





# 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF CRETE AND GREECE

## **PROGRAM**

# **MARCH**

#### **COMMEMORATIVE DINNER**

The Pammesinian Brotherhood "Papaflessas" is hosting a Commemorative Dinner highlighting the first ANZACS in Kalamata on Saturday 12th March, 7.00pm at Normanby House Receptions, 22-24 Normanby Avenue Thornbury. For more information please call Mr. George Kallianis on 0404958567

#### **ANZAC RE UNION LUNCHES**

The Greek Anzac Organisation in conjunction with the Pantrifilian Association of Melbourne is hosting a series of Veterans Families Re Union Lunches with special guest speakers commencing on Thursday 17th March, 12.00pm at Vanilla Café, 17-21 Eaton Mall, Oakleigh. For more information and bookings please call 9568 3358

#### **COMMEMORATIVE DINNER**

The Kalamata Society "23rd March" is hosting a Commemorative Dinner highlighting the Battle of Kalamata on Saturday 19th March, 7.00pm at Number Ninety, 90 Atherton Road Oakleigh. For more information please call Mr. Theo Kalyvas on 0418552975

#### MUSIC CONCERT

The Achaean Federation of Victoria is hosting a Musical Concert titled "Rembetika for the ANZACS "featuring Byron Triantafylidis and his band on Thursday 24th March 2016, 7.00pm, White Rose Receptions, 725 High Street, Thornbury. For more information please call Lee Andrikopoulos on 0411729404

# **APRIL**

#### **BOOK LAUNCH**

The Shrine of Remembrance and the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council are hosting the Book Launch of Dr. Peter Ewer's book titled the Forgotten ANZACS, Second edition on Wednesday 6th April, 6.00pm in the Auditorium of the Shrine Education Centre. For more information please contact Dr. Peter Ewer on 0419 514 939

#### **PHOTO & ARTIFACTS VISIT**

The Battle of Crete & Greece commemorative in conjunction with the Shrine of Remembrance will host an official tour of the Photos and artifacts from the Greece and Crete campaign for the visiting guests from overseas on Friday 8th April at 1.00pm in the Shrine of Remembrance Museum. The Official 75th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete Study Guide, will also be launched on this day. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419856736

#### TRADITIONAL CRETAN GLENDI

The Pancretan Association of Melbourne & the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting a Traditional Cretan Glendi on Saturday 9th April , 7.00pm at the Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane Wantirna South featuring Musical Artists from Crete and Cretan Dance Groups. For more information please contact Mr. John Nikolakakis on 0413440033

#### **CHURCH SERVICE & DOXOLOGY**

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia are hosting a Church Service and Doxology on Sunday 10th April, 10.00am at the St. Efstathios Cathedral, 221 Dorcas Street South Melbourne. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419856736

#### **OFFICIAL PARADE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY**

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council is hosting the Official Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony on Sunday 10th April, 12.00pm at the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419856736

#### **CEREMONY**

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is hosting a Ceremony on Sunday 10th April, 1.30pm at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416020865

#### **OFFICIAL LUNCHEON**

The Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne & The Pancretan Association of Melbourne are hosting the Official Luncheon in honour of our last surviving ANZAC Veterans on Sunday 10th April , 2.30pm at the Cretan House, 148 – 150 Nicholson Street, East Brunswick For more information please contact Mr. Jim Papadimitriou 0411224532

#### **SPEECH**

The City of Moreland in conjunction with the Pallaconian Brotherhood 'Leonidas' is hosting a Speech titled "The Brunswick Boys" by Mr. Phil Cleary on Monday 11th April, 7.30pm at Brunswick Town Hall, 233 Sydney Road Brunswick. ABC Personality Phil Cleary will present the true stories of "The Brunswick Boys" who were volunteers in the 2/6th Battalion of 2nd AIF, the 2nd Anzacs. Their journey to North Africa then to Greece and Crete. Their adventures, evasion, imprisonment, escapes, life in Austria's Stalag 18 and finally their difficult return to civilian life in today's Moreland area. For more information please contact Ms. Mary Tsaganas on 0422 808 350

#### **CEREMONY**

The Nurses Memorial Centre is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony to honour those fallen ANZAC Nurses from the 2nd World War on Sunday 17th April at 2.00pm at the Nurses Memorial at 431 St. Kilda road, Melbourne. For more information please contact Ms. Arlene Bennett on 0419527273

#### **CEREMONY**

The Essendon RSL Sub Branch and the City of Moonee Valley is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony to honour those fallen ANZACS from the 2nd World War on Sunday 17th April at 3.00pm at the Queens Park Memorial at Mount Alexander Road Moonee Ponds. For more information please contact Mr. Ange Kenos on 0408999003

#### **ANZAC SERVICE**

The Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital is hosting a Commemorative Ceremony on Friday 22nd April, 10.30am in honour of all the ANZACs that fell that were connected to the Hospital, at the Remembrance Gardens, on Waterdale Road in Heidelberg West. For more information please contact Mr. Robert Winther on 9496 2324.

#### **HONORARY LUNCHEON**

The Pancretan Association of Melbourne is hosting an Honorary Luncheon on Sunday 24th April, 2.00pm in honour of our 103 Year old ANZAC Crete Veteran Lesley Manning and his family members, at the Members Pavilion, Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane Wantirna South. For more information please contact Mr. John Nikolakakis on 0413 440033

#### **SPEECH**

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand is hosting a Speech titled "Reg Saunders time on Crete" by his daughter Glenda Humes on Tuesday 26th April, 7.00pm at the Mezzanine Level, in the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. For more information please contact Mr. Michael Houdalakis on 0408 855 109

#### **SCHOOL COMPETITION**

The Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation is launching the Annual Schools Competition on Tuesday 26th April. For more information please contact Mr. Manuel Karvelas on 0400629597

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#### **FORUM & PRESENTATION**

The Shrine of Remembrance is hosting a Forum & Presentation on Crete 1941: The Battle of 42nd Street "on Tuesday 3rd May, 12.00pm, in the Auditorium which will be presented by one of the Shrine's Education Officers Dr. Adrian Threlfall. For more information please contact the Shrine Reception on 96618100

#### **COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE**

The Kalamata Society 23rd March is hosting a Commemorative Service for the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Kalamata on Sunday 15th May 2016, 12.30pm at the Australian Hellenic Memorial, Domain Gardens, corner Birdwood Avenue & Government House Drive. For more information please contact Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos on 0416 020 865

#### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

The St. Johns Greek Orthodox College is hosting an early morning School Assembly to commemorate the Battle of Crete on Thursday 19th May at 8.45am in the College auditorium and launch the Photo exhibition at the School. For more information please contact Mr. Don Walkley on 9480 5300

#### PRESENTATION LECTURE

The Olympian Society of Victoria in conjunction with Greek Anzacs is hosting a Commemorative Presentation Lecture on the Greek Battalions in Crete titled "The Boys of Morea" on Friday 20th May, 7.30pm at the Mezzanine Level, in the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. For more information please contact Mr. John Georgakopoulos 0411 214 861

#### **INAUGURATION**

The Mayor of Chania, the Region of Crete and the Reg. Saunders Foundation are hosting the Inauguration of the newly built 42nd Street Anzac Memorial in the area of Tsikalaria, City of Chania on Saturday 21st May, 5.00pm. For more information please contact Mr. Michael Houdalakis on 0408855109.

#### **COSTUME & FOOD EXHIBITION**

The PanKorinthian Association of Melbourne is hosting a Costume and Food Exhibition highlighting the Foods and the Wines that the Anzacs tasted in Greece, on Saturday 29th May, 12.00pm at the Manningham Art Gallery, 687 Doncaster Road Doncaster. For more information please contact Ms. Jenny Krasopoulaki on 0414705303

### **JUNE**

#### **BOOK LAUNCH**

The City of Perth in conjunction with the Pancretan Association of Melbourne – Australia is hosting the launch of the book in Perth titled "The Battle of Crete' the untold stories' on Monday 27th June at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers by the Lord Mayor Cr. Lisa Scaffidi. For more information please contact Ms. Dina Gerolymou on 0412 182 764

# **AUGUST**

#### **LECTURE**

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne present a Lecture by Author and Historian Mr. Jim Claven titled "Remembering the Battle of Crete - Vale James Dimitri Zampelis" on Thursday 11th August, 7.00pm, at the Mezzanine Level, in the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Claven on 0409402388

#### **PRESENTATION FORUM**

The Panpyliaki Brotherhood 'Navarino' is hosting a Commemorative Presentation Forum on the Anzac Rescue at Pylos and Methoni on Sunday 14th August 2016, 3.00pm at Navarino House, 575 High Street Northcote. For more information please call Mr. George Iliopoulos on 0419361641

# **SEPTEMBER**

#### **LECTURE**

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne present a Lecture by Author and Historian Dr. Peter Ewer titled "First Victory: the Defence of Greece, 1940" on Thursday 1st September, 7.00pm, at the Mezzanine Level, in the Greek Centre, 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. For more information please contact Dr. Peter Ewer on 0419514939

# **OCTOBER**

#### **CEREMONY**

The Hellenic RSL Sub Branch are hosting the Official Ceremony for the 28th October « OXI » on Friday 28th October, 12.00pm at the Australian Hellenic Memorial in the Domain Gardens followed by a Parade and Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance at 1.00pm. For information please contact Mr. Steve Kyritsis on 0418571800

# **NOVEMBER**

#### **LECTURE**

The Thessaloniki Association of Melbourne in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne is hosting a Lecture on Sunday 13th November, 3.00pm at the Greek Centre, Mezzanine Level, 168 Lonsdale Street Melbourne. The Lecture will be presented by Author and Historian Mr. Jim Claven titled "To Hell and Back - Anzac POW's, Escapers, their Greek helpers and the Thessaloniki POW camp during the Second World War". For any further information please contact Mr. Paul Mayroudis on 0418353086

#### **DECEMBER**

#### **ARCHIVE HANDOVER**

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with Veterans Families officially handover original Photo collections, original artifacts, Stories, and personal belongings to the State Library of Victoria on Monday 5th December at 1.00pm for the safe keeping, preserving and digitising of all records for research purposes. For more information please call Mr. Jim Claven on 0409402388

# **PROPOSED EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**

- The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council plans to host a Movie Night in conjunction with the Antipodes Festival under the auspices of the 23rd Greek Film Festival here in Melbourne at the Palace Cinemas showing the great World War II Movie produced in Crete titled "Ill met by Moonlight" which portrays the story of the abduction of General Karl Kreipe, the German Divisional Commander in Crete. Date, time and Venue to be advised.
- The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Victoria –
  Greece Parliamentary Friendship Committee plan to host a Tree Planting / Plaque Unveiling
  Ceremony in the Gardens of Parliament House, to honour our fallen ANZAC soldiers and in
  particular highlight the important bond that exists between Greece and Australia. Date, time
  and Venue to be advised.
- The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the St.Kilda,
   Hawthorn, Melbourne and North Melbourne Football Clubs are planning a series of
   promotions to highlight the importance of several VFL footballers participation in the Crete
   and Greece campaigns.

# BATTLE OF CRETE & GREECE COMMEMORATIVE COUNCIL

Larry Irwin ( Chairman ) , Tony Tsourdalakis ( Secretary ), Ms. Christina Simandiraki, Consul General of Greece in Melbourne, Mr. Stephen Blair, Consul General of New Zealand in Melbourne, Mr. Michael Houdalakis, President of the Cretan Federation of Australia & N.Z., Mr. John Nikolakakis, President of the Pancretan Association of Melbourne, Mr. Jim Papadimitriou, President, of the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne, Lt. Colonel David Blackwell, Vice President of the Victorian Returned services League, Mr. Chris Widenbar, from the Shrine of Remembrance, Mr. Mark Dalton from the Department of Veteran Affairs, Mrs. Mel Johnson, Secretary from the 2nd / 2nd Field Regiment, Mr. Peter Cooksley 2nd / 1st Machine Gun Battalion, Mr. Peter Ford, President of the New Zealand – Crete Association, Mr. Steve Kyritsis, President of the Hellenic RSL Sub branch, Mrs. Arlene Bennett, Vice President of the Nurses Memorial Centre, Mr. Leonidas Vlahakis, Board Member of the Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne, Mr. Peter Andrinopoulos, Secretary of the Australian Hellenic Memorial Foundation, Mr. Ange Kenos , President of the Essendon RSL Sub branch, Mr. John Pandazopoulos, Former Minister of Multicultural Affairs and Former President of the World Hellenic Interparliamentary Union, Mr. Lee Tarlamis, Former Member of Parliament and President of the Lemnos Gallipoli Committee, Mr. Jim Claven, Author & Historian, Dr. Peter Ewer Author & Historian, Mrs. Dina Gerolymou Author & Journalist, Mr. Paul Sougleris, representing the Panmessinian Brotherhood 'Papaflessas', Mr. Paul Mavroudis, President Thessaloniki Association 'White Tower', Mr. Lee Andrikopoulos, President of the Achaean Federation of Melbourne, Mr. Peter Adamis, President of the Pallaconian Brotherhood 'Leonidas', Mr. John Georgakopoulos, representing the Olympian Society of Victoria, Ms. Jenny Krasopoulaki, President of the Pankorinthian Association 'Navarino', Mr, Theo Kalyvas, President of the Kalamata Society '23rd March'.





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