



# ROYAL MILITARY POLICE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



**#5 SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Chair: Bob Eggelton**

**Vice Chair: Bob Potts**

**Secretary: Stewart Leach MBE**

**Treasurer: Ron Campbell-Smith**

Dear Colleague,

**Northern Ireland Veterans Service, National Memorial Arboretum 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018**



Dave Paynter sent in the above photographs and said, 'Here are the photographs of the lads and lasses who paraded at the above event on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> September. A total of 35 Redcaps supported the Annual Service and Parade at the NMA. A wreath was laid by the exemplary Bob Potts. We hope to keep this event rolling in the future. In the evening, some stayed over in Derby and pulled up a Sandbag in the appropriately named Wetherspoons "Standing Order." This is where the photo of Russ Banks the artist, handing over to Jim Carre a signed print of "NCO in NI" Jim won the Secret Auction raising £250 for the CBF was taken.'



The West Yorkshire Branch enjoyed a day at Pontefract Races and were supported by visitors from Kent Branch (Ray Ellam), The Fens (Peter Broddle) and Midlands (Mark Layton) A great afternoon, throwing money at the bookies.

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It seems that September has been a busy month for the Depot Branch. It was an early 0730 hrs start from Southwick Park to Bletchley Park with some mutterings "I haven't had time for my porridge this morning". However I think most of them remembered to take the daily tablet or two to get kick started prior to the journey northwards. I think we were all impressed with what greeted us and the truly amazing story behind the work completed during the Second World War unfolded during the day.



Getting a whole group together for a photograph is not always easy and there are a few absentees from the one above, the main one being Ron Campbell-Smith who organised the trip. A few names you may recognise are Stuart Graham, Ken 'Slim' Redfearn (under the hat), Jack Duncan, Adrian Wilson, John Fry and myself (all out of smiles). The others present are family and friends.

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On Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> September, the Regimental Secretary Colonel JT Green OBE, the Pro SM Marc Thomson and I attended the unveiling of a new memorial in the Castle Grounds, Guildford. The memorial was for those from Guildford who had paid the ultimate price for their country post the Second World War. The memorial is that of a modern day soldier holding a scroll with eighteen names of servicemen from all three services. The names were placed on the scroll according to the date of their death and the first name is that of Lance Corporal; GA Wheatley Royal Military Police who died in 1946 whilst serving in Palestine. I can say that the event was well organised with the correct level of reverence which was acceptable to the whole range of the age groups present. .

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It was not long, well 24 hours in fact, before I was suited and booted once again and this time it was as a member of Depot Branch. Members of the Branch had been invited to attend the unveiling of a commemorative Victoria Cross paving stone in honour of Lieutenant Robert Gorle VC, Royal Artillery. The event was attended by HM Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Civic dignitaries and by the grandson of Robert Gorle. In addition 16<sup>th</sup> Regiment Royal Artillery provided a Guard of Honour and several service organisations from the Portsmouth area were in attendance. The photograph on the left shows Roger Glancefield, dressed appropriately for 100 years ago in RHA uniform, Jack Duncan Chair Depot Branch, me and an old "Boot-neck" friend who we know locally from former parades who enjoys the good humoured service banter that never fails to prevail on such occasions. Roger is a member of the RMP Historic Vehicle Restoration Group and also

committed to re-enactment. He has given presentations at Depot Branch meetings in the past. In addition Mike Beale and Vic Thorn, both members of the Branch were also in attendance. Another good turnout demonstrating that those who have gone before us are not, nor ever will be, forgotten.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018, opening of the Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey.  
Commencing at 1030 hrs.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Provost (RMP/MPS) Field of Remembrance Service, Westminster Abbey commencing at 1150 hrs.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 Royal British Legion Cenotaph Parade.

For anyone in the Yorkshire area wanting to parade shoulder to shoulder with fellow Redcaps

The West Yorkshire Branch RMPA on Sunday 11 November 18 will once again be parading at Pudsey Parish Church and War Memorial to pay our respect to "The Fallen" Then afterwards Sunday Lunch at The Manor Golf Club, Drighlington, Leeds. More information contact Davey Paynter, [westyorksbranchrmpa@outlook.com](mailto:westyorksbranchrmpa@outlook.com)

Taunton Branch Christmas Luncheon - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Details to be announced.

10<sup>th</sup> February 2019, RMP Parade and Service, HM Tower of London

10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Annual Reunion at Stretton, near Warrington hosted by Cheshire and North Wales Branch. If you would like further details please contact me.

11<sup>th</sup> May 2019, RMPA Trustees' Meeting, Royal Park Hotel, Stretton

11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 Annual General meeting, 1400 hrs, Royal Park Hotel, Stretton

If your branch has a forthcoming activity which you would like publicised then let me know, but let me know in good time.

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