

**MINUTES OF THE RGJ ASSOCIATION
(WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH)
BRANCH MEETING
HELD AT SIR JOHN MOORE BARRACKS
ON TUESDAY 6th JUNE 2017**

In Attendance

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 6 June 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, Lyndon Harper, Tiny Adams, Bob Fortune, Brian Craven, Dave Lindsay, Ken Lindsay, Peter Tilley, Del Milam, Anthony Addley, Peter Hyde, Robert Clarke and John McMullan.

Item 2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017 were read and approved by the member's present.

Item 3: Chairman's Report

Roy informed the members that the BBQ at Green Jacket Close is cancelled. He then went on to tell the members that all the Contractors have signed up for the Gathering i.e. the Marquee and the Restaurant, which will be run by Sgt Hart RLC (son of C/Sgt Hart ex 1 RGJ), Sodexo who will run a fast food stall, better than the one last year. We have a photographer called Steve Day (ex RAF) who will be us with all day, taking photos of the Freedom Parade and the Gathering, his photos will be for sale on his website which I do not have at present. Roy has asked if any member can help on the day in main tent or at the reception tent, please let me know, also if you know anyone who could help behind the bar (they will be paid). We will not be selling raffle tickets on the gate this year, because it holds up the people coming in, it will be moved to the tent area. When you come into the ATR, make sure you have some ID or a member's card. After the Freedom Parade, some members will be invited to meet the Mayor and Members of Winchester City Council, at the Guildhall.

Item 4: Memorial Garden

Pat is due to go on holiday, when he returns he would like some help with the garden, when he gives me the dates I will inform the members ASAP.

Item 5: Battlefields

Due to family reason, Tiny was unable to attend the meeting, so we do not have any updates.

Item 6: Freedom Parade

Roy will be attending a meeting on 23 June with the Command Sgt Maj (Rifles) who is in charge of the Parade, also at the meeting will be member's from other organisations involved with the Parade I.E. Police, Band, Representatives of the Marchers and Winchester City Council, when the meeting is finished if there are any changes Roy will let me know, and I will email the members.

John FD said there is one change to the start time for those taking part that is we need to be on parade at the **ATR car park at 0830**. Not 0900.

AOB

A: On Thursday 6 July 1800 for 1830 The Rifles B & B will hold a concert in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral, all welcome bring your chair, drink and food.

B: Four members of this branch have been made Honorary Members of ATR(W) WO & SGT Mess, Derek Milam, John Scott, Derek Randell and John Harper.

C: DVD of the 2016 50th Veterans Day will be on sale at the Veterans/ Gathering.

D: John H informed the members that he has found a local person who repairs and makes medals, he lives in Kings Worthy, his name is Peter tel.07974690603.

E: John F/D is still looking for photos and stories for the S&B and Ezine.

The next meeting is a Social, Tuesday 1 August 2017 1900hrs for 1930hrs start, at the WO's & SGT's Mess ATR(W)

The next formal meeting is Tuesday 5 September 1900hrs for 1930hrs at the WO &SGT Mess ATR (W)

There being no further business the branch meeting closed at 2020 hrs