



TPI FEDERATION AUSTRALIA

"Different Conflicts – Same Sacrifice"



Federation President's Report

October 2016

The TPI Federation had a most productive September Congress. Unfortunately, due to the fact that the week of the Congress was a non-sitting week for the politicians, a number of invited speakers could not attend.

The Federation thanks the new DVA Opposition Minister, Amanda Rishworth MP, for making the effort to attend both our annual Australian War Memorial Service and our Congress. This was the only engagement that Amanda had for the day. Amanda needed to return to Adelaide for some afternoon appointments and was unable to attend our annual dinner. Thank you Amanda for making the effort.

I have asked the DVA Minister, Dan Tehan MP, if he can forward the sitting calendar for 2017 to me as soon as he receives it so that all invited politicians are able to attend our Congress.

I am sure that the individual State/Territory Directors will provide you with a Congress report so I won't go into any more details and leave it to them to do this. As part of this year's AGM there was the affirmation of the Federation Secretary's election unopposed result. I thank Bob Johnson for standing again for this position and for all his hard work over the last few years. The election of the Assistant Secretary was also held and the ACT Director, Phil Cowan, was elected. I thank Ray Pearce (TPI WA Director) for the work he has done in that position for the last two years.

In my last report I mentioned that DVA is conducting Hearing Workshops where any issues that DVA clients are having in obtaining hearing aids are being discussed. As a result of my report for your magazines in August I have received calls from the College of Audiology. A representative of the College will be attending the next DVA Hearing Workshop meeting which is due to be held in November.

The College representative has asked for some statistics that will enhance any debate he can create with the College. They are required in the hope of being able to rectify the situation where Veterans are being conned into paying exorbitant amounts to top-up their hearing aid requirements i.e. over and above what DVA is paying and their clinical need.

I ask that as many Members as possible either email me (federation@tpifed.org.au) or contact your State/Territory office and advise the following–

Audiologist name or organisational name:

Date of visit – exact or approximate:

Top-up requested by audiologist:

Top-up value requested:

If you would like to submit any further information on your experiences with audiologists, please feel free to do so.

A quick reminder that our petition is still open and we really need all TPIs and their friends and families to sign it. If you google "*change.org tpi federation*" then the first entry actually points you to our petition. The more signatures we are able to obtain, the more the politicians will take notice. Ask yourself, "do you need this"? If you don't there a many, many, many TPIs nationally who do need this.

I take this opportunity to wish all TPIs and their families a happy and safe Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

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Loyalty means nothing unless it has at its heart the absolute principle of self-sacrifice.

Woodrow T. Wilson