



299 ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the AEA, but as always open to ALL 299 men past & present.

The aims and ideals of this association are decreed as being:

Promoting and maintaining contact with past and present members of 299 Para Squadron RE.

Promoting and maintaining contact with the members of 131 Independent Commando Squadron RE; and all other Airborne/Commando associations.

Relieving where practicable any hardship or distress suffered by a member, or dependent(s) of a member of this association.

Promoting and encouraging such events that may bring pleasure to all members of this association.

W. Dick, (Seadog), 2/8/2002

Date: Friday 6th September 2024 at the Minerva Inn Hull.

Members present:

Brian Bilton, Kev Blacker, Terry Cunningham, Derick French, Craig Gadd, Walter Holbrook, Syd Hoyle, Tony Irwin, Martin Lawrence, Percy McGlynn, Bob Meachen, Bud Oldfield, Glenn Ratten, Pete Robson, Kev Saddington, Chris Shillito, Paul Sims, Nigel Sisson, Arthur Stimpson, John Thompson, Martin Tindle, Terry Walker, Tony Weldon, Dave Woollas, Neil Yates.

Apologies:

Gaz Coe, John Duffy, Chris Duggan, John Harrison, Dave Harvey, Roger Holding, Mike Holdsworth, Carl Henrickson, Dean Ideson, Mike Maddison, Keith Morley, Steve Oliver, Paul Robinson.

Guests:

Roy Hayley, Matt Williams and Mark Yates.

Chairman: The Chairman Chris Shillito, welcomed members present at the Minerva Inn and asked members to stand and raise a glass to absent friends.

Minutes proposed: A true record of the last meeting.

Proposer : Paul Sims.

Secunder: Bob Meacham

Treasurer: Glenn Ratten, informed the meeting that the funds are healthy, but had a lot to pay out this month with Arnhem and the AGM coming up. He also went on to remind members to pay for tickets for the AGM for those that haven't booked yet.

Acting Secretary

Craig Gadd, reiterated what Glenn had mentioned about the forthcoming AEA AGM and Dinner in October and urged members to try and bring their old muckers along, to bolster up the numbers, as the numbers aren't as good as previous years. Either way it will be a great night.

CHAIRMANS COMMENTS:

Arnhem, please adhere to the timings on the itinerary for the Arnhem trip. Being the eightieth anniversary, it will be very busy.

If you have invited any guests, please make sure they are well informed on the itinerary, so we are all on the same page.

A big thank you to our great friend Ed Van Der Laan for arranging our parking permits for the trip and sending us a program of events of the weekend we usually do our own thing but if you want a programme ask the secretary or me and we will email you one.

No Drones are allowed on GINKEL HEATH.

Some members are meeting at the Ship Inn, Dunswell at 13:00 to have lunch before they depart.

Cromwell Lock, this year's service, will be held on Saturday 28th September, the service starts at 11.00 hrs muster at 10.30 hrs Dress Blazer, Beret, Association tie, Medals. This falls on the Saturday after we get back from Arnhem and I know everyone is busy but please try to attend this is very important to me personally that 299 have a good turn out to show our respects and prove that we will never forget our brothers who perished there in 1975, Remember these men were our 131 brothers.

We have two cars going to Cromwell from my house with Pete Robson, Tony Weldon, Tony Irwin, Chris Shillito (driver) in one, Mick Beardshaw, Neil Cooper, Paul Sims, Craig Gadd (driver) in the other. We have two spare places if anyone wants a lift. Please be at my house at 08.30 hrs prompt.

If you are all getting my texts, just give me a thumbs up so I know you are receiving them if not let me know.

Welfare:

John Harrison, needs two more doses of chemo one of which he had on Tuesday so one more to go. He has been going through a tough time lately, so we wish him all the best with his treatment.

Gary Coe, has had his operation on his prostate and is feeling good and will join us at Arnhem which is great news. He flies back to the UK on Saturday 7th

Dave Harvey, is plodding through his course of chemo and has 4 more to go we wish him a speedy recovery.

Mike Maddison, has just had a hip replacement and we hope he recovers fully, and hope to see him soon.

Mick Beardshaw, has pulled a muscle in his neck we wish him a speedy recovery.

Any other business:

Bud Oldfield, donated a new bergan with tent, sleeping bags and roll mats to be auctioned off. The bidding got intense at one stage but was purchased by Simbo for £100.00

Itinerary for Arnhem will be attached in a separate document.

Bus stop winner: Syd Hoyle

Next meeting 4th October 2024 20:00hrs at the Minerva.

Dates for your diary

Arnhem Pilgrimage, Thursday 19th September 2024 - Monday 23rd September 2024. Hotel, Coach, and Ferry are now booked. Price £420. Save up with Glenn.

The Cromwell Lock Memorial, Saturday 28th September 2024.

AGM and Gala Dinner 12 October 2024

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