

CALENDAR OF EVENTS TO REMEMBER AND COMMEMORATE

The events listed in this document are by no means all of those for remembrance for the service and sacrifice of New Zealanders - this will grow and change. If there are other dates and events you suggest we add, please email enquiries@rsa.org.nz. We will remember them.



MARCH

1992

Four New Zealand military observers, two from the Royal New Zealand Army, and one each from the Royal New Zealand Airforce and Royal New Zealand Air Force, were sent to Bosnia to contribute to the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia. They were then reinforced with the first deployment of Kiwi combat troops since the Vietnam War.

APRIL

21 April

The first Poppy Day took place today in 1922.

MAY

7 May

VE Day. News of Germany's surrender reached New Zealand in the early afternoon of May 7th. The Prime Minister at the time, Walter Nash, insisted the celebrations waited until Winston Churchill made the official announcement, which would not be heard until 1am on the 9th.

20 May

The Battle of Crete. Of the 7,700 NZ soldiers based there when the attack by German aircraft began, 2,000 were taken prisoner and 671 died.

31 May

The signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging, which ended the South African War (commonly known as the Boer War).

JUNE

1 June

The Battle of Crete ends.

6 June

D-Day: military arrived in Normandy, France. Although no NZ contingents were involved, individual New Zealanders were present.



7 June

International Commemoration for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Messines.

29 June

The return of New Zealand troops in Bosnia was marked with the lowering of the flag at a ceremony in Sarajevo

AUGUST

8 August

Anniversary Battle for Chunuk Bair, WWI.

15 August

Anniversary Victory in Japan (VJ) Day, WWII.

18 August

Anniversary Battle of Long Tan, Vietnam.

SEPTEMBER

3 September

Merchant Navy Day, WWII.

15 September

Anniversary Battle of Somme, WWI.

15 September

Anniversary Battle of Britain, WWII.

16 September

Malayan Veterans' Day,
The Malayan emergency & confrontation.

28 September

New Zealand offers support in the South African Boer War, the first overseas conflict to involved NZ troops.

OCTOBER

12 October

Anniversary Battle of Passchendaele, WWI.

23 October

Anniversary Battle of El Alamein, WWII.

31 October

100th Anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba.

NOVEMBER

4 November

Anniversary Battle of Le Quesnoy, WWI.

11 November

Anniversary Armistice Day, WWI.

12 November

Remembrance Sunday, WWI.

DECEMBER

13 December

Anniversary Battle of the River Plate, WWII.