



Royal Military Police Association Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held on Wednesday 7th May 2025

Members Present: Bob Hare (BH); Andy Nelson Plews (ANP); Peter Watson (PW); Paul Smith (PS); Alison Sayell (AS); Steve Johnson (SJ); Dave Emmerson (DE); David Kennedy (DK);

Apologies: Jason McCoubrey (JM); Jon Wild (JW); Pete Westmorland (PW2); Tony Cope (TC); Phil Cohen (PC); Brian Alddicott (BA); Jim Savage (JS); Dan Joyce (DJ); Neil Evans (NE); Sandy Lowe (SL); Rachel Love (RL); Bernie Robinson (BR); Paul Delay (PD);

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

Agenda for May 2025'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 20.09hrs. ANP gave an introduction and gave the act of remembrance. ANP welcomed the members present.
2. Members Present/Apologies Received – ANP thanked all who were in attendance, apologies received from PW2, TC, JS, BA, SJ
3. Minutes of the previous meeting – The previous meeting was a planning meeting for the Annual Reunion and as such no minutes were available.
4. Matters arising – None
5. Communications – See attached
6. Reports
 - 6.1 CESA – AS reported the following:
 - 6.1.1 Bushes at Cenotaph – they will be trimmed back by Hull City Council however no dates have been given – update : cannot remove as were a donation to council. They will however cut them back and tidy up the cenotaph for Sunday events.

- 6.1.2 Eden Camp – 12th and 13th July – World War 1 Event
 - 6.1.3 20th September Skegness – World War Event – 3 Tiger Moths will be in attendance
 - 6.1.4 RASC/RCT – weekend away 19th – 21st September at the Yorkway Motel – Pocklington – information within additional papers
 - 6.1.5 CESA Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/184JrbHHjE/?mibextid=K35XfP>
 - 6.2 Standard Bearer – ANP did carry the Branch Standard in April for the Annual Reunion Church Service. Social Events –
7. The next Social Gathering will be Saturday 19th July 2025 @ 13.00hrs at the Duke of Cumberland Pub, 10 Market Green, Cottingham, HU16 5QG.
8. Project 2025 – Debrief.
- 8.1 PW gave a debrief of the event which went very well indeed.
- 9 Any Other Business –
- 9.1 RobH wanted it to be known his thanks for the work that the Branch Secretary undertakes DK seconded.
 - 9.2 Subs – PW reminded members that subs are now due. These can be paid in cash or by BACS.
 - 9.3 TC stated that it would be good to have a Branch Polo Shirt and perhaps these could be incorporated within an increased subs. TC will go back to our existing embroidery supplier Lips on Wincolmlee to see if they still have the old patterns. (Post meeting note: PW has been in contact with a MoD supplier with regard to the provision of polo shirts for the reunion, these have worked out to be very cost effective and without setup charges)
10. The time being 21.02hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by ANP. The next Branch Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month because of the New Year, on 2nd April 2025 at 21.25hrs 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 June's Meeting

- 1. Remembrance
- 2. Members Present/Apologies Received
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Branch Meeting
- 4. Matters Arising
- 5. Communications
- 6. Reports
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Dates for diaries:-

JUN 4 Wed 2025	Branch Meeting @ Manor Farm Public House Jun 4 @ 18:00 – 21:00	+
JUN 7 Sat 2025	RMP Memorial Parade @ National Memorial Arboretum Jun 7 @ 11:00 – 14:00	+
JUL 2 Wed 2025	Branch Meeting @ Manor Farm Public House Jul 2 @ 18:00 – 21:00	+
JUL 19 Sat 2025	Branch Social – Cottingham @ The Duke of Cumberland Pub Jul 19 @ 13:00 – 18:00	+
AUG 6 Wed 2025	Branch Meeting @ Manor Farm Public House Aug 6 @ 18:00 – 21:00	+

RMPA Diary of Forthcoming Events that may be of interest. 2024 / 2025.

If you are Hosting or organising an event that you wish to add please send details to Bob Potts

potts8@me.com

Date / Time	Event	Location	Further Information
03 Oct 24	West Yorkshire Branch AGM	Robin Lane, Club Pudsey	james.nylan@icloud.com .
05 Oct 24	RTTW	NMA	https://thenma.org.uk/what's-on/events/ride-to-the-wall
11 Oct 24	Rats Reunion	Bromsgrove Hotel	moffatandy29@gmail.com
19 Oct 24	N E Branch Dinner	Newcastle	rayw361@googlemail.com .
26 Oct 24	253 Pro Coy RMP Reunion	Portsmouth	roberteggelton@btinternet.com
07 Nov 24	Opening of the Field of Remembrance.	Westminster Abbey	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
08 Nov 24	Informal Gathering	London Location. TBA	TBA
09 Nov 24	RMP / MPS Memorial Service	Westminster Abbey	potts8@me.com . secretary@rmpa.org.uk
10 Nov 24	RBL Remembrance Parade and Muster	Cenotaph.	potts8@me.com
16 Nov 24	RMPA Scotland. Branch Dinner	Leonardo Hotel Edinburgh	rmpascotland@gmail.com
20 Nov 24	CBF Meeting	RHQ.	
01 Dec 24	West Yorkshire Branch, Christmas Lunch	Guide Post Hotel	James.nylan@icloud.com .
2025			
Jan 25	Trustees Meeting	Location. TBC	potts8@me.com . secretary@rmpa.org.uk
12 Jan 25	Post Christmas Lunch	Solent Branch	roberteggelton@btinternet.com
Feb 25	Tower Of London Parade.	London	Seanetaylor3130@gmail.com
8 Mar 25	WRAC Provost Reunion Dinner	Chester	barbara1810@icloud.com
11/14 Apr 25	RMPA AGM Reunion	Hull	potts8@me.com . secretary@rmpa.org.uk
07 Jun 25	RMP Memorial Parade	NMA	Further details to follow
Jul 25	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	Further details in due course.
23 Aug 25	RMPA NI 40 th Anniversary Dinner.	NI	Further details in due course.
24 Aug 25	Cyprus Emergency Memorial Service	NMA	Details to follow.
Sep 25	NIVA Parade	NMA	Further details when known.
08 Nov 25	RMP MPS Memorial service	Westminster Abbey	potts8@me.com .
09 Nov 25	RBL Remembrance Parade and Muster	Cenotaph.	potts8@me.com .

Communications May 2025

1. An email was received from the outgoing National Secretary Stewart Leach as follows:

Good afternoon

May I please ask of you the Branch Secretaries, that via this network my sincere thanks are passed on to one and all for the wonderful farewell gift presented to me last weekend in Hull, I really am truly grateful, I shall indeed use the funds to add to my Woodturning tools and Fishing equipment, both of which as pursuits I aim to do a little more of once Pete Vorberg and I have completed all that is required to "hand over".

When I took on the role as your volunteer national secretary way back in 2017, little did I know then that it would be either as long a term or indeed as much of a full time task as it has been. It's been challenging, amusing, frustrating, all consuming all in equal amounts really but it's always been interesting and not a little rewarding when the results have justified the input.

As was the case when I took over the role, I felt there was room for improvement so along with others sought to identify and take action on those very points, I know that Pete Vorberg and the current Trustees will be able to evolve and further improve and solidify that which we have achieved, so I am sure therefore that Our Association is in good hands going forward.

I have not been able to achieve all that has been done by myself of course, it's been a team effort, Covid brought challenges for us all, but we got through it, so I would like to thank the various Trustees with whom I worked, the Chairs of Our Association John Baber - Bob Eggelton and of course Bob Potts for their unstinting confidence in me and the work we did. Others have been very much on my regular contact list as well - Jeremy Green at RHQRMP along with his team Sue Brooks, Clare Kelly-White and Pauline all of whom have been asked to answer odd (at times) questions and assist with various tasks. Richard Callaghan and the Museum Team have been a great source of information and research, having to dig deep in the archives sometimes to verify and confirm and indeed enlighten with new information when asked.

I have enjoyed, I think a good strong working relationship with HQ PM(A) and all who have worked there over the years, being very fortunate to have been able to have recourse to not only our current PM (A) - Brigadier Sarah, but her predecessors in post Brigadiers Viv and Dave along with an exceptional group of folks who have held the post of Provost SM - James our current incumbent, Jon, Danny, Marc and Nick all of whom really have gone the extra mile to ensure that our serving cohort are very much able to find out what we the retired cohort are up to, and vice versa.

So to all the above my sincere thanks.

Now onto the the very heart of Our Association - this group that I am addressing - you - the branch secretaries what a great group you are - I know how difficult that role is - often feeling like you are talking to yourself no doubt when no one answers your call, when your membership seems to be passing away quicker than the new joiners are coming in, when the National Secretary keeps asking you for those updates and reminding you that you have not responded to him! I understand how frustrating it all is but believe me - you are the heart of it all as I said - the branch network must remain and to do that we need you to carry on slogging away at it all, despite the all the foregoing.

So please do feel proud that you are doing a great job and one that we really cannot do without, certainly I could not have fulfilled my remit without you - so very many thanks indeed to you all.

Please convey my very best to all Branch Officers and members with a plea - keep it going - keep Our Association growing - it is the very ethos of our Esprit de Corps.

Thank you and the very best of regards. Stewart.

2. An email was received from the North East Branch as follows:

Hi all,

Please find attached a copy of the RMPA North East Branch Dinner Invitation. Could you please distribute the invite throughout your branches and any other contacts who may not be branch members but who may wish to attend.

All the invitation information is contained in the e-mail but, any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on my mobile number 07707 058735.

Hope to see lots of you there in October.

Keep well and safe all.

Bob Hodgson

Secretary

RMPA NE Branch

Details in Annex B

3. An email was received from the Association Chairman attaching the Association Newsletter for April which has been added to the Branch Website and Facebook Group.
4. An email received from the Western Australia Branch RMPA containing their April newsletter. This has been added to the Branch Website/Facebook Group.
5. An email was received from the Association Chairman attaching the Association Newsletter for May which has been added to the Branch Website and Facebook Group.

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