The events listed in this document are by no means all of those for remembrance for the service and sacrifice of New Zealanders - this will grow and change. If there are other dates and events you suggest we add, please email enquiries@rsa.org.nz. We will remember them.

**MARCH**

1992

Four New Zealand military observers, two from the Royal New Zealand Army, and one each from the Royal New Zealand Airforce and Royal New Zealand Air Force, were sent to Bosnia to contribute to the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia. They were then reinforced with the first deployment of Kiwi combat troops since the Vietnam War.

**APRIL**

21 April

The first Poppy Day took place today in 1922.

**MAY**

7 May

VE Day. News of Germany’s surrender reached New Zealand in the early afternoon of May 7th. The Prime Minister at the time, Walter Nash, insisted the celebrations waited until Winston Churchill made the official announcement, which would not be heard until 1am on the 8th.

20 May

The Battle of Crete. Of the 7,700 NZ soldiers based there when the attack by German aircraft began, 2,000 were taken prisoner and 671 died.

31 May

The signing of the Treaty of Vereeniging, which ended the South African War (commonly known as the Boer War).

**JUNE**

1 June

The Battle of Crete ends.

6 June

D-Day: military arrived in Normandy, France. Although no NZ contingents were involved, individual New Zealanders were present.
7 June
International Commemoration for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Messines.

29 June
The return of New Zealand troops in Bosnia was marked with the lowering of the flag at a ceremony in Sarajevo

AUGUST
8 August
Anniversary Battle for Chunuk Bair, WWI.
15 August
Anniversary Victory in Japan (VJ) Day, WWII.
18 August
Anniversary Battle of Long Tan, Vietnam.

SEPTEMBER
3 September
Merchant Navy Day, WWII.
15 September
Anniversary Battle of Somme, WWI.
15 September
Anniversary Battle of Britain, WWII.
16 September
Malayan Veterans’ Day,
The Malayan emergency & confrontation.
28 September
New Zealand offers support in the South African Boer War, the first overseas conflict to involved NZ troops.

OCTOBER
12 October
Anniversary Battle of Passchendaele, WWI.
23 October
Anniversary Battle of El Alamein, WWII.
31 October
100th Anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba.

NOVEMBER
4 November
Anniversary Battle of Le Quesnoy, WWI.
11 November
Anniversary Armistice Day, WWI.
12 November
Remembrance Sunday, WWI.

DECEMBER
13 December
Anniversary Battle of the River Plate, WWII.