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Dear Friend,

RAMC REUNITED 2018

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those members who attended the eighth gathering of RAMC Reunited which took place at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool during the weekend 5th to 8th February 2016. The number of members attending was down as in previous reunions. A number of those unable to make it, contacted me stating that they had just had long awaited surgery and were recuperating, or, they were being admitted just prior to the reunion. There were also those who had received long awaited Out-Patient appointments that could not be put off. Here is hoping that you all are fully recovered and look forward to seeing you in February 2018.

The weekend went well and those who did attend appeared to have enjoyed it. It was decided at the General Meeting on the Saturday morning that the weekend should be cut back to two days, that being the Friday and Saturday. I have negotiated with the hotel an early bird option for those of you who wish to attend on the Thursday night or stay over on the Sunday night a price of £40.00 per person per night for Dinner, Bed and Breakfast.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who travelled from America, Cyprus, Malta and Spain, to attend. Thank you.

For those members for whom it was their first time attending, we hope that you enjoyed the weekend and look forward to meeting up with you in 2018.

VENUE FOR NEXT FUNCTION

2nd to 4th FEBRUARY 2018

RAMC Reunited 2018 will be from 2nd to 4th February 2018 and will take place at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.

BOOKING

The issue of long queues when booking in on the Friday afternoon I think would appear to have been resolved. If members would like to adopt the same booking method as for the 2016 Reunion and that is, members can pay a deposit in order to secure accommodation, but will need to make payment in full, which should include the £12.00 parking charge for those requiring to use the car parking facilities (vehicle registration is to be disclosed at the time of making the booking) Payment should be settled with the use of debit/credit card by no later than 19th January 2018 which is 14 days prior to the Reunion. The Britannia Hotel chain, like most outlets are being charged a levy by Credit Card Companies and this is being passed onto the customer. The hotel may charge £2.00 for credit card transactions and £0.50 for debit card transactions. Those

members adopting this method would on arrival not have to report to the main reception desk, but report to the desk staffed by a member of the Adelphi Hotel staff which will be located close to the RAMC Reunited "meet and greet" desk in the foyer and collect an envelope which will contain their room key. Members not using this method will be processed through the hotel reception desk.

Any member wishing to have credit with the hotel during their stay, can attend the desk at any time and give the reception staff their credit/debit card details to open credit for them.

Act now and complete the booking form and send it of today with your deposit - the hotel will take telephone bookings. To secure a booking a deposit of £35.00 per person is required and this can be done by credit card guarantee or a cheque. If you intend to make a booking by telephone, please phone 0151 709 7200 during normal working hours Monday to Friday (0900 -1630 hours). You will initially get a member of the reception staff. Ask to be put through to Anna O'Brien or her deputy and make the booking. Please do not phone outside these timings as you will be put through to Britannia Hotels Central Reservations and, they will book you into the hotel as a normal guest and not as a member of the RAMC Reunited Group.

The hotel will allow one weeks' notice of cancellation for a full refund and after this time, members will be charged for one night's stay and refund the remainder.

The hotel is offering an Early Bird Booking at a cost of £40.00 per person which includes dinner, bed and breakfast, for those members who wish to book in on the evening of Thursday 1st February 2018 and, stay over an extra night on Sunday night 4th February 2018.

WEEKEND ITINERARY

The Adelphi Hotel will provide a 1 and 2 night package, and also Saturday Reunion Dinner only, details of which are shown below. The booking proforma, which is attached, will need to be completed and forwarded directly to the hotel with your deposit. You are advised to reserve your accommodation as soon as possible and not leave it to the last moment. Do not be disappointed and miss out on what has now become a popular gathering. Act now and complete the booking form and send it of today with your deposit - the hotel will take telephone bookings. To secure a booking a deposit of £35.00 per person is required and this can be done by debit/credit card guarantee or a cheque.

The weekend has been planned as follows:

Friday 2nd February

Check in from 1400 hours until 1700 hours
Dinner - 1830 -2230 hours – Venue Banqueting Hall
Disco – 2100 -2359 hours
Overnight En Suite Accommodation

Saturday 3rd February

0730 - 1000 hours - Full English Breakfast – Pearce Room
1045 hours - General Meeting – Derby Room
1900 for 1930 hours - Reunion Dinner - 3 Course Set Menu – Banqueting Hall
2100 hours - Raffle
2130 – Entertainment – Stadt Band
Overnight En Suite Accommodation

Sunday 4th February

0700 - 0930 hours - Full English Breakfast – Pearce Room
Guests depart by 1100 hours.

COST

Dinner Only Friday Night (2nd Feb) @ £20.00 per person

Dinner Only (Saturday 3rd Feb) @ £27.00 per person

1 Night B&B (Sat 3rd Feb) + Dinner - Twin / Double @ £76.00 per person

1 Night B&B (Sat 3rd Feb) + Dinner - Single @ £100.00

2 Nights B&B (Fri/Sat) + Dinner - @ £145.00 per person

Extra nights (Thu + Sun) - @ £40.00 per person

ACCOMMODATION

The Britannia Adelphi Hotel has 402 bedrooms with en-suites and all feature direct dial telephone, colour television/radio, hair dryer, trouser press and complimentary tea and coffee tray. 200 rooms (150 Twin/Double and 50 Single rooms) have been reserved for RAMC Reunited and hopefully these will be used.

The Adelphi Hotel will on **the 30th December 2017** release any rooms that have not been booked to other parties. So therefore, book early and don't be disappointed.

DISABLED FACILITIES

There are 4 bedrooms within the hotel which have disabled facilities. Wheelchair users have access to all the function rooms within the hotel.

DRESS

Dress for the Saturday evening will be Lounge Suit.

CAR PARKING FACILITIES

The hotel has ample car parking facilities. The Committee have negotiated with the hotel that members attending our Reunion will be charged £12.00 for the whole duration of their stay. Members will be required to pay the £12.00 when making the full payment by credit/debit card. Please ensure that you disclose your vehicle registration when making your full payment.

GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the General Meeting which took place on Saturday 6th February 2016 are attached.

ELIGIBILITY TO ATTEND RAMC REUNITED

The event is aimed at all ranks of former members of the RAMC whether they served as National Servicemen, Regular Army, Army Reserve and widow(ers) of late RAMC. It is an occasion whereby individuals along with their spouses/ partners meet up with friends and former colleagues of yesteryear.

(Note: When a regular member of the RAMC retires from the service and enlists into the TA or takes up a Non Regular Permanent Staff (NRPS) appointment within the RAMC or another Corps/Regiment he/she is also eligible to attend. Individuals who enlist into the TA (RAMC) who have had no former regular service will become eligible to attend on retirement from the TA).

DONATIONS

RAMC Reunited is a self-sufficient run event and relies on monies raised over the weekend. If members would like to make a donation to RAMC Reunited, they can send a cheque to me made payable to "RAMC Reunion". In order not to incur additional postage costs, I will not send out an acknowledgement of receipt of donations unless specified on the donation proforma.

RAMC Reunited has a PayPal Account and Andy Sumpner has inserted a PayPal button on the Donation Form on the RAMC Reunited website. If you wish to make a donation to RAMC Reunited using this facility, all you need to do is go www.ramcreunited.co.uk, under the Reunions & Events button click on Liverpool 2014, click on the donation form and then click on the PayPal button to make your donation.

PUBLICIZE RAMC REUNITED

RAMC Reunited is publicized through the Corps Magazine, Soldier Magazine, British Legion Magazine, and various web sites. I would like to request if you are in contact with former members of the Corps would you please get in touch with them and let them know about RAMC Reunited. They can either contact me on my e-mail address or phone me and I will forward them a copy of this letter. Look forward to seeing you in Liverpool.

"In Arduis Fidelis"

Mick McCran

Enclosures:
Booking Form
Minutes of General Meeting
Donation Proforma
Database Update Proforma



RAMC REUNITED WEEKEND
2nd – 4th FEBRUARY 2018
BRITANNIA ADELPHI HOTEL, LIVERPOOL

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

Dinner Only Friday Night	@ £20.00 per person	<input type="text"/>
Dinner Only (Sat 3rd February)	@ £27.00 per person	<input type="text"/>
1 Night B & B (Sat 3rd Feb) + Dinner Twin/Double	@ £75.00 per person	<input type="text"/>
1 Night B & B (Sat 3rd Feb) + Dinner Single	@ £100.00 per person	<input type="text"/>
2 Nights B & B (Fri/Sat) + Dinner	@ £145.00 per person	<input type="text"/>
Extra nights (Thu + Sun)	@ £40.00 per person	<input type="text"/>

Guests Name(s)	Room Type: Double/Twin or Single	No of Rooms	No of Persons in room	Date of Arrival	No of Nights

Special Bedroom Requests:

Dietary Requirements:

Address Details:

Address: _____ Daytime Tel: _____
 Mobile: _____

Postcode: _____
 Email address: _____

THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED

A credit/debit card or cheque is needed to guarantee your booking. A non-refundable deposit of **£35.00 per person** will be taken from your card at this stage. **All accounts must be settled before arrival or on departure (see notes overleaf)**

Payment enclosed by (please tick box) Credit/Debit Card Cheque

Credit/Debit Card Type	Name on the card
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Credit/Debit Card Number	Expiry date:
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Cheque enclosed	Valued @£35.00 per person
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Car parking required @ £12.00 for stay Yes/No	Vehicle Registration Number:
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Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

**Anna O'Brien, Accommodation Sales, Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Ranelagh Place
 Liverpool L3 5UL**

(PTO)

NOTE:

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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING – ADELPHI HOTEL

SATURDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2016

Meeting opened at: 1045hrs

Number present at the opening: 92

Number present at the close: 104

Chairman: Mac McHale

Secretary: Mick McCran

Entertainment: Bob Jordan (Nobby Garbutt Committee's Entertainment Member)

Raffle Organiser: Bryan Hair

Note Taker: Brian Wilson

1. WELCOME ADDRESS

Mac McHale the Chairman opened the 8th RAMC Reunited Reunion General Meeting by welcoming everyone. He noted that 266 members had registered for the reunion which was a slight decrease on the 2014 attendance and, thanked all for attending.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and accepted as a true record.

Proposed by: Paul Whittick

Seconded by: Brian Tennuci

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Frank Halliday, Sam Batty, Chris Tong, Phillip (Taff) Vandenwarker, Chris Baines, Charles G Batty, Bill Condick, Chris Dawkins, Colin Gidman, David Greenslade, Rab Aitken, Trevel Henry, Dave and Lyn Naylor, Marcus Allen, John Wall, Derek George, Frank Hunter, Angus Bustin, Dan Grant, Nobby Garbutt, Fred Boland, Roy Kibblewaite, Phil Basford, Noel Nash, Billy Noble, George Poole

4. RAMC REUNITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Mick McCran read out the transactions of the account as at 05/02/2016

The Secretary presented the account outlining the transactions. He then addressed the meeting in relation to a former Medic by the name of Mark Webster who was found living on the streets of Liverpool with his son just before Christmas. The Charity Soldiers of The Streets has housed him and his child. Mick went onto to say that he became aware of Mark's plight through Facebook. There was no direct contact with Mark, it was through a third person. Having spoken to the Chairman who agreed with Mick's proposition, that Mark be invited to attend the reunion and stay overnight on the Saturday and, the expenses be paid from RAMC Reunited account. He was glad to say that Mark accepted and is looking forward to seeing some old friends and former colleagues. Mick paid £50.00 cost for hotel accommodation and Reunion Dinner plus breakfast and, would like to recover the cost from the funds.

This was unanimously approved.

Income Balance: £3483.28

Expenditure: £2401.33

Balance of Account: £1081.95

The secretary commented that including our welfare case the Expenditure matched our income which is as it should be and commended the Statement of Account for approval.

The Statement of Account was approved as a true record.

Proposed by: Trevor Cooper

Seconded by: Chris Richards

Carried

The Chairman addressed the meeting raising the issue of donations and requested that those amongst us who were self-employed would consider making a donation to the RAMC Reunited Funds. He also urged those who were employed to approach their employers with a view to sponsoring us.

5. ELECTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Chairman expressed his sorrow that Nobby Garbutt was unable to attend the weekend because of surgical complications and wished him a speedy recovery. Meanwhile, Bob Jordan kindly volunteered to take over the entertainment on this occasion.

The Chairman advised members that the committee need some young blood; most of the present committee has served since our inauguration.

Bryan Hair gave notice that he was standing down and urged someone to take over the organisation of the Raffle.

Stephen and Rosemary Cuthbertson volunteered and accepted.

The Chairman welcomed the new members on board and thanked Bryan Hair for his marvellous work.

There being no further changes to the committee John Farrar Hockley proposed that committee be accepted 'en bloc' and in addition proposed a vote of thanks for the committees hard work hard work which was accepted unanimously

6. DURATION OF RAMC REUNITED WEEKENDS

The Chairman reviewed our previous reunions and wondered if any changes should be made to the duration of the weekend for future gatherings. After a healthy discussion it became apparent that a two day event was preferred. To conclude, the chairman gave two options to vote for by a show of hands:

Option 1 - the reunion be held over three days

Option 2 - the reunion changed to two days

The members overwhelmingly voted for Option 2

7. VENUE FOR RAMC REUNITED 2018

The Chairman asked the members if they had any preferences for future Reunion venues. Chairman and Secretary presented S.W.O.T analysis of the venues.

Following a long and erudite discussion a show of hands were in favour of returning to the Adelphi Hotel as the venue for the next reunion which will take place 2nd – 4th February 2018.

Costs: Twin Bed Double Room sharing - £76 per person

Single Occupancy - £100

Two Night Package - £145 per person
Friday Night Dinner Only - £20.00 per person
Saturday Night Only - £27.00 per person

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 The chairman discussed the arrangements for the evening.

8.2 Phil Basford is actively involved in fund raising for the Pegasus Bridge Memorial Flight which is going to be placed in the Special Forces Grove in the National Arboretum. Phil has commissioned a piece of glassware with the RAMC Memorial Statue etched on. Spot Motley has organised a Blind Auction which hopefully will raise money for the Pegasus Bridge Memorial Flight. The draw will take place on the Saturday night.

Further info:

http://www.oxfordtimes.co.uk/news/14100171.Call_to_fund_a_national_memorial_for_our_Ox___Bucks_D_Day_heroes/?ref=mr&lp=16

8.3 CHARITIES

The Chairman invited the members to nominate charity proceeds of the main raffle Combat Stress, SSAFA, RAMC Charitable fund were mooted.

8.4 WALTER HART'S UPDATED PHOTO ALBUM

Walter Hart has updated his photo album and will be on display for members to view.

8.5 BOOK – WAR MEDIC HERO

Michael Naya was launching the book he wrote in honour of his late brother Pierre Naya MM. Any members wishing to purchase a copy of the Book can do so following the meeting. Michael will sign copies of the book.

8.6 RAMC REUNITED “MEMBERS OPINION ON THE WAY AHEAD”

The Chairman requested members to fill in their feedback forms to help design the format and running of future events – he also took a straw poll which resulted the members to continue in the same trusted format.

8.7 WEEKENDS ENTERTAINMENT

Bob Jordan discussed the entertainment plans for the weekend.

8.8 NAMES BADGES

It was suggested that for future reunions it might be a good idea for members to wear name badges with the date they joined in order to aid recognition. However this proposal was unanimously rejected by all assembled. The Chairman advised that if members want to wear name badges by all means but it will be an individual decision.

8.9 VETERAN'S MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Harry Holder felt that there was not sufficient communication in Wales regarding Veteran's mental health issues and volunteered to join with others in setting up a better communications network

8.10 DISCOUNT ON P & O CRUISES

Dai Leek advised members that P & O were offering discounts and money to spend on cruises for Veterans. Veterans would need to present some form of service identification. In addition, veterans in receipt of a war pension are entitled to a free oyster card

9. CLOSING REMARKS

The Chairman thanked members for attending and wished them an enjoyable weekend and gently reminded them to forget the Rugby and to be sat at their tables by 1929 hrs ready for the Stand bearers and start of the function.

RAMC REUNITED DATABASE

(COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED THIS PROFORMA BEFORE OR YOUR DETAILS HAVE CHANGED)

In order that I can keep the "RAMC Reunited" Database up to date, I ask if your contact details have changed, would you kindly complete this proforma and return it to me at the address shown below.

PLEASE PRINT

From:

Please remove me from your database

YES/NO

Please update my details:

Address:

Tel No:

E-mail:

Please return this proforma to:

**Mick McCran
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(PTO)

DONATION TO RAMC REUNITED

From:

I wish to make a £ : donation to RAMC Reunited.

Please send me a receipt for this donation YES/NO

Please make cheques payable to: RAMC Reunion

(Signature)

Please forward your donation to:

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