



ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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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.

I Military Police Brigade.

GOC 1st (UK) Division visits RHQ 3 RMP.

Major General Daniel Reeve recently visited the Regimental HQ of 3 RMP, where he met officers and soldiers from across the regiment.

He was briefed on how the unit continues to modernise and professionalise its policing capability at home and abroad, while enhancing its fighting power as part of the British Army's Global Response Division — always ready, always responsive .



A proud moment as Maj Gen Reeve presented Captain Micky McLean with his Long Service Good Conduct (LSGC) bar.

As part of Exercise CYCLONE, 150 Pro Coy RMP has been on the front foot supporting the British Army's Land Training System (LTS) — a new, force-wide approach to training designed to raise readiness, sharpen capability, and empower sub-units.

CYCLONE is the core of this system, a 10-week, high-intensity training block focused on sub-unit cohesion and tactical excellence. For 150 Pro Coy RMP, this meant a blend of live-fire tactical training, leadership development, and garrison policing operations — all executed to a high standard.

From section attacks and fireteam manoeuvres to weapon handling and patrols across the garrison, our soldiers have demonstrated the professionalism, flexibility, and drive that the LTS is built to harness. This isn't just training — it's transformation. The British Army is moving toward a smarter, more agile force. And 150 Pro Coy RMP is proud to play a part in delivering it.



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.

East Sussex Branch

The East Sussex Branch of the RMPA presented the Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex, Rear Admiral John Kingwell CBE JP DL with an RMP plaque at the Eastbourne Armed Forces Day on Saturday 28 June 2025.



Derek Mead (Chair), Rear Admiral John Kingwell CBE JP DL, John Blaker (Sec) and Steve Hall.

HQ PM(A) IIA newsletter

The latest addition of the PM(A) newsletter is now available on the RHQ website. There will not be an update in August.

Communications RHQ are aware that not everyone who served on Op CESTRO and Op NORTHMOOR receive this newsletter. We would be grateful if you could pass this link on to those you served with and ask them to contact us via the RMP IIA group mailbox so that we can add them to the distribution list. All previous editions of this newsletter can be found on the Regimental Headquarters website under the 'Newsletters' section. If you would like to receive this newsletter on a different email address, then please contact SO1 Policy and Communications IIA with your amendment using the group mailbox. Please also let them know if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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@rhqrmp.org

South Wales Branch.

Steve McManus, RMPA Trustee Wales, and Chair of the South Wales Branch reminds us of what it is all about. Steve thank you for reminding us of what we should be aiming for.

If you have just found us welcome. This is a help and support page run by the South Wales Branch of the RMPA. The page is designed to link as many Military Police Veterans living in South Wales as possible. There is no requirement to be an active member of the Branch to join this page, however if you wish to join us at any of our social gatherings you would be welcome. Why the name change? Some people are put off by the phrase 'RMPA.' "they're just old gits living in the past, "well it's true we're not as young as we once were and we do like to reminisce, but more than that we just enjoy the craic of getting together. If anything were social club. Each year we get asked to attend the funerals of RMP Veterans living in South Wales, Veterans who we knew nothing about, that saddens me, some of those were Veterans we could have supported. So don't be put off that this page is linked to the RMPA. In case you want to put a face to the name, this is me .



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.

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.

Attendance at the Irish Defence Force National Day of Commemoration . Mike Hewitt submitted the following report.

Hi Bob

I am sending you two Photograph's that were taken while I was attending the National Day Of Commemoration for the Irish Defence Force held on Sunday 13th July at the Royal Hospital Kilmainham (Dublin)

I would ask that you also add to them the following short paragraph as to the Event itself and how I became involved.

Invited attendance is made from the Office of the Taoiseach (Protocol Division), and my Name, (and that of my Late Wife Phyllis), was officially registered on the Invitee list as from: 13 July 2008. That is when, (as Secretary and Standard Bearer for the RMPA (NI) Branch), the RMPA were part of the Building Bridges Project, put into motion by the then President of the ROI, Mary McAleese. This included the History Making Period when The first Royal Hospital Chelsea (In Pensioners badged RMP), were allowed to attend Ceremonial Occasions, dressed in their Scarlet Dress, (with Tricorn) within the ROI, since the days of Partition in 1921.

In 2010 there was a change of President to Michael D Higgins and again on that year, Phyllis and I were introduced to Him and his good Lady, and he agreed to continue that friendship with the RMPA, which is why to this day a Member of the RMPA (NI) Branch, Escorts the President at a wreath laying ceremony in November in Dublin.

Michael D Higgins ends his tenure of President later this year, and elections will take place soon and we will know his successor. I did have a short conversation with the President and as noted a photograph was taken of us both. I will continue to attend the NDOC for the foreseeable future and it can be assured that the RMPA Presence within all the aspects of the involvement, (as being enjoyed now), will continue.



Mike Hewitt, Michael D Higgins, Allan McLoughlin, (IMPA). Frank Coyle, (IMPA). Mike Hewitt, (RMPA). Michael Fisher, (IMPA).

Thank you, Mike, for this interesting article.

Cenotaph Parade 2025

For those that have applied for places on this year's Cenotaph parade, you should by now have received a confirmation email from the RBL. If you have not, please check your SPAM folder first then email Bob Potts from your registered email address and he will chase up your application.

This year's RBL Remembrance Parade tickets have all been allocated; we will only be able to offer places should anyone drop out. Individuals on the reserve list will be offered them. Those of you that have received notification of your place, should your circumstances change, and you cannot attend please let us know at the earliest opportunity so we can apply to reallocate the ticket.

RMPA NI Branch.

Tanky Walker says. Received this lovely scroll from Sam Jackson RMPA West Yorkshire Branch. Most unusual, depicting the NI Committee and President. Very much appreciated by us all and worth sharing.



Left Side: John Walker, Graham Chipperfield, Paul Jones, Graeme Woodcock. Right Side: Ray Spence, Jim Walker, Alan Officer.

RMPA NI Vice Chairman, Graham Chipperfield and his wife Alison, represented the Branch at the Annual Ceremony of Remembrance and Wreath Laying Service at the Irish National War Memorial Gardens in Islandbridge, Dublin. Graham laid a wreath on behalf of the RMPA.



Graham says: My good self and my Lady at Islandbridge in Dublin, to commemorate Somme Day with the RBL. Dr Alison Chipperfield and Mr Graham Chipperfield. Linen suit, too warm for blazer and flannels!

Funeral Tom Gorringe. MBE

RMPA NI members together with members from the RUCGC attended the funeral of Tom Gorringe, MBE at Ballymore Parish Church, Tandragee, 15th July.

Tom, a Suffolk lad, joined RMP in Dec 1971, Squad 7109. When he left the army, he joined the RUC mainly stationed in North & South Armagh. After retirement he was a founding member of the Royal Ulster Constabulary GC Association and was instrumental in drawing up its constitution.



Tanky Walker, Ray Spence, Jim Walker, Alan Officer, Taff Jones. Wendy Helliwell.

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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

| Date / Time | Event | Location | Further Information |
|--------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| 2025 | | | |
| 23 Aug 25 | RMPA NI 40 th Anniversary Dinner. | Europa Hotel | alangofficer@gmail.com . |
| 24 Aug 25 | Cyprus Emergency Memorial Service | NMA | Potts8@me.com chair@rmpa.org.uk |
| 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 |

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| 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 This event is likely to be cancelled. |
| 24 – 26 Apr 26 | RMPA AGM and Reunion | Cardiff. | Secretary.southwales@rmpa.org.uk |
| Jun 26 | RMP Memorial Parade | NMA | RHQ. This event is likely to be cancelled. |
| Jun/Jul 26 | 80th Anniversary | Southwick Park | Details to follow soon. |
| Jun / Jul 26 | West Yorkshire Dinner | Bradford | Date TBC |
| Jul 26 | AGC Memorial Parade | NMA | RHQ AGC |
| Aug 26 | Cyprus Veterans | NMA | |
| Sep 26 | NIVA Parade | NMA | |
| Nov 26 | Remembrance Parades | London | |

Kent Branch.

A very hot 10th July saw members of Kent Branch RMPA attend the Whitstable Lifeboat Station for a conducted tour. Our guide, Dave Parry, who was also one of the 'Helms,' "Boat Commander to you and me", was very informative and interesting. Opened in 1963 the lifeboat station is now home to an inshore 28 ft B class called the Atlantic 85. This carries a crew of 4 and capable of 35 knots (almost 40mph) making it one of the fastest boats in the RNLI and is carriage launched from the beach. Its name originates from Atlantic College in Wales where these rigid inflatable lifeboats (RIBs) were first developed and is operational in all weathers from towing broken down yachts and pleasure craft ashore to intensive search and rescue operations in the Lower Thames and Estuary where it meets the English Channel and North Sea. At the end of the visit a cheque was presented from the Branch to the RNLI by the Branch Chairman. There is a shop selling RNLI memorabilia as well as tea/coffee which is worth a visit. Thank you, Janet Taylor, for the group photo. A very enjoyable day.



Steve Taylor, Roger Dengate, Glenn Craddock, Alan Fairfax, Dave Parry RNLI, Phillip Harrison, Colin Port.

National Memorial Arboretum

Are you planning to visit the Arboretum on Friday 15 August to commemorate VJ Day? Please make sure you book your parking in advance to guarantee entry.

We're expecting thousands of people to join us for the VJ80 Commemorations, and we will be operating an accessible park and ride system for all cars, motorcycles, and scooters, including Blue Badge holders.

Royal British Legion, in partnership with the UK Government, is leading the Nation on VJ Day with an event at the base of the Arboretum's iconic Armed Forces Memorial.

Second World War veterans who contributed to campaigns in the Far East and the Pacific will be guests of honour, and access will be strictly by invited event ticket only.

Members of the public can take part in the commemorations by attending a live screening of the service on the Naval Review at the Arboretum.

Seating in the public viewing area will be available on a first come, first served basis, and the screening will offer British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation and audio description.

From 10.45am, there will also be live musical performances on the Naval Review from our Associate Partners, a capella group Black Voices.

Visit our website for further information about VJ Day 80 and to pre-book your parking.

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]

Illuminated Arboretum

We only put our advance tickets for this year's Illuminated Arboretum on sale two weeks ago and already the slots are filling up!

Why not kick off your festive season with our hugely popular winter light trail around the grounds and memorials at the Arboretum, this year featuring special 'The Year was 1945...' elements commemorating the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War?

The mile-long route around the Arboretum in Staffordshire will use mesmerising light, colour, and sound to bring the fascinating stories of the Arboretum to life in a unique way, featuring fun hands-on elements, immersive spaces, and areas for personal reflection.

Illuminated Arboretum runs from 5 – 22 December. If you want to make sure you get your preferred slot, we'd recommend booking early as our weekend sessions always sell out first.

And, if you book before 30 September, you'll get tickets at our special advance prices.

Ride to The Wall 2025.

Each year on the first Saturday in October, thousands of motorcyclists make their annual pilgrimage to the Armed Forces Memorial at the Arboretum to pay tribute to those who can 'no longer ride by our side'.

To date, £1.83m has been raised through RTTW's activities, helping to care for the Nation's year-round place to remember, and to ensure that the baton of Remembrance can be passed on to future generations.

Listen out for the sound of motorcycles returning to the Arboretum on 4 October when they will welcome RTTW 2025. I am sure that our own motorcyclists will be a part of this event.

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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Are you able to help?

Bob, I have a request from Ex Roy Nowosielski (he was in my squad in Chichester and doesn't do Social Media) he's going to South Korea in a few months' time and wants to know if Cpl Kenny Allen is still in Hong Kong? Is it possible you could add a request for information to next month's RMP Newsletters please or direct me to an RMP website or Facebook page?? I have no other information but could ask him if you need more!!

Thank you, Eileen,

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.
- Further details from: secretary.scotland@rmpa.org.uk.

Scotland Branch.

Andy Robertson, Some of the Branch Members at events in Scotland celebrating Armed Forces Day / week.



Ian Cannon and Fraser Stones with the Standard in Edinburgh.



Ronny Hay and Donald McTavish in Perth.

Chair RMPA Scotland Branch (David Smith) reading out the names of the fallen, drawn from a memorial Wall in Fife. There are 1500 names inscribed two of which were Military Police.



David Smith, Chair RMPA Scotland.

Hello

We all say hello if you know us. Anyone else wants to say hello? Just send me a Picture.



left to right Dave Millar, Mark Kilnan and Jamie Pender.

RMP National Standard - Fahnenband (Flag Ribbons)

Courtesy of Colonel (Retired) J T Green OBE DL, Regimental Secretary Royal Military Police. Fahnenband (Flag Ribbons) are awarded in many armies as a special honour and are the highest award in Germany with which a government can honour a military 'association.' Today, they stand as a sign of the close relationship between a federal state and the troops stationed there.

Traditionally, a flag ribbon is awarded by representatives of the state or foreign state guests. The flag ribbon is coloured in the Arm/Service colour of the association. Flag ribbons make the respective Truppenfahne (Regimental Colours) unique.

At parades where the troop flag is flown, it is a special honour to be able to make the award given to the association on the flag "public" and in our case each was presented by 2* or above Bundeswehr Officers.

As we have no Colours, the Regt Council thought it would be appropriate to place our Fahnenbands on the National Standard. (These are high quality replicas with the originals held at RHQ in the Burden Gallery)

We have three Federal Fahnenband, which is probably unique as they should really be presented only once to a military organization and then not below Unit i.e., Regimental level and two of ours went to sub-Units. The fourth is a Civic Fahnenband.

The Federal Fahnenband were presented to:

2008 - 115 Pro Coy RMP

2013 - 101 Pro Coy RMP (see the attached justification which I wrote);

2014 - 1 RMP, representing the whole of RMP which had served with distinction continuously in the Federal Republic since 1945.

The civic Fahnenband was presented to 2 RMP by the Mayor of West Berlin in 1994, when the Grosser Stadte was reunified and the Allies finally left. Only the RMP and the RE were so honoured reflecting the fact that the RMP had been literally the first in (escorting Monty's representative Maj-Gen Lynne GOC 7 Armd Div) and the last out having served continuously in the City.RMP



AGC Memorial Parade. NMA 08 July.

RMPA contingent attended the AGC Memorial Parade at the NMA today in support of the Corps, which included three of our Standards (Hull, Derby & National) with RMP SNCO leading the parade with the AGC Standard.

Brief service at the AGC Memorial followed by lunch and a meet & greet. Enjoyable day and the RMP well represented amongst those attending.



Andy Nelson-Plews (Hull) AGC Association Standard. Sammy Gants (RMPA National Standard) Neil Brookes (Derby)



Welcome.

Over the last few weeks, the ProSM and WO1 Rob Morris have proudly welcomed our newest members to the Royal Military Police.

12 new Private soldiers have successfully completed Phase 1 Initial Trade Training at ATC Pirbright and are now at DSPS, where they'll begin their Initial Military Police Course. Best of luck as you start your careers in red caps!

We also welcomed 23 new Lance Corporals who graduated from DSPS and are now fully-fledged members of the Corps. They'll complete their driver training before heading off to their first Provost Company assignments.

We're incredibly proud of all of you — welcome to the team and the wider RMP family.



Yes, I know this appeared last month, but Brendan is so proud he insisted I use it again. Welcome to everyone.



Mounted Troop. Sandy Low

Summer has arrived and it was certainly a hot day when a select group of us went to the DATR Open Day at Melton Mowbray. There was lots to see – demonstrations in the main arenas of the work that dogs and horses are trained to do, the stables were open to walk around and there were farrier demonstrations as well as lots of stalls and stands to visit. There was also music from the band of the Army School of Music. It is certainly worth a visit when they do their next Open Day in 2 years' time! We all arrived at the Open Day around 10 -10.30 and stayed until mid-afternoon. It was great to meet up with Peter Spooner and Honor Byford, both of whom I served with in the seventies. We missed Mike and Jill Beard at the showground, as we were getting frazzled in the hot sun and had to retire to our hotel room for a break! We met up with everyone in the evening though, at Bellini's Italian restaurant in the town centre. The meal was excellent, and it was great to meet up and discuss old times. All in all, it was a very good day out.

Helen Menmuir

Alex me , Ian and Alison Cannon Had a very enjoyable afternoon visiting Jinty Major. She is doing well and was very happy to see us.



Derby Branch.

Neil Brooks paraded the Branch Standard at the AGC Memorial Service held at NMA. Following which we enjoyed lunch courtesy of the AGC in the Aspects building.



Bob Potts, Kath Potts, Les Cooper, Sue Cooper, Neil Brooks, Julie Brooks.

Access to Health Services – Priority Treatment for Veterans.

All Veterans in England, Scotland and Wales should receive priority access to NHS secondary care for any conditions which they consider to be related to their service, subject to the clinical needs of all patients. **Make sure your GP and hospital know you are a veteran.**

There are currently no arrangements with Health Authorities in Northern Ireland. Their aim is that all patients should have access to treatment within a reasonable timescale.

Help and Support. Veterans Welfare Service.

The Veterans Welfare Service is there to support you. VWS is run by the Ministry of Defence's (MOD) Defence Business Services (DBS) and provides free one to one support to veterans or anyone supporting a veteran, their families, and dependants, with a national network of welfare managers across the UK and Republic of Ireland. Information is available online at:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/veterans-uk

They make it easier for you to access the help and services you need by providing advice and support: With telephone contact or, if needed, during a home visit.

With transition from service to civilian life.

To bereaved families.

With any life event that needs welfare assistance.

With relevant forms and help completing them if needed.

With Veterans UK pensions and compensation scheme claims and queries.

With help and advice on state benefits.

Contact details.

Veterans UK Helpline (Lines open Monday to Friday, 0800hrs – 1600hrs)

Freephone (UK only) 0808 1914218

Telephone overseas. + 44 1253 866043

Email: Veterans-UK@mod.gov.uk

Remember to have your National insurance Number handy when making contact.

By Post:

Veterans UK

Tomlinson House

Norcross

Thornton-Cleveleys

FY5 3WP

Veterans Oyster photocard

You can get a Veterans Oyster photocard if you:

Receive ongoing payments under the [War Pensions Scheme](#) in your name. This includes widows, widowers, and dependants.

Receive Guaranteed Income Payment under the [Armed Forces Compensation Scheme](#) in your name.

This includes widows, widowers, and dependants.

How to apply

You fill out an application form to apply for a Veterans Oyster photocard. Call them on [0343 222 1234](tel:03432221234) ([call charges may apply](#)) to get your form. They offer a call back service which works, and they talk you through the application process.

Complete and return your form with:

A photocopy of your Awards Notification or annual uprating letter from Veterans UK or the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency (dated in the last two years)

A passport-sized full-face photo including your head and shoulders. Don't wear anything that covers your head unless worn for religious or medical reasons.

Steve McManus. Trustee Wales.

Throughout August I will be cycling the 168 miles from my home to Southwick Park on my exercise bike all to raise funds to offset the cost of hosting the 80th Annual Reunion in Cardiff in 2026. I'm the wrong end of 60 and in 1994, I severed my spine at S2 so have no feeling in my legs and a shed load of metal I do however have a new exercise bike and the never give up attitude of a squaddie. Any contributions will allow us to put on a great event.

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South Wales Branch RMPA Cardiff 2026.

Or contact Steve direct at: trustee.wales@rmpa.org.uk. Bluebear21@btinternet.com.

Possible Changes to the Forecast of Events 2026.

The Tower of London Parade.

This event is likely to be cancelled again due to the over running time frame of repairs to the chapel. This is completely out of our hands and is regrettable. A firm decision will be taken in August and all interested parties informed.

RMP / RMPA Memorial Service at the NMA. 06 June 2026.

RHQ RMP are looking at organising an event to celebrate 100 years since the amalgamation of the MFP and the MMP and also the 80th anniversary of the granting of the Royal Prefix to the Military Police. This event will hopefully be held at Southwick Park, the home of the RMP sometime in June/July 26. More details when a firm date has been agreed. If this event goes ahead then the RMP/RMPA memorial parade will be cancelled.

Church Service Saint James Palace chapel.

Sean Taylor, Vice Chair of the RMPA, is looking at the possibility of holding a Church service in Saint James Chapel. London. Whilst this is not a RMPA regular event, members will be invited to apply for attendance. More details to follow.

Western Australia updates from Alison Mann.

Well, our Branch continues past 30 June 2025! Which is fantastic news. Matt Edmunds, A/Secretary, Carrie Wilson A/Treasurer, and I have all completed our handovers and we are now navigating the roles and responsibilities going forward. I would like to say a "Big Thank You" to Brian, Trevor and Eric for their time and patience whilst we conducted the handovers. Also, a Thank You to Bill Dodds and Anne Page for their continuation in the roles of Standard Bearer and Welfare Officer. After a labour of love, we finally have a new Bank Account! The existing account did not allow us to move forward electronically so Carrie, Matt and I ventured down to Success and spent a productive couple of hours setting up the new account. The new account is now with the Police and Nurses Bank and Matt will provide account details once the Annual Dinner arrangements are finalised. (Matt is expecting to send an email out next week with the details). With our funds needing some tender loving care we have been thinking about fundraiser events and will be taking these ideas to the AGM later this year. Please send any ideas through so that our bank account can be bolstered to enable us to continue with our charitable donations. The other achievement is the setting up of the generic branch email addresses, as requested by the UK. This has now been done so emails going forward will come out from; Chairman.westernaustralia@rmpa.org.uk
Treasurer.westernaustralia@rmpa.org.uk
Secretary.westernaustralia@rmpa.org.uk

I have also been in contact with the RSL and visited the Cockburn branch to see if their facility could meet our needs for future functions. We will need to look at moving some of the lunches for 2026 to a weekend as the management committee really want to attend, and unfortunately, we must work for a living at present which makes weekday lunches a little challenging. I was also kindly put in touch with the Cockburn Scout Group who volunteer if any associations or branches wish to March at the ANZAC Day Parade. The Scouts do a great job and help facilitate those needing assistance to be able to March.

So, let's see if we can muster and turn out for next year's parade. On a National front the RMPA have launched a new Close Protection RMPA Branch so if you wish to join please reach out to either myself or Matt and we can guide you in the right direction. Huge congratulations to the Lionesses on being crowned back-to-back Champions of Europe and the British Lions for their series win here in Australia. Matt and I were fortunate enough to attend the match at Optus Stadium and then Matt headed to Melbourne for last week's game. 2 Our next RMPA Western Australia Branch lunchtime meeting will be held at the RAAFA Club Bullcreek at 1200 noon on Thursday 21 August 25. All members and friends are welcome. We will also be holding a raffle so please bring a bottle or gift for the table. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Exemplo Ducemus – By example shall we lead!

The REDCAPS, Western Australia Newsletter

The July is now available on our website www.rmpa.org.uk, if you are unable to obtain a copy please get in touch with either myself: chair@rmpa.org.uk or potts8@me.com and I will send you a copy. It is very professional publication and puts my efforts to shame.

Time on your Hands miss the old life.

The RMP and MPS Reserve continue to excel both at home and on operations — playing a vital role across the firm base and overseas. The strong link between our Regular and Reserve forces remains a cornerstone of our continued success.

Thinking about a new challenge? Want to serve in a meaningful way alongside your civilian career? The Reserves could be for you. Here's how to get involved:

116 Provost Company – Based in Cannock & Manchester

Cannock Parade Night: Tuesdays, 19:30–21:30 at Guyldford House ARC

Manchester Parade Night: Tuesdays, 19:30–21:30 at Belle Vue ARC

Tel: 01543 465676

243 Provost Company – Based in Livingston & Stockton-on-Tees.

Livingston Parade Night: Wednesdays, 19:30–21:30 at Beveridge Square ARC

Norton Detachment (Stockton): Wednesdays, 19:30–21:30 at Norton Road ARC

Tel (Livingston): 0131 310 5926

Tel (Norton): 01642 366694

Email: 1RMP-RHQ-FORTIFY-GpMailbox@mod.gov.uk

253 Provost Company – Based in Tulse Hill, South London

Army Reserve Centre, 132 Upper Tulse Hill, SW2 2RS

Email: 3RMP-253ProCoy-RRMT@mod.gov.uk

Military Provost Staff (MPS) Regiment

Tel: 01206 543591

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