

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)
BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS
ON TUESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2017**

In Attendance

President:
Chairman: Roy Stanger
Secretary: John Harper
Treasurer: Brian Scott

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 3th January 2017 with 11 members present.

Item 1: Apologies

Apologies were received from the following:

Tony Cotterell, Peter McLaren-Smith, John Pearson, George Elliot, Adam Easdon, Dave Burch, Vic Osmond, Roger Downton, Mitch Ahmet, Thomas Reynolds, Lyndon Harper, Tiny Adams, Bob Fortune, Brian Craven, Dave Lindsay, Ken Lindsay, Peter Tilley, Del Milam, Terry Young, Peter Andrews, Anthony Addley, Peter Hyde, Roger Forder, George East, Mick Murphy, John Fritz-Domeney, George Smith, Andy Gray and Frank Goodridge.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 November 2016 were read and approved by the member's present.

Item 3: Chairman's Report

The Chairman welcomed the members present and wish them all a Happy New Year, he then went on to explain that John FD, John H and himself had been to the first meeting of the 8 July Veterans Day committee meeting, he informed the members that the day will be spilt into two parts.

1: A parade in Winchester by The Rifles who are to receive the Freedom of the City. The RGJA have been asked to take part in the parade (100x veterans). If you wish to attend please let me know, I already have some names. I am sorry, but members in wheel chairs or walking frames will not be able to take part in the Parade. The RGJA who will be taking part will park in the lower car park of the ATR(W) and taken down to Winchester Cathedral by coach to muster at the KRRC memorial where a service/turning the pages will take place before the Parade.

2: When the Parade is over The Rifles and the RGJA who took part will be brought back to ATR(W) for Part Two of the Veterans Day. The gates of the ATR will not open until 1400 hours. Roy informed the members that he is attending a meeting on the 20 January and hopes to get an answer to when the Veterans 50th DVD will be ready and will let the members know at the AGM.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

At the AGM 2017 branch subs are due. You have until June 17 in which to pay. After that date and you have not paid it will mean that you do not wish to be a branch member and your name will be removed from the mailing list. Brian Scott went through the branch funds for January with the members present, [please see attachment](#). Brian said because the Xmas Dinner was cancelled he has returned all payments to the members.

Item 5: Welfare

George East has broken his ankle (he will do anything to get out of washing up). Brian Craven and Peter Andrews are both doing well which is good news.

Item 6: Battlefields

Tiny Adams was on holiday so there is nothing to report. He will be at the AGM when he will update the members.

Item 7: Memorial Garden

Because of the weather at present, no work has been undertaken. Once it improves, Pat will be calling for help.

AOB

A. John McMullan asked if the branch were assisting the BBQ in Green Jacket Close, Roy said that he will talk to Sid Bunn and come back with an answer at the AGM.

B. A member ask what will happen to the branch, Lt.Div Chapel and Veterans Day when the ATR(W) closes down? Roy informed the members not to listen to rumours and await proper directions from the CoC.

C. Chris Michell asked where the RGJ Birthday bash is held? Roy will talk to Ron Frampton.

D. Chris Michell would like to know if at the end of each financial Year that £1000 be put to one side to offset any function? This will be discussed at the AGM committee meeting, and put forward at the AGM.

E. At the AGM, the posts of President and Treasurer on the committee will be up for re-election.If anyone is interested please contact me before the AGM.

F: If any member is interested in the PODs in the New Forest. contact me.

The next meeting is the AGM Tuesday 7 February 2017 1900hrs for 1930hrs start, at the WO's & SGT's Mess ATR(W)

There being no further business the branch meeting closed at 2015 hrs