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Speaker

Tenby Powell, Founder, *Kiwi KARE (Kiwi Aid & Refugee Evacuation)*

Topic

From the Red Zone: Kiwi K.A.R.E. operations in Ukraine's newly liberated areas.

Date & Time

Thursday 16 March 2023 at 6 p.m.

Location

Lecture Theatre, Old Government House (University of Auckland), Princes Street, Auckland. Choice of masks and distancing is RESPECTED.

Synopsis

Over the last year the warfare in Ukraine has occupied the attention of many Western Governments, for its military, economic and diplomatic consequences. Humanitarian consequences have been a focus for many individuals and volunteer groups, within Ukraine, in neighbouring Poland, and elsewhere in the world.

In June 2022 Tenby Powell formed Kiwi KARE (Kiwi Aid & Refugee Evacuation). His aim was to provide practical humanitarian aid in Ukraine, particularly for medical needs. He has deployed Kiwi KARE to newly-liberated areas just behind the front line. In these *Red Zones*, it delivers aid to front line hospitals, medical centres, and residents who have remained in Ukraine. Its medical clinics operate in towns and villages which no doctor or nurse has visited for months.

An important part of its activity is an evacuation capability for Ukrainians needing to escape dangerous areas. Such as cities and towns in the south and east of the country which Russia had invaded. Those persons often need medical and psychological support *en route* to safer locations.

In April he returns to Ukraine for an 8-month Tour of Duty. He will take seven retired ambulances: two as mobile health clinics, and five for frontline hospitals.

Biographical Details

Tenby Powell was educated at the University of Waikato. He obtained a Master of Management Studies in International Business (with First Class Honours). Later he attended courses at the Harvard Business School.

After graduation he held senior corporate management positions. In 1999, he and his wife Sharon Hunter formed a private investment company, Hunter Powell Investments Ltd.. He still found capacity to serve as President of the Northern Club.

Tenby also served in the Regular and Reserve Forces of the New Zealand Army, retiring in the rank of Colonel. Later he was Mayor of Tauranga for fifteen months, until he stepped down following a cancer diagnosis.

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