



THE RULES
OF THE
QUEEN'S REGIMENTAL
ASSOCIATION

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THE RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF THE **THE QUEEN'S REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION**

TITLE

1. The title of The Regimental Association (hereinafter termed 'The Association') is 'The Queen's Regimental Association'. The Association was formed on 9 September 1992 and The Association Secretary's address is:

Secretary, The Queen's Regimental Association
The Queen's Regiment Museum
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MEMBERSHIP

2. The following are automatically members:
 - 2.1. All officers and soldiers who served in Regular and Territorial Battalions of The Queens Regiment and Adult Cadet Staff of Cadet Detachments badged Queens.
 - 2.2. Membership is also open to those who served in forebear and successor Regiments to the QUEEN'S Regiment, if they so wish.

Note: Honorary Members may be admitted at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

OBJECTS

3. The Objects of The Association are:
 - 3.1 To foster the spirit of comradeship between all members of The Association.
 - 3.2 To provide assistance, where possible, to members of The Association, their wives, widows or other dependants who are in need or suffering financial hardship.
 - 3.3 To support those charitable organisations which operate for the benefit of the soldier (or ex-soldier) and his/her dependants, in particular ABF, The Soldiers' Charity, and The Royal British Legion (RBL).
 - 3.4 To foster the close relationships that exist between The Association and the Old Comrades Associations of our Forebear Regiments (hereinafter termed 'The Affiliated Associations') and to support The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR) in every way possible.

BRANCHES

4. The following applies:
 - 4.1 Branches of The Association may be formed at the discretion of the President.
 - 4.2 Branches shall be administered by a Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer and Committee who will be responsible for proper conduct of the affairs of the Branch. Branches may have a President and Vice President if they so desire.
 - 4.3 Membership of Branches shall, in the main, be from those who are members of The Association, but individual Branches of The Association may also admit Honorary Members to their Branch at their own discretion.
 - 4.4 A financial grant may be made to new Branches on formation.
 - 4.5 Branches are required to send a representative to all Executive Meetings of the Association and the Annual General Meeting

LOCATION OF BRANCHES.

5. As at the date of adoption and amendment of these Rules (4 March 2017) the following Branches of the Association are in existence:

CHICHESTER
FARNHAM
HORSHAM
LONDON QUEEN'S AND PWRR
MIDDLESEX
1 QUEENS
EASTBOURNE
THE VIPERS
QUEENSMAN LODGE 2694
THE QUEENS REGIMENTAL RIDERS
THE QUEEN'S REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION IN WESSEX
SCOTTISH
FRIMLEY AND CAMBERLEY CADET CORPS
EAST KENT QUEEN'S AND PWRR

CONSTITUTION

6. The Association shall consist of:
- 6.1. The President - who shall be a former officer of The Queen's Regiment as appointed by The Executive Committee of the Association. The President will also act as Chairman.
 - 6.2. The Secretary – to be appointed by the President
 - 6.3. Treasurer – to be an appointed officer at Area HQ, PWRR
 - 6.4. The Executive Committee - (see para 8)
 - 6.5. Members

SUBSCRIPTIONS

7. No central subscriptions will be levied for membership of The Association although Branches may raise (and set) their own membership fees, should they so choose.

Note: Branch subscriptions do not have 'Charitable Status' and do not therefore form any part of The Association's Benevolent Fund, managed by HQ PWRR, which does have 'Charitable Status' through the Charity Commission (No 1024418). However, if fundraising

takes place under the name of The Queen's Regiment for benevolence purposes to support regimental beneficiaries, this can be carried out using the Regiment's Charity Number. The proceeds are to be paid into the Queen's Regiment Benevolent Fund and may be ring-fenced for appropriate disbursement as requested by the Branch which has raised the funds

CONTROL - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8. The affairs of The Association are to be controlled by an Executive Committee, which shall meet as necessary, but not less than once a year and normally preceding The Association Annual General Meeting (AGM).

8.1. Composition The Executive Committee will comprise of the following:

8.1.1 The President of The Association

8.1.2 The Secretary

8.1.3 The Treasurer- if required

8.1.4 A senior member from the Committee of each established branch of The Association nominated in writing to the Association Secretary

8.2 Quorum. Four members of the Executive Committee, one of whom must be either the President or the Secretary, shall form a quorum.

8.3. Additional members. The Executive Committee shall co-opt legal, financial or other advisers/members as required.

8.4. Duties of The Executive Committee

8.4.1 To draw up 'Rules' for The Association. Once agreed, the Rules may only be changed or added to with the agreement of the full Executive Committee.

8.4.2 Through the President (as a Trustee of the PWRR Benevolent Fund) to keep a watching brief over administration of The Association's Benevolent Funds and such other funds as may be required from time to time.

8.4.3 Through the President/Secretary to supervise granting of funds for the purposes of administering the work of The Association.

8.4.4 The Association Secretary is to convene an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of The Association to coincide with the date and timing of The Association Reunion in March of each year. Extraordinary Meetings may be held as directed by the President or at the behest of any

branch of the Association to resolve issues or initiate activity.

8.4.4.1 Notice of the AGM and the Agenda are to be published by The Association Secretary not less than twenty-one days before the day appointed for the Meeting.

8.4.4.2 Members who wish to raise any matters at the AGM are to give notice to The Association Secretary, in writing, not less than seven days prior to the Meeting.

8.5 Withdrawal of membership. Any member of The Association may have membership withdrawn and be disbarred from attending future meetings, reunions or gatherings of the Association should he/she be deemed to have brought the name of the Association into disrepute.

8.5.1 The President of the Association, for the time being, is empowered to withdraw membership from the Association, keeping members of the Executive Committee informed. The individual concerned has the right of appeal and may submit his reasons for not being disbarred in writing to the President of the Association.

8.5.2 Branches are to be responsible for their own membership and have the power to exclude a person from their Branch for any legitimate reason.

BENEVOLENCE

9. With effect from 2008, The Queen's Regimental Benevolent Fund was passed over to The Benevolent Fund of The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment for investment and the day to day management of benevolent cases. The funds are "ring fenced" to provide for the administration of The Association and financial assistance to former members of The Queen's Regiment and their dependants suffering hardship.
10. Grants in response to Benevolent Casework may be made to members of The Association or their dependants. In deciding whether or not a grant is justified, the sole criterion must be clear evidence of real hardship as provided by SSAFA or similar National body. Grants are made in accordance with procedures laid down by the Trustees of The PWRR Benevolent Fund (of whom the President of The Queen's Regimental Association is one).

FINANCE

11. In view of increasing demand on funds, all bids for administrative grants from the former Queen's Regiment Benevolent Fund are carefully scrutinised and can only authorised by the President of The Association in order to safeguard resources for benevolent use.

DISSOLUTION

12. The Association shall be dissolved automatically if:
 - 11.1 The number of Members of The Association shall fall to fewer than 50; or
 - 11.2 The Executive Committee of The Association shall unanimously resolve that The Association be dissolved.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

13. Organisation and Control. Titles of the Affiliated Associations are as follows:
 - 13.1 The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment Association.
 - 13.2 The Regimental Association of The Queen's Own Buffs (PWRR).
 - 13.3 The Royal Sussex Regimental Association (representing The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment in Sussex).
 - 13.4 The Royal Hampshire Regiment Comrades Association (affiliated to the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment)
 - 13.5 The Regimental Association of The Middlesex Regiment (DCO) (affiliated to The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment).
14. Responsibility. The Affiliated Associations have, by their constitution and rules, a responsibility to their own members which must continue until there are no living beneficiaries.
15. Membership. Membership of the Affiliated Associations is open to all who served in the appropriate Regiment in accordance with the existing rules of that Association.
16. Funds. The funds of the Affiliated Associations are controlled by those Associations.
17. Application for Assistance. Application for financial assistance will be dealt with in accordance with the existing rules governing each Affiliated Association.

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