



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 7th August 2019

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- Members Present:** Andy Plews (AP); Fred Hemmerman FH); Bob Hare (RH); Phil Cowan (PC); Shane Hodson (SH); Jon Wild (JW); Sandy Robinson BEM (SR); Paul DeLay (PD);
- Apologies:** Pete Watson (PW); Jason McCoubrey (JC); Alison Sayell (AS); Brian Addicott (BA); Tony Walker (TW); David Kennedy (DK); S Darren Howlett (DH); Terry Scholes (TS); Dave Emmerson (DE); Bob Boreland (BB); Frank Maunder (FM); Callum Garton (CG); Mike Walker (MW); Steve Johnson (SJ); Craig Hemmerman (CH);; Bernadette Robinson-Hutton (BRT); Dave Gibbins (DG); 'Lofty' Whitehead;
- Not Present:** Steve Woods (SW); Scott Jenkins (SJ2); Michael Sutton (MS); Brian Petch (BP);
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Agenda

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Absent Friends
4. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
5. Matters Arising.
6. Communications
7. Reports
 - 7.1. CESA
 - 7.2. Standard Bearer
8. Social Events
9. Any Other Business
10. Message from The ProSM.
11. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

- 1.0 Meeting opened at 20.00hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received from PW (Working away again) and SR. Great to see a new member in Paul DeLay who attended for the first time.
- 3.0 Absent Friends – As detailed above
- 4.0 Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting – SR proposed that they were a true and accurate record, seconded by RH. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matters Arising –
 - 5.1 (Pre meeting note: PW noted the comments regarding the St. Vincent's Club in the last minutes and confirms that the Club Steward was written to and a donation of £50 was sent as per the Branch's request. All equipment barring one carrier bag that was missing has been collected and is now stored in PW's loft space.)
 - 5.2 Hull Veterans Weekend was a huge success, with a good turnout from the Branch Members, additionally, we met a potential 4 new members and interacted with 2 families of former CMP/RMP.

6.0 Communications –

- 6.1 An email was received from RegSec giving information regarding a new book about Check Point Charlie – details in Annex A
- 6.2 An email was received from the Association Chairman regarding the AGM in 2020. Details in Annex B
- 6.3 An email was received from Association Secretary giving information about the forthcoming North East Branch RMPA Annual Dinner. Details in Annex C.
- 6.4 An email was received from Association Secretary indicating that if any Member wishes to attend the Remembrance Parade in London, they need to inform him NOW. If any Member does want to attend, please speak to PW urgently.
- 6.5 An email was received from the Association Chairman regarding our proposal to host the 2021 AGM here in Hull. The Trustees have asked that we now host the 2022 AGM as Birmingham Branch has already presented well advanced plans for the 2021 AGM. (Pre meeting note: PW stated that this would actually suit us better as it gives us more time to plan)
- 6.6 An email was received from the Association Chairman giving information about crosses for the Garden of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey in London. Details in Annex D – (Pre meeting note: PW stated that we had in previous years paid for a Badge Cross and he proposed that we continue this tradition this year)

7.0 Reports

- 7.1 CESA – as SR not in attendance, no report was submitted.
- 7.2 Standard Bearer – The standard was paraded at the Hull Veterans Weekend by AP

8.0 Social Events –

- 8.1 Annual Dinner Numbers – the Member discussed the potentially low numbers who would attend this years Annual Dinner, this is in part due to a being a small association, (post meeting note PW: but also timings with the West Yorkshire Branch not being able to attend), The Branch potentially needs to explore other options/venues for subsequent years. There was some discussion regarding holding a joint dinner with other RMPA Branches.
- 8.2 Members indicated their preference for the tables to be set out as has been traditionally done (top table with three legs off) as opposed to the set up last year (separate tables of 10)
- 8.3 FH stated that we continue to hold the Annual Dinner this year, seconded by RH all in favour.
- 8.4 Members are asked to bring at least 1 raffle prize to the next Branch Meeting.
- 8.5 RMP AGM – Members stated that the Hull Branch should push for the AGM to be held in Hull (Post meeting note PW: See 6.5 above)

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1 Need to discuss Annual Dinner/Xmas combined function at the next meeting post Dinner

- 10.0 The time being 20.45hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by AP. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2019 at 18.00 hrs for a 20.00hrs start, The Hop Pole Public House, Willerby.

Agenda for September's Meeting

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Wed

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Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House

Sep 4 @ 18:00 – 21:00

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Hull & East Riding RMPA – Annual Dinner @ Hull Masonic Lodge

Sep 7 @ 19:00 – 23:45

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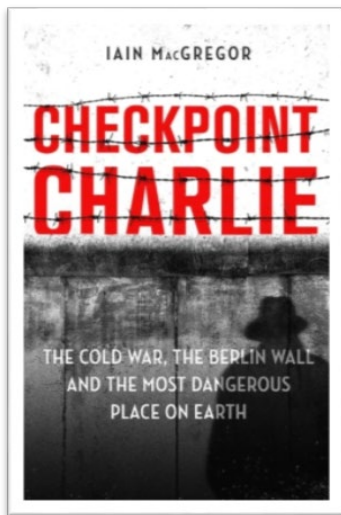
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Branch Meeting @ Hop Pole Public House

Oct 2 @ 18:00 – 21:00

Events:

Annex A



CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

The Cold War, the Berlin Wall and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth

Constable – 24th October 2019 – Hardback £20.00

A powerful, fascinating, and ground-breaking history of Checkpoint Charlie, the famous military gate on the border of East and West Berlin.

Published to coincide with the thirtieth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, *Checkpoint Charlie* is a vivid and poignant exploration of the history through the lens of interwoven first-person experiences.

East Germany committed a billion dollars to the creation of the Berlin Wall in the early 1960s, an eleven-foot-high barrier consisting of seventy-nine miles of fencing, 300 watchtowers, 250 guard dog runs, twenty bunkers, operated around the clock by guards who shot to kill. Over the next twenty-eight years, at least five thousand people attempted to smash through it, swim across it, tunnel under it, or fly over it.

In November 1989, the East German leadership buckled in the face of a civil revolt that culminated in half a million East Berliners demanding an end to the ban on free movement. The world's media flocked to capture the moment which, perhaps more than any other, signalled the end of the Cold War. Checkpoint Charlie had been the epicentre of global conflict for nearly three decades.

Checkpoint Charlie includes never-before-heard interviews with the men who built and dismantled the Wall; children who crossed it; relatives and friends who lost loved ones trying to escape over it; military policemen and soldiers who guarded the checkpoints; CIA, MI6, and Stasi operatives who oversaw operations at and across its borders; politicians whose ambitions shaped it; journalists who recorded its story; and many more whose living memories contributed to the full story.

"As a writer of oral history, I have enjoyed MacGregor bringing the stories of the people who populated this barrier to life. We need to remember." - Joshua Levine

About the author: As an editor and publisher of nonfiction, **Iain MacGregor** has over twenty-five years' experience of working with authors such as Melvyn Bragg, John Nichol, Simon Schama, and Max Hastings, to name but a very few.

For further information please contact Jess Gulliver on 0203 122 7414 or email jess.gulliver@littlebrown.co.uk

Annex B



74th ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND 15th - 17th MAY 2020, IN THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE

4th July 2019

GENERAL

1. The 74th Annual Reunion Weekend will be held over the period of 15th - 17th May 2020 in the City of Portsmouth at the Best Western Royal Beach Hotel, St Helens Parade, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO4 0RN
2. The weekend will be hosted and funded by the Royal Military Police Association, Depot Branch, led by the Chairman Mr Jack Duncan and the members of his Reunion Committee.

OUTLINE OF EVENTS

3. The outline of events covering the whole weekend are:

- a. Friday 15th May 2020

Arrival in Portsmouth. Members of the hosting Branch and the National Chair will be present in the Reception of the hotel to welcome and assist guests as required. Dinner will be held in the Ark Royal restaurant from 1900 hrs - 2100 hrs and will take the form of a buffet/carvery.

- b. Saturday 16th May 2020

- (i) Trustees' Meeting. The Trustees' meeting will be held in the Intrepid Room commencing at 1030 hrs.
- (ii) Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM will take place in the Intrepid Room commencing at 1430 hrs. If you are a member of the Association you are encouraged to attend.
- (iii) Annual Reunion Dinner. The Reunion Dinner will be held in the Invincible Room commencing at 1930 hrs. You are requested to be seated no later than 1925 hrs. Dress is civilian clothes (dark suit or blazers for gentlemen, ladies as appropriate).

- c. Sunday 13th May 2020

- (i) Church Service. A short non-denominational service is to be held within the hotel.
- (ii) Parade of Standards/March Past. We have been given permission to parade on the promenade opposite the hotel, between the South Parade Pier and the D-Day Museum.

ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES

4. The hotel's entire accommodation has been booked solely for the RMPA weekend. The number of rooms is limited.

- a. Package - From Friday 15th May

£112.50p per person. This includes dinner on the Friday evening, bed and breakfast for Friday and Saturday. i.e. For two people sharing a room the cost will be £225 for the two night package. The cost is based on a double or twin room including dinner on the Friday evening.

- b. Saturday Night 16th May only including breakfast.
£87.50p per double or twin room.
£62.50 p per single room.
- c. Extra Nights B&B
£87.50p per double or twin room.
£62.50p per single room.
- d. Sea View Supplement
£15 per room.

Please use the Booking Form at Annex A. **PLEASE NOTE:** Rooms can only be booked by using the said form, **DO NOT** phone the hotel or attempt to book on line, it will not work.

It is emphasised that the booking of accommodation is totally the responsibility of individual members.

- 5. In the event of any difficulty, members should contact the National Chair on 02392 265645.

DINNER/REUNION BAR

6. Dinner, which costs £35 per head including port, will be held in the Invincible Room at 1930 hrs and you are asked to be seated by 1925 hrs. A maximum of 250 persons may be seated.

7. The main bar of the hotel will be open at all times and on the night of the dinner an additional bar will be opened adjacent to the dining area. During the weekend there will be a discount on drinks and you will be given a Discount Card by the hotel on booking in.

8. Dinner will be of three courses consisting of Carrot and Coriander Soup served with croutons, Chicken wrapped in Parma ham with Madeira Sauce, Mixed Forest Fruit Panna Cotta plus tea/coffee and be inclusive of a glass of port for toasts. There is an alternative vegetarian option for the main course and that is Mushroom, Brie and Cranberry Wellington. Please ensure you advise the hotel of any special dietary requirements. Meals can be adapted for Gluten free.

9. Ticket applications, using the form at Annex B, should be sent to Mr Campbell-Smith. (Address shown on the Form). Cheques should be made payable to "RMPA Depot Branch". Closing date for applications will be **21 APRIL 2020** following which no further applications will be accepted and no refunds given in the event of cancellation or subsequent non-attendance.


TRAVEL

10. Travel to Portsmouth is outlined below:

- a. By air. Portsmouth is served by Southampton Airport and is approximately 45 minutes from the hotel.
- b. By road. Head to Portsmouth and enter either on the M275 (Western approach) or on the A2030 (Eastern approach). Follow the signs for the Seafront. You will know if you have gone too far as you will have a sinking feeling! Satnavs tend to direct you on to the M275.
- c. By rail. By train to either *Portsmouth and Southsea* or *Portsmouth Harbour* stations. Both stations are a short taxi ride from the hotel.
- d. Car Parking. The hotel does have limited parking. There is a NCP park to the east of the hotel but there is on road parking on the roads around the hotel. If you do use the hotel's car park be sure to book your vehicle in at Reception.

SUMMARY

11. The hotel is ideally located on sea front with many attractions in walking distance or a short bus ride away. The South Parade Pier which is opposite the hotel has been restored with bars and restaurants and there is a local convenience shop beneath the new block of apartments to the west of the hotel.



J Duncan
Chair
Royal Military Police
Depot Branch

DISTRIBUTION:

Regimental Secretary
Deputy-Colonel Commandant (Provost) and Honorary President RMPA
Provost Marshal (Army) and President RMPA
The Corps Colonel
The Honorary Colonel, RMP (Army Reserve)
Commandant Defence School of Policing and Guarding
The Provost Sergeant-Major
Regimental Sergeant-Major Royal Hospital Chelsea
All Serving Provost Personnel (less MPGS) via HQ 1 MP Brigade

Association:

Mr R Eggelton National Chairman
Mr R Potts – National Vice Chairman
Mr S Leach - National Secretary
All RMPA Trustees
All RMPA Branch Secretaries

**ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION
NORTH-EAST BRANCH**

Patron: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

President: Brigadier (retd) A R Bell, MBE

Chairman: Mr D Foster

Treasurer: Mr R Walker

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22nd April 2019

RMPA NORTH EAST BRANCH ANNUAL DINNER INVITATION

The RMPA (North East Branch) Annual Reunion Dinner will be held on Saturday 19th October 2019 in the Crown Plaza Newcastle, Stephenson Quarter, Hawthorn Square, Forth Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3PF. Arrival 6:30pm for 7:30pm.

There is a secure car park facility situated adjacent to the hotel in The Stephenson Quarter car park. The cost for parking is £12 for 24 hours parking. There will also be a number of rooms at reduced prices. If you require one, please let me know prior to the closing date or you can contact the hotel directly. The number of rooms may be adjusted when requirements are known.

Reception:	There is a mezzanine reception area leading to the room. This will contain a pay as you go bar which this year will include a lager service.
Dinner:	This will commence at 7:30pm. Service at 20:00hrs.
Cost:	£25.00 per person.
After Dinner:	Dinner will be followed by Paul Watson Disco and DJ and will be held in the same room as the dinner.
Wine:	There will be 2 bottles per table.
Dress:	Formal (Black tie and Miniatures)/Mess Dress/ Lounge Suits. Ladies' equivalent.
Hotels	Other hotels in the area are The Station Hotel and the County Hotel. Both are adjacent to the station.
Mobility Access:	All areas of the hotel have mobility access. 3 Lifts to all floors. Main entrance access available.

It is very much hoped that you will be able to attend. If you wish to attend, you are kindly requested to complete the proforma below and return it together with your remittance as soon as possible - **but not later than Fri 6th September 2019** to the Treasurer please:

Mr Ray Walker, 6 St Edmunds Court, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 3PF

Cheques should be made payable to: **RMPA (North East Branch)**

Or

BACS Transfers may also be used. Bank is Lloyds A/C 17845860 Sort Code 77-20-31. Inform Ray that you have used a BACS Transfer.

rayw361@googlemail.com

There will be a raffle on the night, if you wish to donate, please do so.

R C Hodgson

Hon. Secretary

Please email or telephone me should you require any further assistance.

I wish to attend the RMPA (North East Branch) Dinner on Saturday 12th October 2019.

I * shall / shall not be accompanied by my wife / husband / partner/Friend.

I enclose a cheque payable to 'RMPA (North East Branch)' for £25.00 per person.

(Please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME: Bob Hodgson

GUESTS: Mrs Anne Hodgson, Mr William Mullan.

ADDRESS: 73 Chesterhill, Cramlington

POST CODE: NE23 6JW TELEPHONE No: 01670 713550 EMAIL: bobhrmpa@mail.com

Any special dietary needs/requests:

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* Delete as appropriate - Return to Mr Ray Walker, 6 St Edmunds Court, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 3PF, with your cheque.

Annex D

PLEASE COMPLETE IN FULL AND RETURN BY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019

To: RHQ RMP
The Old Stables
(Postal Point 38)
Southwick Park
Nr Fareham
Hampshire
PO17 6EJ

From: _____ Date: _____
UNIT/BRANCH

Address:

Postcode: _____

Telephone Number: _____

FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE 20188

QTY	TYPE	COST	TOTAL
	Badge Cross 60 x 30 cms with RMP or RMPA Badge	£11.40 Each	
	Field Cross 60 x 30 cms with large spray of Poppies	£11.40 Each	
	Poppy Cross 30 x 15 cms with small spray of Poppies	£9.30 Each	
TOTAL ENCLOSED:			

STERLING CHEQUES ONLY - MADE PAYABLE TO "Regimental Fund"