

duties, resulting in time with the (since defunct) Consular Patrol Group, Family Court, Freedom of Information Liaison Officer in Victoria, Administration, Drug Registrar and the role he now performs; Registrar for Property and Exhibits.

Not content with having four languages to his credit, Charles has just completed a course in Italian and intends learning Vietnamese during a course he would like to begin within the next 12 months.

He is also a member of the

Australian Guild of Realist Artists (Victoria).

His talent with brush and pen is well recognised by many in the Southern Region and he's often among the first to know when there's a commendation or similar award on the way for one of his colleagues.

On more than one occasion Charles has been asked to put to use his deft penmanship by adding the name of a member to a certificate in decorative script (such as Olde English) in keeping with the style of the certificate.

Happily married to Margaret (his childhood sweetheart who had emigrated to Australia about three years before Charles) the couple have two children, Christine, 16, and Kylie, seven.

A member of the Australian Federal Police who enjoys the challenge of the job, Charles was recently presented with a medallion for his long service, having completed 15 years service with the AFP and the Commonwealth Police.



UNITED NATIONS DAY OBSERVED BY AFP

More than 80 AFP and military personnel, who were former UN Peace Keepers, were led by Deputy Commissioner (Operations) Roy Farmer in a short memorial service held at 11am at the Australian War Memorial on Monday, October 24, to mark United Nations Day.

They were addressed by Deputy Commissioner John Johnson, representing the Commissioner, and then by the Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Mrs Ros Kelly, MP.

Mrs Kelly said that it was a special occasion for her because her father, when in the NSW Police, had served in Cyprus at the same time as Deputy Commissioner Farmer and she was happy to say that he, like Mr Farmer, had come back.

"However, some didn't. Many of you here today will remember Sergeant Lew Thomas, Inspector Pat Hackett, and Constables Ian Ward and John Woolcott," she said. "We are here to commemorate them. We are here to remember them, and to remember why they died."



Representatives of the UN Peacekeeping Force on parade at the Australian War Memorial.

She recalled the most recent death of Australian Army Captain Peter McCarthy, who, while serving with the UN Truce Supervision Organisation in Lebanon, was killed on January 12, 1988, by a land mine.

"Genuinely, they died for peace, and for the ideals that the UN stands for," she said. "Their willingness, and

your willingness, those of you who have returned . . . is the best guarantee we have for peace."

Wreaths were then laid by Mrs Kelly, Mr Johnson and the widow of Captain McCarthy, Mrs Susan McCarthy, which was followed by the playing of the Last Post, a minute's silence and the Rouse.

CYPRUS MEDALS

On September 21, Chief Inspector Jim Jamieson and Sergeant Clive Webster of UNCIVPOL were presented with the National Medal by the Australian High Commissioner for Cyprus, His Excellency, Mr David Wadham, at a private presentation service at the High Commission in Nicosia, Cyprus.

Detective Senior Constable Sandra Webster flew to Cyprus to join her husband for a short end of tour holiday before Clive began duty with Executive Services in Canberra.

LANGUAGE MAN

Constable G. Mattioli of Intelligence Investigations Branch, BCI HQ, has recently been appointed as an Executive Committee member and honorary treasurer of the Canberra Branch of the Australian Institute of Interpreters and Translators (A.I.I.T.)

The major objectives of the A.I.I.T. are to establish and maintain high standards in the fields of interpreting and translating; to provide a code of ethics; and to screen candidates for membership for proficiency, honesty and professional achievement.

The A.I.I.T. is recognised and supported by the National Accreditation

Authority for Translators and Interpreters, and includes representatives from various State and Federal government departments.

CORRECTION

Platypus 23 carried an article ("An AFP First") which discussed first aid training.

Sergeant Steve Samuels (Recruit Training) points out that a first aid course of one day is compulsory for all recruits and currently all one day courses are given by the St John Ambulance Brigade.