

# THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### ITEM 1 – AWARD OF THE BADGE OF MERIT 2021

1. At their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021, the Management Committee of the REA took great pleasure in approving the award of the prestigious Badge of Merit to the following members:

| Ser | Nomination        | Branch                       | Group                     |
|-----|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1   | Robert McCann     | Southampton and District     | South West Southern Group |
| 2   | John McConnell    | Lanarkshire Branch           | NI & Scotland Group       |
| 3   | William Whittaker | Brighton Branch              | Southern Group            |
| 4   | Roy Morgan        | Birkenhead Branch            | North West Group          |
| 5   | Robert Wood       | Gloucester & District Branch | South Midlands Group      |

2. Their commitment to the Association and their comrades was remarkable and worthy of recognition through the award. HQ REA sends its congratulations to all those awarded the Badge of Merit. Well done!

## ITEM 2 - AGM NOTIFICATION

3. The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held on Zoom on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021**, commencing at 1100 hours.
4. The attention of Groups and Branches is drawn to Rules 11.01 to 11.40, which govern the procedures at the Annual General Meeting.
5. More information on this meeting will be promulgated nearer the time.

## ITEM 3 – REA ANNUAL DINNER IS NOW CANCELLED



6. The 2021 Annual Dinner of the Association is due to be held at the Victory Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London W2 2HF on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 is now CANCELLED.**

## ITEM 4 – SAPPER SUNDAY, THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA

7. Sapper Sunday is due to take place on **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021** at The Royal Hospital Chelsea. However, due to the COVID 19 situation a decision that this event will go ahead will be made nearer the time by The Royal Hospital Chelsea.

## ITEM 5 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8. Remembrance Sunday will be on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**. Branches and individuals requiring tickets for the Remembrance Sunday Parade at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London, are to apply, in writing or by email ([membershiptypist@rhqre.co.uk](mailto:membershiptypist@rhqre.co.uk)), to HQ REA stating the number of tickets required. In order to cater for the enhanced security situation, the process of applying for tickets changed in 2016. It is expected that the same process will be adopted this year and applicants need to be aware that extra information will be requested by HQ REA.

9. Before requesting tickets, Branches and individuals are reminded that tickets issued by HQ REA are for those intending to march with the REA contingent. Those wishing to march with other groups are to bid for tickets from those groups. **Only RE ex-servicemen & women are permitted to march in the REA contingent.**

10. The Royal British Legion will only accept bids submitted through Regimental Association Headquarters and not direct to them by individuals. Bids are requested by **1<sup>st</sup> June 2021** to enable a consolidated bid to be submitted thereafter.

## ITEM 6 – NATIONAL STANDARD BEARERS COMPETITION



11. The National Standard Bearers' Competition is due to be held at Brompton Barracks, Chatham during the Veterans/Corps Memorial Weekend on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. However, due to the COVID 19 situation confirmation that this event will still go

ahead will be made nearer the time.

## ITEM 7 – VETERANS' WEEKENDS

12. The Veterans Weekend at Gibraltar which was due to be held over the weekend **14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 is now CANCELLED.**
13. The Veterans' Weekend at Chilwell which was due to be held over the weekend **18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 is now CANCELLED.**

14. The Veterans' Weekend at Minley which was due to be held over the weekend **23<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021 is now CANCELLED.**

15. The Corps Memorial Weekend at Chatham is to be held over the weekend **17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** When published, the Calling Notice can be found on the REA website – [www.reahq.org.uk](http://www.reahq.org.uk)

#### **ITEM 8 - GROUP AND BRANCH OFFICIALS CONTACT LIST**

16. Branch Secretaries are requested to complete and return the enclosed REA Form 4 (Branch Officials) **by 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 and** send to [membership@rhgre.co.uk](mailto:membership@rhgre.co.uk) Branches failing to return REA Form 4 will not have their up-to-date details on the HQ REA database and the REA website.

#### **ITEM 9 – DIARY OF EVENTS 2021**

17. 2021 Diary. Events of interest for 2021 have been notified to HQ REA but could change due to COVID 19.

|                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 29 May            | Trooping the Colour - Major General's Review   |
| 03 June           | The Royal Hospital Chelsea Founders day Parade |
| 05 June           | Trooping the Colour – Colonel's Review         |
| 08 - 10 June      | Beating Retreat, London                        |
| 12 June           | Queen's Birthday Parade                        |
| 17 - 19 September | Corps Memorial Weekend*                        |
| 9 October         | REA AGM on Zoom *                              |
| 10 October        | Sapper Sunday at Royal Hospital Chelsea        |
| 11 November       | Field of Remembrance, Westminster Abbey        |
| 14 November       | Remembrance Sunday                             |
| *National Events  |  |

#### **ITEM 10 – FOUNDER'S DAY - ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA**



18. Founder's Day 2021 will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021, attendance is by invitation only. Individuals wishing to attend the event should apply for tickets in writing or email to HQ REA. Because of the strict security arrangement that must be in place for such a high profile event, bids are to include the full name, address and telephone number of each person wishing to attend. Bids must reach this HQ by 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

In the event of the number of tickets available being fewer than that requested, HQ REA will distribute the tickets as fairly as possible. The Governor's Review, which is open to the public, will be held on Tuesday 1st June 2021. Tickets are not required to attend the Governor's Review.

#### **ITEM 11 – SAPPER MAGAZINE ARTICLES**

19. HQ REA is always ready to receive Branch articles for inclusion in The Sapper. Articles do not have to be long, just interesting, informative and in date. It is thoroughly recommended that articles be accompanied by photographs. Why not bring attention to your Branch by submitting an article?

20. REA Branch articles for The Sapper must be sent direct to the Assistant Controller and not to The Sapper Editor. Articles must be in **Word Document form** and to ensure digital picture quality is maintained, digital photos should be sent as attachments to emails, and not embedded into Word documents. Photo attachments must be in **JPEG format. Branches must send articles in plenty of time for that edition of the Sapper magazine and not at the last minute. Otherwise the article will have to wait for the next edition. Articles must be sent to HQ REA and not direct to the Sapper Magazine.**

#### **ITEM 12 – NOTIFICATIONS OF DEATH**

21. Can Branches be reminded that if a branch member passes away the Membership Typist at HQ REA must be informed at the earliest opportunity by using Form 8.  
[membershiptypist@rhgre.co.uk](mailto:membershiptypist@rhgre.co.uk)

{Original Signed}

IL GEORGE  
Maj (Retd)  
Assistant Controller

Enclosures:

1. REA Form 4 – Branch Information Sheets (Branch Secretary use only)

Distribution:

Council Members  
Management Committee Members  
Group Directors  
Deputy Group Directors  
Group Secretaries  
Branch Secretaries

# REA FORM 4

# BRANCH INFORMATION SHEET

BRANCH : ..... DATED:.....

## 1. DETAILS OF BRANCH OFFICIALS

| Appointment, Name & Service No.  | Address & Post Code | Contact Details           |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <p><b><u>Honorary Secretary</u></b></p> <p>Title      Surname      Initials<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p> <p>Known Name      Army No:<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p> |                     | <p>Tel:</p> <p>Email:</p> |
| <p><b><u>Honorary Treasurer</u></b></p> <p>Title      Surname      Initials<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p> <p>Known Name      Army No:<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p> |                     | <p>Tel:</p> <p>Email:</p> |
| <p><b><u>Chairman</u></b></p> <p>Title      Surname      Initials<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p> <p>Known Name      Army No:<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p>           |                     | <p>Tel:</p> <p>Email:</p> |
| <p><b><u>President</u></b></p> <p>Title      Surname      Initials<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p> <p>Known Name      Army No:<br/> <input type="text"/>   <input type="text"/></p>          |                     | <p>Tel:</p> <p>Email:</p> |

| Appointment, Name & Service No.   | Address & Post Code | Contact Details                         |
|---|---------------------|---|
| <p><b><u>Standard Bearer</u></b></p> <p><b>Title</b>      <b>Surname</b>      <b>Initials</b></p> <p><input type="text"/>    <input type="text"/>      <input type="text"/></p> <p><b>Known Name</b>      <b>Army No:</b></p> <p><input type="text"/>      <input type="text"/></p> |                     | <p><b>Tel:</b></p> <p><b>Email:</b></p> |

**2. DETAILS OF BRANCH MEETINGS**

a. Location of meetings

b. Day of meeting (ie 1st Mon of month)

c. Time of start of meetings

d. Average attendance at meetings

