

**The Military Historical Society of Australia
ACT BRANCH**

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Committee 2010/2011

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NOTE: This Month's Branch Meeting
Tuesday 28 September 2010, 7:30pm
Orpheus Room, Hellenic Club, Woden

Please note this month's meeting will be held on **Tuesday** [not Monday!] 28 September 2010. I hope you can attend what promises to be an interesting evening.

Branch member Anthony STAUNTON will be presenting an illustrated talk:
"110 Victoria Cross postage stamps in 110 years".

The speaker at **next month's meeting on Monday 25 October**, will be Dr Peter Stanley. As most members will be aware Peter was for many years the Principal Historian at the Australian War Memorial before moving across to the National Museum of Australia in 2007 to take up the position of Head of the Centre for Historical Research. Peter will speak about his latest book [*Bad Characters: Sex, Crime, Mutiny, Murder and the Australian Imperial Force*], his next book – and more!

Please let me know if you would like to give a presentation during 2011, or have a suggested guest speaker in mind.

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University of the Third Age/U3A Aspects of Military History Course:

I remind Branch members that they are most welcome to attend sessions of this course which is held Thursdays 2.30-4.30pm, Canberra Southern Cross Club Jamison, Cnr Catchpole & Bowman Streets, Macquarie. This year's course will conclude on 9 December; the course will resume on 3 February 2011. Please contact me if you want to know more - **Ian Stagoll**.

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Society's Website:

As you may have noticed in the September issue of *Sabretache*, Federal Council needs to update the Society's Website's content! Peter Shaw, our Webmaster, is doing a great job managing the technical aspects but now we need someone to look after the content.

Federal Council is seeking expressions of interest from members willing to volunteer as our website content manager. He or she would work with the Webmaster to ensure the Website is fresh and modern and that content is up-to-date, as well as with the Federal Secretary and Branch Secretaries to source (and coerce!) content. He or she would also act as a portal for members wishing to contribute content.

If you are interested in the challenge of updating the Society's website and keeping it up-to-date, please contact Kristen Alexander, the Federal Secretary on fedsec@mhsa.org.au or phone 02 6258 7348 (business hours) to chat about the challenge or to submit an expression of interest.

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Anyone who has an interest in the study and research of general military history, customs, traditions, dress, arms, equipment, medals, and related matters, with particular reference to Australian military history, is most welcome to attend meetings of the ACT Branch of the Society.

*For membership or other enquiries contact the ACT Branch Secretary, PO Box 7139, Watson ACT 2602, or visit the Society's website: **www.mhsa.org.au**.*