

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)
BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS
ON TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2017**

In Attendance

President: John Fritz-Domeney
Chairman: Roy Stanger
Secretary: John Harper
Treasurer: Brian Scott

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1900 hrs on Tuesday 5th September 2017 with 16 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, Roger Forder, Peter Andrews, Bob Fortune, Brian Craven, Dave Lindsay, Ken Lindsay, Peter Tilley, Del Milam, Anthony Addley, Peter Hyde, Robert Clarke, John McMullan, Derek Randall, George Smith and Steve Chalder.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th June 2017 were read and approved by the member's present.

Item 3: Chairman's Report

Roy started the meeting by thanking the members who helped on the Veterans Day (John FD, Brian Scott, John Scott, John MacMullan, Frank Goodridge and John Harper), Roy also said that without the help of the Wicheter Branch the day would not have run so smoothly. The date of next year's Veterans Day is Saturday 14 July 2018. Roy then informed the members that the Veterans Day will still be held at the ATR(W) until the barracks close's in the near future. Nicholas Prideaux is the RGJA LO ATR(W) working with their CO, and with 4 members in the WO&SGT MESS they will be able to keep a finger on the pulse.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

See Attachment.

Brian still has some diaries for sale and will bring to the next meeting
£5 x Pocket, £6 x Desk.

The Remembrance lunch on 12 November will start at 1300hrs at the SWGC, bar open 1230hrs, the price is £14.50 per person, it will be a 2 course lunch followed by coffee.

The price for the Xmas function will be £27.50 (3 courses, wine, tea, coffee, mince pies and raffle) per person details at the next meeting in October.

Closing date for the Remembrance Lunch is 3 November.

If you wish to pay now send your cheques direct to Brian, his details can be found on the last page of the minutes or pay him at the next Branch Meeting 3 Oct, if you are paying by Bank Transfer put your name and what it's for.

Item 5: Memorial Garden

Pat Low reported that he is tidying up the garden ready for the winter, he asked for a work party for Wednesday 13 September, this has now been cancelled, he will arrange a further date and will let me know and I will pass it on to the members.

Item 6: Remembrance Lunch & Xmas Dinner

Please let me know by email, text, phone or post your name and how many guests you will be bringing I.E Joe Smith & Wife + No of guests and which function you will be attending Remembrance Lunch or Xmas Dinner.

You are getting very good value for your money, if you were a member of the WO&SGT MESS, the Xmas Dinner would cost you £91 + £10 for the Raffle.

John FD will explain more about the Xmas Dinner at the 4 October Meeting.

Item 7: Battlefield Tour 2018

Tiny is organising a WW1 Battlefield Tour In June next year, he only has 4 seats available if you are interested then contact Tiny soonest. He is also looking to go to Dover on 19 October to visit the RAF museum, it will be an early start. Again, names to Tiny.

Item 8: Welfare

We wish Andy Grey and Ken Lindsay who have just come out of hospital a speedy recovery and hope to see them soon.

(Update 12 Sept) Andy Grey was rushed back into hospital (RHCH). I spoke to his Wife and she informed me that he was alright and will be home in a couple of days.

AOB

A John FD asked for any articles for the Ezine, he needs them before the closing date on 15 September.

B Andy Grey via John H wants to know why the bar was closed for two hours on the Veterans Day? Roy replied, when the Memorial Service takes place the bar is closed, this includes the Parade as well, Because the Memorial Service over-ran, it was straight on to the square for the Parade.

C John H asked due to lack of numbers attending, that the meeting in August be cancelled.

D From John H, can you please let me know if you wish to join me at the Drum Head Service at the ATR on 12th November.

The next meeting is a formal not a Social on Tuesday 3th October at the WO&SGT Mess ATR(W) 1900 for 1930 start.

There being no further business the branch meeting closed at 2035.