



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.**

Photographs.

All of the photographs in this Newsletter and more are available to view by branch and function on the RMPA website. www.rmpa.org.uk. The website is full of up-to-date information relating to all RMPA matters. If you have any problems accessing the site, please contact myself or Peter.

I Military Police Brigade.

Sgts Study Day 2026

1 MP Bde delivered the inaugural Sgt's Study Day — the first of what will become an annual professional development event focused on continued investment in our exceptional SNCOs.

We expect a great deal from our Sgt's, and they continue to deliver across the full spectrum of MP activity. The day focused on sharpening leadership skills, strengthening professional knowledge, and building the confidence required to perform effectively in an ever-changing environment.

With valued input from our attached arms from the AGC (SPS) and the REME, and members of the Bde from the RAFP, it reinforced the strength of our integrated Brigade.

Investing in our leaders today ensures we continue to deliver excellence tomorrow.





Reminder from Mike Carr.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the new RMPA website from time to time. As well as being a valuable member of the Admin team and National Secretary (a fulltime job in itself), **Peter Vorberg** has been building the website for the benefit of all RMPA members (that means you!).

You'll find details of forthcoming events and other useful stuff (have a browse around). You'll even find scanned copies of the Corps Journal that go back to days of yore (historical term).

MPS Regiment Battlefield Study – MALTA

Twelve members of the Military Provost Staff Regiment deployed to Malta for a Battlefield Study, combining military history with real-time professional development.

From Corradino Correctional Facility to the underground command centres of the Laskaris War Rooms, the Malta at War Museum, and the War HQ Tunnels, the team examined leadership, resilience, and custodial operations in complex environments.

Opportunities like this are part of a career in the Provost Branch — developing soldiers through overseas study, operational insight, and continuous professional growth.



Laskaris War Rooms

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.

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

Adjutant Generals Corps.

With the Winter Olympics well under way, we would like to highlight the Winter sports that the AGC Association proudly supports throughout the year!

From the endurance and elegance of Nordic Skiing, to the speed and precision of Alpine Skiing, and the energy and creativity of Snowboarding, we continue to champion athletes and enthusiasts across these exciting Winter disciplines.

Whether competing, coaching, volunteering, or cheering from the sidelines, thank you to everyone who keeps the spirit of Winter sport alive all year round.

Find out more on the AGC Website <https://www.agcassociation.co.uk/>



Exercise Golden Lion 26 - who's in?

Two blocks available this year due to popular demand! 05-11 Sept or 06-12 Sept. Activities will include mountain biking, summer mountaineering, and white-water rafting.

Open to all serving members of the AGC, (Regular or Reserve).

To sign up, click the link in our stories or cut and paste link into your browser:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx...>

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DUVt896gsb1/...>



Rejoin The Army Once A Soldier, Always A Soldier

Rejoining the Army means more than returning to uniform — it's renewed purpose, stronger pay, world-class healthcare, fitness facilities, and stability for your family.

SEARCH ARMY JOBS: <https://monkeylink.co/7d4ebc>

REJOIN THE ARMY

ONCE A SOLDIER, ALWAYS A SOLDIER

LEFT THE ARMY?
IT PAYS TO COME BACK
24% MORE,*

Do you miss the camaraderie and sense of purpose that the Army provides? you will get employment and financial stability for you and your family when you rejoin. You will also get the usual benefits including healthcare, sport and fitness facilities and the chance to make a difference.

SEARCH ARMY JOBS

 **ARMY**
BE THE BEST

West Yorkshire Branch.

The West Yorkshire Branch RMPA together with Standard attended the Memorial Parade and Service commemorating the 52nd Anniversary of the 1974, M62 Coach Bombing atrocity perpetrated by the IRA. Again, a magnificent turnout for a poignant service. Our colleagues and friends of the MPLEMC were well presented and once again it was great to meet up with Hemmy Spiggot and Ron Oates from the Manchester Branch RMPA.



WARNING ORDER DIARY DATE



**WEST YORKSHIRE BRANCH
ROYAL MILITARY POLICE
ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL DINNER NIGHT
SATURDAY 4 JULY 2026
7 pm for 7.30 pm**

**THE GUIDE POST HOTEL
COMMON ROAD
LOW MOOR
BRADFORD
BD12 0ST**

Meal @ £29 pp (inclusive of gratuities)
Single Room inc B&B @ £64
Double/Twin Room inc B&B @ £74.50

**Menu choices and booking confirmation
details to follow shortly**



Hull and East Riding Branch.

BRANCH CRICKET SOCIAL

**HULL & EAST RIDING
ROYAL MILITARY POLICE
ASSOCIATION
BRANCH**

✂ Sunrisers Leeds vs Welsh Fire 📅 Sunday, 9th August 2026 📍 Headingley Stadium, Leeds
🕒 Meet: 10:00 hrs | 1st Match: 11:00 hrs | 2nd Match: 14:30 hrs 🎫 Tickets from £40.00


HULL & EAST RIDING BRANCH, RMPA
BRANCH VISIT: ROYAL ARMOURIES, LEEDS



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF MILITARY HISTORY

 **DATE:** Saturday, 18th July 2026
  **COST:** £25.00 (travel subsidised by Branch)
 **LOCATION:** Royal Armouries Museum, Leeds Dock
  **LUNCH:** The Canary Bar & Grill
 **TRANSPORT:** 10.03hrs Train from Hull Paragon Station

BOOK BY 31st JUNE '26: secretary@hull-rmpa.org | 07456 259381


HULL & EAST RIDING BRANCH, RMPA
A DAY AT THE RACES: VERY BRITISH RACEDAY



JOIN US FOR A DAY OF RACING & LIVE MUSIC!

 **DATE:** Saturday, 30th May 2026
  **COST:** £7.00 per person (Picnic Enclosure)
 **LOCATION:** Beverley Racecourse (Picnic Enclosure)
  **FOOD & DRINK:** Bring your own picnic or purchase on-site
 **TIME:** Gates open 12:00 hrs. Meet there.

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY 30th April 2026. Email: secretary@hull-rmpa.org | Tel: 07456 259381

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RMPA Diary of Forthcoming Events that may be of interest. 2026/2027

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
2026			
07 Mar 26	WRAC Provost Reunion Dinner	Cambridge	Jacjun3@aol.com .
24 – 26 Apr 26	RMPA AGM and Reunion	Cardiff.	Secretary.southwales@rmpa.org.uk .
13 May 26	AGC Triple Crown Challenge	Worthey Down	Full details Mid Feb 26.
30 May 26	SIB Dinner	Holiday Inn. Rugby	secretary@rmpasib.co.uk entertainments@rmpasib.co.uk
30 May 26	Maj Gen Review	Horse Guards	kbp.army.mod.uk
06 Jun 26	Col Review	Horse Guard	kbp.army.mod.uk
11 Jun 26	80 th Anniversary	Southwick Park	Details to follow soon.
13 Jun 26	Trooping The Colour	Horse Guards	kbp.army.mod.uk
04 Jul 26	West Yorkshire Dinner	Bradford	Secretary.WestYorkshire@RMPA.org.uk
07 Jul 26	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	RHQ AGC
02 Aug 26	RHC Parade	Chelsea London	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
12 Sep 26	NIVA Parade	NMA	potts8@me.com secretary@rmpa.org.uk
19 Sep 26	Hull & East Riding Dinner Night	Hull	Secretary.HullAndEastRiding@RMPA.org.uk
17 Oct 26	Scotland Dinner	Edinburgh	Secretary.Scotland@RMPA.org.uk
05 Nov 26	Opening Garden Of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
06 Nov 26	Informal Gathering Pre Remembrance	Civil Services Club London	vice.chair@rmpa.org.uk
07 Nov 26	RMP / MPS Memorial Parade.	Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance.	secretary@rmpa.org.uk RHQ RMP
8 Nov 26	Remembrance Parades	London	secretary@rmpa.org.uk Stuart.reilly@rmpa.org.uk

2027			
Feb 27	Tower Of London Parade	London	Dates and Timings TBC
Apr 27	RMPA AGM and Reunion	Isle of Wight	Dates TBC
05 Jun 27	RMP Memorial Service	NMA	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
Jul 27	AGC Memorial Parade	NMA	Date TBC
Sep 27	NI Vets Parade	NMA	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
04 Nov 27	Opening Garden Of Remembrance	Westminster Abbey	secretary@rmpa.org.uk
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06 Nov 27	RMP / MPS Memorial Parade.	Westminster Abbey Garden of Remembrance.	secretary@rmpa.org.uk RHQ RMP
07 Nov 27	Remembrance Parades	London	secretary@rmpa.org.uk Stuart.reilly@rmpa.org.uk

RMPA SIB Branch Dinner – Saturday 30th May 2026.

From Donna Longhurst MBE. Entertainments Member RMPA SIB Branch. On behalf of the President and Committee I have the pleasure to advise you that the annual RMPA SIB Branch dinner will take place on Saturday 30th May 2026.

Returning to the Holiday Inn Hotel Rugby – Northampton, M1, Junction 18, Crick, NN6 7XR where there is ample free parking and Ev chargers at the hotel.

It has been confirmed that Brig Kris Rotchell, Provost Marshall Serious Crime will be our guest of honour.

RMP Funeral Packs

Just to advise that the RMPA has put together a number of funeral packs that will be sent out on request to Funeral Directors. Similar packs will also be available through RHQ.



Branch Contacts.

If you would like details on becoming an area contact or resurrecting a branch, please contact myself or Peter, the National Secretary

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WRAC Provost Reunion Dinner.

The reunion dinner 2026 is to be held at the Cambridge Belfry Hotel and Spa, on 07 Mar 26. Further details from June Jackson. Jacjun3@aol.com all are welcome to attend more details in due course.

Royal Military Police Museum.

Rob Bywaters.

Busy morning at the RMP museum with Mrs B. Handed over Cpl Lorraine Coffey's PM Gold Whistle & Chain to RMP Museum for prosperity. Saw a few familiar faces on the walls as well. An interesting and nostalgic day indeed.



Rob Bywaters,

Toby

Today we received the fantastic archive of No 11408263, L/Cpl James Finnegan, Corps of Military Police (India).

Anything connected to the CMP (I) is very rare, so it is a most welcome addition to the collection, especially with some stunning photographs of life in India and Burma, showing the specific CMP (I) insignia in wear.

Also included was the archive of Patrick Finegan, the brother of James. Sadly, Patrick was Killed in Action in Italy on March 3rd, 1944, serving with the 9th Royal Fusiliers.

What makes this donation even more incredible is the fact that James Finegan is still alive today, a spritely 103 years old, and currently residing in Liverpool.

CMP(I) Veteran - Send a Card Request

Peter was contacted by the daughter of James Finnigan who was born on the 4th of Oct 1922 in Liverpool. James is currently living in a nursing home in Liverpool and the daughter asked if we could ask people to send him a card. He originally joined the Army in 1942 serving with the Royal Artillery before transferring to CMP. His official no. was 11408263

He served with 165 HQ Provost Coy between 6/10/1944 - 22/1/1947 and was based in India in 1943. His squad course photograph is attached.

Roby House Care Home
Tarbock Road, Huyton,
Liverpool L36 5XW



LCpl James Finnigan.

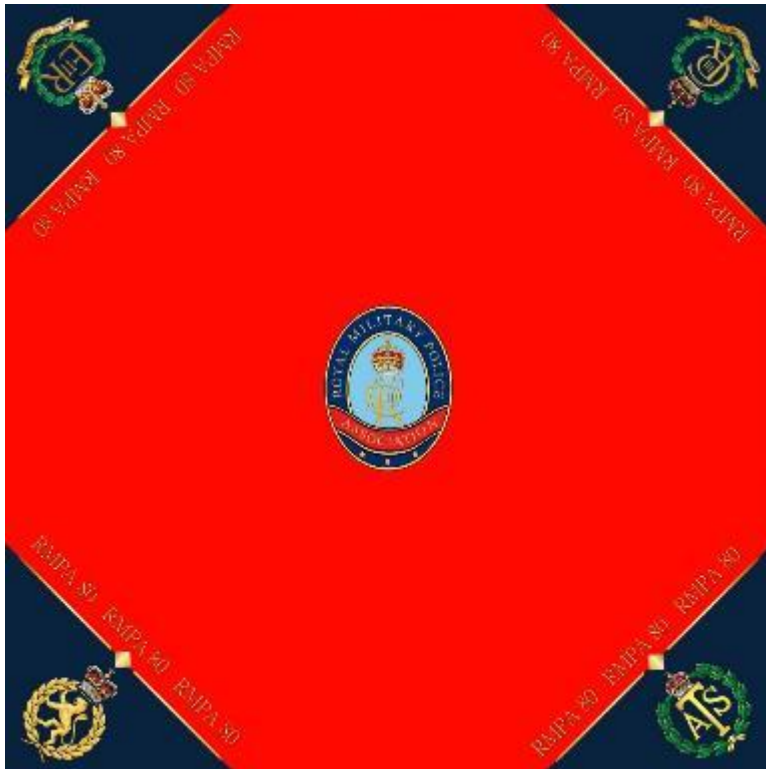
Annual Reunion Weekend and Drumhead Service, 24-26 April 2026 – Cardiff.

2026 marks the 80th Anniversary of the formation of the RMPA. To mark that occasion, the South Wales Branch will be hosting this year's Annual Reunion, which will include a five course Dinner night on Saturday 25th April and a Drumhead Church parade in the grounds of Cardiff Castle on Sunday 26th April. The Branch has gone all out to try and make the weekend as memorable as possible. The Branch ladies will be hosting a river boat trip from the Castle to Cardiff Bay. The Cardiff Military Wives Choir will sing during the pre-dinner drinks, but we will also have a few other surprises, which we hope will see us marking the Anniversary in style. Further details can be obtained from the Branch Chairman, Steve McManus. trustee.wales@rmpa.org.uk.



RMPA 80th Anniversary Silk Scarves & Ties

We are taking advance orders for ties and scarves. Both items are being manufactured to the highest standard & materials. We have priced both items at £25 each plus P&P and have a limited quantity being produced. International Sales are also available, postage cost we are currently investigating. They will be despatched towards the end of March
rmpa.org.uk/history/rmpa-scarfs



National Chair Recruitment Process

RMPA National Chair Vote Registration

At the AGM we will appoint the new National Chair for the Association and for the first time, all members will be able to place their vote and not just those attending in person. Voting will be permitted either online or in person at the AGM, with one vote permitted per person. Online voters are required to pre-register so we can confirm eligibility to vote, as you will need your RMPA Membership number to do so. If you don't know it, we will attempt to provide it. If you have any problems, contact any of the Trustees who will assist. WRAC Provost and Reservist who are not in possession of, or were not issued an RMPA number, will be issued one on application. It's your vote. Apply at : www.rmpa.org.uk.

National Memorial Arboretum.

It's a month until we welcome our NMA Friends to the Arboretum for NMA Friends Day 2026 on Saturday 14 March. Will you be joining us?

Held exclusively for NMA Friends, this special day gives us the opportunity to thank our Friends for their vital support, give updates on what's happening behind the scenes at the Arboretum and to share more of our stories.

Becoming an NMA Friend is one of the most rewarding ways you can support the Arboretum.

For as little as £40 per year, NMA Friends will receive free annual parking, an invitation to our annual NMA Friends preview day, and either digital or printed copies of our Friends publication The Memo.

Other levels of membership also include discounts in the shop, restaurant and on guided tours, as well as invitations to special Arboretum events.

As an NMA Friend, your support will help us to remain a free-to-enter site throughout the year for those who need us, when they need us.

Your support also helps our dedicated grounds team to care for our 150-acre estate, and to provide exhibitions, events and learning programmes which will bring Remembrance to life, now and for future generations.

Visit our website to find out more about becoming an NMA Friend.

Walking Routes NMA

With over 420 memorials to discover across our 150-acre landscape, it simply isn't possible to see everything at the Arboretum in a single day!

Our guidebook is organised into four suggested routes that you may wish to follow during your visit. It's not intended to be a comprehensive guide to every memorial but a highlighted selection of the inspirational stories that we remember.

You can buy a guidebook online or in our shop before, during or after your visit. Every penny you spend helps keep these incredible stories of service and sacrifice alive for generations.

If you pledged to get more exercise this year, why not pull on your walking boots or trainers and walk all the way to Watersmeet on your next visit to the Arboretum?

Along the way, you will pass under the railway bridge where the Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Limited memorials are displayed.

The memorials, each made from different materials, were once located within the local offices of Royal and Sun Alliance companies across the UK. Together they commemorate over 915 employees from across the Royal Sun Alliance Insurance Group who served our Nation, and in many cases gave their lives during both World Wars.

The Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance Limited Memorials can be found on the orange route around the Arboretum, one of four routes suggested in our guidebook to help you explore our 150-acres of memorials, gardens, and woodlands.



The Chelsea Pensioners.

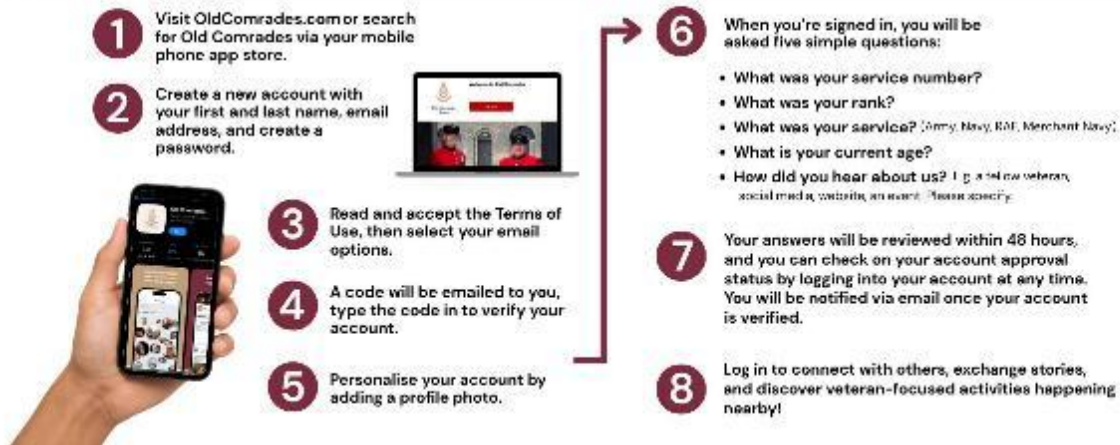
Being a veteran means belonging to something bigger than yourself. It means a sense of camaraderie that simply doesn't translate into civilian life. The humour, the shared experiences, the unspoken understanding between people who have served... it's unique. Whether you were Army, Navy, Air Force or Merchant Navy, there is something about service that stays with you long after the uniform comes off 🤝

Old Comrades is designed to help you reconnect with that feeling. It is a digital platform created specifically for veterans, built to bring people back into a community where they feel understood. A place to share stories, find support, stay informed, and rediscover the sense of belonging that service gave you.

If you've been missing that connection, or you know someone who has, this is your space to come back to: <https://loom.ly/0F8HXdo>

Looking to reconnect with fellow veterans? Here's how to use 'Old Comrades'

Old Comrades is an online platform and app that connects veterans around the country!
Sign up to join the conversation, share memories, and find out about veteran events in your local area.



RMPA Gazebo

The association has purchased a Gazebo for use at Association events. Its first outing will be at the AGM 80th anniversary Reunion in Cardiff. Any requests for its use at other events should be directed to the National Chair or Secretary for consideration.



Warning Order - Northern Ireland Reunion & NI Veterans Parade at the NMA

The Northern Ireland Veterans Association (NIVA) hold an annual Remembrance Parade at the NMA, which is attended by Veterans from All Arms. The RMPA normally has a good contingent on parade. We also felt that we should look to hold a Northern Ireland Reunion in Derby on the same day, with no specific unit just Op Banner operational service. We will post further details later but just wanted to put the diary date out there in case you need to apply for a leave pass.

The poster features a background image of soldiers in a trench. At the top, the text reads "Northern Ireland Reunion Sat 12th Sept 2026 at Derby & NMA NIVA Parade". On the left is the Northern Ireland Veterans Association logo, and on the right is the Royal Military Police logo. In the center are the crests of the EIR (Eireannic Irish Regiment) and the NIVA (Northern Ireland Veterans Association).

Advance Warning - Diary Date:

This years Northern Ireland Veterans Association annual Remembrance Parade will take place at the National Memorial Arboretum on Sat 12th Sept 2026. Association members attend the parade alongside other NI Veterans. It is proposed that we hold an informal gathering of those that served in Northern Ireland in Derby town centre after the event. Further details will be published later.

RMPA Award Nomination

If you feel that an individual warrants being nominated for an RMPA award in recognition for their activities, please review the following information at rmpa.org.uk.

The poster has a dark blue background with ornate gold scrollwork. At the top center, it says "2026 Nomination for RMPA Award". Below this is a paragraph explaining the purpose of the award, followed by a paragraph about who can be nominated. At the bottom, it says "The recommendation process can be viewed on the link above." The Royal Military Police logo is in the top right corner, and a laurel wreath is at the bottom center.

2026
Nomination for RMPA Award

In order that the RMPA recognise and reward dedication, personal contribution, longevity of branch membership, fund raising, increasing public awareness of either the Association or CBF or any other matter deemed to be worth of such recognition, there is a clear process in place, to ensure a concise and timely system of reward.

Rewards may be conferred upon an individual member of the Association, or any other person deemed to have earned such recognition.

The recommendation process can be viewed on the link above.

Patricia Hamill – Morgan.

On Saturday 18 April 2026, Patricia will be hosting a Formal Black-Tie Charity Dinner in Old Trafford, Manchester. This event is being held in memory of her late wife Gaynor, a former member of the RMP, who sadly passed away after an 18-month battle with ovarian cancer in December 2024, aged 49. Although the event is called **Gaynor's Goal** it is also in memory of Paula Hanratty, also former RMP, who tragically passed away only months after Gaynor. Gaynor and Paula were great friends, and

heartbreakingly, as they battled the same disease at the same time, the last occasion they were able to be together in the same room was at a military dine-out for their good friend Pippa Henderson AGC(SPS), in April 2024 (8 months before Gaynor passed away) another legend they had all served with in Northern Ireland (6 RMP).

Patricia writes: At Gaynor's funeral, I spoke with Paula at the wake. I told her about two things Gaynor had asked me to do in her final week at the hospice, a place that cared for her with such compassion, dignity, and kindness:

1. To support the hospice in any way I could, so others could continue to receive the same care
2. To raise awareness of ovarian cancer, so women might be diagnosed earlier and have a better chance of treatment and survival

Paula was already closely linked with Target Ovarian Cancer, and together we made a pact that day to do everything we could to honour Gaynor's last wishes to raise awareness of this silent killer in women's health, in the hope that women everywhere would know the signs and seek help sooner.

I am also honoured that Paula's wife, Lucy, will be in attendance on the night, continuing to fight for the cause that meant so much to both Paula and Gaynor.

While the event is being held at Old Trafford, I would respectfully ask that no football banter is added in the comments. This isn't about football, this is about honouring the wishes of an RMP veteran, remembering two incredible women, and raising vital awareness of ovarian cancer.

So it is with that promise, that I am holding this formal black-tie charity dinner to honour Gaynor's wishes, and Paula, and to turn those wishes into a goal.

Tickets can be found here: <https://gvwhl.com/SPC04>

From Stu Reilly, RMPA Lead for the Cenotaph Parade 2026.

As you may know, I have taken over as the RMPA lead for this year's Remembrance activities in London from Bob Potts. Outlined below are the arrangements as known at present. I will keep you all updated via our social media pages and our web site when further details are known.

The opening of the Royal British Legion (RBL) Field of Remembrance 05 November 2026

Westminster Abbey, to be opened by His Majesty The King or His representative. This event is being coordinated by Peter Vorberg, the Association's National Secretary. **This is a ticketed event.**

Remembrance Weekend Pre-Event Drinks Friday 06 Nov 26

For those attending Remembrance Events in the Capital this year, London Branch of the RMPA are looking at hosting welcome drinks on the Friday evening. All are welcome if you are in London for the weekend, either attending the Field of Remembrance Service at Westminster Abbey on the Saturday morning or participating in the RBL Cenotaph Parade on the Sunday. Come and join us for a social gathering all are welcome. Further details to follow.

RMP / MPS Memorial Service Saturday 07 November 2026.

Attendance at this event is open to all serving or retired members and their families, tickets are not required, and the service begins at 1200hrs. It is recommended that you arrive at Westminster Abbey by 1130hrs in order for any security checks to be completed. Afterwards attendees normally gather at the Westminster Arms for lamp swinging and reunion type chat.

RMPA Attendance at the Cenotaph Parade 08 Nov 2026.

The RBL Remembrance Parade & Muster will take place on Sunday 8th Nov 2026. The RMPA generally receives 70 tickets, and we shall receive confirmation on numbers sometime in June.

The Association has already received 10 applications to take part this year, and we need individuals interested in attending to register their interest. We have created an online registration form on the rmpa.org.uk website, on the Calendar of events page.

Alternatively use the following link:

<https://rmpa.org.uk/cenotaph-registration/> or request an application form from Stu Reilly. Stu.reilly@rmpa.org.uk. No one should feel excluded from attending this event if you are experiencing any problems registering, please contact me directly.

Save The Date.



SIB Branch.

In Praise of Standard Bearers, Phil Ellis.

I am just contemplating the latest efforts by our SIB Branch Standard Bearer, Jeff Gantschuk, AKA 'Sammy' and I thought just how under sung these fine representatives of our Association are. I thought that perhaps you could repeat my words as an article in your respective monthly newsletters? My words are about Sammy, but I know will ring true about other Branch Standard Bearers.

Sammy has been our SIB Standard Bearer for several years now, volunteering to support 'The Feds,' although a true blood GPD man! He is always to be relied upon. Not only does he parade for us, but also the British Legion in Yorkshire, and he is currently standing in as the RMPA National Standard Bearer. People will see him in action for themselves at Cardiff, in April!

Sammy attends our Branch Annual AGM and Dinner each year, where he parades in with the Guests of Honour. He represents our Branch throughout the year at the various RMPA and RMP formal events, such as the NMA, the NI Vets, and the Tower of London Parade, just to name a few. Most importantly, however, is his unstinting support to the funerals of our Branch colleagues who have passed. Despite taking the temporary

mantle of National Bearer, he has continued to support the SIB Branch tirelessly. Nothing is too much trouble. His turn out, his etiquette, his standard, his drill; all is impeccable, and where he can he tailors his representation to suit the family. I know that if humanly possible I can rely on him to be there to recognise the service of our colleagues anywhere. I have witnessed for myself the gratitude of grieving families on the day, knowing that the service of their loved one is so well valued. I attach two photographs, the first being at the funeral of our member ex-National Service Sgt, David Voice, RMP (SIB), QPM, and the second our member, retired WO1 (Master At Arms - MAA) Lew Jack, RNP (SIB). I know that all our Branch Standard Bearers do very fine work, but perhaps what singles Sammy out, with us being a 'national' rather than 'geographic' branch, is the distances he is prepared to travel to support grieving families. David's funeral was in Kent; Lew's was in Scotland. Sammy lives in the Northeast. Thank you, Sammy. Your efforts and support are without doubt superb and truly significant.

A shout out and a thank you also to all our Standard Bearers. Often the unsung heroes of many an event.



The King's Birthday Parade will be held on Saturday 13 June 2026 on Horse Guards Parade

The Colour will be trooped by 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards. Applications into The King's Birthday Parade ballot are now being accepted.

The online ballot will close at midday on Friday 27th March 2026. with successful entries being selected and notified by 30th March 2026.

Standing and wheelchair tickets will be available to purchase from 30th March 2026. Tickets for the Colonel's Review and the Major General's Review are now also released for sale.

Go to kbp.army.mod.uk to purchase tickets for the Reviews
or to enter the ballot for Trooping the Colour (The King's Birthday Parade)

There are two reviews prior to the King's Birthday Parade:

Major General James Bowder OBE, The General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Commanding the Household Division, will take the salute at The Major General's Review on

Saturday 30th May 2026 and HM The Queen, Regimental Colonel Grenadier Guards, will take the salute at The Colonel's Review on Saturday 6th June 2026.

Children must be in possession of a ticket. There are limited wheelchair spaces for all the parades. Separate applications are required for this facility. No refund can be given if the events are cancelled for reasons beyond the control of the organiser.

Dress Code:

The King's Birthday Parade: Morning Dress, Lounge Dress, Lounge Suit or Jacket and Trousers, equivalent for the ladies (no denim). Military personnel may wear Ceremonial Day or other Service equivalent.

Colonel's Review: Lounge Suit or Jacket and Trousers, equivalent for the ladies (no denim).

Major General's Review: Smart Casual (no denim).

Hats are optional but recommended in the case of hot weather.

Non-compliance with the dress code may result in refusal of entry. The processions can also be viewed from The Mall. Events begin at approximately 10am.

RMPA NATIONAL CHAIR CANDIDATES



The banner features two photographs of candidates. On the left is Stuart Reilly, a man in a dark military uniform with a red beret and medals. On the right is Alex Flach, a man in a dark suit and a red beret with a crest. To the right of the photographs is the circular logo of the Royal Military Police Association, which includes a crown and the text 'ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION'.

Stuart Reilly **Alex Flach**

RMPA National Chair Vote Registration

At the AGM we will appoint the new National Chair for the Association and for the first time, all members will be able to place their vote and not just those attending in person. Voting will be permitted either online or in person at the AGM, with one vote permitted per person. Online voters are required to pre-register so we can confirm eligibility to vote, as you will need your RMPA Membership number to do so. If you don't know it, we will attempt to provide it. If you have any problems, contact any of the Trustees who will assist. WRAC Provost and Reservist who are not in possession of, or were not issued an RMPA number, will be issued one on application. It's your vote. Apply at : www.rmpa.org.uk.

Mounted Troop Branch. Sandy Low

Dear All,

Spring now seems to be just around the corner though it has been a long winter this year. I hope that you have all survived the bad weather we have been having without getting flooded or suffering storm damage! There are things to look forward to coming up however, and I would like to remind you all about the RMPA Annual Reunion weekend in Cardiff, on 24th-26th April. This year it's the 80th Anniversary of forming the Association. Full details have already been forwarded in the recent newsletter from Bob Potts. You will need to contact Steve McManus trustee.wales@rmpa.org.uk if you

are interested in attending, but please also let me know if you are interested in going, so that a group table can be arranged. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend this year, but I would still encourage others from the Troop to attend as it promises to be a very good weekend. A lot of people keep asking me why the Troop don't attend any events, so this year, let's try and change that perception, and show them how to party! I did ask if anyone would be interested in having a break on the Yorkshire Coast and attending the Scarborough Open Air Theatre on July 6th to see Michael Buble. However, I have had no response, so presume that this is of no interest. An alternative would be to attend the Scarborough Armed Forces Day, which is being held this year on Saturday 27th June. We could follow this up with an evening meal in one of the local restaurants, of which there are many! If anyone is interested in this, we could either try to get a group booking at one of the local hotels or people could make their own arrangements. Please let me know if you are interested in coming and what sort of food choices you prefer, eg Italian, Chinese, Seafood etc. I also mentioned Eden Camp which is a modern history Museum covering World War 2, and other conflicts in the grounds of an original POW Camp at Malton, also in North Yorkshire, and only 20 minutes' drive from Scarborough. There's lots to see and it's always a very good day out. Here is a link so that you can see what it has to offer <https://edencamp.co.uk> Again, if you are interested, please email or contact me on Facebook and I will see what can be arranged. Later in the year, in October, there will be the RATs reunion which takes place annually at the Bromsgrove Hotel and Spa, Bromsgrove. Mounted Troop has a longstanding invitation to attend. In my experience this is always a good weekend, and the hotel itself is very nice with excellent facilities including a pool, sauna, and gym. It's a good occasion to meet up with old friends in convivial surroundings. I will forward further information about this nearer the time. It has been suggested that some of you might be interested in going to see the Edinburgh Military Tattoo which runs from 7th to 29th August. Here is a link to the information about it www.edintattoo.co.uk However, tickets for this are already selling fast, so please contact me by email or Facebook by the end of February, if we are to have a chance of getting some decent seats. I think in this case, as Edinburgh will be thronged with visitors, it would be up to everyone to make their own accommodation arrangements, but we could fix to meet up for a meal before attending the Tattoo. If anyone has any other ideas for a Mounted Troop meet up next year, please let me know That's all for now folks!

Yours Aye

Sandy Low Secretary, RMPA Mounted Branch.

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