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New helicopters for Air Force

NH Industries' NH90 helicopter has been selected to replace the Royal New Zealand Air Force's ageing Iroquois.

"The NH90 is a modern, very capable helicopter with a growing international customer base and assured long-term support. It has been designed to meet current and future requirements and provides an excellent long-term investment," says Defence Minister Mark Burton.

"It has the capacity to carry up to 16 fully equipped troops, and has a rear ramp that can be used to load small vehicles such as quad bikes with a large freight capacity that will also be particularly useful for tasks such as disaster relief operations."



The NH 90 helicopter.

Mr Burton said utility helicopters provided essential support for a wide range of military operations, peace support, civil emergencies and counter terrorism requirements.

"We used our utility helicopters extensively on New Zealand's missions in such places as the Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Bougainville. They also provide important support to the police and civil authorities in New Zealand, in activities as wide ranging as disaster relief, search and rescue, fire fighting and counter-drug operations".

The other key element of the helicopter modernisation project is the replacement of the old Sioux training helicopter with a new training/light utility helicopter. Work is well advanced and decisions on the helicopter type are expected later this year.

Discussions with NH Industries will now focus on cost finalisation, numbers to be purchased and delivery availability. This information will be made public once the commercial negotiations have been finalised and decisions have been made about the replacement for the Sioux training helicopter.



Toxic recovery

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COVER: World War II and Korean War veteran Mr Charlie Bell and Lieutenant Vicki Rendall, RNZN, at the Returned Servicemen's section of Karori Cemetery. Photo: Judith Martin. Inset: New Zealand Army medic Private Luke Miller distributes aid items in a flood-devastated area of Bamyán, Afghanistan.

The Navy's diving support vessel, HMNZS *Manawanui* and an RNZAF P3 Orion helped recover a number of packages of toxic magnesium phosphide from the sea near Poor Knights Island in Northland earlier this month. The first toxic pod was located and the ship's RHIB (small boat) was vectored to the pods by a

helicopter brought in to help retrieve the material. The pods were boat-hooked and towed back to the ship and inspected more closely, including by a more thorough gas detector test. A total of 13 pods was recovered. Specialists from Maritime Safety Authority, NZ Fire Service and fumigation contractor,

Genera Ltd also helped with the recovery. Magnesium phosphide is used to fumigate ships' holds.



Manawanui's small boat returns after retrieving the pods.

NAVY deploys to Asia

The Navy tanker HMNZS Endeavour departed Devonport Naval Base on March 22, for an 18-week deployment to Australia and Asia.

Endeavour will accompany the frigate HMNZS *Te Mana* on the Asian deployment, which sees the ships representing New Zealand in a variety of operational exercises, activities and Defence diplomacy visits.

Commander Joint Forces New Zealand, Major General Lou Gardiner, said the deployment would maintain the New Zealand Defence Force's combat capability in a maritime environment, and would also provide an opportunity for the New Zealand and allied navies to train together in combined operations, enhancing skills and interoperability while supporting the regional aims and objectives of the New Zealand government.

Both ships will take part in Exercise BERSAMA SHIELD 05, a South China Sea maritime and air exercise that contributes to the security of the Asia Pacific region through the Five Power Defence Arrangement of which New Zealand is a partner.

In addition the ships will support New Zealand's involvement in the World Expo 2005, Aichi, Japan, with a weeklong port visit timed to coincide with New Zealand Day, 3 June 2005. *Endeavour* and *Te Mana* will then sail north for diplomatic visits to Vladivostok, Russia, and Shanghai, China before returning to Australian waters.



HMNZS Endeavour.

ANZAC Day - We will remember them

Anzac Day is a symbol of New Zealand's commitment to past and present conflicts and peacekeeping operations, and New Zealand Servicemen and women both at home and overseas will commemorate the occasion. The Chief of Defence Force, Air Marshal Bruce Ferguson, is to accompany the Prime Minister and veterans travelling to Gallipoli for Anzac Day to mark the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli Landings.

Ten secondary school students from throughout New Zealand will also travel to Gallipoli with the official delegation. The students are the winners of an essay competition on aspects of the Gallipoli campaign.

Other key NZDF personnel will represent New Zealand at ceremonies throughout the world, including Thailand, New Caledonia, Hawaii, and cities and towns throughout New Zealand.

Veterans past and present are expected to turn out in full at dawn and civic services, at war memorials and Beat Retreat ceremonies.

Wellington veteran Mr Charlie Bell, who turns 82 a week after Anzac Day, will lay a wreath at the National War Memorial in remembrance of his Maori Battalion colleagues. He'll be thinking of the mates he lost in Korea, where he also fought in 1950. He returned from the battlefields of Europe, and volunteered for Korea a couple of years later. He served 20 months as a gunner in the 16th Field regiment, came home to New Zealand, and returned to the war-torn country for another year.

"I was single, and I had very strong feelings about the communists and what they were doing, so I thought, 'Why not?'"

Lieutenant Vicki Rendall, 25, a seaman officer in the Royal New Zealand Navy for seven years, lost a great-uncle in World War II, and she and her family have always observed Anzac Day. She will commemorate Anzac Day in Wellington after arriving home from a brief posting on board HMNZS *Te Mana* in Southeast Asia where the frigate is undertaking a Defence diplomacy mission. Lt Rendall was on operation in the Gulf on HMNZS *Te Kaha* in 2002-2003.

"For me Anzac Day is special, and it's a day to remember the servicemen and women who went before us."



Exchanging war stories: Veterans Lieutenant Vicki Rendall and Mr Charlie Bell.

Training Peacemakers

From missions ranging from Aceh to Timor Leste, Afghanistan to Solomon Islands, Iraq to Kosovo, New Zealand Defence Force soldiers, sailors and airmen have racked up a range of skills and training in recent years many people may not instinctively associate with military personnel.

Chief of Army Major General Jerry Mateparae says while his service's main training focus is on war-fighting operations, "a residual effect of that is that we can deploy and conduct peace support or peacekeeping operations." In other words, to be able to keep the peace, peace has to first be established.

New Zealand Defence Force personnel all receive extensive training on how to protect themselves and each other, and how to survive and continue working effectively in adverse conditions. In recent years they have seen service in most of the world's conflict zones, ranging from the Middle East, Afghanistan and Iraq, states throughout Africa, and throughout the Pacific and Indonesia.

A major weapon in their arsenal - it is the one used by far the most - is their ability to talk, listen and generally relate to the different cultures and people they are dealing with. Commonly called "hearts and minds", it is, while not a new concept, behind much of New Zealand's success in helping forge peace in selected areas throughout the world.

NZDF personnel were at the forefront of negotiations in one of the Pacific's most successful peacekeeping operations in recent years, Operation Belisi in Bougainville. The operation was no ordinary peace support mission. New Zealand (and Australian) truce and peace monitors went unarmed to an island where, until only weeks before their arrival, a bitter war had been fought. The monitors originally faced deep suspicion, but used their negotiation skills, their knowledge of the Pacific way of life, and their military professionalism to get alongside the various factions and persuade them to make peace.

As Chief of Defence Force Air Marshal Bruce Ferguson puts it, "New Zealand and the international community can learn lessons from the Bougainville experience."

"Those lessons include that innovation, diplomacy and negotiation can often bring very satisfying results. Our military personnel's skills as negotiators, peacemakers and peacekeepers cannot be understated."

Major Rob Te Moana, who works from Headquarters, Joint Forces New Zealand, assists in the planning and organizing of training required to suit individual missions New Zealand Defence Force personnel undertake.

An infantry officer who has served in Angola and in East Timor twice, he well knows the importance of training tailored to different threat levels, environments and cultures.

The mission's threat level - how dangerous it is to the contingent and individuals undertaking the peacekeeping or peace support operations - is the first issue considered when training planning begins.

"Then we look at the tasks our personnel are expected to perform. From there we gather as much information as possible to enable us to put together an effective training regime. The information can come from a variety of sources- databases, local knowledge, and other sources."

Each mission invariably places cultural demands on deployed personnel.



Talking and listening: NZDF peacekeepers at work.

“New Zealand military personnel are fortunate in that the majority appear to have a natural ability to empathise with and understand other cultures. We still provide cultural awareness training though prior to a deployment, along with a raft of other training.

“For Defence Force personnel, the last thing they want or need to do is to offend another culture during their

deployment. If that were to happen they would lose the respect of the local people, and any rapport established would be lost as well. If you lose respect it has the flow on effect of diminishing your ability to perform your job effectively. If you lose the hearts and minds of the local populace, you’re creating brick walls in the way of achieving what you set out to do.”



Hearts and minds

How do you teach a young soldier the intangible skill of winning hearts and minds in a peacekeeping mission?

“I don’t believe we actually ‘teach’ it as such. We grow it,” says Lieutenant Colonel John Howard, an Army Infantry Officer and veteran of missions to Bosnia, Bougainville and East Timor.

Lt Col Howard led the first combat team ashore in East Timor in September 1999, and was also one of the first NZDF personnel to enter Bosnia and Bougainville.

“We take soldiers and teach them skills that will keep them alive and functioning on a battlefield, on top of those basic skills we train them how to survive physically and mentally. To train a large group in all the skills needed for peacekeeping missions takes time, so we build those skills in the individual then collectively in the section, the platoon, the company and the battalion.”

The NZDF, he says, tries to ensure its training is challenging, progressive, developmental and constructive.’

“We don’t go out there and harass - yell, scream and bully - our young Defence personnel under training. That is just the stuff of movies. It doesn’t grow people, it just turns a person into physically hard product and in the process erodes the moral fibre of an organisation.”

Effective and strong leadership as a training tool is vital, he believes.

“Our success is due to strong leadership, in every rank. People learn from watching others, from watching leaders and from being well led in demanding situations. In the NZDF we try to encourage leadership across the board. How? There are many different ways, but two of the main ones are by doing a lot of internal selection and vetting to make sure the right people are in the right jobs, and by conducting a variety of exercises, exchanges and attachments so that our personnel become experienced in as wide a range of situations and skills as possible.”

Nato visit

NATO Secretary General Mr Jaap De Hoop Scheffer visited New Zealand in late March.

It was the first time a NATO Secretary General had visited New Zealand.

Minister of Defence Mark Burton said New Zealand had become increasingly involved with NATO since it took on a more active role in peacekeeping.

“NZDF troops have served under NATO command in Bosnia over several years and a small group of NZDF staff officers work in the Headquarters of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan.

“The Secretary General’s visit enabled us to share views on areas of strategic importance for both New Zealand

and NATO. In particular, I welcome the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest, such as the New Zealand defence force role in Afghanistan and our involvement in the international campaign against terrorism.”

During the Secretary General’s visit he met with Prime Minister Helen Clark, Mr Burton and with the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Marian Hobbs.

The Secretary General also gave an address to the Victoria University Institute of Policy Studies and the New Zealand Institute of International Affairs.

Army driver training

The terms of reference for the review of Army driver training will include legislative compliance, safety, and driver progression rates, and the review will also compare the Army driver training programme to national and international driver training methods. The Chief of Army, Major General Jerry Mateparae, directed the review after the recent fatal Unimog accident near Cromwell.

Colonel Kevin Burnett, who commands the Army Training Group, is leading the review. He said while the Army had taken a lot of time to develop its current training regime it was important to investigate whether there was any commonality between recent vehicle accidents, and whether changes to the Army’s driver training regime

needed to be made to ensure it met standards. The Army-wide review is expected to take at least a month to complete.

As a precaution the New Zealand Army has increased the ratio of supervisors to students during Unimog-specific driver training.

Prior to this modification a student driver received initial driver training at a ratio of one driving instructor per two students until they gained their heavy transport licence (Class 2). The ratio then changed to one driving instructor supervising up to five students as the students gained further experience on the vehicle.

Defence excellence awards

The New Zealand Defence Force and the Ministry of Defence are calling for nominations for the Defence Industry Awards of Excellence.

The awards recognise and reward exceptional service delivered to the New Zealand Defence Force and Ministry of Defence by New Zealand and Australian companies. The criteria against which organisations are judged include:

- Level of excellence in provision of goods or services to defence,
- Degree of innovation demonstrated in providing the goods or services,
- Excellence on an ongoing basis, and
- Successful development of wider markets.

Companies may be nominated by themselves, Industry organisations, the Ministry of Defence or NZDF units. The

cut off date for nominations is Friday 20 May, 2005.

There are two tiers to the award, one for major capital projects, and the other for minor projects or ongoing supply of goods or services. In the past, awards have been won by manufacturing and service companies, and for contracts ranging from major civil engineering projects to clothing suppliers and a travel agent. The awards will be presented at the Defence Industry Forum held in Wellington in October.

Details of the awards can be found at www.defence.govt.nz/Industry/nz-def-ind-awards.html. Further information may be obtained from Chris Paice, Ministry of Defence, PO Box 5347, Wellington; email chris.paice@defence.govt.nz.

Sappers help out

Army Engineers from the Linton-based School of Military Engineering took part in “Blitz Build 05,” a Habitat for Humanity project during March.

Cpl Lindsay Thomas and his team of seventeen carpenters, plumbers and electricians worked alongside other skilled craftsmen and a large team of supporters on the construction of five new kit-set houses in Clendon, Manurewa. As part of the project, the families who are to shift into the completed houses were required to contribute 500 hours of their time into working on their own home and other Habitat for Humanity home building projects.

Habitat for Humanity is a world wide not-for-profit organisation with a simple mission, “eliminate poverty housing”. Since its inception in 1976, Habitat has built over 175,000 houses in 100 nations, including New Zealand.



Patrol craft to Auckland

Three of the Navy’s inshore patrol craft returned to Auckland on March 28 as part of the Royal New Zealand Navy’s preparations for Project Protector, the provision of new in-shore and off-shore vessels.

The in-shore patrol craft from Dunedin, Wellington and Auckland will be based at the Devonport Naval Base, Auckland to fulfil training roles for the Navy following the decommissioning on March 31 of HMNZS *Canterbury*, which in recent years has been used for training personnel.

Naval Volunteer Reserve personnel will continue to participate in Naval operations and gain sea experience through shared use of HMNZS *Kiwi*, presently based in Lyttelton. This will ensure the volunteer reserve will be prepared to assist with the patrol vessels of the Protector fleet.

In the family

Principal Naval Chaplain Pauline Law (right) and her son Lieutenant Commander Andrew Law both received their long service medals from the Commanding Officer, HMNZS *Philomel*, Captain Clive Holmes, at the Devonport Naval Base on March 11.

Chaplain Law and her son joined the Navy and completed their initial training together.

Not only was Chaplain Law the first female Navy Chaplain but the first woman appointed into Defence Chaplaincy in the Commonwealth. She says she has enjoyed many highlights in her career to date, including the opportunity to be involved in the lives of many sailors and their families.

Lieutenant Commander Andrew Law has served in peacekeeping roles in Bougainville, East Timor and Afghanistan and is currently serving onboard HMNZS *Te Mana* as the Supply Officer.



Canterbury scholarship

The Navy has established an annual scholarship worth \$10,000 for a first year student to attend the University of Canterbury. It is to be called the HMNZS *Canterbury* Scholarship and will be awarded to anybody who is a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident and who has lived in Canterbury for at least 12 months prior to applying for the award. The scholarship will pay the awardee’s fees for a year and the remainder will be given for living expenses. The award coincides with the decommissioning of the frigate HMNZS *Canterbury*.

The scholarship will be awarded to a candidate with excellent academic performance, evidence of leadership, potential involvement in sport, cultural and/or community activities, and who demonstrates the RNZN values of comradeship, courage and commitment. There is no expectation that the person gaining the award will join the Navy.

IN BRIEF



New Zealand Army officer Lieutenant Colonel Oiroa Kaihau (right) with an Australian army colleague is based in Erbil in Iraq, where he is providing liaison between the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), the multinational force there, and Iraqi security forces. He also provides advice on security matters to the UN Special representative of the Secretary General. Erbil is in the Kurdish semi-autonomous region of Iraq. The UN is now attempting to build a new and secure compound physically separated from the nearby populated areas. This compound, which is expected to be ready for occupation in July, will provide the UN with a firm base so they can continue to deliver humanitarian aid. Eventually a Fijian guard force will deploy to Erbil to undertake inner ring security tasks.



Ten Papua New Guinea Defence Force personnel are in New Zealand as part of the NZDF Mutual Assistance Programme. Three of them, from left, Morris Asil Mandembra, Roderick Noyamefa, and Vele Tanu are based at Devonport Naval Base where they are taking part in staff officer and junior officer training courses. The four other PNGDF personnel are training with the NZ Army at Waiouru and Linton. About 30 military personnel from Pacific and Asian nations are in New Zealand as part of the programme. Several NZDF personnel are in countries throughout the Pacific and Southeast Asia providing in-country training.

THE NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE: ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD

NZ DEFENCE FORCE OPERATIONS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UN MISSIONS	LOCATION	DEPLOYED
UNMISSET	Timor Leste	6
UNMIK	Kosovo	1
UNTSO	Middle East	8
UNAMSIL	Sierra Leone	1
UNAMAC	Korea	1
UNAMI	Iraq	1
UNAMA	Afghanistan	1
CONTRIBUTIONS TO MINE ACTION MISSIONS	LOCATION	DEPLOYED
MADP	Mozambique	1
CMAC	Cambodia	2
CONTRIBUTIONS TO REGIONAL MISSIONS	LOCATION	DEPLOYED
Operation Rata	Solomon Islands	1
CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FORCES	LOCATION	DEPLOYED
EUFOR Liaison Team	Bosnia	4
ISAF Staff Officers	Afghanistan	3
MFO	Sinai	26
OEF Staff Officers	Afghanistan	5
OEF Provincial Reconstruction Team	Afghanistan	121
OEF (RNZAF)	The Gulf Region	7
OEF	Florida, USA	3
TOTAL DEPLOYED		192

NZ DEFENCE FORCE DEPLOYMENTS

HMNZ ships <i>Te Mana</i> and <i>Endeavour</i>	Southeast Asia	209
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