



ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



May 2025

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Newsletter

This is your newsletter. I can only include what you send me, so please send a short narrative and photographs of any interesting or even boring events. This newsletter goes out to members who may not use social media, so it is the ideal way to show them what the Association is up to. Can I ask that if you are submitting photographs, please include names if possible.

1 Military Police Brigade.

Taken from the 1 MP Bde page the association add our congratulations to Pte Worrall of 116 Provost Company on completing Phase 1 Basic Training. Pte Worrall joined the RMP Reserves in Sep 24 and brings her skills from the NHS, where she works as a Clinical Governance Assistant Manager. With a degree in Policing and Criminal Investigation under her belt, she's now ready to take the next step on her military journey as she moves on to Phase 2 training with the Royal Military Police. To mark this amazing achievement, she was awarded an RMP coin—a proud moment and well-deserved recognition.



Visit to 18th MP Brigade.

PM(A) and members of 1 MP Brigade visited 18th US MP Brigade , currently operating under V Corps, to learn how they've achieved brigade-level deployability. With 1 MP Bde set to join NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC) in Oct 2025, this visit was a key step in understanding what it takes to operate as Corps-level enablers.



PM(A) and members of the 18th US MP Bde.

Soldiers from 253 (London) Pro Coy, RMP Reserve, deployed to Estonia on Exercise HEDGEHOG, part of Operation RAZOREDGE.

Working alongside NATO Military Police and Home Nation Police Forces, they ensured the safe and professional movement of UK troops to NATO's eastern flank.

This mission shows the incredible opportunities for part-time soldiers in the RMP Reserve to take on professional policing roles on the international stage.



Our team from 253 Pro Coy RMP. Reserve in Estonia.

Hertfordshire & Essex Branch

The Branch is in urgent need of new membership and individuals to possibly take on running the Branch as the existing committee members are 95 years of age and wish to step down due to failing health. Without support, it is at risk of closure.



The image features a map of Hertfordshire and West Essex. The Hertfordshire logo is a circular emblem with a crown, a shield, and the text 'HERTFORDSHIRE & ESSEX R.M.P. ASSOCIATION ROYAL MILITARY POLICE BRANCH'. The West Essex logo is a red shield with three white wavy lines. Below the map are four crests: a green and gold crest with a crown and 'R', a green and gold crest with a crown and 'EIR', a gold crest with a crown and a figure, and a green and gold crest with a crown and 'R'.

For those of you living in the Hertfordshire & Essex area, the local RMPA Branch is in urgent need of recruiting new membership, which is currently run by Ernie Large and his twin brother who are looking at standing down from their roles due to failing health.

If you live in the area and would like to become involved supporting the Branch, please let me know. Ideally looking at individuals to take over managing the Branch.

Please get in touch

Kent Branch

Kent Branch along with 300 mourners paraded at St Nicholas Church, Elm Park, recently to say a sad farewell to Geoff Jackson. Geoff, was a member of Kent Branch RMPA, following many years' service with 253 (London) Pro. Coy. (RMP Reserves) he was also a long serving, retired, police officer with the Metropolitan Police Traffic Division. The hearse was escorted by police out riders and was followed by a fully marked Rover SD1 as driven by Geoff on duty. Married to Sheila he had many interests including those in his local church, St. Johns Ambulance and Royal British Legion. A Guard of Honour formed at the church entrance, made up of Kent Branch RMPA and St Johns Ambulance, was conducted by our Branch Secretary Jonathan Webb.



Western Australia Branch.

Brian Griffiths gives the following up date .

To all members and friends of RMPA Western Australia Branch

Changes to scheduled RMPA meetings for remainder of 2025.

Please note there have been some changes to the RMPA WA Branch scheduled meetings for the remainder of 2025. I ask members to make any adjustments necessary on their calendars, the scheduled RMPA meetings now are:

Tuesday 17 June 2025 – RMPA lunch with members and BESA friends at 1200 noon at RAAFA Club, Bullcreek;

Thursday 21 August 2025 - RMPA lunch with members and BESA friends at 1200 noon at RAAFA Club, Bullcreek;

Sunday 5 October 2025 - RMPA WA Branch 2025 AGM commencing 11.30 am, with light lunch afterwards at Ann Page's house in Lesmurdie.

Friday 24 October 2025 – RMPA WA Branch annual dinner evening with members and guests at RAAFA Club, Bullcreek commencing 6.30 pm (anticipated cost \$30 pp with branch meeting remaining cost), any change in format to past years will be advised later).

Thursday 11 December 2025 – RMPA WA Branch Xmas lunch meeting with members and BESA friends at 1200 noon at RAAFA Club, Bullcreek. This meeting, please wear jackets & ties and have red berets with you for the 2025 official photographs.

Transitional branch management change

I am pleased to confirm that the transitional arrangements for management change are gradually proceeding well and on schedule. Alison (Ali) Mann will soon adopt the position of Acting Branch Chairman and Matt Edmunds also soon to adopt the position of Acting Branch Secretary, which will continue until the 2025 AGM of RMPA Western Australia Branch on Sunday 5 October 2025. At the AGM, all branch positions will routinely become vacant (as per Branch Rules), and a new branch management committee will be voted in. It is my intention to nominate Ali and Matt to these positions for the following two years.

Thank you and kind regards

Brian Griffiths

Mounted Troop Branch.

Just a gentle reminder, that for those of you attending the DATR Open Day and the evening meal afterwards at Bellini's, on 28th June, that I will need to know your choices for the meal by the end of May so that I can finalise arrangements with the restaurant.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Yours Aye

Sandy Low, Secretary, RMPA Mounted Branch

HQ PM(A) IIA newsletter

The latest addition of the PM(A) newsletter is now available on the RHQ and RMPA websites.

West Yorkshire Branch.

From Sam Jackson. Gillian and I were privileged to be invited to the Knaresborough VE CELEBRATIONS, which took part in the historic Castle grounds. I represented the West Yorkshire

RMPA Branch and carried our standard. There was a great turnout with fantastic crowd entertainment as well as a dedication tribute at the Cenotaph. The man in the wheelchair is an ex Polish soldier, 104 yrs old this year, who served at Monte Casino.



RMPA SIB Branch Annual Sherlock Holmes Trophy

The Sherlock Holmes Trophy was commissioned by the SIB Branch of the Royal Military Police Association, as an award to the JNCO/SNCO who has most impressed with their input and effort across the spectrum of activity. The award is presented each year at the Association Annual Dinner. The 2025 award was awarded to Sergeant Alexandra 'Lexi' Grange, Major Incident Team (MIT), DSCU.

Citation

In her first year as a Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (SNCO), Sergeant (Sgt) Lexi Grange has been outstanding as a major crime investigator with responsibility for the most serious and complex investigations. Demonstrating exceptional investigative ability, working on complex investigations, homicides, non-recent child exploitation and a complex enquiry investigating multiple allegations of kidnap and false imprisonment.

Appointed lead investigator in a sensitive operation which held a significant risk to Defence, and discussed at ministerial level, and on which Sgt Grange regularly briefed the Deputy Director of Service Prosecutions. Her meticulous work in this complex operation led to the offender being referred.

Also lead investigator for a series of non-recent allegations spanning several years, her investigative tenacity identified over 1000 linked personnel. Undaunted, she worked tirelessly to analyse large data sets, using technology to support, and produced well considered investigative strategies. She approached this with a maturity above her rank and experience and was key to liaison with the units and individuals involved.

Sgt Grange has ably managed a significant case load, whilst also delivering leadership and mentorship to those around her, providing advice and guidance, and a role model to aspire to be. She regularly delivers internal Continual Professional Development training to the MIT, covering a range of topics from sensitive investigations to using policing systems, Disaster Victim Identification and Domestic Abuse. A versatile investigator, with a proven ability in suspect interviewing, and a passion to support victims and witnesses, her natural talent means she is regularly called upon by others to assist. Also undertaking personal development courses, she has now started studying for a master's in criminal psychology and victimology with Portsmouth University.

Sgt Grange also volunteers with the Winchester Army Cadet Force, excelling at developing the lives of these young Cadets through her experience as a Regular Soldier. She also gives up her spare time to help the Soldiers' Sailors' and Air Force Association (SSAFA), a Veterans support charity, as a volunteer co-ordinator and Community Connection Champion. An outstanding year and testament to what can be achieved when you have an unwavering passion for the Service Justice System and the community you serve.

South Wales Branch.

Steve McManus Spent a few hours with Owen on the 01 May 25; he was being interviewed by Sangita Lal from ITV News. The interview formed part of a segment on VE Day memories that was aired on the 10pm News, Wednesday 7th May... not sure what he said to her in the bottom photo .





Steve McManus, Kath Potts, Owen Filer. Bob Potts. At the NMA.

Donations to the Association in Memory of or in Tribute to.

Often, We are approached by undertakers and families alike about how and to whom people may donate in memory of or tribute to a deceased former Corps member.

Our stock answer has been up until today – that the funeral director should gather in donations in our name and submit either a cheque or Bacs payment to us.

As of now any such request to any branch or official can be answered by sharing the link to the Much-Loved online tribute and donation service by following this link www.muchloved.com

Now we are registered anyone may go to that site and donate in our name assured that donations will come straight to us, and appropriate Gift Aid will be processed by HMRC direct.

Our charity is now registered, and any individual or funeral director may process donations to us.

RMPA NI Branch.

Tanky Walker reports that: RMPA NI held their AGM & Annual Quiz v NI (Lisburn) Det, 174 Pro Coy RMP, for the Roy Holmes Memorial Shield. The Branch were pleased to welcome the Officer Commanding, 174 Pro Coy, who was paying a visit to the Province.

A closely run contest resulted in a win for the RMPA. This will probably be the final quiz against the detachment as it is due to close in November 2025. Hard to believe the amount of RMP we had here over the years, after November there will be no RMP Unit stationed in NI. Total wins over the last 10 years **RMPA 7 RMP 3**. An excellent buffet was supplied by members and wives to round off a most enjoyable evening.



The NI Branch President Graeme Woodcock presents the shield to the winning team captain. Left to Right. Graham Chipperfield, Si Pringle, Jim Walker, Shaun Davoll, Gareth Evans, Keith Garbett, Graeme Woodcock.

40th Anniversary Dinner.

We are delighted to announce that a dinner is to be held on 23rd August 2025 to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Northern Ireland Branch.

The Venue is the Europa Hotel, Great Victoria Street, Belfast, County Antrim, BT2 7AP.

Room tariffs for the Saturday night including B&B basis. The same rates are also for the shoulder nights i.e. Friday/Saturday nights or Saturday/ Sunday nights. Double Room with Twin or Double bed -£145.00 Single Room - £125.00. There are other hotels in the area.

Contact

For your Dinner confirmation(s) , please contact : Alan Officer - email, alangofficer@gmail.com. mob-07597698411.

or Paul (Taff) Jones – email, mistressjones@btopenworld.com.or if using Google : jonesdavidpaul18@gmail.com. mob-07788178763.

NO CHEQUES PLEASE.

BACS transfer to: Account Name: RMPA NI Branch

Sort Code: 95-03-61

Account Number: 22745755

Bank: Danske, 62-66 Bow Street, Lisburn, BT28 1YS

Reference: Your Name + 40th Dinner.

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RMPA Diary of Forthcoming Events that may be of interest. 2025 / 2026.

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
2025			
07 Jun 25	RMP Memorial Parade	NMA	RHQ RMP Potts8@me.com
07 Jun 25	The Colonels Review Trooping	London	www.kbp.army.mod.uk for further information.
14 Jun 25	Trooping the Colour	London	www.kbp.army.mod.uk for further information.
28 June 25	DATR Open Day	Melton Mowbray	Sandy Low. Sandy.low57@gmail.com . Mounted Troop Branch
03 Jul 25	CBF Trustees Meeting	Southwick Park	RHQ RMP
05 Jul 25	West Yorkshire Annual Dinner	Guidepost Hotel. Bradford.	James.nylan@icloud.com .
08 Jul 25	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	chair@rmpa.org.uk potts8@me.com
19 Jul 25	RMPA Trustees Meeting	London TBC	secretary@rmpa.org
23 Aug 25	RMPA NI 40 th Anniversary Dinner.	NI	alangofficer@gmail.com .
24 Aug 25	Cyprus Emergency Memorial Service	NMA	Details to follow.
13 Sep 25	NIVA Parade	NMA	potts8@me.com .

3 – 5 Oct 25	Rats Reunion	Bromsgrove	moffatandy29@gmail.com
18 Oct 25	Scotland Branch Dinner	Old Waverly Hotel Edinburgh.	Secretary.scotland@rmpa.org.uk
18 Oct 25	NE Branch Dinner	Newcastle	rayw361@googlemail.com .
06 Nov 25	Opening of the Garden of Remembrance.	Westminster Abbey.	Peter Vorberg will be the RMPA lead for this event. secretary@rmpa.org.uk
08 Nov 25	RMP MPS Memorial service	Westminster Abbey. Memorial Garden.	potts8@me.com . chair@rmpa.org.uk RHQ RMP
09 Nov 25	RBL Remembrance Parade and Muster	Cenotaph.	potts8@me.com . chair@rmpa.org.uk
2026			
Feb 26	Tower Of London Parade	Tower Of London	Vice.chair@rmpa.org Sean Taylor.
24 – 26 Apr 26	RMPA AGM and Reunion	Cardiff.	
Jun 26	RMP Memorial Parade	NMA	
Jul 26	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	
Aug 26	Cyprus Veterans	NMA	
Sep 26	NIVA Parade	NMA	
Nov 26	Remembrance Parades	London	

RMP / RMPA Memorial Parade 07 June 2025.

Introduction

Every year, in June, the Royal Military Police (RMP) and its Association (RMPA) hold a parade at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) this event is held on the first Saturday of June. All serving members of the RMP regular and reservists, RMPA, and WRAC (Pro) veterans, together with their partners, are encouraged to attend.

Outline of Events/Timings

The day will be coordinated on behalf of, The Provost Marshal (Army) by the Provost Sergeant-Major (ProSM) and the Regt Sec. The outline of the day is as follows:

Assembly. All personnel should assemble at the NMA no later than 1045 hrs.

Parade. The format of the parade, including the Association's National Standard and Branch Standards, will be dictated by attendance and coordinated by the ProSM.

Act of Remembrance. A short Act of Remembrance will be held at the RMP plot within the NMA. The service will be led by the Rev David Roche, during which wreaths will be laid.

Dress:

Serving Personnel as directed by the ProSM.

Veterans (Less Bikers). Dark-suit or blazer and grey trousers, wearing medals and scarlet beret. Or whatever you feel comfortable in.

Ladies. As appropriate, but as the NMA is often very wet, consideration to footwear should be given.

Time	Location	Event	Remarks
1000hrs	National Memorial Arboretum Croxall Rd, Alrewas. Staffordshire DDE13 7AR	NMA opens for Visitors.	It is advisable to pre book parking via the NMA website. www.thenma.org.uk Pre-booked parking is £5 per vehicle for the day. Pay on the day parking £8 per vehicle for the day. Entrance to the NMA is free.
1000hrs 1045hrs	Main Reception/ Cafeteria NMA	Assembly meet and greet.	Refreshments at own expense.
1100hrs	Millennium Chapel NMA	A daily remembrance service is held at the NMA, for those wishing to attend.	Details available from the NMA reception desk.
1130hrs	Millennium Way	Parade Forms up: Serving Personnel National and Branch Standards Veterans. Biking Contingent.	Co-ordinated by the ProSM
1145hrs	Millennium Way	Parade marches to the RMP. Plot.	Salute taken by PM(A) or nominated representative.
1200hrs	RMP Plot	Service Act of Remembrance. Wreaths will be laid during the service.	Led by Rev David Roche. Wreath laying under the direction of the Regimental Secretary.
1300hrs	RBL Club Rykneld St Alrewas DE13 7AX	Buffet Lunch for those who have pre booked. All are welcome to attend for drinks and lamp swinging.	Co – ordinated by Derby Branch RMPA. Requests for attendance, £10 per person. potts8@me.com.

Invitation to attend the AGC Commemorative Service on Tues 08 July 25.

The annual Adjutant General's Corps Commemorative Service will be held at the National Memorial Arboretum on Tue 8 Jul 25, commencing at 1145hrs. The event will comprise of a Service of Commemoration at the AGC plot followed by an afternoon tea. It would be appreciated if branch standard bearers could let me know of their availability. Should you require any further information or assistance please give me a shout. Branch Standard bearers attending please note briefing time of 1050hrs.

National Memorial Arboretum

VJ Day Guided Walks.

Following the bombing of Pearl Harbour in December 1941, the Japanese army advanced into Burma, heading for India.

The next three years saw ferocious fighting in the most inhospitable terrain and dense jungle, with extremes of weather further exacerbated by malaria and other tropical diseases.

The Battle of Kohima, fought between April and June 1944, was one of the bloodiest battles fought in Burma, with British and Japanese fighting in close proximity, at one time separated only by the British administrator's tennis court.

You can visit memorials and discover stories about some of the hundreds of thousands of British, Commonwealth and Allied Armed Forces personnel who were involved in fighting in the Far East during the Second World War on one of our VJ Day Guided Walks.

Led by expert volunteers, the 75-minute VJ Day guided walks are available every day until 16 November and cost £7 per person. Please ask for more information at the Welcome Desk when you arrive.

The VJ Day guided walks are part of 'The Year was 1945...' our year-long programme at the Arboretum commemorating 80 years since the end of the Second World War, first in Europe and then in the Far East.

[Photo: The Burma Star Memorial at the Arboretum bears the words of the famous Kohima Epitaph, so poignant to all of those veterans who came home]



We've opened FOUR new, free exhibitions at the Arboretum as part of 'The Year was 1945...', our year-long programme commemorating 80 years since the end of the Second World War, first in Europe and then in the Far East.

VE Day street party at Cherry Tree Road' evokes the spirit of 8 May 1945 as Mr and Mrs Ball and the other residents of Cherry Tree Road come together to celebrate the end of the war in Europe

Letters from the Frontline – Words, War and Victory' gives voice to wartime letters shared by BBC Radio listeners, charting the journey from trepidation to jubilation in the final months of the war

Prisoners of War – a Chaplain's Portraits' features never-before-seen drawings created during Army Chaplain Fred Stallard's time as a prisoner of war in the Far East during the Second World War

Through Their Eyes: 80 Years On', created by Royal British Legion, shares powerful stories and photographs that honour the service, sacrifice, lives and legacy of those who served during the war.

All our 'The Year Was 1945' exhibitions are free to visit and are on display around the Arboretum until 16 November. [#TheYearWas1945](#)

Visit by Bus.

Did you know that you can now visit the Arboretum by bus?

You can find the timetable for the new, seven-day regular shuttle bus service from Tamworth Rail Station on our website, along with the timetable for connecting services from Alrewas Village to Lichfield and Burton.

Each journey costs £3 per passenger and trips are free for National Concessionary Bus Pass holders. With the new bus service, funded by Staffordshire County Council and operated by Diamond Bus East Midlands, people who either don't own a vehicle or prefer more sustainable transport options will hopefully now find it much easier to visit us.

Branch Contacts.

You will notice that we do not have a contact for some branches or areas. If you would like details on becoming an area, contact or resurrecting a branch, please contact myself or Stewart the National Secretary. If I have made any mistakes, please let me know and I will correct them.

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RMPA Scotland.

Pete Laing met up with the lovely Angus Mathieson in Stornoway whilst on a recent trip. We have members all over Scotland who are always happy to meet travellers and swap war stories. If you are visiting drop us a line and we will put you in touch with a member in the area.



Date of our next meeting is 7th June 2025, 1400hrs at Veterans Hub, St Davids Social Club, 86 Nethergate, Dundee DD1 4E. This is a casual dress social event with an option to attend a 40-minute talk at 1500hrs on the Battle Of Arnhem - Black Tuesday by CSM Fleming of 2 Para. All welcome.

RMPA Scotland Annual Dinner.

Dear Members and Esteemed Guests,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us for the Scotland Branch Royal Military Police Association Annual Dinner. This much-anticipated event will take place on **Saturday, 18th October 2025**, Pre-dinner drinks from 1600hrs and Dinner served at 1800hrs.

Venue: Old Waverley Hotel, Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 2BY

Event Highlights

- Enjoy a welcoming glass with friends old and new during pre-dinner drinks from 1600hrs.
- Indulge in a delicious three-course meal with tea and coffee, all for just **£25** per person.
- Reconnect with fellow members and guests in the heart of Edinburgh's iconic Princes Street.

Booking Process

To book a place please complete the form below including menu choices and return it to secretary.scotland@rmpa.org.uk. If there are any specific dietary requirements or problems with the menu, please indicate this on the booking form and we will get in touch to help resolve any issues.

Payment of £25 per person can be made using the surname and initial of the lead booker as reference by bank transfer to

Bank of Scotland

Sort Code: **80-22-60**

Account Number: **24883068**

Anyone requiring an alternative payment method please email secretary.scotland@rmpa.org.uk

The closing date for reservations and changes to menu choices is 30th September.

Accommodation Offers

There are a plethora of accommodation types and standards in central Edinburgh however to make your evening as enjoyable and convenient as possible, we have secured special rates at the Old Waverley Hotel:

Standard Double: £199 (with breakfast) or £189 (without breakfast) for two nights (Friday & Saturday)

Standard Single: £154 (with breakfast) or £144 (without breakfast) for two nights (Friday & Saturday)

*Please note: The hotel cannot offer a discounted rate for a one-night stay. Early booking is highly recommended as availability cannot be guaranteed.

To book this deal email: catalin.codreanu@oldwaverley.co.uk

With "**RMPA Dinner October 2025**" in the email subject line

The hotel requires the following information:

Full name, Contact number, Email address

Please note that all reservations come with a 24-hour free cancellation or modification policy until 4:00 PM on October 17th. After this time, the hotel will pre-authorise the first night's stay on the card provided, with the remaining balance payable upon arrival.

Important: Upon check-in, a £25 deposit for extras will be held on your card but not charged unless used.

Accessibility

The Old Waverley Hotel is a listed building. There is no lift from street level; guests must climb 27 steps to reach reception, where lift access is then available. For assistance with luggage, please ring the bell at the stairs to call for a porter.

Parking

Guests are entitled to a 40% discount at the nearby Q-Park (£14.40 for 24 hours, open 24/7, with EV charging). Pre-book your space at the Q-Park website using discount code: ****OWH40****.

Alternative Accommodation

28 York Place (the former Police Club) offers limited rooms and a 15% discount if you quote "RMPA" when booking. It's just a short walk from the Old Waverley Hotel. Visit: <https://www.28yorkplace.com>

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible for an evening of camaraderie, good food, and cherished memories. Please book early to avoid disappointment, and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Let's make this Annual Dinner a night to remember!

Booking form for Scotland Branch Annual Dinner

Please insert all guests Surname and Forename and a contact email address for the person booking. Please also add their one-word menu choices as indicated below.

You can either complete the table below and copy and paste on an email to secretary.scotland@rmpa.org.uk or type the relevant information on to the email

Surname	Forename	Email Address	Starter	Main	Dessert

Starters: Soup or Duck or Salmon

Mains: Chicken or Cod or Risotto

Dessert: Crumble or Raspberry or Cheese

Starters

Soup of the Day – Chef's seasonal soup, served with a warm, freshly baked bread roll.

Duck and Orange Pâté – Smooth and rich duck liver pâté, paired with crisp oatcakes, a tangy chutney, and a drizzle of balsamic glaze.

Smoked Salmon – Delicate smoked salmon with briny capers, finely diced red onion, and vibrant red chard, finished with a touch of aromatic dill oil.

Main

Chicken Supreme – Tender chicken supreme served over creamy garlic mashed potatoes, accompanied by seasonal vegetables and finished with a rich wild mushroom sauce.

Cod Fillet – Pan-seared cod fillet with roasted potatoes and crisp green vegetables, drizzled with a fragrant lemongrass butter sauce.

Butternut Squash Risotto – Creamy risotto infused with sweet butternut squash, fresh sage, and parmesan, with a hint of harissa for a subtle warmth.

Dessert

Toffee Apple Crumble – Apple filling topped with a buttery crumble, served with warm custard.

White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake – Silky white chocolate cheesecake swirled with tart raspberry coulis on a crisp biscuit base.

Selection of Scottish Cheeses – A curated selection of the finest Scottish cheeses, served with savoury biscuits and a sweet mango chutney.

Complementary tea or coffee

Nomination Procedure for an RMPA Certificate of Merit.

Should a branch member or someone associated with the branch be recognised by the Association? Consider nominating them for an RMPA, certificate of merit. Full details are in the RMPA Branch Rules and procedures which should be held by your Branch Secretary. If they are not, please ask the National Secretary to forward you a copy.

RMP Journal

The RMP Journal is published three times a year (April, August, and December) and is packed with a diverse range of interesting articles. A full-colour publication, it is available in print form and online. However, I am amazed how few former RMP subscribe to the Journal - less than 450 from a potential readership of 20K - when it only costs £15 per year (and even less if one subscribes to the on-line version.) The RMP Journal keeps everyone up to date and lets people know of forthcoming regimental and Association events too and if more took it, then they would certainly be far better informed. If you wish to subscribe for a print edition, email Clare Kelly-White at pa@rhqmp.org

VE Day 80

Rob Bywaters.

Proud and honoured to say a prayer today at the VE 80 Commemoration Service outside the old Mayors Parlour in Grove Park, Weston-super-Mare. Lest We Forget those that put themselves in harm's way to give us the freedoms we have today.



Gary Mills

RBL Gloucestershire Chairman Gary Mills who enjoyed soaking up the atmosphere. We had the amazing Anne Martin singing all the wartime favourites which just added to the party spirit in the room I think we can all agree that everyone who attended had a wonderful time as we remembered this poignant date in history



Phil Bradley

I got asked by the **BAY VETERANS ASSOCIATION** to have the honour of lowering the flag at the beacon lightening. Local Mayor Hamish Mills And Rob Leitch who played the last post using a 1941 Bugle.



Alan Morgan.

On parade at Whitchurch and Pensford RBL for VE Day 80.



Nicholas O`Donnel Troy

Jersey celebrated the 80th anniversary of Liberation after years of occupation by Nazi Germany forces. Proud to represent the Corps on the Veterans Parade.



Greg Flint

No picture of Greg but I liked his photograph and few words. "A lovely service at Truro Cathedral to commemorate VE Day. Singing And did those feet in ancient times brought a tear to my eye. Brilliant."



Obituary Notices.

Obituary notices may be submitted for inclusion in the RMP Journal, for those who have passed away of any rank - and not just officers. The determining factor being quite simply those who have someone that is prepared to take the time and trouble to write such a personal notice which must be detailed, accurate and have the approval of the family of the deceased, ideally with photograph. Stuart McLean the editor of the RMP Journal makes the following comment. "I have received no obituary notices from the friends and family of former non-commissioned ranks. I wish to make it clear that I would welcome such notices and would include them in the Journal - but I don't receive any. I know that there is a misconception that Obituaries are only for Officers, but I would like it known that this is not the case for the RMP Journal. If you take the time to write it, I will print it.

Formation Of RMPA Close Protection Branch.

I am pleased to announce the formation of a dedicated RMPA Close Protection Branch, which will add to the Associations role specific groups, joining SIB and Mounted Troop Branches. A formal proposal to form the Branch was submitted to the RMPA Trustees and it has our full support. It is felt that the new Branch will help attract serving members of the Corps to join the Association. The pre-requisite for Branch Membership is individuals must have completed the RMP Close Protection Course, which will include those run in the UK and BAOR. The new Branch will also have associate members who their management committee feel will add value. The Branch will operate under the Rules of the RMPA.

The Branch are currently selecting their respective committee members, and we will update their details on the RMPA Website shortly and provide contact information for them. Individuals can be members of multiple RMPA Branches.

The North Hampshire and Surrey Branch

Rises like a phoenix from the ashes of the old Aldershot Branch. Chris Martin gives the following update. As previously indicated, this will, at some stage, become a Tri Service Branch now that we have a Tri Service Training Establishment at Southwick Park. I urge members if they are aware of veterans or

serving members who are unaware of this to spread the news and encourage them to join. Remember this is your Branch and it is up to you to decide how you want to go forward. The last month has been particularly busy for me in the setting up of The Branch and trying to track down, not only members but the funds and property which I believe The Aldershot Branch had when it closed. More to follow on this

RMPA Trustees Meeting.

The Trustees will be meeting on 19 July 25. If you have any questions or proposed agenda items that you think should be included inform the National Secretary or any Trustee before the 01 July 25. Items already on the agenda.

1. Rule13, we want to get this sorted.
2. Length of service Trustees following changes to the Charity Commissions guidelines. Rule 5 refers.
3. 2026 AGM and Annual Reunion.
4. 2027 Planning for AGM and Annual Reunion.
5. 2028 Nominations to host AGM and Reunion.

Congratulations.

On Thu 15 May 25, Lt Gen Charlie Collins DSO OBE, AGC Colonel Commandant, awarded Colonel Commandant Commendations to six exceptional individuals from across 1 MP Bde.

Derby Branch .

Les Cooper was astonished that the flag still worked, after it was changed by him and Bob on what was quite possibly the windiest day of the week. The plot is now almost ready for the memorial parade in June. The benches have been removed for refurbishment but will be back in time for the parade.



Les Cooper.



Kath Potts.

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