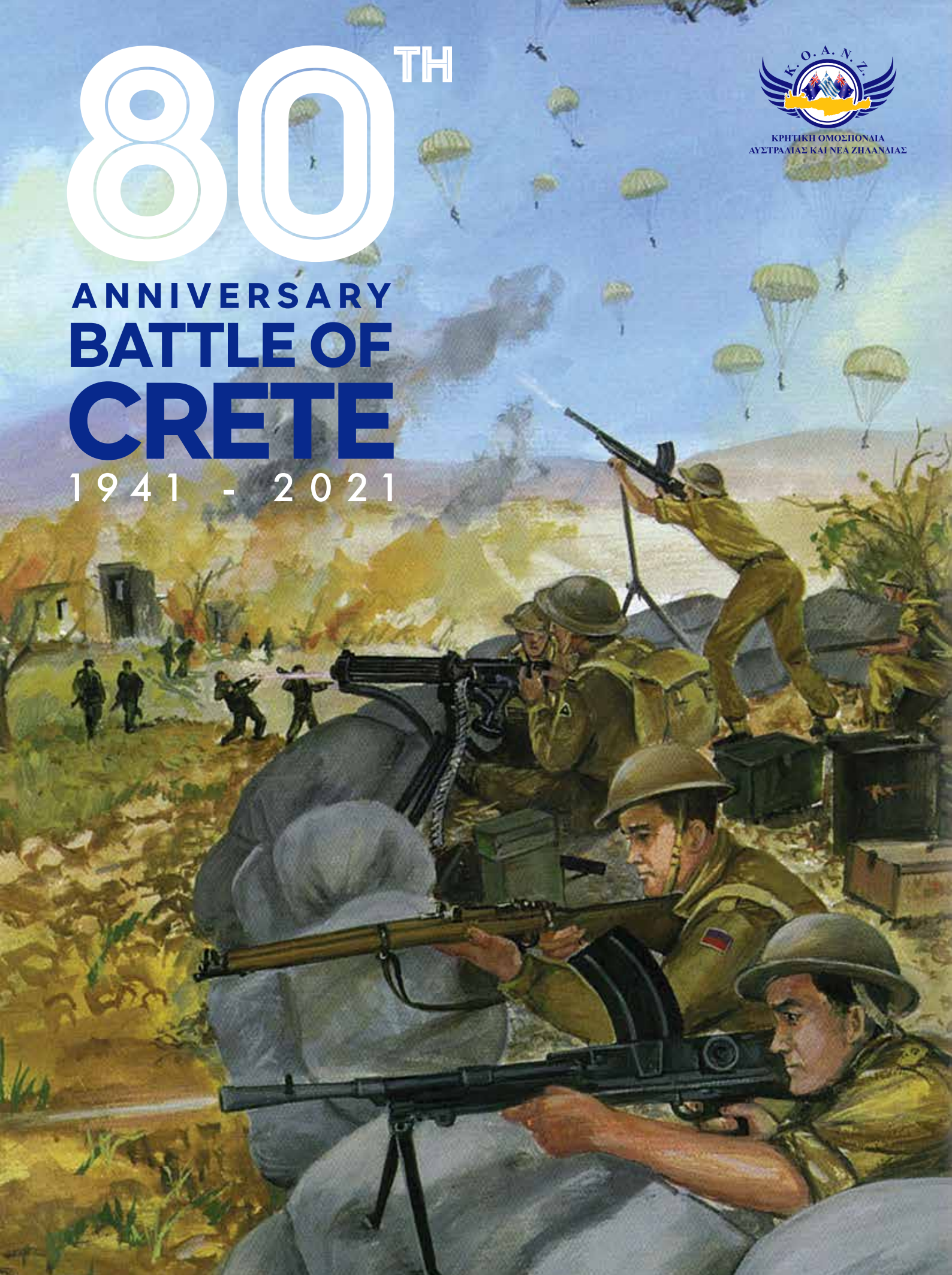


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ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF CRETE

1941 - 2021



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*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

Η ΩΔΗ

*Δεν θα γεράσουν σαν εμάς, που μείναμε να γεράσουμε,
Τα γηρατειά δεν θα τους κουράσουν, Ούτε τα χρόνια θα τους καταδικάσουν
Κατά την δύση του ηλίου, και το πρωί,
Θα τους θυμόμαστε*

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Η επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης θα μείνει χαραγμένη στην μνήμη μας για πάντα, δυστυχώς για τους λάθος λόγους. Αυτό το Γολγοθά που περάσαμε έχει επηρεάσει της ζωές μας, έχει αλλάξει την νοοτροπία του λαού, έχει φέρει τα πάνω κάτω στις οικονομίες τους κόσμου, πάρα ταύτα όμως δεν θα αφήσουμε αυτή την πανδημία να μας εκτροχιάσει, τις σκέψεις μας για τους αγώνες που έκανε ο Κρητικός λαός και όχι μόνο κατά την Μάχη της Κρήτης.

Με φάρο την αυτοθυσία των προγόνων μας, και των αγώνων που έδωσαν στην Κρήτη το 1941 κατά των Γερμανών, θα τα κρατάμε σαν δάδα φωτεινή και λαμπρά παραδείγματα για εμάς τις επόμενες γενιές ότι έχουμε ιερή υποχρέωση να συνεχίσουμε να εορτάζουμε, το μεγάλο ιστορικό γεγονός να το προβάλλουμε στα παιδιά μας, αλλά προπάντων να μνημονεύουμε τους νεκρούς. Αυτοί έδωσαν τότε την ζωή τους για να ζούμε εμείς σήμερα ελεύθεροι. Ως επίσης έχουμε υποχρέωση να συνεχίζουμε να προβάλλουμε τους αρίστους δεσμούς που μεταξύ των λαών της Αυστραλίας, της Ελλάδος και της Νέας Ζηλανδίας αφού συμμαχικά έδωσαν αγώνες το 1941, αλλά αυτοί οι δεσμοί συνεχίζουν και σήμερα.

Οι παλιοί Αυστραλοί που πολέμησαν στην Κρήτη, και οι οποίοι ζουν ακόμη αγαπούν πολύ τους Κρητικούς και όλους τους Έλληνες, γιατί γνώρισαν από κοντά και κάτω από συνθήκες πολέμου την ελληνική φιλοξενία, και αυτοθυσία. Οι Κρητικοί με θανάσιμο κίνδυνο της ζωής των απόκρυψαν και συντήρησαν εκατοντάδες Αυστραλούς και Νεοζηλανδούς που είχαν παγιδευτεί στην Κρήτη μετά το τέλος της μάχης .

Σαν Αυστραλογεννημένοι Έλληνες είμαστε περήφανοι και ευγνωμονούμε όλους εκείνους που με το αίμα τους θεμελίωσαν την ελληνοαυστραλιανή αυτή φιλία και την οποία καλούμεθα εμείς να συνεχίσουμε και να προάγουμε για το καλό όχι μόνο της ελληνικής παροικίας μα και των δύο λαών .

Μέσα από τα λουλουδιασμένα μνήματα των Αυστραλών και Νεοζηλανδών στο Ρέθυμνο και τη Σούδα μα και των παππούδων μας σε όλη την Κρήτη βγαίνει ένα προγονικό μήνυμα. Ότι η λευτεριά δεν αγοράζεται μα κερδίζεται με αγώνες και θυσίες . Έχομε χρέος να τους τιμήσουμε και να μην τους ξεχάσουμε ποτέ.

Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Κρητικής Ομοσπονδίας Αυστραλίας & Νέα Ζηλανδίας

Ο Πρόεδρος

Αντώνης Σωκ. Τσουρδαλάκης





Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia

It is not by coincidence that we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Crete in the same year that we also commemorate the Bicentenary of the Hellenic Revolution. The heroes of 1941 were the genuine descendants of the heroes of 1821, thus, confirming that in all our veins flows the blood of martyrs, who died for our Faith and heroes, who fought for the liberty of our Nation.

For this reason, we pay tribute to their sacrifice and honour their integrity and valiant spirit. They were not afraid to give up their life because, through their faith, they overcame death. Their entire life was a journey in eternity. They already tasted the sweet fruits of eternal union with Christ and this was the secret that gave them the fortitude to bravely confront death and not flinch at the prospect of the temporary departure of the body. Those who fought in the Battle of Crete were genuine Hellenes, who not only learned to live but who also learned how to die. Death was not loss; it was victory and gain.

My dear friends, the provocation for all of us who commemorate those who fought in the Battle of Crete is to make our life on earth a passage for eternal life in Christ. It is not how we die, that should concern us, but how to live in such a way that when we do die, we join the myriad of heroes and the choir of saints who share in the joy and blessedness of Christ's eternal presence.

It is our sacred duty, to learn from our glorious history and to pass on to the future generations, the values of our Hellenic heritage together with the convictions of our deep and unshakeable Orthodox faith. Only in this way, can we claim to honour this commemoration and be genuine children of our stout-hearted ancestors. It is my prayer and hope that these thoughts will find a practical application in all our lives. In closing, I call upon the President, the Committee and all the members of the Cretan Federation of Australia, the abundance of the Lord's blessings and I remain.

His Eminence Archbishop Makarios



Holy Orthodox Archdiocese of New Zealand



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ!

1941-2021. 80 χρόνια από την μάχη τής Κρήτης.

1821-2021. 200 χρόνια από τον ξεσηκωμό των Έλλήνων έναντι στην όθωμανική αυτοκρατορία.

Τό έθνος τών Έλλήνων πρωτοπορεί και πρωτοστατεί στους αγώνες υπέρ πίστεως και πατρίδος έναντιον καθενός πού τά επιβουλεύεται, όσο ισχυρός κι άν είναι. Ή ύπεροπλία τών έχθρών δέν συγκρίνεται μέ τήν γενναιότητα τού φρονήματος τής καρδιάς.

Έλλάδα μέ τούς συμμάχους της, Βρετανούς, Αύστραλούς και Νεοζηλανδούς, έγγραψε άλλη μία ένδοξη σελίδα στό βιβλίο τής παγκόσμιας ιστορίας στην ήρωική και αίματοβαμμένη κρητική γή. 677 παιδιά τής Νέας Ζηλανδίας πού κείτονται στά ιερά χώματα τής Κρήτης θά άποτελούν παντοτινά τή γέφυρα πού ένώνει τίς δύο πατρίδες.

Τό παράδειγμα τών αγωνιστών τής Κρήτης θά φωτίζει πάντα τό δρόμο όσων αναζητούν και μάχονται για τήν έλευθερία.

Πραγματική τιμή τής μνήμης τών αγωνιστών είναι ή ύιοθέτηση τού φρονήματος τους. Ή προτίμηση και επίδιωξη τού κοινού καλού σέ σχέση μέ τό άτομικό συμφέρον.

Ή έλευθερία είναι άγαθό πού πληρώνεται μέ αίμα. Προϋποθέτει τήν υπέρβαση τού άτομικο, θεμελιώνεται στην συνεχή προσπάθεια, άπαιτε θυσίες, και βιώνεται ευγνωμόνως.

Αιώνια θά είναι ή μνήμη τους.

Αιώνιο θά είναι τό φώς πού έκπέμπουν οί πράξεις τους.

Αιώνιο θά είναι τό παράδειγμα τους.

Ύπόσχεση μας, νά διατηρούμε τή φλόγα τού καντηλιού τής μνήμης τους ζωντανή στην καρδιά μας, έμπνέοντας τό φρόνημα και κινητοποιώντας τή θέλησή μας.

† Νέας Ζηλανδίας Μύρων





Hellenic Republic

Με ιδιαίτερη χαρά απευθύνομαι, στους Κρήτες της Αυστραλίας και της Νέας Ζηλανδίας, με σκοπό να σας μεταφέρω τον εγκάρδιο καιρετισμό της Μητέρας Ελλάδας, ενόψει των φετινών εορταστικών εκδηλώσεων για την 80η Επέτειο για τη Μάχη της Κρήτης, ενός ιστορικού γεγονότος που σημάδεψε την πορεία του Β΄ Παγκόσμιου Πολέμου και συνέβαλε, αναμφίβολα, στην ήττα του ναζισμού.

Τα γεγονότα της Μάχης της Κρήτης είναι γνωστά, και δεν μπορούν ν' αμαυρωθούν ή και να υποτιμηθούν. Η συμβολή του άμαχου πληθυσμού στη συγκεκριμένη μάχη, με όσα συμβατικά και αυτοσχέδια όπλα διέθετε ο καθένας, υπήρξε η πρώτη ένοπλη παλλαϊκή εθνική αντίσταση κατά των δυνάμεων του Άξονα. Ένα από τα αποτελέσματά της ήταν το γεγονός ότι η Γερμανία, ως το τέλος του Πολέμου, δεν χρησιμοποίησε άλλη φορά αεραγήματα αλεξιπτωτιστών για επιθετικές επιχειρήσεις.

Αποτίουμε φόρο τιμής σ' όλους τους πεσόντες της Μάχης της Κρήτης, που έσπευσαν να υπερασπισθούν τη Γη τους με αντίτιμο την ζωή τους. Αποτίουμε φόρο τιμής και σ' όλους τους συμμάχους μας, μεταξύ των οποίων συγκαταλέγονταν και στρατιώτες από την Αυστραλία και τη Νέα Ζηλανδία, που έπεσαν ηρωικά για την ελευθερία της Ελλάδας και του Κόσμου. Αυτή η επέτειος φέρνει τις Χώρες μας ακόμα πιο κοντά και συμβάλλει στην διατήρηση της αγαστής συνεργασίας τους.

Η συμβολή των Κρητών, ασφαλώς, δεν περιορίζεται στις πολεμικές αρετές. Η Κρήτη, η περιοχή με τον αρχαιότερο πολιτισμό της Ευρώπης, γέννησε σπουδαίες μορφές του Ελληνισμού με παγκόσμια εμβέλεια, όπως ο Δομήνικος Θεοτοκόπουλος, ο Ελευθέριος Βενιζέλος, ο Νίκος Καζαντζάκης και τόσοι άλλοι, που είναι αδύνατο ν'απαριθμήσω εδώ. Τις κρητικές αρετές της εργατικότητας, της υπερηφάνειας, της ανδρείας, της καινοτόμου σκέψης, μεταφέρατε και στην Αυστραλία και τη Νέα Ζηλανδία. Με αποτέλεσμα σήμερα να είσθε ένα πολύτιμο κεφάλαιο για τις συγκεκριμένες Χώρες, αλλά και μια πηγή υπερηφάνειας για την Ελλάδα, την οποία ουδέποτε λησμονήσατε.

Η έκδοση του ετήσιου περιοδικού σας είναι μια τρανή απόδειξη της αγάπης σας για την Κρήτη και, γενικότερα, για την Ελλάδα. Και φανερώνει την θέλησή σας να συμβάλετε ιδιαίτερα στην ιστορική μνήμη της Πατρίδας.

Με τη σκέψη μου σε σας, τους απόδημους αδελφούς μας της Αυστραλίας και της Νέας Ζηλανδίας, σας εύχομαι ολόψυχα πλήρη ευόδωση, αλλά και κάθε ατομική και οικογενειακή ευτυχία σ' όλους και όλες σας.

Η Πρόεδρος

Κατερίνα Σακελλαροπούλου



Commonwealth of Australia

It's been 80 years since Nazi forces launched a massive airborne invasion of Crete. And as is the case every year, the Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand is working tirelessly to commemorate the Battle of Crete, to remember those who fought, and to honour the resistance they mounted in the face of overwhelming odds.

What was expected to be a relatively quick and straightforward invasion turned out to be nothing of the sort. The resistance of local Cretans, fighting alongside the Anzac and British troops was fierce and unwavering. They were out-gunned and out-numbered, but despite the odds they never gave up. With pride and passion, courage and bravery, they fought with every fibre of their being.

Today we remember the Battle of Crete, for all it symbolises about Greek pride in country and homeland, and for the relationship it forged between our countries. Many lives were lost and immense hardships were endured, but out of all this a bond of mutual trust and respect has flourished that lives on to this day.

Together we remember with pride the Battle of Crete and all it means to our nations.

His Excellency General

The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd)

Governor General of Australia



Commonwealth of New Zealand

Eighty years ago, the Battle for Crete forged links of friendship, respect and mutual regard between the people of Crete and New Zealand. We remember those twelve desperate days in 1941, when New Zealanders fought alongside British, Australian, and Greek troops, as well as Cretan civilians, in a valiant attempt to repel an airborne invasion by elite German paratroopers and glider-borne troops.

The Allied forces were unable to repel the German invasion. Once Maleme airport had been captured by German forces, the battle was effectively lost. More than 1700 allied soldiers killed in the Battle, 671 were New Zealanders. Another 2180 were made prisoners of war. Among those who were able to be evacuated were New Zealand soldiers Charles Upham and Alfred Hulme, who both went on to receive the Victoria Cross for their actions on Crete.

Some of our troops eluded capture and were sheltered by Cretan civilians, who did so at great personal risk. New Zealand has never forgotten the bravery and generosity of those hosts, who were themselves suffering the deprivations of occupation.

With the passing of the years, few veterans remain to tell their story. I commend the Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand for its ongoing commitment to honour those who fought in support of Cretan freedom in 1941, and to keep alive the memory of their brave deeds.

Dame Patsy Reddy, GNZM, QSO

Governor-General of New Zealand





Prime Minister of Australia

In May 1941 Australian, New Zealand, British and Greek soldiers stood shoulder to shoulder with the Cretan people to defend their island from invasion.

Vastly outnumbered and facing an enemy buoyed by recent success, almost 800 Australians were killed or wounded, and over 3000 captured.

And although the island ultimately fell, we will never forget the heroic Cretan struggle to retain control of their homeland, nor the compassion of those who sheltered Allied soldiers following defeat.

Eighty years on, we commemorate these historic events, and honour the many civilians and soldiers who were wounded or killed in battle.

We also celebrate the enduring bonds between Australia and Greece forged from out of that terrible experience.

Today, the friendship between our communities remains strong, underpinned by our long-standing political and people-to-people links and shared history in war and peace.

I send my best wishes to everyone commemorating the Battle of Crete.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP



Prime Minister of New Zealand

As we mark the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Crete, it gives us the opportunity to commemorate the allied forces that so courageously and selflessly defended Crete during World War II.

In what was one of the most dramatic battles of World War II, New Zealand, Greek, Australian and British soldiers fought side by side for 12 days to repel a major airborne assault and defend Crete from invasion.

Our soldiers showed incredible courage and bravery and their efforts will never be forgotten.

The Battle of Crete came at a cost. Among the casualties, 671 New Zealanders died during battle and over 2100 were captured as prisoners of war.

A special bond was formed between many Greek and Cretan families and New Zealand soldiers, and many chose to immigrate to New Zealand. Today, New Zealand has a strong Greek community.

This anniversary is a day to remember and honour those who fought and were lost in battle, and the friendships forged with Cretan families who helped the allied forces.

Lest we forget.

Best wishes

The Hon Jacinda Ardern



Prime Minister of Greece



Αγαπητοί συμπατριώτες,

Η Μάχη της Κρήτης αποτέλεσε μια σημαντική εξέλιξη στον Β' Παγκόσμιο Πόλεμο καθώς αποδυνάμωσε την έφοδο των εισβολέων, επηρεάζοντας την εξέλιξη των στρατιωτικών επιχειρήσεων του Άξονα στην ευρύτερη περιοχή και παραμένει ένα από τα πιο αντιπροσωπευτικά ιστορικά παραδείγματα αγώνα για την ελευθερία και την ανεξαρτησία.

Ο λαός της Κρήτης παρά το γεγονός ότι γνώριζε πολύ καλά ότι οι ελπίδες για νίκη ήταν λιγοστές και ότι βρισκόταν στην τελευταία ελεύθερη περιοχή της ηπειρωτικής Ευρώπης, πήρε τα όπλα αυθόρμητα και με τα περιορισμένα μέσα που διέθετε υπερασπίστηκε με αυταπάρηση το νησί του.

Η Μάχη της Κρήτης σηματοδότησε μια μοναδική ιστορική στιγμή για Νεοζηλανδούς, Αυστραλούς και Έλληνες, θέτοντας τις βάσεις για τις ισχυρές διπλωματικές σχέσεις που έχουμε σήμερα, με σημείο αναφοράς τα κοινά ιδανικά και τους κοινούς στόχους.

Αποτελεί σταθμό στην ιστορία μας, που μας οπλίζει με μεγαλύτερη αποφασιστικότητα στους καθημερινούς αγώνες μας για αλληλεγγύη, ανθρώπινη αξιοπρέπεια, δημοκρατία και ειρήνη.

Ογδόντα χρόνια μετά τη Μάχη της Κρήτης και του αγώνα των συμμαχικών δυνάμεων της ANZAC κατά του ναζισμού και του φασισμού, το μήνυμα της αντίστασης παραμένει επίκαιρο για τον απανταχού Ελληνισμό και για όλους όσους αγωνίζονται για την ελευθερία και για ένα καλύτερο μέλλον.

Κυριάκος Μητσοτάκης
Πρωθυπουργός





Minister of Defence New Zealand

In 1941 New Zealand troops stood alongside Australian, British and Greek forces, assisted by local Cretans, in what would become a desperate battle to save the island of Crete from the German war machine. The legacy of this battle is still felt today, as we commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete.

1941, the third year of the Second World War, was a hard year for the Allies.

By late April they had to make a defensive retreat from mainland Greece as German forces moved down the country.

It soon became apparent that the next German target was Crete, and thousands of Commonwealth and Greek troops were sent there to stage a defence against the invasion with little artillery to help them.

The Battle of Crete, which took place over 12 days from 20 May and 2 June, eventuated in a German victory and Allied evacuation, with thousands taken as prisoners of war.

Of the 7,700 New Zealanders who served in the Battle of Crete, 671 died, 967 were wounded, and 2,180 became prisoners of war.

While memory of the Battle still echoes loudly in Crete, it is humbling the Cretan people continue to remember the sacrifices of New Zealanders.

In New Zealand, the memory lives on through the small number of New Zealand veterans who remain alive today.

80 years after they fought and sacrificed so much, we must ensure that their memory and legacy are kept alive for future generations.

The Battle of Crete is a story of courage in the face of insurmountable odds, during which the bonds of comradeship were forged between New Zealand and Crete.

Our forces fought side by side, and our soldiers died together in a desperate defence of the island.

The bond forged with mutual bloodshed will never be forgotten in Crete or in New Zealand.

It is a bond which is still strong to this day

Hon. Peeni Henare



Minister of Defence Australia

As New Zealand's Minister of Veterans' Affairs, it's my privilege to once again provide a commemorative message for the anniversary of the Battle of Crete.

This year we mark a significant milestone – it's been 80 years since the 12-day battle claimed so many lives.

In May 1941, 7700 New Zealand soldiers were stationed on the island of Crete.

Fighting side by side with other Allied Forces, those soldiers showcased the attitudes and attributes we still value today – bravery, tenacity, practicality, ingenuity and loyalty. It came at great cost though, with 671 New Zealanders killed and 2180 captured as prisoners of war.

Cretan civilians undoubtedly saved many more of our men from a similar fate by sheltering them in the island's hills.

This anniversary is an important opportunity to remember all those who gave their lives in pursuit of peace and freedom. Crete and its people will forever hold a special place in the hearts and minds of New Zealanders.

Hon. Linda Reynolds



Minister of Defence Greece

Αγαπητοί συμπατριώτες

Αποτελεί για μένα ιδιαίτερο προνόμιο η ευκαιρία να στείλω τους χαιρετισμούς και την αγάπη μου μέσω του λευκόματος, στους ομογενείς μας, στους φίλους και συμμάχους μας στην Αυστραλία και τη Νέα Ζηλανδία. Η τιμή είναι εξαιρετική, διότι συμμετέχω με το αφιέρωμα σας στη μνήμη για την ιστορική επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης.

Η Μάχη της Κρήτης είναι μια από τις πιο συγκλονιστικές μάχες του Β΄ Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου, με ιδιαίτερα καταλυτική συμβολή στη έκβαση του. Σε αυτή παίχτηκε η τρίτη πράξη του ελληνικού έπους 1940-1941, που άρχισε από τα βουνά της Ηπείρου και συνεχίστηκε στα Οχυρά της Μακεδονίας και της Θράκης. Η αξία της είναι γνωστή, και έχουν καταγραφεί πλείστες αναφορές θαυμασμού από πολιτικές και στρατιωτικές προσωπικότητες, από συμμάχους και αντιπάλους.

Ο Ελληνικός Στρατός μαζί με τους Κρητικούς, άντρες και γυναίκες, ενωμένοι με τους συμμάχους μας της Μ. Βρετανίας, της Αυστραλίας και της Νέας Ζηλανδίας με μοναδικό το αίσθημα πατριωτικής ευθύνης, με ψυχή γεμάτη Ελλάδα, έδειξαν σε όλο τον κόσμο τι σημαίνουν οι έννοιες της αυταπάρνησης, της αλληλεγγύης και της ανδρείας.

Ο αγώνας εκείνων που πήραν την απόφαση να δώσουν έναν άνισο αγώνα συνέβαλε τα μέγιστα στο εθνικό κεφάλαιο τιμής και υπερηφάνειας, διακηρύσσοντας συνάμα ότι η ελευθερία δεν υπάρχει ως σταθερή κατάσταση και μόνιμα εξασφαλισμένο αγαθό.

Ας αντλήσουμε λοιπόν δύναμη από την ιστορική μνήμη, καθώς 80 χρόνια μετά, σε ένα εντελώς διαφορετικό διεθνές περιβάλλον υφίστανται σημαντικές ευκαιρίες αλλά και ισχυρές προκλήσεις για την ειρήνη και την ασφάλεια των λαών.

Οφείλουμε λοιπόν να προβληματιστούμε, να διδαχθούμε ηθικά και να αντιληφθούμε ότι χρειαζόμαστε επιτακτικά, την ανθρωπιά, το διάλογο και τη συνδυασμένη ισχύ των ιδεών μας, τις παραδόσεις των λαών μας και την ιστορία των εθνών μας, την εμπειρία μας από την κοινή μας συμμετοχή στις προσπάθειες της διεθνούς κοινότητας και των διεθνών οργανισμών, για ένα καλλίτερο αύριο. Οι κοινοί αγώνες και θυσίες φίλων και συμμάχων από τη Μ. Βρετανία, την Αυστραλία και την Ν. Ζηλανδία αυτό ακριβώς υποδηλώνουν.

Σας ευχαριστώ

Νίκος Παναγιωτόπουλος





Γενικό Επιτελείο Εθνικής Αμύνης

Eighty years have passed since the legendary Battle of Crete, one of the most emblematic battles of World War II, the epic of which is shocking, fascinating and thrilling up to this day, due to the superhuman struggle waged by the heroic defenders of the Hellenic "Megalonisos" against the Nazis.

Eighty years have passed since that terrible morning of May 20 1941, when the skies of Crete were darkened by the countless Nazi aircraft. At dawn, hundreds of German Stukas begin a relentless and indiscriminate bombing; the first purely airborne operation in war history has just begun and in a very short time Nazi military transport aircraft start dropping paratroopers filling the Hellenic sky with parachutes.

The allied forces of Greek, Australian, New Zealand and British fighters, led by New Zealand Lt. Gen. Bernard Freiberg, vigorously and decisively repel the invaders. Among them, about three hundred heroic first class military cadets, who also took their places in the loopholes of "Fortress Crete", willing to give up their lives if necessary for their beloved homeland.

In front of the German planes non-stop bombings and the armed paratroopers falling in waves, the Cretans' soul does not hesitate not even for a second, and all over the island a general alarm calls for the defense of the homeland!

On the first line of the fighting now show up the people of Crete, filling the places of those Cretan troops that victoriously participated in the Greek-Italian war and got isolated in the mainland. Men and women, young and elder, even children take up their old weapons, rifles, rusty knives, farm tools, mangroves and stones, and pour out rushing in the battle against the Nazi invaders. They fight desperately against Goering's elite troops, astonishing the Allied soldiers who overwhelmed by the natives' unprecedented vigor keep on fighting with even greater strength and courage.

Ten days of terrible fight is going on and on, during which the Cretan heroic defenders force Hitler's Germany to pay a heavy toll. The victory that finally comes for the Germans is Pyrrhic and disastrous, as the elite of the Nazi forces was badly hit in the fields of Cretan land.

Eighty years after that legendary battle, we bow in awe before the greatness of the superhuman struggle waged by united Greeks, Australians, New Zealanders and the British, who recognizing what was right and decent were inspired as people by the same values and noble cause, because they shared the same desire for freedom, honor and dignity. Thus we all found ourselves on the right side of history, fighting together against Nazism's ideology and practices.

With the same awe and respect, we bow to the Cretans who fought in that epic Battle, instinctively doing what is written in the DNA of the Cretan soul to do in such circumstances; to fight overwhelmingly and with utmost courage against those who want to deprive its freedom.

As grandchildren and great-grandchildren of those dedicated fighters, we all hold the baton firmly in our millennial historical path, and we remain determined to deliver by all means to those coming after us a free, dignified and honored Homeland, filling the hearts and souls of Greeks all over the world with pride!



General Konstantinos Floros
Chief HNDGS

Γενική Γραμματεία Απόδημου Ελληνισμού



Ο ουρανός της Κρήτης, εκείνο το πρωινό της 20ης Μαΐου του 1941, καλύφθηκε από εχθρικά αεροπλάνα και αλεξίπτωτα. Η Μεγαλόνησός μας κλήθηκε να αντιμετωπίσει την πρώτη μεγάλη αεραποβατική επιχείρηση του Β' Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου. Όμως κανένας εχθρός δεν στάθηκε ικανός να λυγίσει το φρόνημα των προγόνων μας Κρητικών. Η Κρήτη ξέρει να δίνει μάχες για την ελευθερία και αδιαφορεί για το βάρος του τιμήματος. Το έχει αποδείξει διαχρονικά, με αιματηρούς αγώνες και αυτοθυσίες που έχουν αναγνωριστεί διεθνώς και έχουν εγγραφεί στη συλλογική μας μνήμη.

Οι σημερινοί Κρητικοί, όπου κι αν ζούμε στον κόσμο, είμαστε πάντα ευγνώμονες για όσα μας πρόσφεραν οι προγενέστεροι με το αίμα τους. Στεκόμαστε ταπεινοί μπροστά στο μεγαλείο της ψυχής τους και μας πλημμυρίζει ένας τεράστιος σεβασμός για το βαθύ αίσθημα ευθύνης, την αυταπάρνηση και τη φιλοπατρία που χαρακτήρησε σε κάθε τους πράξη.

Η Μάχη της Κρήτης είναι από εκείνα τα κορυφαία γεγονότα στη σύγχρονη ελληνική ιστορία που μας έφερε πιο κοντά και με τις χώρες-συμμάχους μας, με τους στρατιώτες τους να πολεμούν στο πλάι των παππούδων και των πατεράδων μας, δίνοντας τη ζωή τους πάνω στα ιερά κρητικά χώματα. Οι Βρετανοί, οι Αυστραλοί και οι Νεοζηλανδοί σύμμαχοι και ήρωες αυτής της ιστορικής στιγμής του Β' Παγκοσμίου Πολέμου θυμούνται και τιμούν και εκείνοι έως σήμερα τον ζήλο, τη θέρμη, την ανθρωπιά, την αυτοθυσία που βρήκαν στους αγνούς κρητικούς πολεμιστές. Όλες δηλαδή τις αρετές που έχουν δώσει στην Κρήτη μας το όνομα «λεβεντογέννα». Και σφράγισαν και τη δική τους καρδιά με την αγάπη για την Κρήτη.

Η γενναιότητα των Κρητών στη δραματική και άνιση αυτή μάχη μας αφήνει το ίδιο εκστατικούς όπως κάθε φορά που φέρνουμε στο νου μας τη μακραίωνη ιστορία και τους αγώνες του νησιού μας. Μας οδηγεί πάνω στον δρόμο της ενότητας και του πατριωτισμού. Μας έχει ανοίξει τον δρόμο της λευτεριάς και της προκοπής. Είναι χρέος μας να τον ακολουθούμε πάντοτε με τα μάτια στραμμένα στο μέλλον με αισιοδοξία και με την ίδια αγάπη για την Ελλάδα, όση έδειξαν οι ήρωες που τίμησαν την Κρήτη με τη ζωή τους.

Γιάννης Χρυσουλάκης

**Γενικός Γραμματέας Απόδημου Ελληνισμού
και Δημόσιας Διπλωματίας**





Australian Ambassador In Greece

80 years ago, Australians, Greeks and local Cretans, fought side by side to defend the free island of Crete. Australia's soldiers earned the admiration of the local population for their bravery, their resilience in the face of extreme odds, and their sacrifice. The Australian soldiers also learned something of the indomitable spirit of the Cretan people, next to whom they fought, and whose struggle for freedom they shared.

While that battle was lost, Crete is free today. Amidst the devastation and pain inflicted by the war, Australia's soldiers came away from Crete convinced that this was not an island that would ever acquiesce to slavery, as its history has demonstrated over and over again. In the cauldron of battle, bonds of friendship were forged that endure to this day.

The legacy of the Battle of Crete grows stronger with time. What our ancestors fought for and the values they embodied with their service - valour, endurance, sacrifice, respect, and mateship, remain at the core of what we stand for and value today. It is the same legacy that underpins the lasting bonds of friendship between Australia and Greece. The Battle of Crete occupies a central place in the shared war heritage of the two countries, emerging as a symbol of friendship and solidarity between nations that despite the distance are united by their uncompromising commitment to freedom.

As an Australian of Cretan background, I am particularly moved by the story of the Battle of Crete. I find myself grateful to the Australian soldiers who gave their lives in defence of Cretan freedom and in support of people whose blood I share. And I also find myself grateful to the Cretan population, who harboured and protected Australia's soldiers at great risk to themselves and their families, and helped many escape.

To honour the service and sacrifice of the Australian soldiers, and the courage and generosity of the Cretan people, the Australian Embassy in Athens is proudly planning a series of commemorative projects. We will never forget the cost in lives and suffering of the freedom which we enjoy today, and those Australian and Cretan brothers and sisters who paid the ultimate price to secure it.

H.E. Mr Arthur Spyrou



Australian War Memorial

Crete holds a special place in the annals of Australian military history, and the Cretan people a special place in our story. Every Anzac Day, when thousands of Australians come to the Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, they gather around the white marble Stone of Remembrance to commemorate the thousands of men and women who have given so much for Australia in over a century of service and sacrifice. Standing nearby, at the top of Anzac Parade, stands the brilliant white marble doric column of the Hellenic Memorial, dedicated to the shared Australian and Greek sacrifice during the dark days of the Second World War. These two monuments, so close together, show the strength of our connection, our shared history, and our friendship.

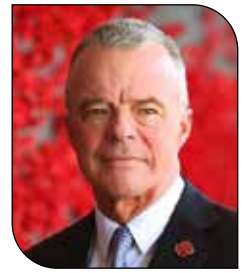
During the German invasion of Crete in 1941, Australian, British, and New Zealand troops fought alongside their Greek and Cretan comrades in a desperate struggle to hold off the German onslaught. At Rethimno, four Australian and three Greek battalions shared in the struggle to defend the vital airfield and likely German landing places. When the German attack began on 20 May, Australian and Greek forces defended Rethimno against an attack by two German parachute brigades, but were unable to prevent the Germans from gaining a foothold and cutting vital communication lines. Nevertheless, they held out for ten days, and those who could not escape did not surrender until completely surrounded and overwhelmed by the enemy.

Those who were able to avoid capture by the Germans would not have survived were it not for the warmth and hospitality of the Cretan people, who in their darkest hour still extended a hand to the beleaguered Australians. Captain Reginald "Reg" Saunders, the first known Aboriginal Australian to be commissioned as an officer in the Australian army, was serving in the 2/7th Battalion during its defence of Georgiupoli and Chania, and then in the rearguard action to protect troops retreating to Sfakia. He evaded capture and learnt the basics of the Cretan language, adopted local dress, and lived with Cretan villagers for 11 months before he could be evacuated. Those Cretans who helped Australians such as Saunders by providing what little food and comfort they could, did so at great risk to themselves during the brutal German occupation.

Australia has never forgotten the help given to its troops by the people of Crete in the Second World War, and through that terrible conflict we formed a deep and lasting connection that we commemorate to this day.

The Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson AO

Director





Governor of Crete

Συμπληρώνονται 80 χρόνια από τη Μάχη της Κρήτης, μιας από τις σημαντικότερες στιγμές της νεότερης ελληνικής ιστορίας. Μια μάχη που χαρακτήθηκε με ανεξίτηλα γράμματα στις σελίδες της παγκόσμιας ιστορίας, ως ένα γεγονός ηρωικής και παλλαϊκής αντίστασης ενός λαού που με ομηρική δύναμη αμύνθηκε στις δυνάμεις του ναζισμού. Ήταν τόσο μεγάλο το ηρωικό μεγαλείο των Κρητών αγωνιστών που ακόμα και ο Τσώρτσιλ στις 22 Μαΐου του 1941 δήλωσε πως «ολόκληρος ο κόσμος σας παρακολουθεί εις την λαμπράν μάχην την οποίαν δίδετε» απευθυνόμενος στους Βρετανούς που είχαν αναλάβει την υπεράσπιση της Κρήτης.

Η 20η Μαΐου του '41 είναι ίσως η σημαντικότερη ημερομηνία στην ιστορία της Κρήτης τους τελευταίους αιώνες, μια ιστορία που αν και σηματοδεύτηκε με αναρίθμητες ηρωικές πράξεις, ενάντια στους κατά καιρούς κατακτητές της Κρήτης αλλά ποτέ πριν δεν γνώρισε τόση παράλογη βία, βία χωρίς όρια και σύνορα με τίμημα τη ζωή των χιλιάδων συνανθρώπων μας.

Πάνω στα χώματα της Κρήτης, στις πλαγιές των βουνών μας, στις γειτονιές των χωριών μας ξεδιπλώθηκε η πιο άγρια πλευρά της ανθρώπινης φύσης, που καλλιεργήθηκε συστηματικά και αδίστακτα από ολοκληρωτικές ιδεολογίες και άνομα συμφέροντα. Ήταν αυτές οι μέρες που στο προσκήνιο της Ιστορίας σπάρθηκε η οδύνη και η συμφορά.

Ο πατριωτισμός και η ακλόνητη πίστη του Κρητικού λαού στο ιδανικό της ελευθερίας και της δημοκρατίας, η έμφυτη απόρριψη από αυτόν του φασισμού και κάθε μορφής ολοκληρωτισμού, οδήγησαν στην αυθόρμητη και απaráμιλλη αντίσταση απέναντι στις πιο εκπαιδευμένες δυνάμεις που κατέλαβαν την Κρήτη από στεριά και θάλασσα, υποδεικνύοντας σε όλο τον κόσμο ότι υπάρχει ένα χρέος απέναντι στον άνθρωπο. Η υπεράσπιση της ελευθερίας.

Και αυτό αποτελεί το ισχυρό δίδαγμα σ' εμάς τους μεταγενέστερους Κρητικούς.

Σταύρος Αρναουτάκης
Περιφερειάρχης Κρήτης



World Council of Cretans



Συmpατριώτισσες Συmpατριώτες,

Κάθε χρόνο τέτοιες μέρες γιορτάζουμε την περίλαμπρη εποποιία του Νησιού μας. Γιορτάζουμε την ασύγκριτη αναμέτρηση του περήφανου και απροσκύνητου Κρητικού λαού με έναν πανίσχυρο αντίπαλο. Υπερήφανοι θυμόμαστε την επέτειο της ιστορικής εκείνης μάχης και στρέφουμε την μνήμη μας με ευγνωμοσύνη, με ευλάβεια και θαυμασμό στις ιερές σκιές των Ήρώων που πότισαν με το αίμα Τους το δένδρο της Ελευθερίας.

Ή θυσία Τους δεν θα παψει ποτέ να συγκεντρώνει τον ωραιότερο ύμνο της φυλής μας και Τους διαβεβαιώνουμε ότι με οδηγό την αθάνατη μνήμη και το υπέροχο παράδειγμα Τους θα παραμείνουμε πιστοί θεματοφύλακες των εθνικών παραδόσεων.

Στη φετινή επέτειο, δόθηκε και πάλι η αφορμή να συναντηθεί το παρελθόν με το παρόν καθώς και οι αντίπαλοι νικητές και νικημένοι από την άνιση αυτή αναμέτρηση στα ίδια πεδία της μάχης που πολέμησαν και έπεσαν τα εικοσάχρονα αμούστακα παλικάρια και στους νεκροταφειακούς χώρους που παραχώρησε η φιλόξενη κρητική γη. Εσμιξαν οι ζωντανοί με τους νεκρούς και προσκύνησαν ευλαβικά τους τάφους τους, στολίζοντας τους με ένα μπουκέτο μαγιολούλουδα και δροσίζοντας τους με ένα ανοιξιότικο δάκρυ.

Στην φιλόξενη και καρπερή κρητική γη που αποτέλεσε την μήτρα του Ευρωπαϊκού πολιτισμού, ας τοποθετήσουμε τον σπόρο της Ειρήνης και ας δώσουμε τα χέρια για να περάσει το μήνυμα ΠΟΤΕ ΠΙΑ ΠΟΛΕΜΟΣ. Στους δικούς μας και στους ξένους που πολέμησαν για τα ιδανικά της ελευθερίας και ανεξαρτησίας και έπεσαν γι αυτά.

Στον άμαχο πληθυσμό της Κρήτης που θυσιάστηκε επίσης για τον αγώνα αυτό. Μα κι ακόμα στους εχθρούς νεκρούς που άφησε η παράδοση αυτή μάχη υπακούοντας σε παράλογες προσταγές μιας αρρωστημένης αντίληψης απονέμουμε φόρο τιμής και δηλώνουμε ότι δεν θα ξεχάσουμε τις θυσίες και τους αγώνες των συμπατριωτών μας για λευτεριά και αυτοδιάθεση. Σε όλους τους απόδημους Κρήτες ανήκει ένα μεγάλο ευχαριστώ και έπαινος γιατί θυμούνται και τιμάνε, Όχι μόνο τη Μάχη της Κρήτης, αλλά και τις αρετές του καλώς αγωνίζεσθε σε όλα τα μέτωπα της Ζωής.

Τιμή και δόξα στους νεκρούς και ζωντανούς ήρωες. Ο εορτασμός της επικής αυτής επετείου αποτελεί την καλύτερη διαβεβαίωση και υπόσχεση μας, ότι το φωτεινό τους παράδειγμα μας οδηγεί.

Μόναχο Μάιος 2021

Με πατριωτικούς χαιρετισμούς

Μανώλης Κουγιουμουτζής

Πρόεδρος ΠΣΚ





Ομοσπονδία Παμμακεδονικών Ενώσεων Αυστραλίας

Η Ομοσπονδία Παμμακεδονικών Ενώσεων της Αυστραλίας τιμά την 80η Επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης και θεωρεί τιμή και καθήκον τη συμμετοχή της στις εκδηλώσεις που οργανώνει η Κρητική Ομοσπονδία Αυστραλίας & Νέας Ζηλανδίας. Θεωρούμαι την συμμετοχή μας στις εκδηλώσεις, ελάχιστο φόρο τιμής στη μνήμη των ηρωικώς πεσόντων Ελλήνων, Αυστραλών και Νέοι Ζηλαντών, καθώς επίσης και ένδειξη ευγνωμοσύνης για όλα τα παλικάρια της Κρήτης, πότισαν με το αίμα τους την Μακεδονική Γη. Επιβεβαιώνοντας για άλλη μια φορά τους άρρηκτους δεσμούς μας με την Κρητική Πατριά, ευχόμαστε ολόψυχα κάθε επιτυχία στις φετινές εκδηλώσεις.

Γιώργος Κοσμίδης
Πρόεδρος



Ομοσπονδία Μεσσηνιακών Οργανισμών Αυστραλίας

Αποτελεί ξεχωριστή τιμή και προσωπική μου χαρά να σας απευθύνω τον χαιρετισμό μου αυτό με την ευκαιρία της 80ης Επετείου της Μάχης της Κρήτης. Γνωστοί είναι οι δεσμοί που συνδέουν τους Μεσσήνιους και τους Κρήτες της Αυστραλίας για δεκαετίες τώρα. Η Ιερή ανάμνηση της θυσίας των μαχητών της ηρωικής αυτής σελίδας της νεότερης ιστορίας, μας κάνει να υποκλιθούμε με σεβασμό σ' αυτήν την 80η Επέτειο, και να αποτίσουμε φόρο τιμής στους συντελεστές της. Εύχομαι εκ μέρους της Ομοσπονδίας μας, αφ' ενός μεν οι εορτασμοί σας να στεφθούν από επιτυχία, αφετέρου δε οι απόγονοι των ηρώων εκείνων να φανούν ε όλα αντάξιοι τους.

Παναγιώτης Ανδρινόπουλος
Πρόεδρος



Αυστραλιανή Ομοσπονδία Ποντιακών Σωματείων

Εκ μέρους του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου της Αυστραλιανής Ομοσπονδίας Ποντιακών Σωματείων και των μελών οργανισμών σας απευθύνω θερμό χαιρετισμό για την επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης. Ο Κρητικός Λαός με τη γενναιότητα και την αυταπάρνηση με την οποία πολέμησε εναντίον των Γερμανών κατακτητών έδειξε σε όλους τους λαούς πως πολεμούν οι Έλληνες για την Πατρίδα, την πίστη και την Ελευθερία. Το παράδειγμα τους θα μείνει αιώνια στην ιστορία σαν ένας λαμπρός φάρος που θα οδηγεί κάθε λαό που αγωνίζεται για μια ελεύθερη ζωή. Δόξα και τιμή στα γενναία παιδιά της Κρήτης.

Σιμέλα Σταματοπούλου - Ελευθεριάδης
Πρόεδρος

Ηπειρωτική Ομοσπονδία Ωκεανίας



HELLENIC FEDERATION OF OCEANIA (HFO) INC

Με την ευκαιρία του εορτασμού της 80ης Επετείου της Μάχης της Κρήτης, το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο και τα μέλη της Πανεπειρωτικής Ομοσπονδίας Αυστραλίας χαιρετίζουν τις φετινές εκδηλώσεις ευχόμενοι κάθε επιτυχία στις προσπάθειες των αδελφών Κρητών να κρατήσουν ζωντανούς στους εθνικούς αγώνες και την ιστορία της Λεβεντογέννας πατρίδας τους. Τα Ηπειρωτικά σωματεία θα είναι πάντα στο πλευρό των Κρητικών της Αυστραλίας.

Βαγγέλης Πορφύρης

Πρόεδρος

Παναρκαδική Ομοσπονδία Αυστραλίας



Η Παναρκαδική Ομοσπονδία Αυστραλίας και όλα τα μέλη οργανισμοί και οι χιλιάδες Αρκάδες, στέλνουμε τους εγκάρδιους χαιρετισμούς μας στα αδέρφια μας, τους Κρήτες. Πορτάζουν την μεγάλη εορτή της 80ης Επετείου της Μάχης της Κρήτης. Η Τρίπολη και η Κρήτη έχουν αρκετά κοινά σημεία, από την αρχαία εποχή μέχρι και την σημερινή. Η Μάχη της Κρήτης ανεξίτηλά θα παραμείνει μια χρυσή σελίδα στην ιστορία της Ελλάδος. Χαιρετίζουμε λοιπόν την Κρητική Ομοσπονδία Αυστραλίας & Νέα Ζηλανδίας για την μεγάλη εορτή των 80 χρόνων της Μάχης της Κρήτης.

Δημήτρης Αλεξόπουλος

Πρόεδρος

Δωδεκανησιακή Ομοσπονδία Αυστραλίας



Η Δωδεκανησιακή Ομοσπονδία Αυστραλίας χαιρετίζει με υπερηφάνεια την 80η Επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης και εύχεται στην Κρητική Ομοσπονδία Αυστραλίας & Νέα Ζηλανδίας κάθε επιτυχία τις εκδηλώσεις σε όλη την Αυστραλία. Τα νησιά μας έχουν πολλά να αναδείξουν και να προβάλλουν την Ελλάδα και είμαστε σίγουροι ότι θα μπορούμε να δουλέψουμε μαζί στον τομέα αυτό με τα αδέρφια μας τους Κρήτες. Χρόνια Πολλά σε όλους τους Κρητικούς.

Μοσχούλα Αγγελίδης

Πρόεδρος



Joint Committee for the Battle of Crete and the Greek Campaign NSW

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete and the Greek Campaign. For over 45 years this ceremony has been held in May in Sydney to commemorate the Battle of Crete and the Greek Campaign (1940-41). It pays tribute to the brave ANZACS and Greeks who took part in the defence of freedom, democracy and the rule of law.

There were almost 1700 ANZACS lost in Greece. Nearly half have never been found nor their remains identified. 83% of the 6,203 Australians captured by the Italians and Germans during the second World War came from the Greek and Crete campaigns. Most spent the remainder of the war in German POW Camps. Cretans and other Greeks sacrificed themselves to provide the ANZACS support in the armed resistance, and sanctuary after the surrender and evacuation. Australia and Greece have never been opposed in war. In both World Wars & other wars, Greeks and Australians have fought side by side in common struggles. In peacetime, Australians & Greeks have lived together in harmony, as immigrants and citizens.

Congratulations to the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand for organising this year's events to commemorate those Battles and the bravery of those involved.

Finally and most importantly, we also acknowledge, commemorate and celebrate the enduring friendship between Greece and Australia.

James Jordan

Chairman

Joint Committee for the

Battle of Crete and the Greek Campaign NSW



DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

FORMING MEMBERS Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand, Cretan Association of Sydney and NSW Limited, 6th Australian Division Association of NSW, NSW Federation of Naval Ships Association, Naval Association of Australia (NSW Branch), Greek Sub-Branch of the RSL, New Zealand Sub-Branch RSL and the Defence Reserves Association.

Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria



The 80th Anniversary of the Battles of Crete & Greece is being commemorated throughout 2021 in Victoria by a series of events planned by the Battle of Crete and Greece Commemorative Council. Its purpose is to commemorate the Anniversary of the Battle of Crete and other Battles that occurred in mainland Greece in such a way that will preserve and promote the shared history and the links of Australia, New Zealand and Greece, raise awareness of the importance to remember and honour the fallen and the remaining veterans.

The Council has the support of a cross section of the Greek Australian Community, the Greek authorities in Victoria, veterans' associations, prominent politicians, researcher's authors and veterans' descendants.

We are delighted that the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand is a major part of the Council who always assists and contributes to the further development of the bonds that commenced in 1941 between Greece and Australia and continue today with the great relations our two nations share.

Finally we wish the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand the best of luck with all its National activities for this year's commemoration here in Australia and across the Tasman.

Jim Papadimitriou

Chairman

Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council of Victoria

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Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne Victoria

This year marks the 80th anniversary whereby Crete was subject to the world's first ever mainly airborne attack by the Germans.

On the 20th of May 1941 this amazing island was vigorously attacked by German paratroopers but just as vigorously defended by the combined Greek, Australian, New Zealand and British allied forces. The Allies were under resourced in every way, military personnel, weapons and means of communication. However the Germans did not account for the Cretans' love for their homeland and the fact that they were not going to give it up without a fight.

After 10 days of battle, the Germans took control of the island but not without casualties. It was so great that Germans would never use parachute combat again. For the Australian, New Zealand and British troops the campaign ended in retreat, evacuation or capture. For the Cretans it was the start of four years of occupation by the Germans.

Since the end of the Second World War, Crete has become a place of pilgrimage for the Australian, New Zealand and British troops who fought there and their families. The legacy of the battle that started in Crete on the 20th of May 1941 has united the Cretan and Australian and New Zealand people. A friendship bound by history and mutual respect that will last an eternity.

Our generation and future generations should honour and will honour those individuals that fought an epic battle to ensure our freedom.

Lest We Forget.

Michael Houdalakis
President



Pancretan Association Of Melbourne

Once again we remember and commemorate of one of the most important battles of WWII. The Battle of Crete.

There has been a lot said about this battle, some by scholars, some warriors and they all agree that without the fierce resistance of the Hellenic, Australian, New Zealand and British armed forces together with the local population, the result of the entire war may have been quite different. This unprecedented resistance forced the Third Reich to invade the Soviet Union in winter and as such fight on an unwinnable front.

It was a bitter victory for Hitler, costing him a large number of transport aircraft not to mention his elite Fallschirmjäger troops who were significantly impacted to the point where it was the last airborne invasion launched by the Third Reich.

Here in Australia we remember those who stayed to defend an island which they never knew existed, a people who they could not understand and a culture which was foreign to them. This forged an eternal brotherhood, one born in blood and sacrifice that will live forever.

This year we once again give thanks to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and to those who were prepared to do so.

Lest We Forget.

Emanuel Starakis
President

Cretan Association of Sydney & N.S.W.



On behalf of the Cretan Association of Sydney and New South Wales, I am pleased to write this message in this milestone year of 2021. This year marks the 200th anniversary of start of the Greek War of Independence in 1821 and also the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Crete in 1941. Although these historical events occurred over a hundred years apart, they were both fought by Greeks in the name of freedom and the defence of democracy.

The Battle of Crete has been attributed as being one of the most dramatic Battles of the war, being the first mainly airborne invasion in military history. The seemingly insignificant island did not merely surrender as expected. This was the first time German troops encountered mass resistance from a civilian population, with locals fighting with whatever they could find including farming utensils, maheria and their own hands.

The battle saw the reformation of the "ANZAC Corps" for the first time since World War I. Australian and New Zealand troops fought alongside British and Greek troops to protect the island of Crete. The Greek people are eternally grateful that the ANZAC and British troops came to their aid in the defence of their island. Veterans throughout the years have spoken about the generosity and hospitality of the local population who sheltered them in their homes and hid them from the invading forces. The connections forged between Australia, New Zealand and Greece in this battle are still strong to this day.

Although the COVID19 pandemic meant that many events were cancelled last year, we are very honoured that this year the situation has improved and many smaller events can be held around the country to celebrate both milestone events.

Lest We Forget.

Terry Saviolakis
President

Cretan Association of Tasmania



Φέτος εορτάζουμε την 80η επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης, μια από τις πιο δραματικές μάχες του Β' Παγκόσμιου Πόλεμου. Αυστραλοί, Βρετανοί, Νεοζηλανδοί, Ελληνικά στρατεύματα και άμαχοι Κρητικοί αντιπετώπισαν μια τεράστια Γερμανική αεροπορική επίθεση εισβολής δείχνοντας τεράστιο θάρρος σ' αυτόν τον συντριπτικά άνισο αγώνα.

Ενώ το Τρίτο Ράιχ τελικά κατάφερε να καταλάβει το νησί, η Κρήτη κατά τις δέκα ημέρες της αντίστασης προξένησε τόσο μεγάλες απώλειες στις Γερμανικές δυνάμεις ώστε ο Φύρερ εγκατέλειψε τα σχέδια για τυχόν παρόμοιες επιθέσεις στο μέλλον θρηγνώνοντας την απώλεια χιλιάδων εκπαιδευμένων αλεξιπτωτιστών.

Σε αυτή την επέτειο θα σταθούμε για λίγο ευλαβικά για να τιμήσουμε όλους εκείνους που πάλεψαν θαρραλέα στη Μάχη της Κρήτης, καθώς και τους πολλούς Κρητικούς που έχασαν τη ζωή τους κατά τους μήνες μετά από τη μάχη και που με κίνδυνο της ζωής τους και των οικογενειών τους έκρυψαν τους συμμάχους και τους βοήθησαν να φύγουν από το νησί.

Εκ μέρους του Συλλόγου Κρητών της Τασμανίας, θα ήθελα επίσης να εκμεταλλευτώ αυτή την ευκαιρία για να ευχαριστήσω την Κρητική Ομοσπονδία, καθώς και όλους όσους παίρνουν μέρος στην εκδήλωση μας για τη συνεχή υποστήριξή τους.

Πάννης Φιωτάκης
Πρόεδρος



Cretan Association of Queensland

Με την ευκαιρία της 80ης επετείου της Μάχης της Κρήτης, χαιρετίζουμε με μεγάλη τιμή και χαρά τους συντοπίτες Κρητικούς της Αυστραλίας και Νέας Ζηλανδίας.

Καθώς μπαίνουμε σε ένα δεύτερο έτος για την καταπολέμηση της πανδημίας του Κορωνοϊού, θέλουμε εκφράσουμε τη αμέριστη υποστήριξη και ευγνωμοσύνη σε όλους τους αφανείς ήρωες που βρίσκονται στη πρώτη γραμμή. Επίσης θέλουμε να εκφράσουμε τη συμπαράσταση σε όλους εκείνους που υποφέρουν ή έχουν υποφέρει από την πανδημία. Οι σκέψεις και οι προσευχές μας είναι πάντα μαζί σας.

Το 2021 είναι σημαντικό έτος καθώς εορτάζουμε όχι μόνο την 80η επέτειο της Μάχης της Κρήτης, αλλά και 200 χρόνια από την έναρξη της Ελληνικής Επανάστασης ενάντια στην Οθωμανική Αυτοκρατορία. Μας γεμίζει υπερηφάνεια να βλέπουμε ανθρώπους από κάθε γωνιά του πλανήτη να τιμούν αυτήν τη σημαντική στιγμή της Νεότερης Ιστορίας της Ελλάδας που ενέπνευσε και ακόμα εμπνέει λαούς στην αναζήτηση ελευθερίας και ανεξαρτησίας.

Δεν πρέπει ποτέ να ξεχνάμε τον αγώνα των Κρητικών Ηρώων στον αγώνα για τη Εθνική Παλιγγενεσία. Η συμμετοχή της Κρήτης στην Επανάσταση ήταν εκτεταμένη και κατάφερε να απελευθερωθεί από το Τουρκικό Ζυγό το 1897. Η ηρωική αντίσταση των Κρητικών και ο αγώνας τους για ελευθερία έχει τα πρόσωπα του Δασκαλογιάννη και όλων εκείνων που θυσιάστηκαν στο Αρκάδι, στο Ηράκλειο κατά τη διάρκεια του «Μεγάλου Αρπεντέ» και σε κάθε γωνιά της Κρήτης.

Το γεγονός ότι οι Έλληνες κατάφεραν να διατηρήσουν τη γλώσσα, τη θρησκεία, τα έθιμα και τις παραδόσεις τους μετά από σχεδόν 400 χρόνια Οθωμανικής κυριαρχίας, είναι από μόνο του αξιοθαύμαστο. Αυτό το χαρακτηριστικό της αντοχής και της επιβίωσης, παρά την καταπίεση και τις δυσκολίες, αποτελεί απόδειξη του αληθινού Ελληνικού πνεύματος.

Πρέπει όλοι να είμαστε περήφανοι για την Ελληνική και Κρητική μας καταγωγή και κληρονομιά και κάθε χρόνο να τιμούμε όλους εκείνους που πολέμησαν τόσο γενναία ενάντια στη καταπίεση και τη τυραννία, ώστε εμείς να είμαστε ελεύθεροι και να λεγόμαστε Έλληνες.

Εκ μέρους της Κρητικού Συλλόγου του Κουίνσλαντ, θα ήθελα να ευχηθώ σε όλους τους συμπατριώτες μας στην Αυστραλία και τη Νέα Ζηλανδία, στους απανταχού Κρητικούς έναν χρόνο ευλογημένο και γεμάτο υγεία.

Αντώνης Κατσανέβας
Πρόεδρος



Cretan Association of New Zealand

On behalf of the Cretan Association of New Zealand, I wish the Cretans around the globe every success for the commemorations of the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Crete.

We as Cretans of New Zealand are very proud to be a part of these commemorations in 2021.

Stan Nikitopoulos
President

Cretan Association of Canberra & Districts

In 2021 our commemorations for the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete & the Greek Campaign coincides with 200 years since the Greek War of Independence in 1821. Following a tumultuous and uncertain 2020, we should reflect this year on the many human and emotional sacrifices made by our forefathers; people who created history such as Kolokotronis, Bouboulina, the Arkardi Martyrs and many other freedom fighters across Greece. We are also honoured by the sacrifices made by the allied forces during WWII, forming unbreakable bonds of friendship between Australian & New Zealand and Greece. However the most important history makers are our parents, grandparents and ancestors who came to Australia most with nothing, and began building a better life and an inclusive community for today's Greek-Australian generations. We have never felt prouder than now to be Greek, to be Cretan, to be Australian with a rich and diverse history grounded in our Orthodox religion, our language and culture. The Canberra Committee remembers these sacrifices which highlights Greek tenacity to be free.



George Katheklakis
President

Cretan Brotherhood of Western Australia

This year we will be celebrating the 80th anniversary of the battle of Crete. Preparations are currently underway for the 20th of May. We have celebrated the Bicentennial Independence Day for mainland Greece. This was done with a church service following by a wreath laying ceremony at Kings park. It was a very pleasing turn out. At this time we reflect and remember the sacrifices that Cretan civilians & Allied Forces made for mainland Greece & Crete. The friendship between Crete & Australia will never be broken. Lest We Forget. Its been a difficult year for all with Covoid. This caused the cancellation of our 2021 Cretan Convention. Hoping we can all meet again in 2022



Manoli Yeroyianakis
President

Cretan Association of South Australia

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of the battle of Crete, though it was so long ago it feels like it has just ended. The efforts to keep the memory alive by all the clubs

To all my fellow Cretans, last year was with no doubt a very tough year for all of us. It did however give me time reflect and consider what the profoundly important things are in life. Namely, friends, family, and faith. It is with these in mind that we also consider what the heroes of old have done for us all in the name of freedom. Freedom from oppression, freedom for human rights and freedom for the individual. These Freedoms is what they fought for and what we enjoy today. May this 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete be for a time of remembrance and gratitude for those who fought for us and who gave their lives to give us our Freedom that we enjoy today.



Pantelis Fridakis
President

Cretan Youth of Australia & New Zealand

National Executive



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Cretan Youth of Australia & New Zealand



Greetings,

It is incredible to think that 80 years ago, the world as we know it was completely different. Europe was under the yoke of Hitler and his Nazi soldiers whilst fascism began to spread across the world.

The battle of Crete lasted only 13 days, but those 13 days saw almost 23000 casualties and saw the destruction of allied Air Force aircraft and navy ships sunk.

Life changed drastically for the Greek forces, civilians and the Anzacs on the 20th of May 1941, they saw first hand the destructive powers of the Axis powers and the loss of life the battle led to.

80 years on the scars of the battle on Crete on the landscape of the island can still be seen and felt, bullet holes still pepper the landscape, but the biggest affect has to be on the civilians who defended their homes, and the Anzacs who fought selflessly to prevent further loss of life to the nazi cause. Their sacrifices to freedom should never be forgotten, which is why we honour them with our commemorations.

May they Rest In Peace knowing that they played a critical role in defending freedom from the Nazis.

Polina Nikolakakis
National President



Pancretan Youth of Melbourne

Το 2021 αποτελεί χρόνο σταθμό για όλους τους Έλληνες και ειδικότερα για εμάς τους Κρήτες. Σαν τέτοιες μέρες 80 ακριβώς χρόνια πριν, άρχιζε να γεννιέται στα χώματα της Κρήτης η «μάχη των μαχών», η «μάνα όλων των μαχών», η Μάχη της Κρήτης με την έναρξη της αερο-επίθεσης της ναζιστικής Γερμανίας στο νησί μας, στις 20 Μαΐου του 1941. Η Μάχη της Κρήτης ήταν μια πύρρεια νίκη των Γερμανών, γι' αυτό άλλωστε και δεν επαναλήφθηκε παρόμοια επιχείρηση κατά την διάρκεια του πολέμου. Τα θύματα των Γερμανών στη δεκαήμερη επιχείρηση ξεπερνούσαν τα θύματα τους σε ολόκληρη την επιχείρηση κατά της Γιουγκοσλαβίας και της υπόλοιπης Ελλάδος. Ακόμη και ο Διοικητής του XI Γερμανικού Σώματος Αεροπορίας Αντιπύραρχος Στούντεντ αναγκάστηκε να ομολογήσει ότι η Κρήτη υπήρξε «ο τάφος των Γερμανών Αλεξιπτωτιστών». Το θάρρος και η αυτοθυσία που υπέδειξαν οι πρόγονοί μας άναψε ένα φως ελπίδας σε όλους τους λαούς. Η κληρονομιά που μας άφησαν είναι τεράστιας σημασίας και επιβάλλεται να τη μεταλαμπαδεύσουμε και στις επόμενες γενιές. Ας είναι αιωνία η μνήμη τους.

Ειρήνη Κυριακάκη
Πρόεδρος



Cretan Brotherhood Youth of Melbourne

This year we come together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Crete. This is a time where we have the opportunity to reflect on the brave actions of Cretan men, woman and children who fought alongside ANZAC, British and Greek Soldiers against the tyranny of the Third Reich, the supporting Axis power.

80 years ago, the ANZACs, British and Greek troops with the aid of our forefathers showed resilience against the Axis powers that no one could have ever predicted. Onwards we march, never forgetting the past and always respecting our Cretan heritage.

Rhea Gotsis
President

Cretan Youth of New South Wales

On behalf of the Cretan Youth Association of Sydney and NSW, I am extremely honoured as a young Cretan to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete.

As a young Cretan representing the current generation, it is important that we always remember and acknowledge the hardship, trauma and bravery that our forebearers endured during the Battle of Crete. We must never forget our heritage and customs and must always do our utmost to continue our traditions.

As Cretans, we must always hold our heads high with pride as we honour the past generations. They have bestowed a legacy that we as the next generation must carry forward.

Kind regards,

Alexander Mountakis
President



Cretan Youth of South Australia

As the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Crete approaches, the Cretan community in Adelaide commemorates those who fell for our freedom during the Second World War in May 1941. On this day we pay respects to the 1700 British, Commonwealth and Greek soldiers who lost their lives protecting each other. However we also celebrate the enduring friendship and strong bond which was formed as Australia, Britain and New Zealand fought alongside the Greeks. As Cretan youth of today it is our duty to preserve the honour of those who served with courage, selflessness, compassion and a sense of service and pass it on to future generations.

Konstandina Angelidakis
President





Cretan Youth of Western Australia

The Battle of Crete commenced on the 20th of May 1941, German paratroopers started dropping everywhere. From history we know it to be the biggest air born attack Germany had ever undertaken and has never been attempted since. Germany suffered a lot of casualties on the first day, Crete had reinforcements but fell in the north of the island. This battle is very special to us it signifies that we are united and stand together with Australian and New Zealand ANZACS that fought alongside the Cretans. We are forever grateful and continue to commemorate this day as proud Greek Australians.

Kristina Konstantinou
President



Cretan Youth of Queensland

This year marks 45 years of the Cretan Association of Queensland and is the 80th Commemorative Dinner Dance for the Battle of Crete. As a result, myself with all my fellow dance members are more excited to showcase our dance routines this year.

As part of the Cretan Association of Queensland Dance Group, we also perform and participate in several other events throughout the year, including the 25th March, Anzac Day, the Brisbane Paniyiri, the Bribie Island Paniyiri, and not to mention the annual Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand Convention.

Personally, I love performing at the Brisbane Paniyiri, as we can share our culture, not only with Australia but other Greek Associations. I also enjoy being part of the Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand Convention each year as I have been able to develop friendships with fellow Cretans and share common interests and ideas. When performing, it brings me joy, with the most valuable satisfaction being, that it also brings pleasure to my family, including my grandparents who take pride in their heritage. They are the ones who have in turn instilled this valuable asset to myself and know that this incredible culture I will retain and carry on for years to come.

Victoria Ghorayeb
President



Cretan Youth of Tasmania

Every year the Battle of Crete is commemorated in communities across Australia. It is a time when we take pride in not only our Greek heritage but specifically our Cretan heritage. We take pride in the bravery of our ancestors and remember the stories that have been passed down to us through generations. We hope to embody the qualities of selflessness, bravery and compassion that our Cretan relatives showed during the Battle of Crete. It is moving to hear the stories of Cretan civilians risking their lives to hide and give shelter to Australian soldiers in Crete. Something very special happened during that time to create a bond between Crete and Australia and it is important to remember this as we commemorate the Battle of Crete.

Anthony Papastamatis
President

Musicians Program



Sifis Tsourdalakis
(Lyra & Vocals)

Sydney - Saturday 10th April 2021
Melbourne - Saturday 17th April 2021

Yiannis Pollakis
(Lyra & Vocals)

Adelaide - Saturday 5th June 2021



Antonis Petrantonakis
(Lyra & Vocals)

Brisbane - Saturday 10th July 2021



Other Accompanying Musicians include:

George Sevastakis (Lute), Tony Iliou (Guitar & Lute),
Paddy Montgomery (Lute), Angelo Goutsios (Lute),
Fotis Lambis (Drums), George Ganakas (Bass),
Steve Papadopoulos (Guitar)

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THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Highlight Productions in conjunction with the City of Boroondara and with the support of the Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand are proud to present "Blood and Bone", a play set in WWII about friendship won in Crete and Greece, written by Meg McNena and directed by Demetra Giannakopoulos. The performance will take place on Sunday 21st February at 3.30pm, at the Renaissance Theatre, 829 High Street Kew. For bookings and more information please call 0412 320 480.

NATIONAL ART COMPETITION

The Cretan Youth of Australia & New Zealand are launching the National Art Competition which is based around the Battle of Crete titled "Our History through the eyes of the next Generation" during April 2021 (exact date will be advertised closer to the time). All Greek Australian Youth are invited to enter and take part in the competition. Entries will close in the first week of June and the winners will be announced on social media. For more information please contact the National Youth President Ms. Polina Nikolakakis on 0413 902 875.

ANZAC BISCUIT TIN MEDIA LAUNCH

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand and the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with Major League Brands are launching a series of 6 Anzac Biscuit Tins with different designs commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. The launch will take place on Tuesday 16th March at the Cretan House, 148 –150 Nicholson Street East Brunswick at 4.00pm. The tins will be exclusively distributed through all the Woolworths, Coles and Aldi stores across Australia.

TRADITIONAL CRETAN GLENDI

The Pancretan Association of Melbourne and the Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne are hosting a Traditional Cretan Glendi on Saturday 17th April at 7.00pm, at the Cretan Village, 90 Cathies Lane, Wantirna South. For more information please contact Mr Manolis Starakis on 0408 246 722.

CHURCH SERVICE & DOXOLOGY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia are hosting a Church Service and a Doxology commemorating the 80th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete. The Service will be presided by His Eminence Archbishop of Australia MAKARIOS, on Sunday 18th April at 10.00am, at St. Efstathios Cathedral, 221 Dorcas Street South Melbourne. For more information please contact Mrs. Natasha Spanos on 0449 232 783.

PARADE & WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council are hosting the Official Parade and Wreath Laying Ceremony commemorating the 80th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete on Sunday 18th April 11.30am, at the Forecourt of the Shrine of Remembrance. For more information please contact Mr. Jim Papadimitriou 0411 224 532.

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OFFICIAL LUNCHEON

The Cretan Brotherhood of Melbourne and the Pancretan Association of Melbourne are hosting the Official Battle of Crete Commemorative Luncheon to commemorate the 80th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete on Sunday 18th April 2020 at 2.00pm, at the Cretan House, 148 –150 Nicholson Street Brunswick East. For more information please contact Mr. Michael Houdalakis on 0408 855 109.

OFFICIAL LECTURE

The Cretan Federation of Australia and New Zealand in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia are hosting a lecture by His Eminence Archbishop MAKARIOS titled "The Role of the Church during the Battle of Crete in 1941 to 1945" on Monday 19th April 2021 at 6.00pm. The lecture will be held inside the church at the Holy Monastery Axion Estin, 7 Hartington St, Northcote. For more information contact Mr Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419 856 736.

OLIVE TREE PLANTING & PLAQUE UNVEILING

The Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia, Northcote District in conjunction with the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council, under the auspices of the 2021 Victorian Bicentenary Committee are planning an Olive Tree Planting and Plaque Unveiling Ceremony at the Robinvale Cenotaph, Swan Hill to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete and the 200th Anniversary of the Hellenic Independence. The event will take place on Monday 4th May 2021 at 11.30am, which is also the feast day of St. George which is situated in the Victorian town of Robinvale. For more information please contact Father Gary Peripetsakis on 0401 296.34.

LECTURE

The Greek Orthodox Community of Melbourne in conjunction with the Battle of Crete & Greece Commemorative Council are hosting an official lecture at the Greek Centre on Thursday 6th May 2020 at 6.30pm by the Convenor of the Australian Football Heritage Group, Mrs Barbara Cullen, titled "ANZACs in Greece who played VFL / AFL Leagues". For more information please contact Mr. Nick Dallas on 0403 047 063.

DOCUMENTARY LAUNCH

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand will launch the Documentary titled "A lot of time for the Greek" which highlights the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. The documentary was presented by Dr. Peter Ewer and was directed by Mr. John Irwin. The event will take place on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start, at the Education Auditorium at the Shrine of Remembrance, Domain Gardens. For more information, please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis 0419856736.

COMMEMORATIVE LAUNCH

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand in conjunction with Australia Post are launching the Commemorative Stamp and Commemorative Envelope marking the 80th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete in

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honour of the ANZAC's that fought and fell in Crete. Event details to be advised. For further information please contact Mr. Tony Tsourdalakis on 0419856736

New South Wales

DINNER DANCE

The Cretan Association of New South Wales is hosting its Annual Dinner to Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of The Battle of Crete. This dinner will be held at the Croatian Club, 921 Punchbowl Road, Punchbowl, and will feature performances by the Association's Dancing Groups and live Cretan music. We will be entertained on the night by Sifis Tsourdalakis, (Lyra) from Melbourne who will be supported by Tony Iliou, Angelo Goutsios and Paddy Montgomery. For more information please contact Mr. Terry Saviolakis on 0407316605.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Cretan Association of New South Wales in conjunction with the Joint Committee for the Commemoration of the Battle of Crete & Greek Campaign of New South Wales are co hosting the Wreath Laying Ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at the Cenotaph Monument, Martin Place at 1.30pm. For more information please contact Mr. Nick Andriotakis on 0411183500.

DOXOLOGY

The Cretan Association of New South Wales in conjunction with the Joint Committee for the Commemoration of the Battle of Crete & Greek Campaign of New South Wales are co hosting the Doxology Church Service on Sunday 23rd May at 9.00am at the Cathedral of the Annunciation of our Lady, 242 Cleveland Street Redfern. For more information please contact Mr. Terry Saviolakis on 0407316605.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING

The Cretan Federation of Australia & New Zealand in conjunction with the Cretan Association of New South Wales and with the support of the the Joint Committee for the Commemoration of the Battle of Crete & Greek Campaign of New South Wales will screen the Documentary titled "A lot of time for the Greek" which highlights the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete. The documentary was presented by Dr. Peter Ewer and was directed by Mr. John Irwin. The event will take place on Sunday 23rd May 2021 at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start, at the Auditorium of the St. Andrews Theological College. For more information, please contact Mr. Terry Saviolakis 0407316605.

CHURCH SERVICE

The Cretan Association of New South Wales in conjunction with the Joint Committee for the Commemoration of the Battle of Crete & Greek Campaign of New South Wales are co hosting the Anglican Church Service on Sunday 30th May at 10.00am at the Garrison Church Sydney, 60 Lower Fort Street, Millers Point. For more information please contact Mr. Terry Saviolakis on 0407316605.

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PRESENTATION NIGHT

The Cretan Association of New South Wales is hosting its Presentation Night to honour the 80th Anniversary for the Battle of Crete on Friday 28th May 2021, 7.00pm, at the Ashbury Senior Citizens Centre, situated at 64 – 68 Princess Street Canterbury. For more information please contact Mr. Terry Saviolakis on 0407316605.

South Australia

CHURCH SERVICE

The Cretan Association of South Australia in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese – Adelaide District are hosting a Doxology and Church Service to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Holy Monastery of St. Nektarios situated at 81 – 93 Regency Road Croydon at 9.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Pantelis Fridakis 0416 947 817.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Cretan Association of South Australia in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese – Adelaide District are hosting a Wreath Laying Ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Adelaide State War Memorial, situated at North Terrace, Adelaide at 1.00pm. For more information please contact Mr. Pantelis Fridakis 0416 947 817.

DINNER DANCE

The Cretan Association of South Australia is hosting its Annual Dinner to Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of The Battle of Crete on Saturday 5th June 2021, at Chian Reception Hall situated at 73 Grand Junction Road Rosewater at 7.00pm. The event will feature performances by the Association's Dancing Groups and live Cretan music featuring Yiannis Pollakis (Lyra) from Melbourne who will be supported by Tony Iliou and Steve Papadopoulos (Guitar). For more information please contact Mr. Pantelis Fridakis 0416 947 817.

Queensland

CHURCH SERVICE

The Cretan Association of Queensland in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia – Brisbane District are hosting a Doxology and Church Service to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. George situated at 33 Edmondstone Street, South Brisbane, at 9.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Katsanevas 0403 533 407.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Cretan Association of Queensland are hosting a Wreath Laying Ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Brisbane War Memorial, situated at Anzac Square, 285 Ann Street Brisbane, 11.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Tony Katsanevas 0403 533 407.

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DINNER DANCE

The Cretan Association of Queensland is hosting its Annual Dinner to Commemorate the 80th Anniversary of The Battle of Crete on Saturday 10th July 2021, at Hilton Ballroom Brisbane, situated at Elizabeth Street Brisbane at 7.00pm. The event will feature performances by the Association's Dancing Groups and live Cretan music featuring Antonis Petrantonakis (Lyra) and Angelo Goutsios (Lute). For more information please contact Mr. Tony Katsanevas on 0403 533 407.

Tasmania

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Cretan Association of Tasmania are hosting a Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at the Domain Cenotaph situated in Queens Park on Anzac Avenue at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Mrs. Vicki Kalogeropoulos on 0419 575 441.

FORMAL RECEPTION

The Cretan Association of Tasmania are hosting a Reception to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Saturday 22nd May 2021 at the Hellenic Hall, situated at 67 Federal Street, North Hobart 4.00pm. For more information please contact Mrs. Vicki Kalogeropoulos on 0419 575 441.

Australian Capital Territory

CHURCH SERVICE

The Cretan Association of Canberra & Districts in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia – Canberra District are hosting a Doxology and Church Service to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 23rd May 2021 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of St. Nicholas situated on the corner of Wentworth Avenue Telopea Park, Kingston at 9.00am. For more information please contact Mr. George Katheklakis 0450 960220.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Cretan Association of Canberra & Districts are hosting a Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 23rd May 2021 at the Australian Hellenic Memorial, situated on Anzac Parade, Canberra at 12.00pm. For more information please contact Mr. George Katheklakis 0450 960220.

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Western Australia

CHURCH SERVICE

The Cretan Brotherhood of Western Australia in conjunction with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese – Perth District are hosting a Doxology and Church Service to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral “Konstantinos Annunciation of the Virgin Mary situated at 3 Chania Street Wellington at 9.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Manolis Gerogianakis 0474446185.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Cretan Brotherhood of Western Australia in conjunction with the Greek Consul General are hosting a Wreath Laying Ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Kings Park War Memorial, Fraser Avenue, Perth at 11.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Manolis Gerogianakis 0474446185.

New Zealand

CHURCH SERVICE

The Cretan Association of New Zealand in conjunction with the Holy Metropolis of New Zealand are hosting a Doxology and Church Service to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Greek Orthodox Cathedral “Annunciation of the Virgin Mary situated at 3 Chania Street Wellington at 9.00am. For more information please contact Mr. Stan Nikitopoulos + 64 22 659 4965.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

The Cretan Association of New Zealand in conjunction with the Holy Metropolis of New Zealand are hosting a Wreath Laying Ceremony to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Hellenic New Zealand War Memorial situated at Kent Terrace and Cambridge Terrace, Wellington at 12.00pm. For more information please contact Mr. Stan Nikitopoulos + 64 22 659 4965.

OFFICIAL LUNCHEON

The Cretan Association of New Zealand in conjunction with the city of Wellington, who is sister City with Chania are hosting the Official Luncheon to mark the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete on Sunday 30th May 2021 at the Te papa Museum of New Zealand situated at 55 Cable Street Wellington at 1.00pm. For more information please contact Mr. Stan Nikitopoulos + 64 22 659 4965.

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Tsagarakis, Dimitri Alavanos,
Rianna Limberis, Zach Maladakis,
Ariana Kallidis – Galatidis and
Christopher Miyakis

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The Dance Group of the Cretan Association of Canberra & Districts at the Hellenic Festival 20-21 March 2021 during Canberra's celebrations for 200 Years of Greek Independence



Members of the Cretan Association of Canberra & Districts commemorating Greek National Day 25 March 2021 celebrating 200 Years of Greek Independence.



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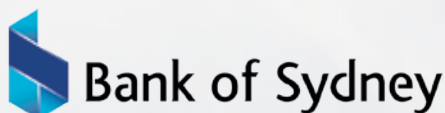
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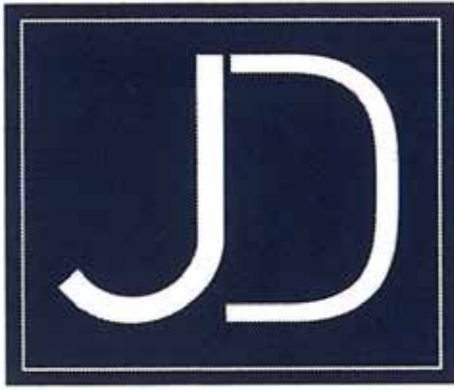
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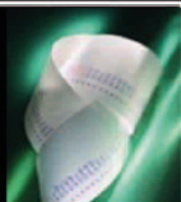
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