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Teaching Activities

1. Some of the duties members of the RAN might perform on board a vessel are Stations and Watches.
 - (a) What do these two duties involve?
 - (b) Why is it important for RAN members to perform these duties properly?
2. In addition to their seamanship training, crew aboard RAN vessels can take up a trade or 'rate', in a variety of areas. Using the information on the AWM website, answer the following questions:
 - (a) Choose two rates and explain what the jobs involve?
 - (b) Focusing on the two rates you have just described, why is it important that seamen are trained in these areas?
3. Like the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force, the members of the RAN are assigned special ranks. Working in groups, use the information from the AWM website and RAN website to answer the following questions:
 - (a) List the different ranks within the RAN from highest ranking to lowest.
 - (b) Examine the navy crew pictured in white uniforms on the 2011 Remembrance Day poster. What rank do you think they might be? Why do you say this?
4. Examine the Navy Fleet on the RAN website. In groups, design a poster which features the different ships, weapons, submarines and aircraft which make up the Fleet. Make sure you provide captions to each image.
5. As mentioned in the background information, Australian naval clearance divers were involved in operations during the Vietnam War. On the *Australia and the Vietnam War* website, read about the challenges clearance divers faced. What do you think would be the most dangerous task? Why?
6. In the 2011 Remembrance Day poster you can see women, as well as men, undertaking naval duties. Women now have the opportunity to work in all Navy positions including combat-related roles. Read about women in the Navy on the AWM website and watch the video on the RAN website. How has the role of women in the Navy changed since the Second World War?
7. Using the RAN website, read about one of the operations the RAN is currently involved in.
 - (a) What is the name of the operation and where is it being undertaken?
Print out a map and indicate the location of the operation.
 - (b) What is the role of the RAN there?
8. Examine the painting of Teddy Sheean (ART28160) on the AWM website and answer the following questions:
 - (a) What do you think is happening in this picture?
 - (b) What is the artist trying to tell us about Teddy Sheean and the event?
 - (c) What, in the image, tells you this?
9. Read more about Teddy Sheean on the AWM website. For his actions he was Mentioned in Dispatches. In the Second World War, a member of the Defence Force could be Mentioned in Dispatches if a senior officer considered their action to be gallant. Do you agree that Teddy deserved to be Mentioned in Dispatches? Why?

