



## **RAMC REUNITED** **NEWSLETTER**

**On behalf of the RAMC REUNITED Committee I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2015 and Lang may yer lum reek.**

### **WILLIAM (BILL) WATT BEM**

Bill Watt on 21 November 2014 was accepted as an In Pensioner into Royal Hospital Chelsea. I have contacted Bill by email and am waiting on his reply on how his first week went. Bill has allowed me to put his email address in this newsletter as he would like to hear from former friends and colleagues. He will try and reply to any received, that is if he is not doing drill, in the gym or on the ranges. Bills email address is:  
[watt.bill21@gmail.com](mailto:watt.bill21@gmail.com)

### **RAMC ASSOCIATION CENTRAL BRANCH**

Tony Johnson with a lot of hard work achieved in starting the Essex Branch of the RAMC Association and was awarded their Standard during the Corps weekend Ceremony. Since being involved with the Association, Tony felt that the Association was not reaching out to ex members of the Corps and passing on information in relation to Corps matters. Although there is an RAMC Association web site it was felt that its capability was limited. He approached the RAMC Association Committee about using

Facebook as an outlet. Since opening the RAMC Association Central Branch on has some 801 members liking the page. Requests have been received from ex members of the Corps from Germany, Australia, Malta and other countries requesting to join the Association. On request Tony forwards application forms to individuals.

The benefit of the RAMC Association Central Branch is that it is a virtual branch, it has no bricks and mortar, so members worldwide can simply pop in and see what is going on within the association. It's not a chat forum like Facebook RAMC Reunited, Proud to have served in RAMC or AMS Veterans Group. It is simply an information portal to visit and find out what is going on. It has a rumour control page, where people hear rumours can record their concerns and get a response directly from the RAMC Association.

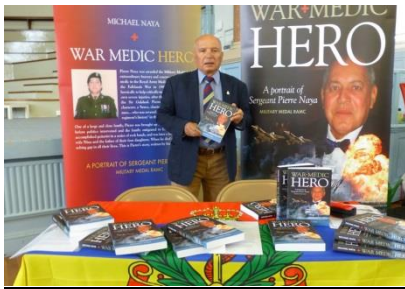
There is also a Corps RSM page which is quiet busy with questions being directed at him to which he does

respond directly. Also included is a Branch Page whereby local Branches can add their updates and events. Also information is disseminated from the RAMC Association.

Members can access the RAMC Association Central Branch by going to the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RAMC-Association-Central-Branch/616146658453101>

### **A TRIBUTE TO SGT PIERRE NAYA MM RAMC**



Michael Naya has written a book "War Medic – Hero" a portrait and tribute to his brother Pierre Naya MM RAMC. Those members who have not yet read the book, I suggest you put it on your Christmas list. You will enjoy reading it. You can obtain a copy of the book/kindle version from:

[http://www.amazon.co.uk/War-Medic-Hero-Michael-Naya-ebook/dp/B00L8SJ04A/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1406041802&sr=8-1&keywords=PIERRE+NAYA](http://www.amazon.co.uk/War-Medic-Hero-Michael-Naya-ebook/dp/B00L8SJ04A/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1406041802&sr=8-1&keywords=PIERRE+NAYA)

Michael is intending to attend the 2016 RAMC Reunited Reunion in Liverpool and would be more than happy to sign books that members have already

purchased or purchase over the weekend.

### **ONLINE RAMC BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

The online version of the RAMC Books of Remembrance is now live online.

The project took the RAMC Regimental Secretary, Corps RSM and the small number of staff at RHQ a year to complete. The books had every page photographed up at Westminster Abbey so that they were of display for the shortest time possible. Each book was removed from the Abbey for only an hour each, while they were photographed. From the photos the work then started to type every name into the database and the Online Book Company put it together into its current format.

Ex-Corps members who live overseas and are unable to attend the Abbey now have the opportunity to access them and look through the names. Individuals can research on relatives that they may have been in the Books of Remembrance.

The Regimental Secretary and Corps RSM and other RHQ staff involved should be congratulated\* in meeting the 1st November deadline in order to have the book go live in time for the month of Remembrance.

Please follow the link below to the Online RAMC Book of Remembrance.

<https://www.theonlinebookcompany.com/OnlineBooks/RAMC/Content/Home>

The future dates and Units conducting the Ceremony of the Turning of the Pages of the Books of Remembrance are displayed on the RAMC Association Central Branch FB Page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RAMC-Association-Central-Branch/616146658453101>

All past and serving members along with family and friends are welcome to attend.

\*Emailed the following to Marie Ellis on 16th November 2014 "Can I congratulate you and all at RHQ on the wonderful job on bringing the Books of Remembrance online for all to access. Would you kindly pass on mine and the many other ex-members of the Corps to your staff's many long hours of hard work in completing this incredible achievement?"

### **RAMC REUNITED WEBSITE**

A lot of members will be aware that RAMC Reunited has its own dedicated website and is masterly cared for by our webmaster Andy Sumpner. For those members who were not aware, can access the site by going to <http://www.ramcreunited.co.uk/>

Details on the 2016 RAMC Reunited Reunion and booking form can be obtained from the homepage. Any problems getting these details then please contact me at [michael.mccran@ntlworld.com](mailto:michael.mccran@ntlworld.com)

The site also has a Forum Section which members will need to register in order to gain access. There are currently 274 members registered

within this section of the site. It is very simple to register. When you choose your username and password, it is suggested that you enter something that is easy to remember i.e. entering as username your surname/nickname and your regimental number as your password. I have in the past been contacted by a number of members who have forgotten their login details and, I have had to direct them onto Donny Stewart the Forum Administrator.

### **RAMC REUNITED REUNION**

Just to remind you of the necessity to book early for the 2016 event taking place at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool during the weekend 5-8th February 2016. The letter, Booking form and minutes of the last General Meeting can be obtained by going to:

<http://www.ramcreunited.co.uk/liverpool-2016.html>

### **FRIENDS OF AMS MUSEUM**

The Director of Army Medical Services Museum, Becks Skinner, has informed me that it is business as usual at the Museum in Keogh Barracks. Opening times for those members who wish to visit can do so Monday – Friday (except Bank Holidays) 0930 – 1530 hours. For more information call 01252 868612.

The Shop has a wide variety of products such as books, glasses, and uniform items. For more information see: [www.ams-shop.org.uk](http://www.ams-shop.org.uk)



The Museum has just opened its new First World War Gallery in the former RAMC Chapel at the Museum. This display tells the story of the Army Medical Services in the First World War with elements changing as we follow what was happening 100 years ago.

The Museum is also on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/AMSMuseum](http://www.facebook.com/AMSMuseum) and on Twitter @AMSMuseum where we post different events happening in the Museum, links to interesting articles and items such as Today's the Day.

Those members amongst us who wish to contribute to this very worthwhile cause "The Friends of The AMS Museum" can do so by completing the Gift Aid Declaration form and the Standing Order for Annual Subscription, which are attached to the this newsletter. Completed and signed forms are to be forwarded to The Army Medical Services Museum, Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, Aldershot GU12 5RQ.

A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year to you all.

Mick

## **ABSENT BRETHREN**

Unfortunately a number of our former friends and colleagues passed away this year that have been notified to me. They are:

**Richard Doliczny**  
**Bob Hurley**  
**Bryan Wilkinson**  
**Ross Forsyth**  
**Joe Cassidy**  
**Clive Jeffries**  
**Jim Hoskins**  
**Ken Monk**  
**Gordon Fagg**  
**John Milne**  
**Bob Topliss**  
**Stephen Fox**  
**Jim Aslett**

**RIP to you all from those members  
of the Corps Past & Present**