



Royal Military Police Association

Hull & East Riding Branch



Minutes of the Branch Meeting Held 5th September 2012

Members Present: Dave Mitchell (DM); Pete Watson (PW); Steve Johnson (SJ); Bob Hare (RobH); Ted Johnson (TJ); Frank Maunder (FM); Brian Fenwick (BF) Joe Matthews (JM); David Kennedy (DK); Darren Howlett (DH); Andy Jefferson (AJ); Brian Petch (BP); Steve Woods (SW); Mike Walker (MW); Sandra Robinson (SR).

Apologies: Fred Hemmerman (FH); Michael Sutton (MS); Adrian Marshall (AM2); Bob Boreland (BB); Craig Hemmerman (CH); Tony Steventon (TS); Pat Howlett (PH); John Louis (JL); Derrick Garton (DG); Peter Ovis (PO); Jon Wild (JW); Dave Emmerson (DE); Andy Doyle (AD); Keith Hill (KH); Trevor Goodfellow (TG); Phil Newton (PN); Andy Murdoch (AM);

Agenda

- 1.0 Remembrance
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies received.
- 3.0 Absent Friends
- 4.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
- 5.0 Matters Arising
- 6.0 Communications Received
- 7.0 CESA Report
- 8.0 Website
- 9.0 Standard Bearer
- 10.0 Social Events
- 11.0 Any Other Business
- 12.0 Close of Meeting, and date of next meeting.

- 1.0 Remembrance – DM opened the meeting at 20.00hrs. The Remembrance was observed by all members.
- 2.0 Members Present/Apologies Received as above. PW reported he had received apologies from FH & CH who are with the NVA in France. DM sent apologies from TS who's Mum had been taken into hospital. DH sent his father's apologies. DM stated that PO is now in a care home in Hessle after a brief stay in hospital. DM sent apologies for JL who is at a meeting tonight.
- 3.0 Absent friends – As details in 2.0. A discussion was had with regard to members who are still suffering with ill health; the branch wishes to be reminded to those who are in ill health.
- 4.0 Minutes Of Previous Meeting –JM proposed that the minutes where correct. BF seconded. All in favour.
- 5.0 Matters Arising – DM thanked all Branch Member who attended over the weekend for the Hull Veterans Weekend. We were well noticed and showed the branch n the best possible light.
 - 5.1 Eden Camp v National Standard Bearer Competition.

6.0 Communications – PW reported that the Branch had received the following communications:

- 6.1 RHQ forwarded a letter from Eden Camp regarding the forthcoming Eden Camp All Services Remembrance Parade. The event will be held on Sunday 9th September 2012. Gates open at 10.00hrs and it is free to enter for all Veterans and their families. The parade will form up at 14.10hrs and will march off at 14.30hrs. This is a very popular event with over 85 standards on parade from all over the country.
- 6.2 RHQ sent an email containing a message from the PM(A) regarding The Future Structure of Provost. A copy of which is attached to these minutes.
- 6.3 RHQ emailed details of the 67th RMPA Reunion which will be held on the 17/18/19th May 2013 at the Cedar Court Hotel in Huddersfield. PW stated that as this event was being held so close that members should consider attending. Reduced rates of £60.00 per night for a double room have been arranged. Members wishing to attend should contact the Branch Secretary in the first instance.
- 6.4 An email was received from Perry Mason, the Chairman of RMPA London Branch giving details of the Annual Church Parade at H.M. Tower of London. This event will be held on the 10th February 2013. This event is normally very well supported by the Branch.
- 6.5 An email was received from WO1 (RSM) Rob Russell of 150 Pro Coy 3 RMP, Catterick Garrison as follows:

'RMPA Northern Reunion' occurring between Fri 14 Sept and Sun 16 Sept 12.

The SoM for the event will be:

Friday 14 Sept 12 1900 hrs RMPA members and associated personnel arrive in Catterick.

(Arrivals) (Accommodation and feeding to be arranged by individuals attending the weekend)

1930 hrs Cpls' Mess open for all personnel to utilise.

Saturday 15 Sept 12 1400 hrs RMPA and Guests invited to attend 150 Pro Coy, Beach Head Lines for displays and activities. These will include:

Modern Operational Vehicles

RMP dress categories
Close Protection
Red Man
AGC Stand
Food: Buffett / BBQ (TBC)

The Cps's Mess will be open throughout the day which will provide musical entertainment in the evening and should personnel wish quieter surroundings, the alternative option is the WOs' and Sgts' Mess.

Sunday 16 Sept 12 1100 hrs Church Service in the Garrison Church

1300 hrs Depart Catterick.

Members wishing to attend should contact the Branch Secretary so that 'car sharing' can be arranged.

- 6.6 An email was received from Mike Seabourne (National Vice Chairman RMPA) with details of the 2013 RMPA SIB Branch Annual Dinner to be held on the 27th April 2013. As this only concerns BF, details will be sent to him directly.
- 6.7 An email was received from RHQ regarding the forthcoming CENCO meeting. Details have been given to DM as our CENCO Rep.
- 6.8 An email was received from Ken Fowler, Branch Secretary RMPA North America, containing their latest Newsletter. Any Member requiring a copy of the Newsletter should contact the Branch Secretary.
- 6.9 An email was received from Mike Seabourne, the details of which were read out to the Branch Members present but will not be produced within these minutes.

- 7.0 CESA Report - DM reported that there was no meeting in August so there was nothing to report.

- 8.0 Website - no change.

- 9.0 Standard Bearer - BF had not been engaged in August.

- 10.0 Social Events -
 - 10.1 Annual Dinner - FH reminded Members that payment is required for tickets before the dinner and that there is only one Branch meeting left.
 - 10.2 PW proposed that due to the cancellation of Lindy Farrah, that we should look for a replacement artist providing that the cost does not increase from that of the fee that Lindy Farrah had charged, seconded by SJ. PW asked DM to contact Lindy Farrah to arrange a replacement.
 - 10.3 DM asked for four people to attend on the day to set up tables etc.

- 11.0 Any Other business: - None

- 12.0 The time being 20.41hrs and there being no further business, the meeting was closed by DM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd October, at 20.00hrs, at the Police Social Club, Inglemire Lane, Hull.

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And finally.....

ELDERLY ITALIAN CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN

An elderly Italian man who lived on the outskirts of Rimini, Italy.

He went to the local church for confession. When the priest slid open the panel in the confessional, the man said: "Father, during World War II, a beautiful Jewish woman from our neighbourhood knocked urgently on my door and asked me to hide her from the Nazis. So I hid her in my attic."

The priest replied: "That was a wonderful thing you did, and you have no need to confess that."
"There is more to tell, Father. She started to repay me with sexual favours. This happened several times a week, and sometimes twice on Sundays."

The priest said, "That was a long time ago and by doing what you did, you placed the two of you in great danger, but two people under those circumstances can easily succumb to the weakness of the flesh.

However, if you are truly sorry for your actions, you are indeed forgiven."

"Thank you, Father. That's a great load off my mind. I do have one more question."

"And what is that?" asked the priest.

"Should I tell her the war is over?"