



# Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



## Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Members Present:** Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); David Kennedy (DK); Jon Wild (JW);

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

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

### Agenda for July 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 DJ, BH, JM, JS, AS, FH, BR
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – The last meeting was the AGM, the minutes have been published on our website: <http://hull-rmpa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/0623-RMPA-Minutes-June-2023-AGM.pdf> .
4. Matters arising – JW has offered to take on the role as Treasurer for Branch, taking over from AS. This was appreciated by all present and the Chairman offered his thanks.
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 June.
7. Social Events – A general discussion was held regarding the holding of events this year and the general agreement was as follows:

- 7.1 It is impossible to discuss holding Social Events without a greater number of members 'buying in' to the event. Whilst it is absolutely the desired aim of the Branch to become more social in a bid to welcome additional members, the Branch is very much in a 'chicken and egg' situation, we cannot move forward, without the support of the Members.
  - 7.2 Further discussions will take place when a higher ratio of membership is present at the Branch Meeting.
8. Any Other Business –
- 8.1 ANP stated that he had been at the Armed Forces Forum and the Veterans Weekend was discussed. Hull City Council stated that they are trying to restart the Veterans Weekend and are looking at 2024 with several venues been discussed, including returning to East Park.
9. The time being 20.43hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 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 August'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
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Dates for diaries:-

#### **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 – June 2023

1. An email was received from the Association Secretary giving information relating to the Veterans Aware website, which is well worth a look: <https://veteranaware.nhs.uk/>
2. An email was received from the Association Secretary giving a full biography of the incoming Provost Marshall Brigadier Sarah Pringle-Smith, which can be viewed in Annex A.

END OF COMMUNICATIONS



### **Provost Marshal (Army) Brigadier Sarah L Pringle-Smith**

An Honours Graduate of Cardiff University, with a Postgraduate Certificate in Education, Brigadier Sarah Pringle-Smith was commissioned into the Adjutant General's Corps (Royal Military Police) from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in August 1998.

An alumnus of the Advanced Command and Staff Course, and more recently the Higher Command and Staff Course, Brigadier Sarah has commanded at every rank both Regular and Reserve officers and soldiers. Her operational experience includes a millennium tour to the Former Republic of Yugoslavia, as well as deployments on Operation TELIC in 2003 and Operation HERRICK in 2012. During her second tour to Northern Ireland, she witnessed the end of Operation BANNER and was actively involved in the transition to Operation HELVETIC. She has served as Chief of Staff on three separate occasions, with consecutive appointments at 1 Military Police Brigade, the Directorate Capability (Army) and Headquarters Provost Marshal (Army).

With 26 years experience as a Royal Military Police officer, she has seamlessly balanced roles within the Special Investigation Branch; General Police Duties; and a range of wider Army, Joint and Defence appointments. Her last appointment as a Colonel was Director of the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the United Kingdom's Defence Academy before her appointment in June 2023 as the Provost Marshal (Army).

Sarah was acknowledged in the category of Outstanding Contribution in the Women in Defence Awards in 2017, for her role in delivering organisational change within 1 Military Police Brigade. She has been a Co-Chair and Executive Director of the Army Servicewomen's Network and has also been a mentor as part of the 30% Club, a global campaign led by senior leaders and Chief Executive Officers taking action to increase gender diversity at board and executive committee levels. She continues to demonstrate a personal commitment to diversity and inclusivity as an ally. Outside her professional life, Sarah enjoys spending quality time with her family and friends. She is married to Richard, and together they have two teenage daughters, two German Shorthaired Pointers and are season ticket holders for Swindon Wildcats.