

MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION (NORTH EAST BRANCH)
HELD AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - SUNDERLAND
ON FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER 2014

J Cheetham (JC)
G Barrs
G Cook
S Connal
P Fenwick
D Jones
J Kelly
E Loftus
B Moore
D Powell
J Snell
G Yates

R Holman
A Begley
N Cook
R Coulson
R Gilchrist
L Jukes
P Kelly
N Loftus
D Nichol
T Robinson
T Suggitt

C Adams
N Blakeman
T Conlin
M Donnison
J Jackson
R Jukes
B Kemp
I Longworth
G Oates
J Simpson
J Toolin

Apologies

Apologies were received from Brig Prideaux, P Axtell, J Barker, J Barrett, M Blaire, D Bond, D Bone, I Corbett, J Cornell, G Gibson, D Hunter, G Hutchinson, T Love, G Mallaby D Muir, G Netzler, D Nichol, Col J Ramsbotham, K Richardson, R Ross, P Smith, D Sproat, B Tollerson, R Trower, D Watson, L Wayman, K Weedy, J Williamson, K Wilson, G Wynn.

JC welcomed and thanked members for their attendance.

Our President Brigadier Nicholas was unable to attend the meeting, but he and Amanda are looking forward to seeing everyone in November

Minute Silence for Fallen Comrades .

1 Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of previous meeting were read, matters arising would be covered in the meeting agenda.

2 Matters Arising

2.1 RGJRA Veterans Day

It has been suggested that this could be hosted around the country by the branches. The consensus from the North East Branch was that Winchester is our home and there is where it should remain.

2.2 Medals

JC informed the members that no Self Issued Medals should be worn at the Remembrance Parade and gave details of the criteria

2.3 RGJRA HQ Meeting

Our President will represent the branch at the RGJRA meeting in October
Parade dress for the veterans parade and march past will be on the agenda

2.4 Sunderland Wall of Remembrance

C/Sgt Stephen Walton who died of bronchial pneumonia during a BFT in Germany 1982 will be added to the wall, this should be completed by the Remembrance parade

2.5 Editor's Report

M Donnison informed the members the E-Zine had been sent to RGJRA with little help from them. Can members please send photos of any event they attend that is Green Jacket related to either JC or M Donnison. Please do not send any that are copied from social media as the resolution is very poor

2.6 Treasurer's Report

Bank £4964.12 Cash £181.34 Total £5145.46

3 Events

3.1 Branch Functions

November

7th Queen Vic – Advance Party

8th Stadium of Light

Singer providing WWII songs – Group – Disco – Auction – Raffle

Tables of 10 (Organise your group) – The room is laid out for 300 people in a way to cover Health and Safety issues, so please do not move tables and chairs

JC asked members to remain silent when the President is giving his address and the 100 year activities take place

If members would like to decorate the SOL including ammo boxes ration tins, etc can they please contact JC, nothing can be hung on the walls

JC thanked members for their generosity as raffle prizes save the branch money

9th Remembrance Parade

Muster 1000hrs

Please be on time as we need personnel to secure our place in the parade, 100+ attending

Memorial Seating reserved for RGJRA, if you require a seat please let JC know

Wreath Party

Names to JC via email by 31 October, if there are more than 2 names they will go into a hat. J Barrett and T Conlin were taken at the meeting

Group Photograph to be taken at either the Winter Gardens or Stadium of Light

Sunderland V Everton – SOL – 1330hrs kick off

If you are not attending please let JC know so that tickets can be passed onto other veterans

Lunch Grand Room Roker Hotel 1630hrs

December

Christmas Party

Members voted for the party to be held at the British Legion

Date TBC

3.2 North East Events

September

Tommy event – Cancelled

DLI Bugler Unveiling

Well done to those who attended

Veterans' Agency Collection

Stadium of Light – Cancelled on the morning

The Chairman thanked the members for their continued support for the RGJRA North East Branch

3.3 Regional Events

July

Veterans Day - Winchester

Well attended by the Branch

August

Greenstock 2014

No reports from members for E-Zine. A very successful weekend

September

NI Veterans Parade

National Arboretum

34 marched at 140, see E-Zine for further information

4 AOB

4.1

I Longworth's 60th Birthday Celebrations

11 November – Easington Colliery Club – 1100hrs onwards

4.2

Glen 'Geordie' Ternent 60th Surprise Birthday Party

1 November – Westerhope Excelsior

4.3

Sunderland Signed Football and Raffle

Raised £198.00

4.4

Secret Raffle

Winner R Jukes

NEXT MEETING

TBC