

Colonel James Hodgson

RIP another Newcastle hero.



Colonel James Hodgson passed away New years eve and his funeral was held yesterday 7th January 2016. From what I have been told served in WW2, Korea and Vietnam and has been a champion for veterans both in the local area and Australia wide.

I took this photo at the Swansea ANZAC march in 2008. It is of Colonel James Hodgson. With no disrespect to the other diggers in the photo I thought the black and white made it have so much more emotion while i edited it.

Sadly last night I found out Colonel Hodgson passed away on New Years Eve and his funeral was yesterday.

The year after I took this photo I had it printed large and I took it to the march to give it to him. I handed it to him and as he unrolled it his eyes well with tears, he shook my hand and said "Son, you've just showed me everything I have fought for was worth it, with people like you in the world the future is in good hands." I still get shivers thinking of that moment, this was coming from a man that had fought and seen the horrors of several major conflicts, a man that fought and watched mates die so we can live the life we have today.

The Colonel was a champion for veterans and veterans affairs until the day he died. A true hero.

RIP Colonel James Hodgson.

The world is a better place from having you in it and my life richer from meeting you for a five minute conversation.

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