



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 1st March 2023

Members Present: Bob Hare (BH); Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); David Kennedy (DK); Fred Hemmerman (FH);

Apologies: 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 20.00hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received RLD is on her honeymoon! AS, JM, BR, JS, PC, SJ
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – No updated minutes. Will be issued on the website.
4. Matters arising – Return to be supplied to RHQ.
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA – No report – AS not present. PW to chase up the minutes with CESA Chairman.
 - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP confirmed that the Standard had not been carried during February.
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.
 - 8.4 RH asked for clarification as to his current sub. AS to confirm.
 - 8.5 ANP asked whether there is a Hull Veterans Weekend this year? PW stated that he hadn't heard anything, but would make enquiries.
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 5th April at 20.31hrs 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 April'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:-

Friday – Sunday 28th – 30th April 2023

AGM and Reunion event Portsmouth

Saturday 3rd June 2023

RMP / RMPA Memorial Parade NMA

Saturday 11th November 2023

RMP/ RMPA Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey Plot.

Sunday 12th November 2023 Remembrance Sunday – RBL event Whitehall and Nationally.

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1. An email was received from Stewart Leach regarding a food survey:
RHQ RMP have asked that we forward the note below, it is a voluntary survey as presented, it has no origination from the RMPA and no consultation has been sought, individual complete of their volition.

The note reads:-

Hello,

Northumbria University is working with the RN, RM, Army and RAF Associations to carry out research on food insecurity and financial hardship within the UK Ex-Armed Forces Community. Food insecurity is the lack of access to enough affordable food of decent quality for your own needs. As part of this study, we're inviting veterans and the family of veterans who are a member of the one of the Army Associations to take part in an online survey. The online survey will only take between 5-10 minutes to complete and will ask about your food situation and your general health and wellbeing.

Please note that the information that you provide will be anonymous and you can withdraw from the survey at any time by closing the webpage or your web browser.

If you would like to take part in this study, please click the below link:

<https://northumbria.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/food-security-study-army>

More information about the study is provided in the link. If you have any questions or would like any more information about this study, please contact Dr Amy Johnson (amy6.johnson@northumbria.ac.uk).

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It is indeed perhaps outwardly an uninspiring note looking more like a doodle by an academic perhaps, rather than a serious request for assistance – however there it is.