



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 7th August 2024

Members Present: Bob Hare (BH); Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Brain Alddicott (BA) Alison Sayell (AS); Jon Wild (JW); Bob Potts (BP); Kath Potts (KP);

Apologies: Bernie Robinson (BR); Phil Cohen (PC); Jason McCoubrey (JM); Jim Savage (JS); Fred Hemmerman (FH); Rachel Love (RL); Dan Joyce (DJ); Steve Johnson (SJ); David Kennedy (DK);

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

Agenda for August 2024'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. Project 2025
9. Any Other Business
10. 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 and welcomed Bob Potts (National RMPA Chairman), his wife Kath Potts, Jim Nylan (West Yorkshire Branch) and Neil Evans (former 252 Pro Coy RMP).
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – ANP thanked all who were in attendance, apologies received from JS, PC, BR, FH, DK.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – JW proposed that the minutes where an accurate record of the meeting, BA seconded.
4. Matters arising – None
5. Communications – Email from the new RMPRHQ Welfare Contact Officer – John Geden. BP summarised the contents of the email which is attached in Annex A.
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA – AS forwarded the minutes from the latest CESA meeting:
 - 6.1.1 Battle of Britain Parade and Service – 15th September – more information to be made available.

6.1.2 2nd Nov – Veterans Dinner, Middleton Barracks. 130 places available – no information available at present. An email will be distributed around June time, requesting individual attendee details.

6.3 Standard Bearer – ANP did carry the Branch Standard during July at the AGC Parade.

7. Social Events –

7.1 Saturday 17th August 2024 – Branch Social – Humber Dock Bar & Grill, 9 Humber Dock St Hull HU1 1TB from 13.00hrs.

7.2 Xmas details – PW reminded members that a provisional date of 30th November 2024 had been previously agreed and that BH had been asked to investigate the Springhead Golf Clubhouse. Other potential ideas included the Comedy Club and Napoleon's Casino.

8. Project 2025 – 11th/12th/13th April.

8.1 ANP gave a brief overview of the current plans for the 2025 Annual Reunion for the benefit of BP who will report back to the Trustees.

8.2 BP gave some feedback that he had received regarding the 2022 Annual Reunion in Hull, which included:

8.2.1 The Upper Bar was positively received

8.2.2 Church Service – Good but a lot of hassle and expenditure. Members also complained about the distance they had to walk to get to the Chapel.

8.2.3 Parade March Past – Don't do it!!

8.2.4 Reunion Dinner – Members complained that the speeches went on far too long and that they were not RMPA related.

8.3 The committee will take into consideration all of the above points and look at an alternative location to have the Church Service, potentially in the hotel.

8.4 PW to arrange a meeting with the Hotel ASAP, to confirm menu choices and room rates so that an offer can be sent out to all Branches.

9. Any Other Business –

9.1 Eden Camp All Arms Parade – 8th September 2024 10.00hrs – 17.00hrs

10. The time being 21.12hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th September 2024 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 September's Meeting

1. Remembrance
2. Members Present/Apologies Received
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Dates for diaries:-

SEP 8 Sun 2024	All Services Parade – Eden Camp @ Eden Camp Sep 8 @ 10:00 – 17:00	+
SEP 15 Sun 2024	RAFA Battle of Britain Parade and Service @ Hull War Memorial Sep 15 @ 10:30 – 11:30	+
OCT 2 Wed 2024	Branch Meeting @ Manor Farm Public House Oct 2 @ 18:00 – 21:00	+
NOV 2 Sat 2024	Veterans Dinner @ Middleton Barracks Nov 2 @ 19:00 – 23:45	+
NOV 6 Wed 2024	Branch Meeting @ Manor Farm Public House Nov 6 @ 18:00 – 21:00	+
NOV 8 Fri 2024	The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance @ Hull City Hall Nov 8 @ 19:30 – 22:00	+ Tickets
NOV 10 Sun 2024	Hull Remembrance Sunday Parade @ Hull War Memorial Nov 10 @ 10:00 – 13:00	+
NOV 30 Sat 2024	Branch Christmas Event – Save the date! Nov 30 all-day	+
DEC 4 Wed 2024	Branch Meeting @ Manor Farm Public House Dec 4 @ 18:00 – 21:00	+

Annex A

Good Morning to all of you,

I hope that you are enjoying the great British summer!!!

I thought that it would be a very good start to reach-out to all of the RMPA branch contacts to formally introduce myself.

Some of you may have had the chance to read the most recent Corps Journal, and those that have may have seen a brief article on page 21 about the new role that I have taken as a volunteer at RHQ. Basically this is the brainchild of Col Jeremy and I offered to take it on in the first instance and to see, within the bounds of reasonableness, how I could develop the role and hopefully make a positive impact to the lives of both our veteran and serving community.

I have already handled a couple of welfare matters and some of you will receive e-mails from me seeking advice or perhaps support. I very much recognise that you are also the 'eyes and ears' and may identify welfare needs which I would ask you to CC to me so that I may see if I can assist and discuss with Col Jeremy and Sue Brooks.

The e-mail address published at the foot of the Corps Journal article was incorrect so please put this e-mail address into your notebooks, spade, laptops etc! welfarecontact@rhqmp.org

Please feel free to get in touch at anytime... I still work 4 days a week as a civil servant but can always find time to do a little welfare work as needed.

over the next couple of months I hope to create some social media platforms for RHQ (subject of course to sign-off by the Reg Sec) and I plan to pay a visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea to visit our veterans who have made that their home. I plan to generate content for the Corps Journal and for the social media site as appropriate.

I will try to send you updates quarterly and I would ask you to raise awareness of my role within your branches.

Thanks for all of your hard work, I know that it is very much appreciated by RHQ and the PM.

Kindest regards

John (Geden)

