

Hi Denis,

Notwithstanding the upcoming visit of the Ward Family over Easter Weekend for ANZAC day, I thought it may be prudent to bring to you and your member's attention that the deployment of the 100th Australian Police Contingent to UNFICYP (Cyprus) is imminent (May 2011).

For this we are organising a formal parade at the UNPA and a photographic tribute of recognition to the contribution of Australian Police to UNFICYP since 1964.

We have also sought advice from DPKO NY as we believe that it is the longest single country continual contribution to a UN mission in the history of Peace Keeping. Maybe some of your avid historian members might be able to comment?

What I wanted to do is bring this event to your attention, and if any members did happen to be travelling here during this time, or indeed this to be a catalyst to undertake a European trip - I would extend the invitation to attend this parade, and the social event planned for after this at the UNPOL Club (Formerly the Kangaroo Club). At present the arrangements are in their infancy (due to the focus on ANZAC day) however I would like this to be at least brought to the attention of your members as a matter of courtesy (If any members did take on this offer I would request details to facilitate their visit).

What also would be extremely valuable is any photos that could be availed by your members that we could show (either electronic scanned copies which would be displayed on screens, or hard copies that would be part of a static display). We have sought the cooperation of the AFP museum with respect to this, however as we all know many personal photos from such mission will never be seen other than by the member's immediate audience - and are essentially lost forever. This would be a great chance to show those real moments so I would urge any contribution from the past 100 contingents. Could I ask contributing members to add a short narrative regarding the pics and if they can who it is. All and anything is welcomed - I will provide an email address and postal address if this could be coordinated at your end - many thanks in anticipation.

We will focus on the upcoming Ward family visit through dealing with Kevin, so this will be running in the background until they leave and ANZAC day events conclude.

Please circulate the above information and request for photos and I look forward to further contact,

regards and thanks,

Greg Mowle
Superintendent
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