



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

**Members Present:** Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); David Kennedy (DK); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Tony Walker (TW);

**Apologies:** Bob Hare (BH); Jason McCoubrey (JM); Alison Sayell (AS); Jim Savage (JS); Bernie Robinson (BR);

**Not Present:** Shane Harle (SH); Rachel Love (RL); Dan Joyce (DJ); James Nylan (JN); Paul DeLay (PD); Paul Clark (PC2); Paul Calderwood (PC3); Jon Wild (JW); Phil Cohen (PC); Sandra Robinson (SR); Daz Young (DY);

### Agenda for February 2023's Meeting

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Communications
6. Reports
  - 6.1. CESA
  - 6.2. Standard Bearer
7. Social Events
8. Any Other Business
9. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

1. Meeting opened at 20.01hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received AS, JM, BR, JS, PC,
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – No minutes for January as no meeting took place.
4. Matters arising – Return to be supplied to RHQ.
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1. A specific mention was made to the following topics
  - a. H.M. Tower of London Parade – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
  - b. 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion & AGM – Portsmouth – 28<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023
6. Reports
  - 6.1 CESA – No report – AS not present.
  - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP confirmed that the Standard had not been carried during January.
7. Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:

- 7.1 Further discussions will take place when a higher ratio of membership is present at the Branch Meeting.
8. Any Other Business –
- 8.1 Members Directory – FH stated that he could do with a renewed Members Directory, nothing fancy, maybe on a piece of A4 piece of paper.
- 8.2 ANP raised the question about the application for funding for equipment to facilitate Virtual Meetings. PW stated that he had put in an application for funding to the (now) Association Chairman, but had not heard anything back. PW will chase up with the Association Chairman.
- 8.3 (From July 2023's meeting) Gauntlets – During our recent event in London, ANP & PW had a discussion regarding the state of the Standard Bearers Gauntlets. These are very very old and are in need of replacement. PW will get a quote from Newton & Newton Flag and report back at the next meeting.
9. The time being 20.55hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 20.00hrs at the Manor Farm Public House, 194 Willerby Rd, Hull HU5 5JW. Members as usual, can meet up from 18.00hrs for food and drink.

### **Agenda for March's Meeting**

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
3. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
4. Matters Arising
5. Communications
6. Reports
  - 6.1. CESA
  - 6.2. Standard Bearer
  - 6.3. Corps Journal Correspondent
7. Social Events
8. Any Other Business
9. Close of Meeting & Date of Next Meeting

Dates for diaries:-

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Tower of London Event

#### **Friday – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

AGM and Reunion event Portsmouth

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023**

RMP / RMPA Memorial Parade NMA

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

RMP/ RMPA Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey Plot.

#### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Remembrance Sunday – RBL event Whitehall and Nationally.**

## Communications Received – January 2023

1. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the wearing of the CRIII Cap Badge as follows:

*From the Regimental Secretary: "With the release of our new cap badge (see attachment) it is important to note that former members of the RMP, who either completed their Colour Service or left the RMP, before the death of The Late Queen, should continue to wear the Late Queen's cap badge. Only those who serve with the RMP during the reign of The King are entitled to wear the CIIR cap badge during their service (when the new cap badge is issued) and only they will be entitled to wear the CIIR cap badge when they have left the Service. I shall continue to wear the cap badge of Queen Elizabeth II - the Sovereign whom I served - with enormous pride, as I imagine everyone else who also served Her Late Majesty will do so too. Exemplo Ducemus."*

2. An email was received regarding the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion & AGM which will be held in Portsmouth in 2023. The attached letter is including in ANNEX A

3. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the Fenland Branch as follows:

*Morning all Branch Secretaries*

*I would like to welcome and thank Pete Attridge for stepping up into the role of Chairman Fenland & District Branch RMPA.*

*Well done Pete and welcome.*

*I look forward to assisting the Branch in any way we may.*

4. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding Gift Aid applied to our subs payments as follows:

*Good afternoon all.*

*In answer to some request attached is a copy of a HMRC Declaration form for Gift Aid.*

*No it does not need signing – this is an HMRC Form it is for them to set what is and is not required.*

*No it does not need any National Insurance Number – see above note.*

*An individual making a donation to the Association via a branch as an annual voluntary fee who is a UK Tax Payer should be asked if they would kindly allow us to claim Gift Aid on their stated donation.*

*The forms should be kept at local level.*

*A collated list sent to either myself or Taff Pickering our Treasurer*

*rmpatreasurer7@gmail.com detailing this donation and any others made during the previous 4 years*

*We will then submit an application to HMRC to be granted the appropriate Gift Aid back.*

*If HMRC the wish to check the validity of our claim we will be bale to show where it came from and who made the donation – we may then ask for a copy of that specific declaration form or they may come to you direct.*

*Hope this helps – it really is a valuable source of income to us.*

The gift aid form can be found in ANNEX B of this document.

5. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the sad passing of Lt. Col. B. Rawlings as follows:

***This in from the Regimental Secretary this morning;-***

*Dear Friends and colleagues,*

*It is my sad duty to inform you that Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Rawlings, died in the early hours of this morning after many years of characteristic courage, dignity and good humour whilst living with kidney disease. He was 84.*

*Gazetted to the Corps of Royal Military Police in 1958, Brian served variously in West Germany, Cyprus, Libya, West Berlin, Chichester, in Northern Ireland commanding 175 ("The Heavies") Provost Company, 200 (Singapore) Provost Company, at SHAPE and at Headquarters Western District. He also served with the Trucial Oman Scouts and the Abu Dhabi Defence Force.*

*Brian's funeral will be conducted privately in accordance with his last wishes. Letters of condolence should be sent to:*

*Mrs Carol Rawlings  
Highway Cottage,  
Green Drove,  
Pewsey,  
Wiltshire. SN9 5JD*

6. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the sad passing of Sgt. William Gray as follows:

*News has reached me of the death of*

*Former 23047193 Sergeant William Gray passed away on the on 28th December. He attended Brentwood Grammar School, Essex and joined Essex Police as a Cadet. He was called up for National Service in 1954 and passed out of Inkerman Barracks in Squad 448, in November of that year. He was one of the few that were promoted straight to Sergeant and spent his National Service in SIB in Bielefeld. On demob, he re-joined Essex Police and was one of the first, if not the first, to be sponsored through university where it is understood that he was awarded a BSc. He transferred to Bedfordshire Police where he retired in 1992 as Deputy Chief Constable.*

7. An email was received from Stewart Leach containing the joining instruction for this month's H.M. Tower of London Parade, which can be found in ANNEX C.
8. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the SIB Dinner for 2023. Details can be found in ANNEX D
9. An email was received regarding the fundraising activities of ProSM Jon Miller as follows:



*The Provost Sgt Maj, WO1 Jon Miller is fundraising to help mark the 20th anniversary of the death of his younger brother Simon, who was killed in action along with five of his Military Police colleagues in Iraq on the 24th June 2003, whilst serving with the British Army in the Royal Military Police. An incident which, at the time, was very high profile.*

*Simon was only 21 years old when he died, almost the same amount of time has passed since he was tragically taken, and as a family they have never been able to celebrate his life properly.*

*Simon and his five colleagues remain very much in the thoughts of their families, friends and the RMP community and as this year marks the 20th anniversary of their death, Jon wants to do something significant to celebrate Simon's life. Football was his passion, so Jon is organising a bells and whistles memorial football match in his honour and memory. Whilst some things to support the event have been donated, the event cannot take place without cost, particularly when it comes to facilities, staffing, catering, advertising etc, therefore, in order to make this event as spectacular as it deserves to be, and without compromise, I am reaching out to your good nature and generosity to help fund it and make it a success.*

<https://gofund.me/48de6921>



10. An email was received with news from RHQ as follows:

*Dear Friends and colleagues,*

*It is my sad duty to inform you that Major Mike Kitchen died on the 26th January. He was 80.*

*Enlisting as a soldier, Mike spent much of his Colour Service with the Special Investigation Branch (SIB) before being commissioned in 1978. He continued to serve with the SIB in the UK, Germany, Northern Ireland, and Hong Kong.*

*A keen artist, Mike painted three pictures of the RMP on operations (Northern Ireland; the Falkland Islands; and the Gulf) which now hang in the Officers' Mess at Southwick Park, while prints of the original adorn many a wall in homes, Messes and Offices. He also painted portraits of two Colonels Commandant (Field Marshal Lord Inge and General Lord Dannatt) and a number of landscapes and seascapes of Hong Kong*

*Details of Mick's funeral will be disseminated once known. Letters of condolence should be sent to:*

*Mrs Mary Kitchen*

*(address via RHQ or [secretary@rmpa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rmpa.org.uk) )*

*Yours sincerely,*

*SIG*

*J T Green OBE  
Colonel  
Regimental Secretary*

11. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the late Field Marshal the Lord Bramhall as follows:

*All Branches for distribution*

*Thanksgiving Service for Field Marshal the Lord Bramall. The service, which was postponed in 2020, will take place at Winchester Cathedral on Thursday 27th April 2023 at 2.30 pm.*

*Anyone wishing to attend please come back to me by close of play on 14th Feb 2023 so that I may get your names off to RHQAGC.*

*We will require the following please*

*The names of those wishing to attend.  
The postal address to which tickets and administrative instructions should be sent (in mid-March 2023).*

*Contact email.*

*All above details will be passed to RHQAGC and ultimately onto RHQ Rifles who are coordinating centre.*

12. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the passing of LCPL Len Stevens as follows:

23138020 LCpl Ken STEVENS joined Royal Signals in May 1955, then transferred to RMP as a member of squad 503. Following which he was posted to 6 Armd Div Pro Coy RMP BFPO 10. On leaving the Corps he spent time as a Constable in the Met Police service before settling in Herne Bay, Kent. Ken leaves a loving family son Kevin and daughters Jackie and Karen. Ken passed away on Monday 23rd January 2023 at his home. The funeral date is yet to be confirmed however highly likely that it will be at Barham Crematorium. The presence of any of Ken's friends, colleagues or members of the RMPA at his final parade would be greatly appreciated. Kent RMPA Branch are in contact and will update us accordingly. Condolences have been conveyed at local level to Ken's family.

13. An email was received regarding the Royal Hospital Chelsea Founders Parade as follows:

*Founders Day 2023 Royal Hospital Chelsea*

*The Association has been allocated 8 individual places at the above event on Thursday 8th June 2023.*

*You are requested to submit nominations to me please no later than the 6th March 2023. (not a long lead in not of my doing we are required to meet others' deadlines!)*

*This will allow for selection by draw, if over subscription is reached.*

*Nominations must include.*

*Nominating Branch - First name – Surname – FULL postal address (Invites are sent to the individual) - Mobile Phone Contact and email – please note that these details will be forwarded to the RHC via RHQRMP – so data is shared necessarily.*

*RHC also need to know of any requirement for mobility assistance or special needs.*

*The RHC will not accept Mr John Smith and Mrs J Smith for example they need details of both as individuals – hence so do I. Please note I will not come back to anyone asking for verification of missing details – that application will not proceed.*

*Please ensure that any one nominated is indeed free to attend on Thursday 8th June 2023 – last year we had people who having volunteered then dropped out and we are unable to transfer tickets / invites once the RHC has sent them.*

*Anyone who has previously attended will not be included in any initial selection unless we are under subscribed (doubtful!!!)*

*Attendance is at the individual's expense; attendees need to be able to enter the RHC by 10:00 hrs – 1030hrs (full details are issued by RHC to invitees).*

*It may be that you have a Branch member who you wish to reward – this may be the opportunity to do so.*

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTH'S COMMUNICATIONS.





ANNEX A



## Royal Military Police Association 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion

### Administration Instruction

#### 1. GENERAL

The Depot Branch is hosting the 77<sup>th</sup> Royal Military Police Association Reunion 2023 over the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The venue is the Royal Maritime Hotel and Club, Queens Street, Portsmouth PO1 3HS. It is appreciated that traditionally such reunions are held in May, but short notice curtailed the choices available.

The hotel is situated in the heart of the older part of Portsmouth close to the Naval Heritage area. It has a small swimming pool and jacuzzi plus a games room which will be available for your use.

#### 2. FORMAT

The format of the weekend is as follows:

- Friday Meet and greet. Evening meal at individuals' discretion either in the hotel or at nearby restaurants.
- Saturday 0930 hrs Coach to Southwick Park – Visit RMP Museum, D Day Map Room and Memorial Chapel curtesy of Col J Green OBE (see para 6 below). There is no charge as the coach is sponsored.  
1400 hrs Trustees' Meeting (as directed by National Secretary)  
1430 hrs AGM (as directed by the National Secretary)  
1930 hrs Reunion Dinner
- Sunday Service and Parade. Members who wish to do so can join the congregation at St Ann's Church, HM Dockyard, commencing at 1000 hrs. The service is a C of E Eucharist Service. The church is about a ten-minute walk from the hotel. Hopefully permission will be granted for a short parade following the service. See Annex C

#### 3. ACCOMMODATION

The booking of accommodation is the individual's responsibility.  
To book, phone reception on **02392824231** giving the reference **GA000313**.  
Classic Double for 2 People B&B = £118.80 per room, per night  
Classic Double for 1 Person B&B = £93.15 per room, per night

Budget Double for 2 people B&B = £91.80 per room, per night  
Budget Double for 1 person B&B = £66.15 per room, per night

(Budget Rooms are those waiting to be refurbished although they are functionable may appear a little tired)

Alternative accommodation is available locally. There is a Premier Inn in Queens Street. Reservations can be made on 08715278000.

#### 4. REUNION DINNER

The Reunion Dinner is to take place in the Trafalgar Ballroom commencing at 1930 hours and will consist of a three-course meal with coffee/tea and port - Cost £35. Special dietary meals can be accommodated. You are requested to be seated by 1920 hrs.

Deciding on a menu is not easy at the best of times but the following choice was made .

**Starter:** Trio of melon with ginger and lime dressing (this course is V and VG)

**Mains:** Braised Paupiettes of Beef (Braised in red wine with a mirepoix of vegetables)

*Vegetarian option: Roasted Halloumi with Spiced Mediterranean vegetables served with rice*

**Dessert:** Homemade Apple and Blackberry crumble - Crème Anglaise

*Vegetarian option; Key Lime Pie (V and VG)*

Tea or coffee with mints

Port (for toasts)

If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know in good time.

This not a formal dinner but you are requested to dress appropriately – lounge suit or blazer.

To reserve a place at the dinner please complete the Form at Annex A.

Groups e.g Cyprus Vets, 1(Br) Corps, a particular squad are encouraged to book a table(s) and have a mini reunion.

#### WRAC Provost Table\*

Depot Branch will sponsor five (5) WRAC Provost Veterans and their partner/guest to the 2023 Reunion Dinner in Portsmouth.

If you served with the WRAC Provost and if both you and your prospective partner have yet to attend an RMP Association Reunion Dinner, depot branch will fund the cost of first five applicants, (*received in writing on the dinner application 'ANNEX A' proforma*) and that partner/guest to their reunion meal on the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023. All other costs of attending remain the responsibility of the attendees.

(\*Note:- All sponsored persons will share the same table)

#### 5. TRAVEL

By Air. The nearest airport is Southampton. Approx 18 miles from the hotel.

By Rail. The nearest station is Portsmouth Harbour Station which is a short walk from the hotel.

By Coach. Go to the Portsmouth Harbour Interchange. The hotel is a short walk away.

By Vehicle. Set your Satnav for PO1 3HS. It should bring you into the City via the M275 and it is not far from the end of the motorway. Parking is limited at the hotel and there is no free on road parking (Portsmouth Council has an abundance of yellow paint). Parking facilities are nearby and are situated at:

Local roads around the hotel allow you may park free for 1 hour and you then can purchase a daily parking permit from the Reception for £4.50p. Please check that the road you are parked in is covered by the permit arrangement.

The Historic Dockyard Carpark, which is situated in Admiralty Road, directly opposite the hotel is a 24 hour manned location. At the time of this instruction the cost for 24 hours is £12.

#### 6. VISIT TO SOUTHWICK PARK

A 53 seater coach, sponsored by Bob and Joy Eggelton, will be provided to transport attendees to Southwick Park on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April, you will be able to visit the RMP Museum, be given a short briefing in the D Day Map Room and you may visit the Memorial Chapel if you wish to visit. The

coach will leave Southwick Park at 1200 hrs bringing you back in time for lunch. If you wish to prevail of this free trip, please complete Annex B and return to Bob Eggelton at [roberteggelton@btinternet.com](mailto:roberteggelton@btinternet.com) Provision will be made for you to order shop items in advance and collect on the day. Reservations will be on a first come first served basis.

If you are not planning to arrive on the Friday and wish to travel direct to Southwick Park on the Saturday morning prior to booking in at the hotel, this can be arranged but your details will be required for security reasons. Please use Annex B but ensure that you endorse the form that you are not requiring a seat on the coach.

## 7. LOCAL PLACES TO VISIT

You will not have to step far outside the hotel doors before you are in the Historic Dockyard, step back into history where the The Royal Naval Museum, HMS Warrior, HMS Victory and the Mary Rose Exhibition await your visit. It is suggested that you research and book any visits. Go to <https://www.historicdockyard.co.uk>

If you are in the mood for some retail therapy, then just a stone's throw away is Gunwharf Quays with its extensive range of outlets, cafes, and restaurants. Whilst in Gunwharf why not visit the Spinnaker Tower?

You are 5 minutes (by car) to the Isle of Wight car/foot ferry or a short bus ride (15 minutes) from the Hovercraft to the Isle of Wight.

## 8. CONTACT

If you have any questions about the weekend please contact Bob Eggelton at [roberteggelton@btinternet.com](mailto:roberteggelton@btinternet.com)

J Duncan  
Chair



Depot Branch RMPA  
September 2022

1<sup>st</sup>

ANNEX A  
To Admin Instruction dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

**77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION WEEKEND**  
**Application for Reunion Dinner Tickets for Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023**  
**The Royal Maritime Hotel & Club Queen Street Portsmouth**

***When completed post or email to:***

Mr R H Campbell-Smith  
10 Furzehall Avenue  
Fareham  
Hants **PO16 8UD**  
email [2023reunion@btinternet.com](mailto:2023reunion@btinternet.com)

Branch Admin. Received Replied Tickets Refund-
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Please reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ ticket(s) @ £35.00p each for the 77<sup>th</sup> Reunion Dinner. My Cheque to £\_\_\_\_\_ payable to

“RMPA (Depot) Branch” is enclosed / BACS transfer to: **RMPA (Depot) Branch 20-20-62, Account 80763284** was made on \_\_\_\_\_ with reference \_\_\_\_\_. Please use ‘MEAL plus your initials’.

(Venue has planned for 16 tables of 10 persons)

FULL NAME	Branch if Member	TOTAL DUE

**Please use a second proforma for additional tickets**

A numbered E – Ticket will be allocated for each diner. That number will be emailed to the purchaser assuming an email address is provided as evidence of receipt. The number will be entered into a special draw on the night. Receipts will only be provided if an SAE is received with postal payments. Any issues please contact Depot Branch Sec R L Egelton.

Special dietary requirements are:

Seating requests (*Preferences cannot be guaranteed, WRAC Provost table excepted*)

Contact Details:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_ Tel \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ RMPA Life/Regimental No \_\_\_\_\_(Signed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS PROFOMA IS TO BE RECEIVED BY THE ADDRESSEE NO LATER THAN 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER THIS DATE DUE TO CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS WITH THE VENUE.**

ANNEX B  
To Admin Instr dated  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

**COACH TRIP TO SOUTHWICK PARK**

**SATURDAY THE 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

A 53 seater coach will be available on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to convey members from the hotel to Southwick Park and return.

The coach will depart the hotel at 0930 hours and leave Southwick Park at 1200 hours returning to the hotel by 1230 hours.

During your time at Southwick Park you will be able to visit the Royal Military Police Museum, D Day Map Room and the Service Chapel courtesy of the Regimental Secretary, Col JT Green OBE.

If you wish to take advantage of this offer then please enter your full name in the box provided and return to Bob Eggelton at [roberteggelton@btinternet.com](mailto:roberteggelton@btinternet.com) .

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and is open to all those attending the weekend.


If you wish to pre-order any item from the RHQ Shop and collect on the day please contact the Shop on 02392 284651 or email: [shop\\_rhqrmp@btconnect.com](mailto:shop_rhqrmp@btconnect.com) :

ANNEX C  
To Admin Instr dated  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

**CHURCH SERVICE**

**SUNDAY THE 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

There is to be a Church Service on Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at St. Anne's Church, RN Dockyard (about 10 mins walk from the hotel) commencing at 1000 hours. It is intended to join the congregation for a normal Sunday service. It is anticipated that there will be a short parade following the service.

For security reasons all those wishing to attend the service must register their intention prior to the day. If you wish to attend, please place your full name in the box provided and return to Bob Egelton at: [roberteggelton@btinternet.com](mailto:roberteggelton@btinternet.com)


You **will not** be able to take your vehicle into this location



### Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

**Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate**

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year.

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

**In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:**

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_

and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:  
to:

**Name of Charity : -**

**Royal Military Police Association (RMPA)**

**(Registered Charity 261630)**

**HMRC Recorded contact name :- [Secretary@rmpa.org.uk](mailto:Secretary@rmpa.org.uk)**

*"I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference".*

#### My Details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First name or initial(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address:-

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.***

#### **Please notify the charity if you:**

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.



## **RMP / RMPA ANNUAL CHURCH PARADE, TOWER OF LONDON 26 FEB 22**

### **GENERAL**

The RMP have a long history of association with the Tower of London and the Yeoman Warders. This is celebrated annually through attendance an annual church parade within the Tower of London, St Katharine's & Wapping, London EC3N 4AB.

**On Sunday 26 Feb 23**, members of 3 Regiment Royal Military Police, the Royal Military Police Association and invited guests will march from the Yeoman Warders' Club to join a public church service which will be followed by refreshments back at the Yeoman Warders' Club.

### **Aim**

To deliver a key annual event that develops esprit de corps and further builds on the relationship with LONDIST and the Tower of London by the RMP and Association

### **Objectives**

The RMP annual church parade will deliver the following objectives:

- a. DELIVER a Public Military Event within LONDIST AO that will raise the profile of the RMP.
- b. DEMONSTRATE support to the Tower of London through a Public Military Event.
- c. PROMOTE esprit de corps through an annual ceremonial commitment within 3 RMP AO.
- d. Further promote the liaison and mutual support of the retired membership to the serving cohort of Our Association.

**Provost Marshal (Army)** is invited to attend the church parade and receive the salute from the marching contingent on the return route after the church service.

**RMPA** Branches / Members are requested to.

- (1) Liaise with Vice Chair RMPA Sean Taylor and confirm attendance of personnel and branch standards.
- (2) Non Branch RMPA members are requested to send their details as above to Vice Chair RMPA Sean Taylor
- (3) Closing date for notice of intent to attend for all is

**17:00 hrs 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



**Details required to be submitted BY ALL including Association guests are :-**

**Surname – Initials – Branch (if you have one)**

**Some form of photo ID should be carried.**

**Vice Chair RMPA email contact is [seanetaylor3130@gmail.com](mailto:seanetaylor3130@gmail.com)**

Vice chair RMPA will then provide Planning Officer 3 RMP with a nominal role of RMPA members & guests attending the event by COP Fri 17 Feb 22.

**6. Dress**

Retired RMPA members are requested to wear appropriate Association order of dress ie Blazer/ Grey Slacks/White Shirt/Red Beret / medals (full size). Those former Officers attending may either follow above code or if preferred a suit of sombre appearance and appropriate style, berets are encouraged but "Officers may wear bowler hats".

**The National Standard will be on Parade on the day.**

**7. Entry to the Tower Estate**

- a. All non-VIP personnel are to enter on foot via the **Mid Gate entrance**.
- b. **Attendees will NOT be granted access via the Main Gate or East Gate.**
- c. Mid Gate is accessible on foot from the wharf and will be marked by uniformed RMP stewards.
- d. A guest list will be held at the Mid Gate to ensure controlled access.
- e. **Only those personnel on the guest list will be permitted entry, it is therefore imperative that all personnel attending have submitted their details through the Vice Chair RMPA Sean Taylor as above.**
- f. Any personnel with specific access needs are to notify Vice Chair RMPA as above NLT 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023.
- g. There is **NO PARKING AVAILABLE** at the venue.

**8. Assembly & Timings**

All attendees should gather at the Yeoman Warders Club not before 0945 hrs but before 10:30 hrs

<b>01</b>	0945	Serving cohort advance party and Marching contingent arrive at Tower of London	
<b>02</b>	1000hrs	Yeoman Warders' Club opens	253 will set up tea/coffee refreshments
<b>03</b>	1010hrs	Stewards in place	
<b>04</b>	NLT1030hrs	Marching contingent in place at Yeoman Warders' Club	Stewards facilitate marching contingent
<b>05</b>	1035hrs	Parade formed up outside Yeoman Warders' Club	
<b>06</b>	1040hrs	Parade steps off	Controlled by ProSM and CSM 253 Pro Coy 'eyes right' as pass Waterloo Barracks (The Jewel House) Guard.
<b>07</b>	1050hrs	Parade arrives at chapel	

<b>08</b>	1100hrs	Church service begins	
<b>09</b>	First Hymn, 1 <sup>st</sup> verse	Standard bearers pass standards to Padre	
<b>10</b>	Last Hymn, 1 <sup>st</sup> verse	Standard bearers collect standards from Padre	
<b>11</b>	Service ends	VIP party depart	Move to saluting point at Waterloo Barracks (The Jewel House) Guard.
<b>12</b>	Tbc	Parade forms up	Controlled by ProSM / CSM 253 Pro Coy Outside chapel
<b>13</b>	Tbc	Parade steps off	General salute given as pass VIP party
<b>14</b>	Tbc	Parade arrives Yeoman Warders' Club	Controlled by ProSM / CSM 253 Pro Coy Parade falls out to club
<b>15</b>	Tbc	Tea/Coffee at Yeoman Warders' Club	Bar open
<b>16</b>	Tbc	VIP party departs	PM(A) vehicle in position
<b>17</b>	1500hrs	Yeoman Warders' Club closed	All to depart
<b>18</b>	1630hrs	Tower of London closed	All to depart

9. **Church service.**

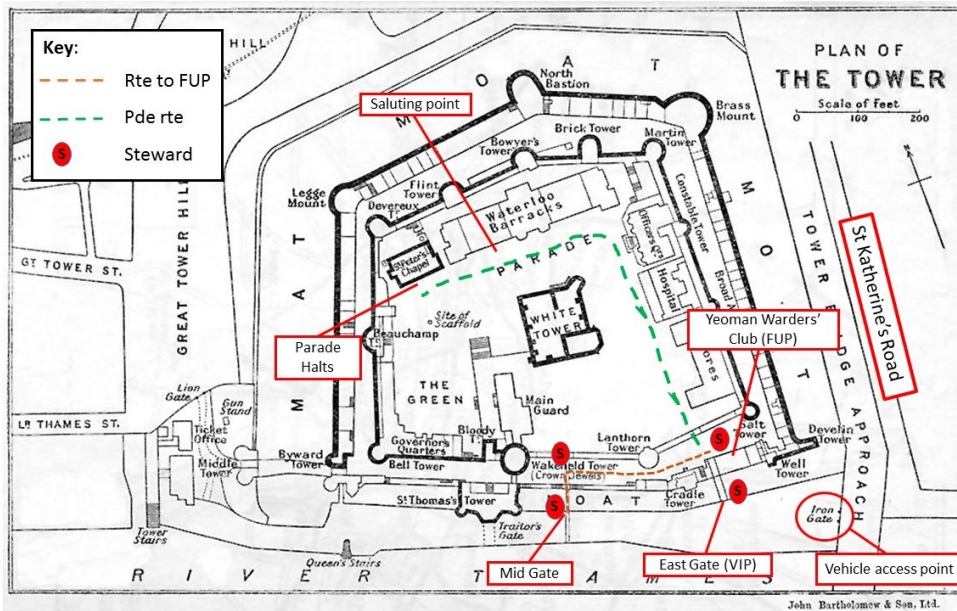
The church service is open to the public and will be led by the Padre to the Tower of London. Seats will be reserved at the front for invited guests and VIPs. The routine for the church parade is outlined above.

10. **Refreshments.**

Tea and Coffee will be provided in the Yeoman Warders' Club after the church parade has completed. As there are no catering facilities within the Yeoman Warders' Club, CQMS 253 Pro Coy will supply the equipment necessary to provide tea and coffee for those personnel attending the event. The Yeoman Warders' Club Bar will be open for those who wish to purchase additional beverages (Cash only). The Yeoman Warders Club will be open on the day, where Tea and coffee will be provided, purchase of alcohol and other refreshments must be **CASH ONLY**

**Association lead at this event is**  
**Vice Chair Sean Taylor [seanetaylor3130@gmail.com](mailto:seanetaylor3130@gmail.com)**

**KEY LOCATIONS FOR RMP TOWER OF LONDON CHURCH PARADE 26 FEB 23**



**MAP IN GENERAL FOR RMP TOWER OF LONDON CHURCH PARADE 26 FEB 23**



SA Leach MBE  
Secretary  
RMPA

For and behalf of Bob Potts  
Chairman RMPA

th January 2023 [secretary@rmpa.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rmpa.org.uk)

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14. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding the Crosses for Field of Remembrance:

*Morning again on behalf of Clare at RHQ who coordinates the Poppy Cross Orders may I ask please that you get the orders back to her NO LATER than Friday 2nd September 2022 that will allow her to transpose your order to the central one.*

*Please do check that you have the details correctly stated and that payment has indeed been made, this is a frustrating duty for Clare and it is not made easier if we don't get the basics right.*

*Again Cheques made payable and BaCS payable as per the order forms no need to check – they are right.*

15. An email was received from Stewart Leach as follows:

*Good afternoon / evening all Branch Secretaries*

*I do hope that the heat is at least within your scope to manage, here in Devon today it's certainly been warm but not a scorcher as such – thunderstorm at lunchtime and rain for an hour.*

**Topic One.**

**Remembrance (1)**

*We sent out details of how to order your Crosses for inclusion and placement at our plot at West Minster Abbey, if you have not yet got around to discussing it then please do and get the orders off asap, this will assist Clare at RHQ.*

**Remembrance (2)**

*If you have members who wish to be part of the RMPA contingent at the RBL Muster on Remembrance Sunday please do get them, if they have not already done so, to email Bob Potts with their interest and details – we need ideally to get 75 names however if we can only achieve 50 then that will have to do, the consequence is that we will be cut in our allocation by the RBL for future years, the reason being that Whitehall has a total capacity in terms of safety and event security and control – each veteran place is therefore counted in the overall figures, if the RBL can cut some contingents due to lack of uptake then they will.*

*Applications to Bob on potts8@me.com asap please.*

**Topic Two - Association affiliations and support**

*Its been brought to our attention that recently a charity stated that “the Royal Military Police Association are supporters of this particular charity”. May we just caution that as a charity the Association has not directly supported financially, other than for an individual known Association member benefiting in some way by means of needed support, or by way of referral any charity other than our own RMP CBF. We do often refer people to various charities in accordance with the CoBSEO panel or the Veterans Gateway signposting – such as the ABF or RBL etc. We do also from time to time promulgate a charity approach particularly if one of our members is involved in that cause as a fund raiser or case worker etc. We have not endorsed therefore any charity above another or in favour of one or other. We do occasionally authorise our logo to be used for a specific and stated reason – such as the Hotel in Hull signposting our recent event there. If you spot our logo being used by anyone other than a Branch or member, please let us know.*

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTH'S COMMUNICATIONS.