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2Lt Chloe Cowan started training at Sandhurst in May 2024, and the following year became the first officer commissioned into the new King's Gurkha Artillery, where she is currently serving as a Command Post Officer in 34 Battery King's Gurkha Artillery, 14th Regiment Royal Artillery.

Photograph: Bdr Ben Watson

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**'No fuss': In the month of International Women's Day, the commander of the Army's Reservist brigade reflects on standards, service and quiet progress in the Royal Artillery.**

**Brigadier Lisa Brooks RA  
Commander 19th Light Brigade**

“International Women's Day often prompts people to ask what it is like to be a woman in uniform, or what needs to change. I think gender tends to matter far less than people assume.

**Service first**

I did not join the Army to make a statement. I joined because I was interested in service, and because the Army Reserve allowed me to balance both a civilian career and a family too. For me, it genuinely was the best of both worlds. As my civilian career developed, so did my Army career, bringing increasingly demanding opportunities – overseas deployments, periods of full-time commitment, and leadership roles with real responsibility. I continued my service because I felt I was contributing to our national security, developing capability, and because I was developing people and teams around me.

In 2003, I transferred to the Royal Artillery. At the time, Army regulations did not allow women to command infantry companies which I was destined to do having joined the Infantry in 1992, so I transferred to 269 (West Riding) Battery, an air defence battery equipped with Rapier FSC. The Gunners made me hugely welcome. In true Royal Artillery fashion, what mattered most was whether you knew your business, whether you were prepared, and whether you could deliver. That “no nonsense”, professional approach suited me perfectly.

**Fond memories**

Some of my fondest memories were: live-firing Rapier on Benbecula island in Scotland, including the firing of the first ever dual engagement from a green-field site; exercising with my battery in Cyprus and Lithuania; re-rolling from FSC (air defence) to STA (surveillance, targeting and acquisition); and operating in demanding environments where teamwork,

trust and well-honed TTPs (training, tactics and procedures) mattered. Previous operational tours in Northern Ireland and Sierra Leone were particularly formative, teaching me resilience, self-reliance, and the importance of trusting those around you when delivering the mission.

**Endeavour**

Today, I command 19th Light Brigade – the Army's only fully reservist brigade, made up of 10 combat units, 2 Light Cavalry and 8 Infantry based across the UK. Whilst originally established as a Force Generation Headquarters, the Bde is now fully operationally focused to be a fully deployable brigade and the main component of the Rear Area Operations Group for 1 (UK) Division directly contributing to lethality. We have embarked on a training pathway to validation in October 2028 - I am deeply proud of this achievement which is due to the brilliant people who serve across the Brigade, their collective commitment and sheer endeavour.

And as to women serving in combat brigades, there are many inspirational females now delivering in role without any fuss or fanfare. Normalisation is key, and progress is achieved when leadership is defined not by gender, but by qualities such as judgement, responsibility, team building and performance. The Army today offers real opportunity for everyone. All roles are open, standards are clear, and diversity is valued. Leadership continues to be a fundamentally human endeavour demanding authenticity, optimism during challenging times, an unrelenting will to win, and trust - both in one another and in the system.

So, my message this International Women's Day is a simple: know your role, look after each other, be authentic, and deliver the job in hand. ”



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Rain may have stopped racing – including the historic Royal Artillery Gold Cup – but it didn't stop the Gunner family.

The Sandown Gathering continued as planned Thursday, 19th February 2026 at Sandown Park Racecourse. All Regiments were represented, the Master Gunner's reception went ahead, Surrey Hall was full of our serving and veteran community and we were brilliantly entertained by the superb 19th Regiment Royal Artillery – The Scottish Gunners – Pipes and Drums.

Live TOTE racing from elsewhere in the UK meant we got to see some action at least!

Thanks for making it a great day.

Ubique.



## The 'Gurkha way'

By Capt Imbahadur Ghale, GK 34 (Seringatam) Bty



The Gurkha Major Saheb & the members of the King's Gurkha Artillery welcoming Recruit Intake 25, at Larkhill Garrison

An historic milestone was reached when the 2025 King's Gurkha Artillery recruit intake completed its induction training.

This significant first step in their journey as Gunners was at Larkhill, the home of the Artillery and included a welcome brief from the Comd KGA, Lt Col Michael Fletcher, who outlined his vision on learning, legacy, professional excellence, leadership, and Kaida ('the Gurkha way').

### Inspiring

The soldiers were then taken through a series of sessions, designed to familiarise them with Regimental life, safety, and service ethos.

They made an inspiring visit to Ex COMBINED WARRIOR in Sennybridge Training Area, giving the new KGA gunners a valuable opportunity to observe Artillery operations in a realistic field environment - and to appreciate how their individual trades contribute to combat effectiveness on the ground.

Week two of the course shifted focus towards cultural education and physical robustness, with a range of demanding physical assessments, including the SCA (Soldier Conditioning Assessment), the 2km best-effort weight run carrying 15kg, and the fiercely competitive 1km log race.

These challenges tested not only physical endurance but also teamwork and mental resilience.

A visit to the Royal Artillery Museum, bookended the training, reinforcing their understanding of both Regimental heritage and the high professional standards our Gunner family holds.

A rewarding two weeks - establishing a firm foundation in command values, physical resilience, Artillery operations, and Regimental heritage – preparing our newest recruits with confidence for the challenges as future gunners. Jai KGA!



## From helicopter assaults to hot baths: Ex Vigilant Isles

By Capt Ben Hodgkinson-Toay



G Bty FST prior to a Japanese C-130 jump

With the geopolitical situation in the Indo-Pacific hotting up, deep ties between the British Army and the Japanese Ground Self Defence Forces (JGSDF) have never been more important. Which is why Exercise Vigilant Isles is now in its third year.

The latest deployment saw A Company Group, 2 PARA, deploy to Japan's northern most island of Hokkaido, working alongside soldiers from Japan's 4th Infantry Brigade, 1st Airborne Brigade and 2nd Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade. Supporting the Company was a Fire Support Team (FST) from G Battery, 7 Para RHA.

The exercise opened with an intensive skills exchange, giving both forces the chance to compare tactics, equipment and procedures. British capabilities drew particular interest

from Japanese counterparts, including the PUMA detachment from 21 Battery, the FST's range-finding equipment, man-portable electronic warfare detection and jamming systems, and One Way Effector drones operated by the UAS detachment.

At the same time, in 4th Infantry Brigade Headquarters, Staff Sergeant Rogers worked closely with Japanese staff officers to explain British Fires coordination procedures and to understand those used by the JGSDF. This groundwork proved vital in setting the conditions for the FST to call in Japanese Training Engagement System-simulated fires during the Field Training Exercise phase.

Parachute training formed the next major chapter of the deployment, with two soldiers from G Battery invited to jump with their



Japanese airborne counterparts. After ground training and familiarisation with the Japanese T-13 parachute, the soldiers progressed through a "Hollywood" jump and a full-kit descent in preparation for jumping into the Field Training Exercise. The Japanese system quickly earned praise, with its steerable toggles allowing jumpers to turn downwind and avoid obstacles on the drop zone.

The final phase of Vigilant Isles saw the combined force conduct a field training exercise focused on counter-attacking an enemy amphibious beachhead. Adverse weather ruled out the planned parachute insertion, forcing the Company Group to adapt and deploy via helicopter assault instead. Under cover of darkness, troops rec'd their axis to be cleared the next morning, while the FST moved forward to identify targets for preliminary Fires.

Those preparations proved critical in the CLEARing action the following morning. The Company successfully integrated One Way Effector and traditional Fires to defeat enemy armoured vehicles within their lane, allowing the mission to be completed with minimal loss of combat effectiveness.

Away from the training area, Japanese hosts ensured the visiting soldiers experienced the warmth and hospitality for which they are renowned. Cultural events ran throughout the deployment, with highlights including hot 'Onsen' baths set up in large canvas tents using military vehicles — a welcome end to long days in the field. Custom-made calligraphy souvenirs were a favourite to take back to partners back home, while the camp's two local restaurants gave the Company a chance to sample regional cuisine.

Overall, it was a fascinating opportunity to work with a military most have never crossed paths with before, and to authentically experience a culture that is so different to ours!



British and JGSDF equipment cross-training



A Coy group preparing for an air assault

For many on the exercise, Vigilant Isles offered a rare chance to work alongside a military they had never previously encountered, while gaining an authentic insight into a culture markedly different from their own. As one soldier put it, the experience was "as professionally rewarding as it was unforgettable".



## Bringing fires to bear in largest reserve exercise for decades

By Lt Jack Ardern RA



TAC Group on the largest overseas reserve exercise

Soldiers from 103 Regiment have deployed as part of the largest overseas Army Reserve exercise since the Cold War.

The deployment saw more than 800 part-time soldiers from the UK, United States and Germany come together for Exercise Rhino Heart, testing their ability to operate in a large-scale multinational environment.

Rhino Heart – in support of 19 Brigade – was designed to sharpen warfighting skills, strengthen interoperability between allied reserve forces and demonstrate the growing role of reservists in modern military operations.

For 103 Regiment Royal Artillery, the deployment highlighted its readiness to integrate with regular forces and international partners on operations abroad. Two equally sized battlegroups were pitted against each other, providing a realistic and challenging combined arms environment.

For the Reservists of 103 RA, this was unfamiliar but invaluable territory.

### First time

Deploying as a Tactical Group (TAC Gp), 103 RA integrated into a manoeuvre-focused framework alongside other reserve units. It was split into four Fire Support Elements (FSEs), each embedded within a battlegroup. Although all were experienced Joint Fires practitioners, this was the first time many had operated within a fully integrated combined arms construct.

Battery Commanders were played by Capt Craig Andrews and Capt Rob Shaw from 209 (The Manchester Artillery) Battery. During the opening phase of the exercise, Forward Observers integrated into their supported infantry companies, sharpening their infantry skills while demonstrating the value of artillery fires to manoeuvre commanders.

At battlegroup level, the Battery Commanders supported two full planning



cycles – attack and defence – developing fires annexes and appendices as part of the Battlegroup Operational Orders.



Two Observers out on the ground

### Fast-moving

The second week marked the Final Training Exercise, significantly raising the tempo and complexity. Forward Observers were tested in their ability to deliver close support fires in support of infantry sub-units, while advising Company Commanders on the effective employment of artillery.

At the same time, Battery Commanders were challenged to integrate fires coherently at battlegroup level, balancing competing priorities in a fast-moving battlespace.

Throughout the exercise, important lessons were learned. Observers refined their judgement on positioning – balancing the need for observation of the enemy, situational awareness, proximity to supported commanders and personal survivability.

Newly-trained signallers gained first-hand experience of the challenge of maintaining communications, with the Sennelager Training Area proving particularly demanding for VHF voice systems.

The increasing prevalence of uncrewed aerial systems on the modern battlefield was also clear, reinforcing the need for continued investment and training in this area – something 103 RA has already begun to address.

The professionalism of the TAC Group did not go unnoticed. Three members of the 14-strong 103 RA contingent received either a Brigade Commander's Commendation or a Brigade Commander's Coin, recognising their contribution in delivering a credible and effective fires capability to both battlegroups.

Strong working relationships were forged with supported infantry companies, enabling confident and effective integration of close support fires throughout the exercise.

### Looking ahead

103 RA is focused on building on the lessons learned during Rhino Heart. Whether through live firing in the UK, developing skills with small uncrewed aerial systems, or refining core soldiering skills, the experience gained will inform future training and force development. The impact on the TAC Group's collective knowledge and confidence will be long-lasting.

In the weeks and months following the exercise, the TAC Group will return to its respective batteries with heads held high. As a fully Reserve TAC Group, they have demonstrated the ability to deliver fires at battlegroup level on a major overseas exercise – setting a strong foundation on which to build, and a clear benchmark for the future.



## Below zero: Where survival is in the detail

By Lt Henry Sumsion RA



How are the Commando Gunners training to thrive in Mountainous & Extreme Cold Weather (M&ECW) conditions? As temperatures plummet and snow blankets the ground in the High North, 29 Cdo RA has been gearing up for the challenges of operating in some of the harshest environments on earth.

MoD environmental courses are designed to equip personnel with the skills and techniques to face extreme conditions with resilience and composure, increasing survivability.

### Notorious

The UK Commando Force (UKCF) training commitments in the High North date back to 41 Commando's deployment in 1963, a tip of the hat to the notorious Norway raids during WWII.

They heralded a new age of M&ECW training with Commandos naturally taking the lead. The importance of this training today cannot be overstated; the High North is invaluable to NATO's and the UK's national security, resulting in UKCF's focus switching to activity within the Arctic circle.

Courses completed by 29 Cdo highlight the idiosyncrasies of the seemingly simple tasks

such as survivability, mobility and lethality, when back in temperate environments.

To operate in bitter conditions, individuals must complete one of two courses: Cold Weather Operators Course (CWOC) or Cold Weather Warfare Course (CWWC).

### Avalanche-ready

Delivered by Royal Marine Mountain Leaders with the help of Arctic Warfare Instructors (AWIs), both courses heavily overlap on content related to M&ECW.

They start with lectures about avalanche awareness, medical training, survival skills, equipment care and routines required for harbours with both 10-man and 4-man tents. This is followed by the practical phase of survival nights in both permissive and non-permissive environments using different snow shelters; non-tactical and tactical exercises and the infamous ice-breaker drills.

Where the courses differ, is the mobility focus on the CWWC. Several days of training are dedicated to movement on cross-country skis, in both fighting order and marching order, using



sleds, or pulks (a small, low-slung, boat-shaped Nordic sled), as extra carriage capacity or as an option for recovering casualties.

Across a multitude of yomps, Commando Gunners learnt how to tactically navigate the terrain, learning both the freedoms and restrictions that come with ski-based movement, before conducting a series of reconnaissance operations, ambush and direct actions.

### 'Ski-driving'

On top of this, members of the CWWC are exposed to Skijoring – 'ski driving' in Norwegian - a rapid method of movement for ski-borne soldiers who are pulled behind an all-terrain vehicle such as a BV 206. This gives commanders the freedom to quickly punch large numbers of troops forward, so they can carry on in closer proximity to the enemy.



Once cold weather trained, troops are able to conduct further specialised cold weather-related courses and instructor qualifications, including Snow and Ice Driving, BV Whiteshod and Over Snow Reconnaissance Vehicle (OSRV).

Students on these courses learn to navigate the Arctic tundra, conducting vehicle born ice-crossings and testing the mechanical limitations of different vehicles. The OSRV course also touches on the tactical uses of the vehicle and

how best to use them for long range patrols to strike deep in the enemy's rear.

In addition, there are instructor qualifications for all of the above as well as the AWI Course, a great opportunity for those in more junior positions to showcase their instructional and leadership abilities. Many ranks from 29 Cdo have been fortunate enough to complete such courses due to an abundance of Commando Gunners already in instructional roles.

Training for M&ECW operations isn't just limited to Norway and High North. 29 has also supported Ex Frosted Dagger at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Centre in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range.

At 6,800 ft - 2,387 ft above Ben Nevis - it is perfect to conduct the mountainous element, the less practiced part of M&ECW conditions.

Commandos yomped up to 11,000ft to the White Mountain and Lost Canon peaks, a literally breath-taking experience, allowing the Commando Gunners to test their physical limits at elevation.

### Ready - always

With the ever-changing global landscape, cold weather training ensures UKCF remains ready to face any challenge, no matter how extreme.

These courses not only build resilience and skill but also foster a sense of unity and determination that is vital for success in the field. By mastering the complexities of extreme conditions, 29 Cdo RA and the wider Commando Forces continue to uphold our High North legacy, adapting to modern threats while maintaining our critical role in safeguarding NATO and UK interests.

This training is vital for the Commando Gunners' ability to operate our multiple force elements to provide multi-domain fires and targeting for UKCF. Our commitment to thriving in the Arctic's unforgiving environment sets the foundations for our readiness to operate effectively in any theatre, ensuring we remain the M&ECW experts in defence of national and allied security..



## Gunners excel at Alpine Championships - and save a life!

By Lt Col Chris Wane MBE RA



The Royal Artillery's annual Alpine Ski Championships, Exercise Alpine Tiger, have once again showcased the Corps' competitive edge — and its courage off the slopes.

Held over three demanding weeks in Les Deux Alpes, France, the event brought together 85 soldiers and junior officers from 11 Regular units and the Honourable Artillery Company. Of those, 74% were Gunners and JNCOs, with more than a quarter stepping onto skis for the first time. Supported by the Royal Artillery Charities, MBDA UK and Saab UK, the championship blends elite competition with resilience and leadership training in a challenging mountain environment.

That ethos was put to the test when soldiers from 3rd Regiment RHA and 19th Regiment RA provided immediate life-saving aid to a critically injured Czech national following a serious road traffic collision. Their swift actions, before handing over to French emergency services, reflected great credit on the Regiment and the Army overseas.

On the slopes, the Gunners delivered equally impressive results. Thirty competitors progressed to the Army Qualifying Championships, with standout performances from Bdr Mark B (1 RHA) and Capt Will H (3 RHA), both finishing second overall. Capt Lauren B (26 RA) placed third in the female category, while Gnr James S (3 RHA) was named best novice.

Eleven athletes advanced to the Army Championships, where Bdr Mark B claimed silver in the individual slalom. The Royal Artillery team won the Corps slalom title and secured second place overall. Bdr Mark B and Capt Will H were subsequently selected for the Army Men's Alpine Team for the Inter Services Snow Sport Championships.

From first-time skiers to podium finishers, Alpine Tiger continues to prove the Royal Artillery's fighting spirit thrives — whether racing down a mountain or stepping forward when it matters most.



Gunners across the Royal Regiment shared their reflections on the experience at Ex Alpine Tiger:

**Bdr Birkett, 1st Regiment RHA. Royal Artillery Team Captain and Alpine Combined Individual Champion.**

"I started skiing in 2018/2019 as a complete novice and am incredibly proud of winning this year's Gunner Championships and being selected to be the RA Team Captain. My experience proves that what can be achieved when you take opportunities. Not only has this helped my personal development but also allows me to pass my knowledge down to the new generation that is coming through the Gunner alpine scheme. I love how everyone comes together as a team and shows support throughout, regardless of rank and unit."



**LSgt Thornes, Honourable Artillery Company**

"Taking part in the Gunner Alpine scheme has been a standout highlight of my Army Reserve career. The training has been physically tough and mentally demanding but incredibly rewarding. The scheme has also been a brilliant opportunity to strengthen ties with our Regular counterparts across the Artillery. For me, it was especially valuable to spend time with 7 Para RHA, with whom my Battery works closely. Turning up on day one and seeing familiar faces from the gun line on recent exercises in Germany made the experience even more rewarding."

**LBdr Staples, 19th Regiment RA and Royal Artillery Alpine Combined Junior Champion:**

"Ex Alpine Tiger is a fantastic opportunity for literally anyone. It not only provides an opportunity to potentially do something you love but also builds that teamwork and hard graft that the military is all about. Consistent top 10 finishes really showed me what I could be capable of if I keep at it! I believe this is one of the best sports you can do and it's just that much better in a military environment with the support and encouragement you get from your peers."

**LBdr Radinivugalei, 3rd Regiment RHA**

"As a complete beginner to skiing, joining the 3RHA Alpine Ski Team was both exciting and daunting. Competing as a novice and representing 3RHA filled me with immense pride and a sense of belonging. This journey wasn't just about learning to ski, to me it was about personal growth. Skiing taught me resilience, patience, and the value of stepping outside my comfort zone. The experience has left a lasting impression. Knowing that I can take part in activities like this, develop new skills, and discover new passions has made me even more excited about my future in the Army. It's experiences like these that make my time in service truly rewarding."

**Gnr Gurung, King's Gurkha Artillery**

"Ex Alpine Tiger was one of the most thrilling events for me. Now that I am finished with the competition, I can feel at work that I am refreshed, recharged, and have a new version of myself who is more confident and has a new level of competitiveness. I am thinking of pursuing skiing further so I can become an instructor and help the next batch of KGA personnel in future alpine skiing events, and so we can have a full KGA downhill ski team who are competitive and uplift the competition even more, while keeping the values and standards of the British Army."



## Royal Artillery Afghanistan Veterans

(Royal Artillery Association Branch)

The Royal Artillery Afghanistan Veterans (RAAV) are now accepting members. Members can join the Royal Artillery Association via the link below, when completing the form, in service history, state you wish to join the RAAV.

There is also a Facebook group to keep up to date on all activities, events and information. Use the second QR code below to join the group.

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Gunner Sunday at the Royal Hospital Chelsea will take place on Sunday 12th April 2026. Branches and Regiments are invited to attend.

1000 hrs: Assembly and meet in the Octagon Colonnade by the Chapel.

1015 hrs: In-Pensioners and Standard Bearers assembly for a brief, prior to the Parade.

1040 hrs: Parade finishes.

1100 hrs: Chapel service.

1230 hrs: Ticketed lunch.

Dress: Suit or blazer with Gunner/Regimental/Battery tie.

Lunch: This is ticketed lunch and places are limited.

Please contact Cas Thoburn for further details – cas.thoburn603@mod.gov.uk



**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

The RAA will conduct the Royal Artillery Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum, Alrewas, Staffordshire on Saturday 4th July 2026 commencing at 1100 hrs. All members of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and their

families are welcome to attend. Please find further details of the events – www.thegunners.org.uk/events



**REBIRTH OF THE RAA**

**Oswestry & Borders Branch**

The Royal Artillery Association Regional Representative, Mr Barry Guest, is delighted to announce the imminent re-activation of the Oswestry & Borders Branch RAA.

The Oswestry and Borders Branch is now up and running and would be honoured to welcome serving and veteran gunners and their families as members.

The original branch, closed for many years, has been given a new lease of life by a group of motivated veteran gunners who came together and expressed their determination to revive a gunner presence in Oswestry.

The historic link between the Royal Regiment of Artillery and Park Hall Camp travelled the journey of two world wars, into the seventies. The connection was lost when Park Hall finally waved goodbye to the military.

The 25lb gun in Cae Glas Park was gifted to the town council from Woolwich, the



historic home of the Artillery. The gun stands as a solid and lasting reminder of the Oswestry – Gunner connection.

Each year on Armistice Day, the RAA is proud to parade a standard, providing an ongoing presence in memory of the Oswestry gunners who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country.

Members of the revived branch will meet at the Coach House Bar and Restaurant, Bailey Head in Oswestry, at 12 noon on the third Sunday of the month. They extend a warm welcome to regular, reservist, veteran gunners and their families. For more information, contact the Branch on info@oswestryraa.co.uk or take a look at their public Facebook site RAA North Wales & Borders Regional Group.

**VIP LOVE FOR EX-GUNNER ON SPECIAL DAY**

Congratulations cards from VIPs helped mark a special day for Gunner Joe Cain and his wife Margaret.



Joe, a life member of the RAA Isle of Man Branch, and Margaret, marked 70 years of marriage with messages from the King and Queen and Lt Gov, Lt Gen Sir John Lorimer and Lady Lorimer.

Joe was a member of the local Army Cadets from 1949 – 1951 as the drum major, before being called up for national service in July 1951, arriving first at Oswestry in Shropshire, before being posted to 49 Field Regt Royal Artillery. He completed two years' service in Cyprus before transferring to the Territorial Army, where Margaret also served, learning to drive a three-ton truck.



The pair were athletes in their younger years; Margaret played hockey and Joe was a marathon and fell runner, and keen race walker. Joe even competed in the Isle of Man parish walk – a gruelling 85-mile trek in under 24 hrs. No mean feat.

On leaving the Army, Joe retrained as a butcher and then changed career to engineering, working for Dowty Engineering and Martin Bakers (ejector seat manufacturers).

His military life forged his love of brass music, and he is a life member of the Isle of Man Onchan Silver Band. Three of his grandchildren have followed in his footsteps.

Joe held RAA committee roles as vice chairman in 2001- 2002 and chairman of the branch for 11 years from 2002.



**HULL BRANCH**

On 7th November 2025 Standard Bearers attended a reception at the Guildhall, Hull to receive the Lord Mayor of Kingston Upon Hull and Admiral of the Humber Award with the courtesy title of Honorary Burgess presented to Mr David Barrowclough by The Lord Mayor, Councillor Cheryl Payne.

The Admiral of the Humber Award is given to existing or former citizens of Hull who bring distinction to the city. They will have delivered significant services in their chosen field or have rendered selfless voluntary public service through charitable or other activities for the benefit of the city and its people.

The Lord Mayor said “The Standard Bearers have an important duty to represent their organisation in an honourable way.”

Congratulations David on your Award and the dedication to your role in the City of Hull.



**22 (GIBRALTAR 1779–1783) BATTERY  
32 REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY  
SORTIE DAY**

Due to a particularly busy operational period, our personnel have been deployed across multiple locations, including Estonia, Kenya, and the United States. This event provided a rare and valuable opportunity for the entire Battery to come together in one location.

Throughout the day, we held a series of inter-sport competitions, followed in the evening by the presentation of several awards—including recognition for the Best Gunner—accompanied by speeches celebrating our Battery’s long and distinguished history. A sit-down meal offered our troops the chance to relax, and the evening concluded with a small raffle aimed at boosting morale and camaraderie prior to the commencement of our well-earned Christmas leave.

We are grateful to have been awarded £500 from the Royal Artillery Association (RAA) in support of our celebrations. The RAA disburses over £150,000 annually in support of Community Welfare, with a focus on assisting our veteran community through the RAA Branch network—of which all active Batteries are a part—and through activities that bring together the serving and retired members of the Gunner family (such as RA Assembly, Remembrance events, Sandown, and activities at the National Memorial Arboretum). Of this funding, over £40,000 is distributed each year directly to Batteries and Regiments to support events



that build unit cohesion and strengthen the bond between serving soldiers and the veteran community. In addition, a further £500 from Battery funds was allocated to support our Battery Birthday and Christmas celebrations.



**57 (BHURTPORE) BATTERY  
47 REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY**

On Friday 16 January 2026, members of 57 (Bhurtapore) Battery Royal Artillery gathered in the 47 Regiment RA Sergeants’ and Warrant Officers’ Mess to mark a significant moment in Battery history: the 200th anniversary of the end of the Siege of Bhurtapore (1826).

The evening brought together all ranks to honour the Battery’s heritage and reflect on the legacy forged during the historic campaign from which the Battery takes its distinguished title.

A highlight of the evening was the participation of representatives from each Troop, who delivered short but poignant accounts of key moments in the Battery’s history. These reflections connected past to present, helping today’s soldiers better understand the deep traditions and sense

of purpose that continue to shape 57 (Bhurtapore) Battery.

Guests enjoyed a formal three course dinner, during which camaraderie, professional pride, and shared identity were evident throughout the Mess. The atmosphere fostered team cohesion and strengthened bonds across ranks—an important component of the Battery’s continued success as Unit of Action for Watchkeeper through to 2027.

The Battery is especially grateful to the Royal Artillery Association, whose generous financial support significantly enhanced the event. Their contribution allowed the evening to be marked with the dignity and sense of occasion befitting such an important anniversary, ensuring that all who attended benefited from a memorable and meaningful celebration.





Once a Gunner, always supported: How our charities can help you



A wonderful thank you letter from one grateful family

In just the few months since the year began, the Royal Artillery Charitable Fund has helped 79 Gunners.

More than £74,000 has been given to provide things like household goods in a crisis, to cover bereavement costs, for annual grants towards dozens of betterment projects, and many other essential items.

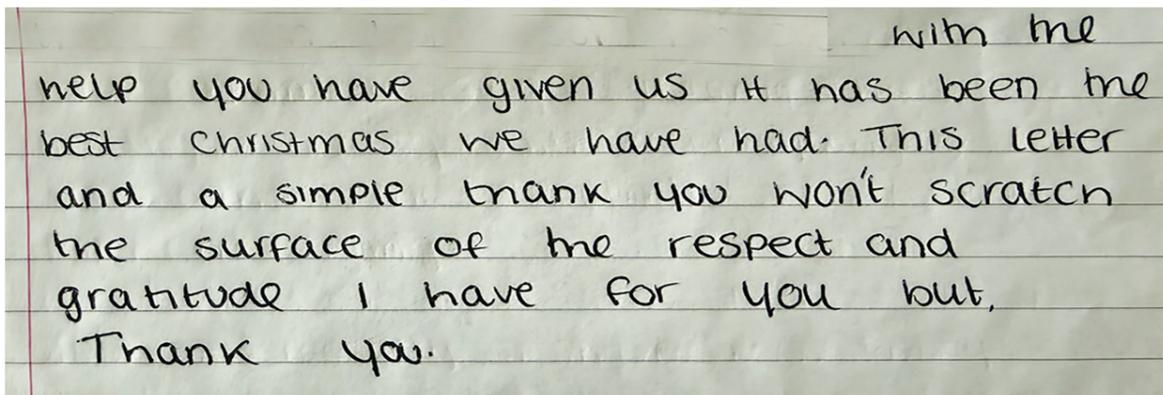
**Can we help you or someone you know?**

Please reach out to us so we can support our Gunner family. Unfortunately, we cannot help with needs such as private medical or legal fees, but the team is on standby to help with many other things.

Email us at RARHQ-RACF-WELFARE-MAILBOX@mod.gov.uk, or via our website RA Charitable Fund Application – RA Association (The Royal Artillery).

We aim to respond in three working days. We can signpost you and discuss the next step to help.

Our office number is 01980 634309 or 0303 379 4560 if you would like to speak to someone or leave a message. If you are serving, pop in and see your UWO for help or advice. Alternatively, you can call SSAFA on 0800 731 4880, or the British Legion on 0800 802 8080 to get a case raised to us.



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| Date      | Event                          | Location                 |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12 Apr    | Gunner Sunday                  | Royal Hospital Chelsea   |
| 7 May     | RA Sports Awards Dinner        | Larkhill                 |
| 15-17 May | Royal Artillery Assembly       | Blackpool                |
| 21 May    | Charities' F&GPC Meeting       | Larkhill                 |
| 26 May    | Artillery Day                  | N/A                      |
| 04 Jun    | KGA Formation Parade           | Larkhill                 |
| 18 Jun    | Hail & Farewell Dinner         | Larkhill                 |
| 24 Jun    | RA Board of Management Meeting | Larkhill                 |
| 04 Jul    | NMA Service                    | NMA                      |
| 01 Oct    | Alanbrooke Lunch               | London                   |
| 13 Oct    | RAA NEC Meeting                | Larkhill                 |
| 14 Oct    | Charities F&GPC Committee      | Larkhill                 |
| 23 Oct    | Alamein Dinner                 | Larkhill                 |
| 05 Nov    | Field of Remembrance           | Westminster Abbey        |
| 08 Nov    | RA Ceremony of Remembrance     | Hyde Park Corner         |
| 25 Nov    | RA Board of Management         | Larkhill                 |
| 06 Dec    | St Barbara's Day               | Larkhill Garrison Church |



## LAST POST

### Notification of Death:

Sgt Kenny Woodard 5 March 2025  
 Andy Rafter 16 Dec 2025  
 Frank Kerr 31 Dec 2025  
 Gordon Poynton Dec 2025  
 Capt Philip Gilbert Muldowney January 2026  
 Keith Preston January 2026  
 Allan Hickman February 2026  
 Anthony Battersby February 2026  
 Oscar Trotman February 2026

**REYNOLDS** - Gnr Ray Reynolds passed away on the 10th November of a heart attack, at the age of 88 years. Ray was a National Service Man who served with the 33 Parachute Regiment RA and was on operations in Cyprus and Egypt during the Suez Canal operation on discharge. Ray joined 289 Parachute Regiment RA (V) for many years and was a member of PRA Association at Romford, Essex. He will be missed by all.

**TURNER** - Terence David Richard, Major (Retd) RA, passed away peacefully on 25th December 2025. Terry will be sadly missed by his devoted wife Trish and beloved children Alexandra and David. Gone but never forgotten. Donations in his memory to PSPA - a charity that helps those living with PSP and CBD.

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## RA Historical Society 2026 Programme

| Date and Timings                    | Event  | Subject   | Lecturer/Lead   | Bookings Close     | Cost per Head  |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------|----------------|
| Wednesday 15 April 1045 to 1600 hrs | Congreve Lecture Day, Newcome Hall, Larkhill | Fishguard 1797: The last invasion of Britain.<br><br>The Royal Garrison Artillery 1899-1924 | Mr Phil Carradice, Author<br>Mr Philip Magrath, Curator of Artillery, RA Museum | Wednesday 01 April | To be notified |
| Wednesday 24 June 1930 hrs          | Webinar                                      | Ready for the wrong war: the fate of Hannover and the German States 1866                    | Col Michael Phillips  | Sunday 21 June     | Nil            |

These events are open to all Gunners. To register please email Lt Col Clayton, RAHS Secretary: richard.clayton312@gmail.com by the dates shown

All Gunners are eligible to join the Society. Please contact the Secretary for details.



## From nuclear guns to new schools: The life of Major General Brendan McGuinness CB



Brendan Peter McGuinness was born on 26 June 1931, was commissioned as a National Serviceman in August 1950 and as a Regular in autumn 1952. After training at Mons Officer Cadet School, passing out with the Stick of Honour, he was posted to 70 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment (disbanded 1955) and subsequently to 44 HAA regiment in British Army of the Rhine (BAOR).

While a Troop Commander and then Adjutant he served in Cyprus 1955-1957. Posted to 47 Guided Weapons Regiment (Corporal Rockets) in 1957, he served as a Guidance Officer and a Fire Control Troop Commander. His first staff appointment was GSO3 RA in HQ BAOR, following which he was posted to 3 RHA as a Troop Commander, and served in Kenya and the then Aden Protectorate.

### Mention in Dispatches

Selected for Staff College Camberley in 1963, he then

became Adjutant of 49 Field Regiment both in BAOR and then Hong Kong. His operational tour in 5 Infantry Brigade as DAA & QMG earned him a Mention in Dispatches for Borneo. His battery commander's tour was completed in BAOR as BC 33 Heavy Battery (8 inch towed nuclear guns). In 1968 he and Ethne Kelly married, and son Peter was born a year later.

He returned to Camberley on the Directing Staff as GSO1 Co-ord. He commanded 45 Medium Regiment (M109 SP guns and M110 SP guns) in BAOR 1972-1975. Brendan and Ethne's daughter Nicola was born in 1972.

### Nuclear inspections

It was a challenging regiment, being required to field two medium batteries, each in support of a battlegroup, and a nuclear heavy battery, the Division's dedicated nuclear resource. He also had administrative control of the nuclear weapons site, and its concomitant US Artillery detachment. Nuclear weapons inspections were an ever-present weight. Imjin Day, commemorating the battle the entire regiment fought and in which 170 Battery gained its honour title, became a major event. The annual parade included infantry and armoured regiments from the battle, and once meant the annual Division CPX had to be rescheduled.

### Bombings and shootings

Brendan took his Regiment to Northern Ireland, where it was responsible for Belfast City Centre, the East Belfast Ballymacarrett (Protestant) / Short Strand (Catholic) enclave and subsequently Unity Flats (Catholic) and the Lower Shankill (Protestant).

The operational tour was a constant series of bombings, some shootings, and the necessity of precluding factional strife during the marching season.

Upon return to BAOR the regiment participated in the Wide Horizon trials where brigades became task forces and regimental command posts became fire direction centres.

Promoted direct from lieutenant colonel to brigadier, Brendan went to Verden as Commander Royal Artillery (CRA) 1st Armoured Division, commanding a significant range of artillery capabilities. From CRA in Verden he went to the Royal College of Defence Studies, and thence to become a Director of Operational Requirements in the Ministry of Defence.

From 1981 to '83 he was Deputy Commander of North East District. Promoted to major general, he was appointed GOC Western District (which covered Birmingham and Midlands) in 1983 and in 1986 was appointed a Commander of the Order of the Bath.



### Diplomatic...but candid!

Despite his retirement from active service in 1986 his close links with the Gunners did not stop there: he was Honorary Regimental Colonel of his former Regiment 1984-1991 and Honorary Colonel of Birmingham University Officers Training Corps for ten years, ending in 1997. Retirement saw no drop in his energy and activity. When he was GOC in the West Midlands, the Engineering Employers Federation (EEF) invited his analysis on why their membership was falling despite the booming work. He gave them (politely) his thoughts which were far from complimentary. The EEF hierarchy went away and came back a few days later, inviting him to become their CEO when he left the Army. This he did very successfully.

### Education pioneer

One day he received a call from the Department of Education to discuss an initiative, on which they would only elaborate if he came to London. On his arrival there, he was ushered in to the then Secretary of State who told him that the Conservative Government wished to set up a series of Academies, outside local government control, the first of which was to be in the West Midlands. Brendan's name had been put forward as the ideal person to set

this up from scratch. He was given an old school building, a project management team and a budget and invited to implement it within a year. This he did very successfully and it became the pilot for a larger expansion which is running successfully today.

His links with Birmingham continued until 1997, both as Director and then Chairman of the ACCESS Community Trust Birmingham and as a part-time consultant to the Faculty of Engineering in the University of Birmingham. He was an active governor of several colleges, in succession Cirencester College, King's College Guildford, and King's International College Camberley. His interests took him to become Chairman of the Cheltenham Decorative and Fine Arts Society and Vice-Chairman of the Stroud Deanery Council.

### Ceaseless ideas and energy

His beloved wife Ethne passed away in 2013. In his later years when mobility problems arose, he moved to Cote Lane Retirement Village, Westbury on Trym, Bristol. Quite unable to let his talents lie fallow, he was a constant initiator of activities to benefit his fellow-retirees, and the Principal spoke after his funeral of the welcome regularity of his visits to her office with imaginative ideas. He died in November 2024,

aged 93. His funeral filled the St Augustine's Chapel at Cote Lane with soldiers, academics, educators, professionals, and very many friends and family.

Brendan's brother Brian also served in the Regiment - 1949-1950 - and his brother Owen served in the Welch Regiment and in the Royal Army Education Corps 1948-1949.

### His Adjutants remember:

#### 1. Martyn Graham.

"Colonel Brendan was a great list maker. I swiftly learned the only way to keep up with his ever-present energy was to scour his desk at lunchtime for the most recent list, and swiftly ring BCs, QMs and others to warn of what was likely to hit them after lunch! It also helped me and the Chief Clerk keep abreast of forthcoming initiatives."

#### 2. Michael Phillips.

"Two years as Brendan's adjutant taught me organisational skills which never left me. He knew everything going on in the Regiment and his lateral thinking was amazing: if one event was rescheduled, he would instantly identify every implication, and direct changes before anyone else had even thought about them, down to having the arms of the non-operational RHQ tower clock adjusted to show the arrival time of visitors."



REUNIONS

103 REGIMENT ROYAL ARTILLERY: ST BARBARA'S DINNER 26

On 5 Dec 26. At 208 Battery, 103 Regt RA, Aigburth Road, Liverpool, L17 9PH.. Open to officers of 103 Regiment RA, serving and retired, and their guests. For places, please apply to Alexander.Lane102@mod.gov.uk

289 ALL RANKS REUNION

The RAF Club in Carlton Road, Romford, Essex, will be the venue for this reunion on Saturday May 2. Tickets are £15 and payable at the door. Dress is smart - jacket and battery tie. For more details contact barry.exley@sky.com/ 07883001711

THE 36TH REUNION OF THE ROYAL ARTILLERY BOYS AND JUNIOR LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

The 36th reunion of The RA Boys and Junior Leaders' Association will take place at the Holiday Inn Coventry M6 Junction 2, over the weekend of 2-4th October 2026. Full details, contact the Secretary, Ted McKenzie, on exboysra.tm@gmail.com

EVENTS

SPRING DINNER

This year's Spring Dinner is at the RA Mess, Larkhill, on Friday March 20th. It will be a Regimental Guest Night and is open to officers of the Royal Regiment – serving and retired – and their guests. The Master Gunner St James's Park, Lieutenant General Michael Elviss CB, MBE will preside. Dress for serving officers is Mess Dress – ceremonial evening (soft shirt) and dinner jacket (black tie) with decorations for retired officers/civilians.

The subsidised cost is £75 per head and tickets are on a first come, first served basis.

For places, please email Jennifer.mcgrath924@mod.gov.uk

Places are confirmed on receipt of payment as follows: BACS: RAI, 30-11-75, 00957269. (Please prefix payment with SD26)



Cheques should be made payable to the Royal Artillery Institution.

Applications for double bed, twin or single accommodation in the RA Mess should be sent to Mess Secretary Peter.Thompson690@mod.gov.uk though rooms will be in short supply and double and twin room requests will be added to a waiting list.

If no further single rooms are available, applications for standard accommodation can be made through the Central Accommodation Booking Service at DIORDPFIPACSLAMISTeamGpMail@mod.gov.uk

ALANBROOKE LUNCH

The next Royal Artillery Officers' Alanbrooke Lunch is on Thursday 5th March at the Army & Navy Club, St James's Square, London. Our guest speaker at this lunch is Anna Kimber OBE, deputy governor and Head of Operations at the Tower of London. Drinks 1200. Lunch 1245. The Alanbrooke Lunch Club is open to all Gunner officers, Regular and Reserve whether serving or retired. The lunch is £80 per ticket. The price includes pre-lunch drink, wine and port. A cash bar is available

after lunch. The dress code for this event is lounge suits or equivalent. To attend the lunches you must be a paid-up member of the Alanbrooke Club. There is an annual membership fee of £10 but this is waived for serving officers. To join the Club, please contact carla.brawn100@mod.gov.uk Members wishing to attend this lunch should make a bank transfer for £80 to the Royal Artillery Benevolent Fund (Sort code 30-11-75, Acc number 00568858) annotating your transfer with your initial, surname or send a cheque made to 'Royal Artillery Benevolent Fund' to the Regimental Secretariat Officer, Mrs Carla Brawn.



Field Marshal Lord Alanbrooke

If you make a bank transfer please email Mrs Brawn to say that you have done so. Do spread the message among your Gunner friends, and of course you may bring a guest (who may be non-military) or a group of friends you served with. Commanding Officers are asked to encourage and facilitate attendance by their officers.

To purchase tickets:



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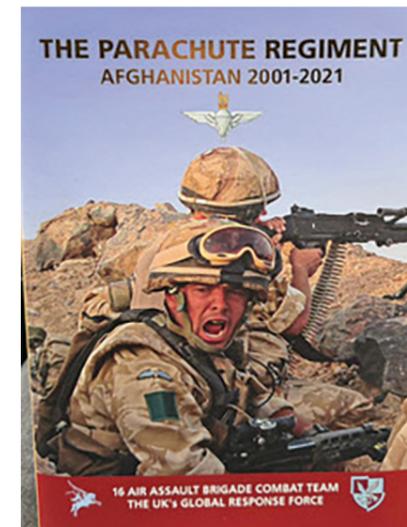
David Roberts, a King's Troop RHA veteran who suffers with PTSD, has been making bespoke walking sticks to assist with his symptoms. David has made them for fellow service veterans and also many celebrities including actor and comedian Sir Michael Palin, actor Martin Clunes and adventurer and ex-SAS trooper Bear Grylls.



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PARAS' 20 YEAR AFGHAN CAMPAIGN MARKED IN NEW BOOK



A new limited-edition hardback coffee table book has been released to commemorate 20 years of operations by the Parachute Regiment in Afghanistan. Spanning 2001–2021, the book charts the Regiment's journey from early deployments in Kabul to sustained operations in Kandahar and Helmand. Alongside the Paras, supporting units including 7 Para Regt RHA, 23 Para Regt RE, 13 Air Assault Logistics Regt RLC and 16 Medical Regt RAMC played vital roles throughout the campaign.

Packed with previously unseen photographs and first-hand accounts, the publication covers every phase of the conflict – from Operation Fingal in Kabul, through the intense years of Operation Herrick in Helmand, the return to Kabul under Operation Toral, and finally Operation Pitting, the evacuation of Afghanistan in 2021. Copies are available at £25 plus £5 postage and packing. To order, call or text 07808 962657 or email office@dramedia.co.uk.

All proceeds from sales will go to the Parachute Regiment charity.

COURSE

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Good Mental Health for both Male & Female Veterans.

Regular SP can be referred for the Reg MAC through Welfare Officer.

NEXT ISSUE

FIT FOR THE KING!

The next issue of Gunner magazine will be by royal appointment! We will bring you full coverage of His Majesty's visit to 7 Air Defence Group at Baker Barracks, Thorney Island, where he was shown RA short and medium range defence power and met with our brilliant soldiers and their families.

# HAC NORTHERN TROOP

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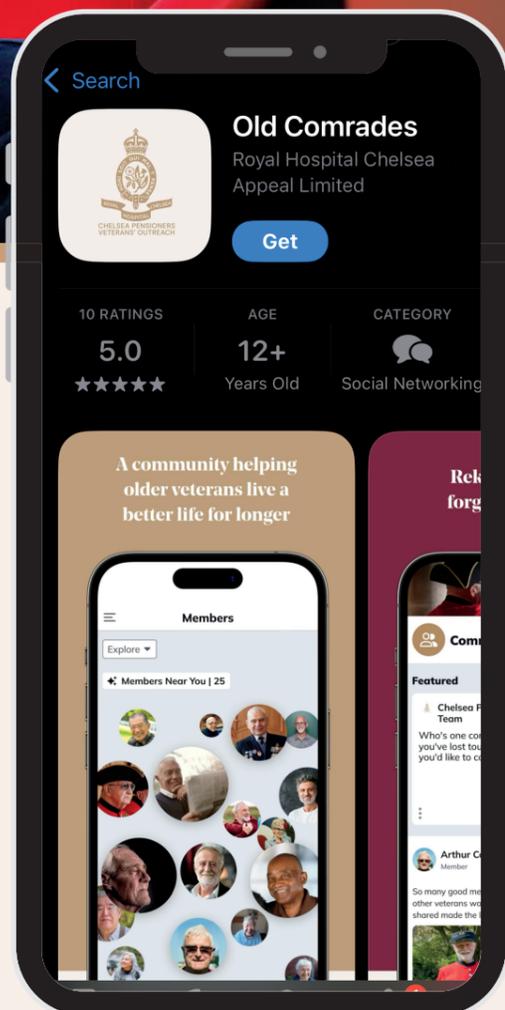
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Or search Airborne Gunner Reunion Dinner on LinkedIn

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