



150 YEARS OF ARTILLERY IN AUCKLAND!

There was an attempt to form a volunteer artillery company in Auckland in 1858. This failed due to lack of guns and the unit became infantry. A Battery Auckland Artillery Volunteers was then formed in 1864, when there were guns available. Dunedin asked for a Bty in 1863, but it took a long time to get the request to the Govt in Akld and approval back to Dunedin, and gazetted. By that time Akld had got ahead with A Bty. All of this was officially recognized in 1878 with the formation of the New Zealand Regiment of Artillery Volunteers when A Bty was named and accepted as originating in 1864.

Barry Dreyer
Colonel Commandant, RNZA

27 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Alpha Battery 150th Anniversary Committee calls **All Gunners**,

- Old or current,
- horse-drawn or motorised,
- field, medium, heavy, antiaircraft, or coastal,
- Regular Force, National Service, or Territorial Force,

to help celebrate the 150th year of the presence of Artillery in Auckland. This is a dual celebration, for Alpha Battery, and for the Artillery Band. **Bring another Gunner with you!**

The key events are as follows:

1. Parade, Saturday 1100 h, Quay Street, Downtown Auckland.
2. Brew-Up, Saturday 1500 h, Gun Lines, 11/4 Battery, Arch Hill, Grey Lynn.
3. Formal Dinner, Saturday 1800 h for 1830 h, Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Westhaven.
4. Artillery Band's Church Parade, Sunday 1000 h, St Mathews in the City, Hobson Street.

The cost of the Formal Dinner will be \$80 per head, with a cash bar.

Please respond promptly with the form overleaf to:

A Battery 150th Anniversary
C/o Peter Fraser
21 St Andrews Road
Epsom, Auckland 1023 or

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Mobile: (021) 908208 or

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Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Battery & and dates of service: 11(A) Battery or successor subunit

Battery:

Dates:

Position (e.g., BC, or BG) or Trade (e.g. gun crew):

Other Battery(ies): _____

Dates: _____

Regimental number (optional): _____

Attendance - Partners are welcome

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| Attending Parade? | No/Yes |
| Attending Brew-Up? | No/Yes _____ persons |
| Attending Formal Dinner? | No/Yes _____ persons |
| Attending Band's Church Parade? | No/Yes |

The cost of the Formal Dinner will be \$80 per head, with a cash bar.

Payment Method (circle one):

Cheque Please make cheque payable to "A Battery 150th Anniversary" and post along with the registration form to: A Battery 150th Anniversary ,
C/o Peter Fraser, 21 St Andrews Road, Epsom, Auckland 1023.

Direct Credit "A Battery 150th Anniversary", ASB Mt Eden, 12-3048-049015-03 (with your name in the reference field, so we can identify your payment) and post, scan or fax your registration to Peter Fraser as above.

Amendment to A/C!
Read as:
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