



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 6th September 2023

Members Present: Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Alison Sayell (AS);

Apologies: Jon Wild (JW); David Kennedy (DK); Phil Cohen (PC); Bob Hare (BH); Jason McCoubrey (JM); Jim Savage (JS); Bernie Robinson (BR); Fred Hemmerman (FH);

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

Agenda for September 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 20.12hrs. AP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance and welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – Apologies received RL, 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/2023/09/0823-RMPA-Minutes-August-2023.pdf>
ANP proposed that they were a true record, seconded by DK.
4. Matters arising – JW still has to take ownership of the Treasurers briefcase.
5. Communications – All published online and attached in Annex 1.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA – AS attended that last meeting on the 14/07/23. The following are notable:
 - 6.1.1. RBL have now relocated to Londesborough Barracks. No telephone line available therefore if you need to contact PG, please use his mobile number.

6.1.2. REME – 23rd September Event (Evening Dinner) – Brian Coulson – Masonic Lodge – the Theme behind the years is to mark the 55th anniversary of the forming of our branch. Dress Code – Very Smart – information provided via email post meeting.

6.1.3. Battle of Britain – 17th September 2023 – Cenotaph 10:30hrs for 11:00 start.

7. Standard Bearer – ANP confirmed that the Standard had not been carried during August.

8. 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.

9. Any Other Business –

8.1 NONE

10. The time being 20.56hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th September 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.

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Dates for diaries:-

Saturday 11th November 2023

RMP/ RMPA Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey Plot.

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

Communications Received – August 2023

1. An email was received from the Association Secretary containing a letter from Captain of Invalids, No. 2 Company at the Royal Hospital Chelsea as follows:

Dear all,

I am thrilled to announce that our in-pensioner pace sticking team achieved an outstanding result yesterday, marking their very first major victory. Their tireless efforts resulted in a stunning performance at the London District competition, where they faced off against all five-foot Guard's Regiments.

I am proud to announce that our A team emerged as the champions, securing first-place position. Our B team secured a commendable 4th place amidst fierce competition.

We can also extend our congratulations to IP Dave Godwin for his remarkable achievement of being voted 'Best Pace Sticker,' a testament to his dedication and skill that has undoubtedly contributed to our team's triumph.

See link below for the announcement of the winning team by Garrison Sergeant Major, WO1 Vern Stokes:

Announcement:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oA7JxlaN0hFCITxc-zGa8snOUD9rHN-C/view?usp=sharing>

Pace sticking:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E3dfBeJkufipO0EhuZOX6W76dkYDQ5YS/view?usp=sharing>

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MjRnmXhZFS4M8QmaDqd6kLxeChy08TSd/view?usp=sharing>

Kind Regards

*Frankie Howell
Captain of Invalids No 2 Company*

2. An email was received from the Association Secretary regarding this years Poppy Pins as follows:

RMP 2023 Poppy Pins

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Again this year the Association, though not a benefactor is pleased to be able to support the RMP Poppy Pin appeal.

Mr David Seal has graciously volunteered to be the POC to manage the sale of this years pins.

If you would like to order any, please read and follow where appropriate these guidelines/instructions:

1. *The pins are £5.50 each including 2nd class, (non insured) P&P within the UK.*

2. *No proof of posting will be obtained for orders of less than 10 unless you purchase the Signed for second class postage option.*
3. *Proof of posting & insurance will be obtained for all orders purchased selecting the Signed for 2nd Class postage option (£7.00 each).*
4. *To order please email rmp.poppypins@gmail.com*
5. *Follow the automated response instructions*
6. *Unless you pay for Signed for 2nd Class postage any pins lost or damaged in transit cannot be replaced.*
7. *Overseas buyers please make contact prior to purchasing to obtain postage quotes and payment options. Contact via rmp.poppypins@gmail.com*
8. *Monies raised, less the cost of manufacture and packaging and small donation to the RBL, will benefit the RMP Central Benevolent Fund.*
9. *The pins will be posted from October.*

Regards

Maj Sav Kyriakou MBE



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3. An email was received from the Association Secretary regarding the AGM 2024 as follows:

Please find attached the details of the reunion and AGM 2024 – please note that one or two of the mail addresses contained within have underscore characters in them, they look to have blanks where the system has highlighted them as hyper links – not so.

See Annex A

THAT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THIS MONTH'S COMMUNICATIONS.

Annex A



Royal Military Police Association 78th Annual Reunion & AGM 5th, 6th and 7th April 2024 Administration Instructions

- 1. General** We are delighted that our 78th AGM and reunion will be hosted by Scotland Branch in Edinburgh over the weekend of 5th to 7th April 2024
- 2. The Venue** is to be the **Leonardo Hotel Murrayfield, Edinburgh, EH12 6UG.**
<https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/edinburgh/leonardo-hotel-edinburgh-murrayfield>
- 3. Format**
 - a. **Friday 5th April 2024** for those wishing to attend there will be the now established and highly popular informal reunion evening, this affords members and their guests the chance to get together and meet up with old chums and hopefully make new friends. Meet and greet area will be in the reception area of the hotel. Please note that the hotel is able to supply a buffet supper consisting of traditional Haggis, neeps and tatties. At a cost of £15 per person. For those wishing to partake please complete the attached booking form, Annex A. (There are a variety of Restaurants in the vicinity of the hotel on St John's Road).
 - b. **Saturday 6th April 2024**
Breakfast is from 0730hrs to 1030hrs.
Morning free to explore Edinburgh.
1400hrs Trustees' Meeting in Gifford Room
1430hrs AGM
1900hrs for 1930hrs Reunion Dinner (See Dinner Information)
 - c. **Sunday 7th April 2024**
A short service will be held in the Gifford Room followed by a parade outside the hotel.
- 4. Accommodation**

The booking of accommodation is the Individual's responsibility.

To book: Call Tracey Wilson, tel. 0131 5359988 opt 3

or email her at,

tracey_wilson@leonardohotels.co.uk.

Reference for booking is "RMPA Reunion Dinner"

Tariffs are per night including B&B basis

Double Room with Twin or Double bed - £76

Single Room - £71

5. Reunion Dinner

The Reunion Dinner is to take place in the Adam Suite commencing at 1930hrs and will consist of a three-course meal with coffee/tea and port – at a Cost £36 per attendee.

Any dietary requirements can be catered for providing the hotel is aware at time of booking.

Attendees are requested to be seated by 1920hrs.

Menu:- *Deciding on a menu is never easy but as you are visiting Scotland the following choice was made.*

Starter: Crem of Leek and Potato Soup

Main: Chicken stuffed with Haggis with whiskey jus

Vegetarian option: Wild mushroom and truffle oil risotto

Dessert: Scottish Cranachan

Dress:-

This not a formal dinner however all are requested to dress appropriately – lounge suit/blazer and equivalent for ladies.

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

6. Travel – Edinburgh is a major transport hub, with good road, rail and air links to the rest of the UK and, beyond.

Arriving by air. Edinburgh airport is situated approximately 5 miles from the hotel. Please note that there are no “black cabs” at the airport, but you may book a taxis on 0131 228 1211 (City Cabs) or 0131 2292468 (Central Taxis).

There are only private hire taxis at the airport these may be expensive.

The Tram stops at the airport and may be the cheapest mode of transport. Get on the tram and get off at Haymarket and then get a Lothian Region Bus 26 to Clerwood.

A single journey is £2.00, or a day ticket is £5.00 All buses accept contactless cards.

By Rail. The nearest station is Haymarket, which is the next stop north of Waverley the main station.

Exit station to Princess Street, there are lifts, where you can get a number 1 or 26 bus.

By Coach. Several Coach companies come to Edinburgh, including National Express and Megabus.

By Vehicle. Set your Satnav to **EH12 6UG**.

It should bring you round Edinburgh City bypass A720, then along Glasgow Road then left turn up Clermiston Road. There is a large carpark to the rear of the Hotel.

7. Contact

If you have any questions about the weekend, please contact either

Irene Furlong i_furlong2005@hotmail.com or

Helen Menmuir hamenmuir@outlook.com



78th Annual Reunion Weekend

Annex A

To be submitted no later than 15th March 2024

Application for Buffet Supper Friday 5th April 2024
and
Reunion Dinner Saturday 6th April 2024

When completed post or email to:

Helen Menmuir
97 Sighthill Drive
EDINBURGH
EH11 4QF
Email:hamenmuir@outlook.com

Please reserve me _____ places at the Friday evening buffet @ a cost of £15 per head

Please reserve me _____ ticket(s) @ £36.00 each for the Saturday evening dinner.

Cheque Payable to RMPA Scotland is enclosed. Please tick.

OR

BACS transfer to RMPA Scotland, 80-22-60 Account No 24883068, Using the reference of your initials and DINNER. Please tick

Full Name	Branch if Member	Total Amount Due

Special dietary requirements are –

Your name

Your Branch

Your Contact Address

Your Email

Your Phone Contact

Your Guests Name (First and Family Names)

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