are received then the nominees listed above will be ratified until the next AGM in late 2012. All Committee positions will then be re-opened for election later this year.

Another important change is that now we are all required to formally enrol to be registered as a member of the 75SQN Association. You will note in the constitution that you need firstly to be eligible in order to enrol. Eligibility is achieved through either;

- a. having served in No 75 Squadron RAAF,
- b. being a dependent, over the age of 18 years, of a person who has served in No 75 Squadron RAAF,
- c. being a spouse or partner of a financial member of the Association at the time of his/her death,
- d. being a current serving member of No 75 Squadron RAAF, or
- e. at the discretion of the Committee, you have been identified as a person who has been associated with, and/or identifies with No 75 Squadron RAAF.

To ensure we are self funding a small fee of \$12 is charged annually for membership (or \$80 for 10 years). Current serving members of 75SQN are exempt from this charge (and will be enrolled automatically) however continued membership will require individuals to enrol once posted out of the unit. These funds ensure the Association is able to convene annually and continue to correspond to the many members of our Association across the globe.

If you are receiving this newsletter it is requested that you consider enrolling as a member (enrolment forms are attached at the end of this Newsletter). Your support to the 75SQN Association to date has been very much appreciated and is highly sought for the future. Importantly, all memberships received will be recorded in a data-base that will be used to pass information regarding our upcoming 70th Anniversary Commemorations planned to occur in Milne Bay later this year. Completed enrolment forms should be sent to:

Mr Peter Nelms
Secretary
BP35-3-061
PO Box 7927
Canberra BC, ACT, 2610

Tel: (02) 6127 2527

Or the relevant details e-mailed to peter.nelms@defence.gov.au.

In conclusion, this is a very exciting time for 75SQN and our Association. The incorporation of our constitution will ensure our Association is viable well into the future, ensuring that the legacy of 75SQN continues to grow.

Seek and Strike.

Phil Arms
President (Elect)
75 Squadron Association

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