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# ***Bayside Buzz***

**Newsletter Number 9**

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**Welcome to Edition 9 of the Bayside Buzz,  
G'day all as we head into April 2021.**

In this edition I cover the period December 2020-March 2021 and include functions, information, news, and points of interest from members participation and upcoming events and proposed activities (maybe) for 2021.

**Noting ANZAC Day is not far away, see the attachment on ANZAC Symbols and Traditions put together as a hand-out for Schools at the back.**

With restrictions eased and lockdowns rare and the state borders all open its feeling more and more like the norm. The Vaccination program has commenced bringing further relief to our situation.



Whilst noting the above, if you do require help, assistance or just someone to have a chat to please use our wellbeing officers or executive committee. They can help and provide advice and assistance to you.

Thank you to those that have contributed to the content this issue, however again a big request to members for any input of interest to our readers, your stories are sure to be of interest to someone in our association.

## **Bayside Sub-section Annual General Meeting**

The Bayside Sub-section kicked off formal activities for 2021 with the Annual General Meeting at the RSL Memorial Hall on the 6 February.

After opening the meeting and the recital of the ODE President Graham asked Barry MacDonald to conduct the election process for 2021 Office bearers and call for volunteers for the informal positions.

### **Executive Committee 2021**

**President Graham Hargreaves**  
**Vice President 1 Ian Cuthbertson**  
**Vice President 2 Chris McKay**  
**Secretary Ian Bowyer**  
**Treasurer Barbara Sellars**

### **Non-Executive Position**

**Membership Officer Jo Lambert**

The sitting committee vacated the table and the election was conducted. There were no nominations for the President and Vice Presidents apart from those currently in those positions and all three accepted and were returned. The Secretary Rod Lambert and Col Saxby had informed the meeting we would not be standing. A formal nomination for Ian Bowyer for the Secretary's position was accepted. Nominations from the floor were called for the Treasurer's position and Barbara Sellars volunteered with lots of encouragement from Pete. Congratulations to the new committee and a vote of thanks for Rod and my self's service were expressed by the President and appreciation to Barry Macdonald for conducting the election process.



Our Executive Committee for 2021

  
**We  
Need  
Your  
Help  
Please**

**How you can help our Sub-section especially  
our new Treasurer, Secretary, Chef and our  
Sub-section Fund**

Currently the expenditure for our monthly meeting lunch victuals far exceeds the income, recently it has been double. Not having an accurate attendance number becomes a guessing game for our Secretary, Committee and Chef and in most cases ends in large quantities of leftover food escalating costs and or waste. The option to increase the cost of the meal has been discussed in the past but the committee has been reluctant to do that, so they need your help.

More importantly during this time of Covid restrictions attendance numbers become critical when determining our meetings venue. So please respond to the Secretary's Monthly Meeting reminder notification email if you are going to attend and if you are not staying for the lunch please indicate that as well.  
***Thank you for your support***



**Question:**  
**How long does it take the average  
person to become a Sailor?**

**Answer:**  
**An average person will never become a  
Sailor !!**

## **HMAS Voyager Memorial Service at the Naval Memorial (Jacks) Southbank 25 February**

An exceptionally good turnout for this service at Southbank in overcast conditions with umbrellas at the ready but fortunately no rain during the service. Three survivors of the tragedy were in attendance and acknowledged during the service formalities.



NAA Bayside were represented by nine of our members, several of which enjoyed the hospitality of the Ship Inn for a drink and lunch after the service.



### **Bayside members**

**Back row L-R Richard, Mick, Sandy, Ian  
Front Neil, Doreen, Col, Ray, Cathy**





**Three of the survivors in attendance**



**Col and Ian**



**CO HMAS Moreton with members of the  
Ipswich NAA Sub-section**

### **Bravo Zulu Ray, Sandy, and your helpers**

A lot of effort by Ray Sandford and his helpers goes into these ceremonies. Members are reminded and encouraged to attend these activities on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at the Jacks Memorial. The ceremonies commemorate past events and activities etc. related to Naval History. Notification information is provided thru Qld NAA Section, thru our Sub-section secretary and the NAA webpage.

### **John Tranter participation in the Freedom of the City - Surfers Paradise in 1986 – Thanks for your input John**



The photo above shows Premier of Qld Jo Bjelke-Petersen, Betty Diamond (Deputy Mayor of Gold Coast), CMDR Ian Fraser, Senior Officer Qld Naval Reserve Cadets, and John Tranter behind in his role as Commanding Officer of TS Tyalgum Gold Coast Naval Reserve Cadets. The occasion is the Freedom of the City - Surfers Paradise in 1986. John organised 122 cadets from T.S. Tyalgum and other local units for this show. John tells me he received lots of unusual suggestions re his sword when he showed the photo to associates.

### **Johns and Pam's great Granddaughters**

John has also provided a lovely photo of his great Granddaughters. They are twins and as they live over the border with Covid restrictions John and Pam had not seen them for 15 months until February this year.





The girls are the granddaughters of John's eldest son Stephen Tranter, who served in the RAN from 1970 to around 1995 finishing up as a P.O. Writer.

### March Meeting Badge Presentation

During our March meeting President Graham presented Gavin Clarke with his NAA members Badge. Gavin is an ex-Submariner and a shipmate of Pete Sellars and is enjoying his association with our Sub-section.



### March Meeting Lunch - Bravo Zulu Judith Hill

A big thank you and well done to our Chef and victualer Judith, a lovely first up lunch

### History - A rare site in the Perth Class DDG era, the three DDGs together



### BAYSIDE SUB-SECTION BANK DETAILS

**Wynnum ex-naval men and women's social club.**

**BSB 124012**

**ACC 10122839**

### Members out and about

#### BBQ lunch at the Lamberts



The Sandford's and Saxby's enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch hosted by the Jo and Rod Lambert. All agreed the excellent quality of the steak plus Rods cooking expertise hard to beat. See Jo for Butchers details in Alexandra Hills. Jo and Rod head off around the 25 March for an extended road trip including west Queensland, the NT, South Aussie, Victoria, and NSW, with no firm return date, just living the dream.

#### Early News from Rod and Jo's trip

We are currently in Sapphire - staying behind the local RSL / nice spot and great hosts. Green grass, power, toilets , showers, and good company / who could want for more !





## 2021 Reunion Information

### Daring and FESR shipmates

The combined Daring and FESR Ships Reunion will be held 1-3 October 2021 at Coffs Harbour Ex-Serviceman's Club.

#### Contact at

Email: [d154shipsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:d154shipsoffice@gmail.com)

Mobile: 0403243795

Registration closes 1 August 2021

### Maroochydore All Navy 22-24 October 2021

The organisers are proceeding with enthusiasm and latest update is the Maroochy RSL has been booked for the events over 22-24 October 21 and to date they have received 150+ expressions of interest.

#### Contact at

- [allnavyreunion@gmail.com](mailto:allnavyreunion@gmail.com)

### Ballina All Ships 19-21 November 2021

The current plan is to proceed with this year's function. As information becomes available from Ballina NAA it will be provided to members.

### Recipe by Kay Cuthbertson



### SWEET HAWAIIAN CROCKPOT CHICKEN RECIPE

#### INGREDIENTS

2 lb. (.9kg) chicken tenderloin chunks  
1 cup pineapple juice  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/3 cup soy sauce

#### INSTRUCTIONS

Combine all together, cook on low in Crock-pot 6-8 hours...that's it! Done!  
Preparation: 5 min  
Cook: 8 hours  
Ready in: 8 hours 5 min

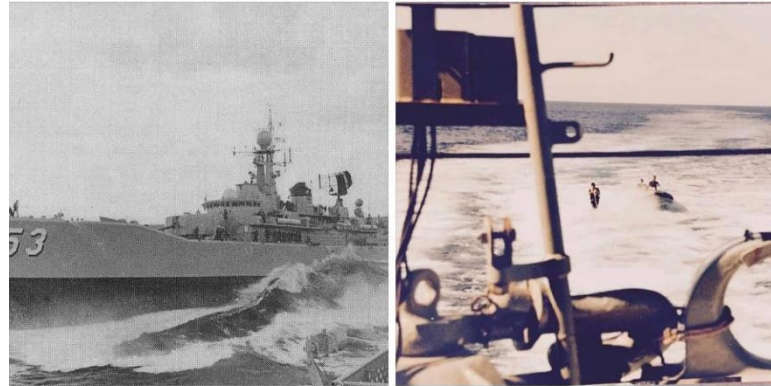
## Do you think this would be allowed today?



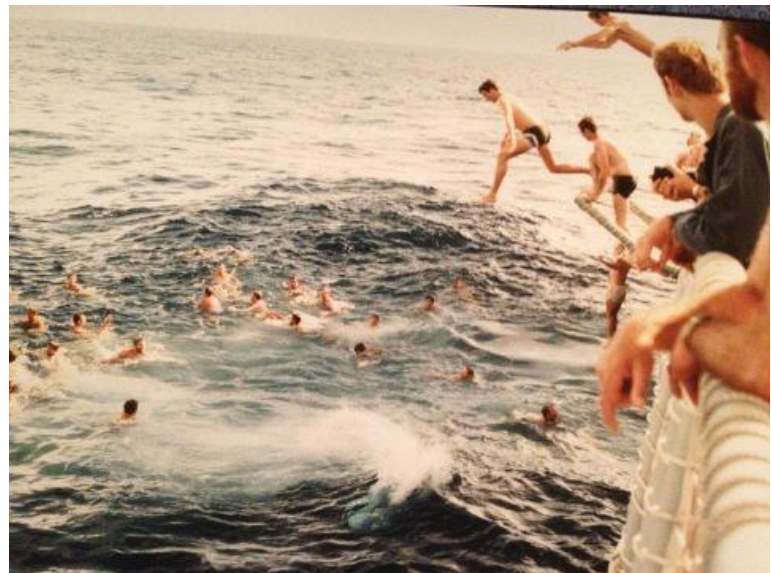
Ross Clarke ► Old School Ski Boats Australia

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30,000hp ski boat, circa 1976 and then 1996 just before they pensioned her off still doing 30knots



HMAS Swan Skiers 1976



HMAS Darwin Mid Pacific delivery voyage 1985  
Hands to Swimming stations and anyone for a Ski



## Bayside Date Claimers and Heads Up 2021

*Please note, we are all hopeful our planned functions can go ahead in 2021. However, they are all subject to confirmation at the time pending the status of Covid19.*

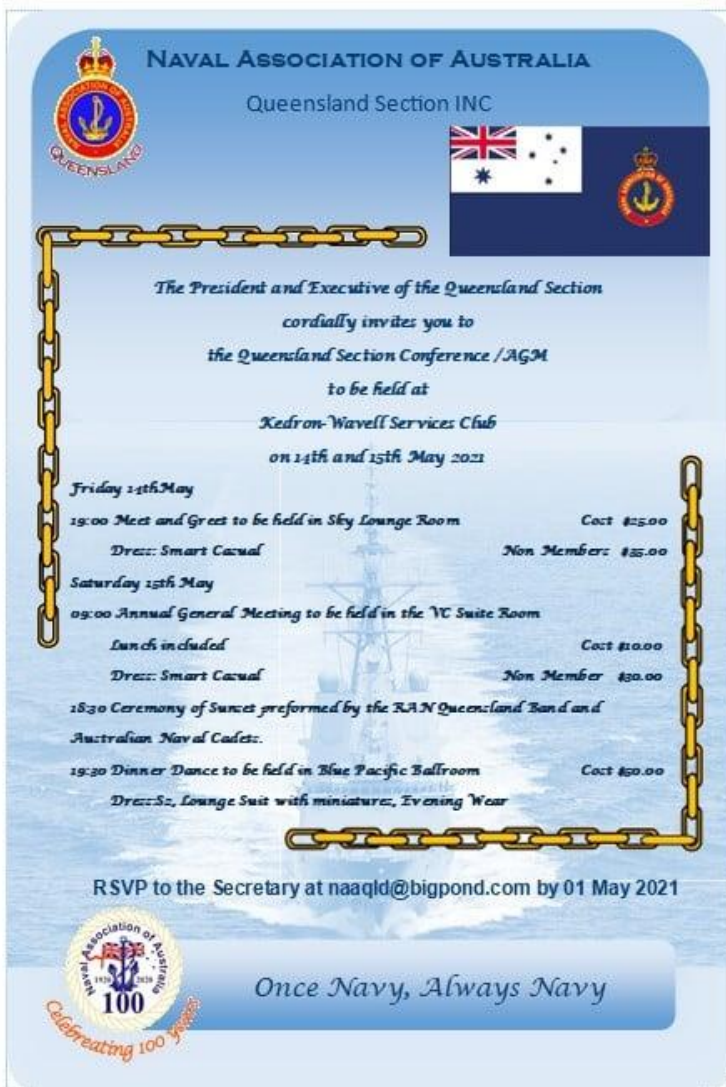
### ANZAC Day

**Sunday 25 April**

Redlands RSL Service in Cleveland, and other Redlands sites, check your local club news for service times and details.

### NAA Queensland Section Conference/AGM 14-15 May. Dinner Dance Saturday 15 May

The flyer below provides information on the conference and for members wishing to attend the Saturday night Dinner Dance which looks excellent value at \$50 per head.



**NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA**  
Queensland Section INC

The President and Executive of the Queensland Section cordially invites you to the Queensland Section Conference /AGM to be held at Kedron-Wavell Services Club on 14th and 15th May 2021

**Friday 14th May**  
19:00 Meet and Greet to be held in Sky Lounge Room Cost \$25.00  
Dress: Smart Casual Non Member: \$35.00

**Saturday 15th May**  
09:00 Annual General Meeting to be held in the VC Suite Room  
Lunch included Cost \$10.00  
Dress: Smart Casual Non Member \$30.00

1830 Ceremony of Sunset performed by the RAN Queensland Band and Australian Naval Cadets.

19:30 Dinner Dance to be held in Blue Pacific Ballroom Cost \$50.00  
Dress: S2, Lounge Suit with miniatures, Evening Wear

RSVP to the Secretary at [naaqld@bigpond.com](mailto:naaqld@bigpond.com) by 01 May 2021

**Once Navy, Always Navy**

**100**  
Celebrating 100 years

### Ladies Lunch

**Saturday July 3 – Redlands RSL**

### Bayside Dinning Inn Night

**Saturday August 14 Redlands RSL**

Our Dinning Inn night committee are currently working on the details for this evening. Information as it becomes finalised will be provided at the Monthly NAA meetings.

### Remembrance Day

**November 11**

Redlands RSL Service in Cleveland, and other Redlands sites, check your local club news for service times and details.

### Ballina All Ships Reunion

**Friday 19 November to Sunday November 21**

Book accommodation, it can be cancelled

### Bayside Christmas Party

**Saturday 4 December**

The December meeting and Christmas will be held on Saturday 4 December. Venue is yet to be decided. The Christmas party will follow the (short) meeting which commences at 1100.





# ANZAC Symbols and Traditions

With ANZAC Day so close I thought you might like to share this. The attached was put together by David Valentine of Rutherglen Vic. He prepared the ANZAC Symbols and Traditions as a hand-out for Schools in Rutherglen.



- **Slouch hat**

By 1890, State military commandants had agreed that all Australian forces, except the artillery corps, should wear a looped-up hat of uniform pattern that was turned up on the right side in Victoria and Tasmania, and on the left side in all other States to allow for different drill movements



- **Rising Sun Badge**

There are seven patterns of the Rising Sun. The Rising Sun has evolved over time and today Australian Army soldiers wear the seventh pattern Rising Sun. The ANZAC's wore the 4th pattern that included Australian Commonwealth Military Forces on the bottom bars of the badge



- **Rosemary**

Since ancient times, this aromatic herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory. Perhaps because of this, rosemary became an emblem of both fidelity and remembrance in literature and folklore.

Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day and sometimes on Remembrance Day, and are usually handed out by Legacy and the RSL. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians, as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula.



- **Light Horse Emu Plumes**

When the Light Horse went to Egypt, Queenslanders, Tasmanians, and South Australians wore splendid emu plumes in their hats - actually, small squares of

emu hide with the long, brown-tipped white feathers still attached. The plume had originally been a battle honour of the Queensland Mounted Infantry for their work in the shearers' strike of 1891.

Now it was adopted by almost all the Light Horse Regiments. Even when a Regiment did not wear the plume on parade or in battle, the men kept one in their kit and tucked it in the hatband when they went on leave. It was the proud badge of the light horseman.

- **ANZAC Day services**

- **The Dawn Service**

The Dawn Service is not an Army specific ceremony. It is a public ceremony normally conducted by the Returned and Services League of Australia with involvement across all three Services of the Australian Defence Force.

During battle, the half-light of dawn was one of the most favored times for an attack. Soldiers in defensive positions were woken in the dark before dawn, so by the time first light crept across the battlefield they were awake, alert, and manning their weapons; this is still known as the 'stand-to'.

After the First World War, returned soldiers sought the comradeship they had felt in those quiet, peaceful moments before dawn. A dawn vigil, recalling the wartime front line practice of the dawn 'stand-to', became the basis of a form of commemoration in several places after the war.



- **Flag at Half Mast**

Flags are flown in the half-mast position as a sign of mourning and/or to honour the fallen in war or service to Australia

To bring the flag to the half-mast position, the flag must first be raised to the top of the mast (the 'peak'), then immediately lowered slowly to the half-mast position.

(This position is estimated by imagining another flag flying above the half-masted flag – in European mythology, the flag flying above is the flag of death.).



The flag must be lowered to a position recognizably half-mast so that it does not simply appear to have slipped down from the top of the flagpole. An

acceptable position would be when the top of the flag is a third of the distance down from the top of the flagpole. When lowering the flag from a half-mast position, it should first be raised briefly to the peak, and then lowered ceremoniously.

Under no circumstances should a flag be flown at half-mast at night, whether or not the flag is illuminated.

#### ➤ Catafalque Party

A catafalque is a raised structure supporting a stand that usually holds a coffin to allow mourners to file past and pay their last respects. A watch or catafalque party was traditionally mounted around the coffin to ensure the safety of the body while it lay in state.

#### ➤ Resting on Arms Reversed by the Catafalque Party



The tradition of reversing and resting on arms – that is, leaning on a weapon held upside down – has been a mark of respect or

mourning for centuries, said to have originated with the ancient Greeks. Descriptions of sixteenth-century military funerals provide the earliest documented instances of carrying arms reversed in more recent times. Although Australian soldiers still rest on arms as a mark of respect for the dead, the short Styr rifle, the present Australian service rifle, is only able to be partially reversed and rested on.

#### ➤ The Last Post, Reveille and Rouse



In military tradition, the Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services such as

Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. The Last Post is normally followed by Rouse except at the Dawn Service when Reveille is played. Historically Reveille woke the soldiers at Dawn.

#### ➤ Minute of Silence



Two minutes silence was first observed in Australia on the first anniversary of the Armistice and continues to

be observed on Remembrance Day, 11 November. Over the years, the two minute silence has also been incorporated into ANZAC Day and other commemorative ceremonies. In recent times, one minute of silence has been observed at Australian commemorative events, such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies. The reason behind this change is largely unknown.

#### ➤ The Salute

The Salute by Veterans at a Memorial Ceremony by place their Right Hand over their “Left Side” has been assumed by many to be placing their ‘Hand over their Heart’ in remembrance of their Fallen Comrades; this is not so.

The Veterans Salute to their “Fallen Comrades”, originated in London on Armistice Day in 1920, during the ceremony to unveil and dedicate the Cenotaph in Whitehall. Those present included high-ranking Soldiers, Sailors and many Victoria Cross winners. The ceremony concluded with a march past. The Regimental Sergeant Major of the Guard Regiment conducting the ceremony, faced with such highly decorated military personnel, all wearing rows of medals, decreed that all would salute the Cenotaph as they marched past by placing their hand over their medals, instructing that:

“No matter what honours we may have been awarded, they are nothing compared with the honour due to those who paid the supreme sacrifice”.

### **The Ode of Remembrance**

The ‘Ode’ comes from ‘For the Fallen’, a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon and was



published in London on 21 September 1914; Poems of the Great War in 1914. The verse, which became the League Ode, was already used in association with commemoration services in Australia in 1921.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

### ➤ **Laying of Wreaths**



Flowers have traditionally been laid on graves and memorials in memory of the dead. Rosemary, symbolizing remembrance, is popular on Anzac Day.

Laurel is also a commemorative symbol; woven into a wreath, it was used by the ancient Romans to crown victors and the brave as a mark of honour. In recent years, the poppy, strongly associated with Remembrance Day (11 November), has also become popular in wreaths on Anzac Day.



### • **ANZAC biscuits**

Previously known as an ANZAC wafer or ANZAC tile, the ANZAC biscuit we know and love today is a far cry from what the ANZACs ate one hundred years ago.

The ANZAC biscuit was originally intended as a bread substitute for soldiers fighting in hostile conditions. The biscuit was made to have long shelf life, meaning it was notoriously hard; in fact, they often adopted the affectionate nickname of 'bullet-proof' biscuits!



### • **Simpson and his Donkey**

After landing at ANZAC Cove on 25 April 1915 in the morning hours of the next day Jack was carrying casualties back to the beach over his shoulder – it was then that he saw the donkey. Jack, who as a child on

summer holidays had worked as a donkey-lad on the sands of South Shields England, knew what he had to do.

From then on he became a part of the scene at Gallipoli walking along next to his donkey, forever singing and whistling as he held on to his wounded passengers, seemingly completely fatalistic and scornful of the extreme danger. He led a charmed life from 25 April

until he was hit in the back by a machine gun bullet on 19 May 1915.



### • **Medals**

Australian military personnel who did WWI overseas service could be awarded the following campaign medals

1914–15 Star.

British War Medal.

Victory Medal.



WWI Medals for honour or meritorious service.

### **The Victoria Cross**

Awarded for "the most conspicuous bravery or some daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice or extreme devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy." Highest award. All ranks.



### **Distinguished Service Order**

Instituted in 1886. Awarded to senior officers for "distinguished services under fire or under conditions equivalent to service in actual combat with the enemy". Often awarded for distinction in command or service.



### **The Military Cross**

The principal army officers' award, established during World War I for junior officers, as there was no decoration for them for acts of bravery in the face of the enemy. Awarded to members of the Australian Flying Corps who came under Army control and to junior officers in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines.



### **Distinguished Conduct (DCM)**

Established 1854.

### **Conduct**

### **Medal**

Awarded to non-commissioned officers and other ranks of the Army for "distinguished conduct in action in the field."



### **Military**

### **Medal**

Most common award. Instituted March 1916

and awarded retrospectively for gallantry and devotion to duty performed by non-commissioned officers and other ranks of the Army. In June 1916 it was extended to women of all nationalities for "bravery and devotion under fire".



### **Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)**

Formerly named the Conspicuous Service Cross, it was renamed the Distinguished Service Cross in October 1914. Awarded to naval officers (commissioned and warrant) below the rank of Lieutenant Commander for gallantry during active operations against the enemy.



### **The Distinguished Flying Cross**

Established June 1918 as the principal officers' flying gallantry decoration. Awarded for acts of valour, courage or devotion to duty whilst flying in active operations against the enemy



### **The Albert Medal**

Instituted 1866. Awarded for exceptional acts of gallantry in saving life on land or sea. Only three Albert Medals were awarded to members of the Australian Army during World War 1.



### **The Meritorious Service Medal**

Instituted 1916. Awarded to Warrant Officers, non-commissioned officers and men who had rendered valuable and meritorious service and could be awarded for gallantry in the performance of military duty. All services.



### **The Royal Red Cross**

Instituted 1883. The First Class - Royal Red Cross was awarded to fully trained nurses who were part of the officially recognized nursing services. Awarded for exceptional devotion or competency in nursing duties in the field or military hospitals over a long or continuous period or for an exceptional act of bravery or devotion to duty.