

## **John Vincent Smith QSM, RD**

### **Service**

Joined the RNZN 1966, still serving with NZDF in the RNZNR based HMNZS Ngapona Auckland.

### **RSA**

#### **Elected RNZRSA National Vice President 2014**

Elected Member RNZRSA National Executive 2009-2014

Elected member of the Waikato-King Country-Bay of Plenty Standing Committee from 2001 until May 2022

Member of the Tokaanu-Turangi & Districts Memorial RSA since 1977

Patron of the club

9 terms as President

7 terms Vice President

Member of the Taupo RSA

RNZRSA National sports convenor

Acted as National RNZRSA President several times in my term as National Vice President.

May 2014 attended the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Monte Cassino battles in Italy with 38 veterans as the RNZRSA representative.

Sept 2015 attended the RSL conference in Brisbane as RNZRSA representative.

### **Other Service**

Served on the Executive of the Taupo Officers Club 1999 – 2010 until disbanded

Member of the Taupo branch of the Ex Naval Men's Association until it disbanded.

RNZN representative for the NZ Antarctic Veterans Assn since 2002

### **Honours & Awards**

2003 QSM [public service]

2005 awarded life membership of the Tokaanu-Turangi & Districts Memorial RSA

2007 awarded RNZRSA Merit Badge & Certificate

2012 awarded RNZRSA Gold Star & Certificate

2017 awarded RNZRSA Gold star & Bar

### **Community Service**

#### **Retired from Corrections in 2016**

Married to Kit with a grownup family. Involved in local community interests in the Taupo/Turangi area.

Still serving in the RNZNR

### **Focus**

**My focus is to see that we adapt to the future, that service membership is maintained & healthy within the RNZRSA.**

**That we retain our identity and that the spirit of people helping people remains with our association.**

**Support of the service community past, present & future is our role and must be maintained.**

**That RSA clubs are supported and promoted in being a point of contact for veterans.**

**There is much work that needs to be carried out with regards to our younger membership & the present members of NZDF if we are to be of value to them and have their membership, if not we will not survive into the future.**

**We need to have better access to Government and it's agencies if we are provide the support to the membership and our current servicemen& women.**

**I believe that the next few years will be a very interesting period in RNZRSA history and I would like to be a part of it.**

