



Wellington Provincial Gold Star Association

December 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to this our third newsletter

Since our last newsletter there has been an increase in activity. July saw the Association start to be represented at Gold Star functions. Interestingly these were four 50yr presentations as noted below. Following these were, Remutaka Ops Support, Feilding, Carterton, Bunnythorpe all on 3rd October. Hastings, Foxton, Waikanae, Central Comms, Havelock North, Wairoa, Haumoana, Silverstream and Paraparaumu.

The annual general meeting was held on 31st October at Palmerston North more on this in this newsletter. A draft of the new handbook incorporating the rules was tabled at the annual general meeting. The handbook will be emailed/mailed to all members.

John May and Mike Aamodt

50 year Gold Star Presentation

A most memorable function was held on the 26th September at Rongotea for Henry Wheeler to celebrate his 50 years. Also in attendance was Norm Bottcher he being the last of the founding members of the brigade. Henry was CFO for many years before standing down. His 50 years were served with Rongotea Brigade.



Back L—R. AM Mitch Brown, UFBA SVP Jason Prendergast, President Mike Aamodt, Front, Henry Wheeler and Jennifer Wheeler.

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President and Executive

**Wish all our members and families a happy
and joyful Christmas.**

Drive careful and sober and be kind to others.

25 year Gold Star Presentations

On the 3rd October in Upper Hutt a function was held for SSO John Edmond, Remutaka Operations Support to celebrate 25 years service.



L-R. President Mike Aamodt, SSO John Edmond & Ann Edmond, UFBA Sandy Lawson.

A function was held on the 31st October at Waikanae for David Minnis to celebrate his 25 years service.



L—R. CFO Sarah Sundgren UFBA Peter Lockery, SFF David Minnis, President Mike Aamodt

On the 3rd November at Wellington Fire Station a morning tea was held to celebrate Toni David receiving her Gold Star.



L-R. Ralph Cook & Toni David, UFBA Sandy Lawson, President Mike Aamodt,

14th November at Haumoana the Brigade joined to celebrate Brian Slader's 25yrs service.



L-R SSO Graham Arthur, Dale Slader & SO Brian Slader, UFBA Mark Adie, President Mike Aamodt.

SFF Hayden Martin receives his Gold Star at Paraparaumu on 28th November



SFF Hayden Martin on the right is congratulated by SVP Tony Swain.

On 28th November at Silverstream Retreat the function was held to celebrate DCFO Jason Mercer and SO Quentin Ward 25yrs service.



L _ R, Kirsty & DCFO Jason Mercer, President Mike Aamodt, UFBA Sandy Lawson, AAM Matt Abel, SO Quentin Ward & Kellie Williams



Gold Star Presentations 2020



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This updated list shows the current status of presentations.
Following the lockdown due to the Covid19 virus there were many postponements to date many of these have not yet had new dates set.

Congratulations to all those recipients and welcome to the Association.

Recipient	Brigade	Date	Gold Star Assn Presenter
Stephen Fennell	Carterton	3-Oct-20	John Rowe
Marty Knowles	Feilding	3-Oct-20	Tony Swain
John Edmond	Remutaka Ops Support	3-Oct-20	Mike Aamodt
Wayne Spearpoint	Bunnythorpe	3-Oct-20	Colin Smith
Ken Vercoe	Hastings	10-Oct-20	Mike Aamodt
Ian Petersen	Foxton	17-Oct-20	Mike Aamodt
Toni David	Central Comms	3-Nov-20	Mike Aamodt
Graham Brocklebank	Havelock North	6-Nov-20	Gary Dockary
Brian Slader	Haumoana	14-Nov-20	Mike Aamodt
Roger Gordon	Wairoa	21-Nov-20	Ron Johnston
Jason Mercer	Silverstream	28-Nov-20	Mike Aamodt
Quentin Ward	Silverstream	28-Nov-20	Mike Aamodt
Hayden Martin	Paraparaumu	28-Nov-20	Tony Swain

FUTURE GOLD STAR PRESENTATIONS 2020/21

Recipient	Brigade	Date	Gold Star Assn Presenter
Barry Saville	Carterton	29-January-21	Mike Aamodt
Paul Fowles	Palmerston North	13-February-21	Mike Aamodt
Chris Faithful	Palmerston North	13-February-21	Mike Aamodt
John Waldin	Ashley Clinton	6-March-21	Mike Aamodt
Darryl Wilson	Ashley Clinton	6-March-21	Mike Aamodt
Conon Kynoch	Ashley Clinton	6-March-21	Mike Aamodt
Ken Johnston	Tawa	13-March-21	John Rowe
John Pitchford	Tawa	13-March-21	John Rowe
Paul Smith	Wellington	10-April-21	
Andrew Tuffin	Porirua	10-April-21	
James Martin-Bond	Wellington	10-April-21	
Wendy Bruere	Central Comms	10-April-21	

FUTURE 50 YEAR MEDAL PRESENTATIONS 2020

Murray Kidd	Palmerston North	13-February-21	Mike Aamodt
Gary Dockary	Havelock North	27-February-21	Mike Aamodt

Outdoor Bowls

The annual outdoor bowls tournament will be hosted by the
Foxton and Beach Bowling Club on 27th February 2021.
Organised by the Foxton Beach Fire Brigade



Executive Update

Executive: There being only one nomination for Junior Vice President SSO J Edmond of Remutaka Ops Support was elected. PP Allen Procter is our new Patron. Many thanks to Herb Carberry for his guidance during his term as Patron. and Secretary John May continues in the role.

Gold Star Association Handbook

President Mike Aamodt tabled a draft copy of the Handbook. New members once received a copy of the rules when they received their membership of the Association. This hasn't occurred for some years. The new handbook includes a welcome letter, the rules, guidelines for running the annual general meeting and conference, a list of Past Presidents, and full information regarding the Lawn Bowls competition. An electronic copy will be sent to all members and a hard copy to those who receive the communications by snail mail.

Annual General Meeting 2020

The annual general meeting was held at Palmerston North Fire Station on 31st October. Unfortunately there was not a quorum present either physically nor via Skype. 35 members indicated they would attend but during the 48 hours before the meeting we received 16 apologies. If at least 6 members had connected via Skype we would have had our quorum Unfortunately there was no one via Skype. All very disappointing. As a consequence but fortunately there was no remits nor topics discussed that required members votes. The meeting was essentially procedural. The next annual general meeting members will be asked to ratify all actions taken.

Annual General Meeting 2021

The Palmerston North Fire Brigade have confirmed that they will host the 2021 annual general meeting and conference on 9th —11th April 2021. This is the weekend after Easter.

Obituary

With sadness we note the passing of ;
Graham McFarlane – Waikanae
Mike Houghton – Wellington and Hutt Valley
Ken Bailey – Lower Hutt
Ben Goddard – Ohakune
Mike O'Shea – Hastings
Hinetau Ngatoro – Te Karaka
Ian Scott – Plimmerton and NHQ
Colin Strickland—Wellington and Otaki

The Association has a range of merchandise to purchase
examples of which are;



25 & 50 Tie



**25 & 50
Monogram**



**Name tag
Available with 25 and 50**



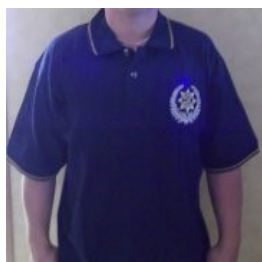
25 Lapel Badge



50 Lapel Badge

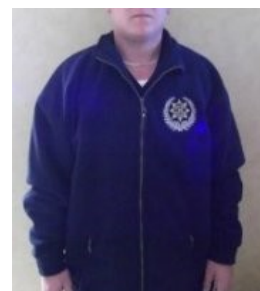


25 & 50 Brooch

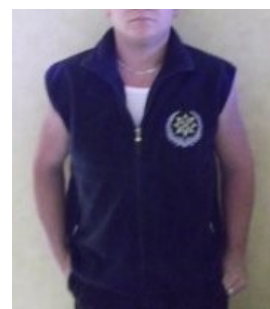


Polo Shirt

Item	Sizes	Price
Vests (F233MN)	SM,M, L, XL, XXL	\$60.00
Jackets (FP630)	SM,M, L, XL, XXL	\$65.00
Polo Shirts	SM, M,L, XL, XXL	\$42.00
Caps	OSFA	\$24.00
Ties 25yr & 50 yr		\$32.00
Name Badges		\$28.00
Lapel Badge 25yr		\$15.00
Brooches 25yr		\$22.00
Lapel Badge 50yr		\$20.00
Brooches 50yr		\$25.00
Blazer Monogram 25yr and 50 yr		\$25.00
Plaques 25yr & 50yr	Present stock (limited supply)	\$70.00



Jacket



Vest

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