

# THE ROYAL ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION

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### **ITEM 1 – AWARD OF THE BADGE OF MERIT**

1. At their meeting in London on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010, the Management Committee approved the award of the prestigious REA Badge of Merit to the following members:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Branch</b>	<b>Group</b>
Mr R E Maginnes	Northern Ireland	Scotland & NI Gp
Mr J Chitty	Brighton	South East Gp
Mr R Bardsley	Cyprus	HQ & Overseas Gp
Mr T Higginson	Chesterfield & Distr	North Midlands Gp
Mr J Hindle	Blackpool	South West Gp
Mr J Everitt	Colchester	East Anglia Gp
Mr J W Hasnip	Lichfield & Tamworth	South Midlands Gp
Mr R Cooling	South Humberside & Lincolnshire	North East Gp
Mr P Ladlow	Scarborough	North East Gp

### **ITEM 2 - AGM NOTIFICATION**

2. This year the Annual General Meeting of the Association is to be held at the Victory Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London W2 2HF on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010, commencing at 1600 hours.

3. The attention of Groups and Branches is drawn to Rules 11.01 to 11.40, which govern the procedure at the Annual General Meeting.

4. The REA Form for notifying the names and addresses of Branch Delegates and details of travel expenses claimed will be issued with the next HQ Circular.

### **ITEM 3 – ANNUAL DINNER**

5. This year the Annual Dinner of the Association is to be held at the Victory Services Club, 63/79 Seymour Street, London W2 2HF on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2010, following the Annual General Meeting. Reception will be at 1800 hours for 1830 hours with the bar opening at 1730 hours. Branches and members are encouraged to support this very enjoyable annual event.

6. Dress for gentlemen will be lounge suits or blazer and flannels with Corps tie; ladies should dress appropriately.

7. In recent years it has been increasingly difficult to maintain the ticket price which has been held since 2000 at £18. Reluctantly HQ REA finds it necessary to raise the ticket price to £20. This still represents extremely good value for a 4 course meal at a top quality venue in Central London.

8. An application form for tickets will be issued with the next HQ Circular. Closing date for bookings will be 23 September 2010.

### **ITEM 4 – SAPPER SUNDAY, THE ROYAL HOSPITAL CHELSEA**

9. SAPPER SUNDAY will take place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at The Royal Hospital Chelsea. This is the day after the REA AGM and Annual Dinner and a good turnout from REA Members in London and from around the country is expected. Members are encouraged to attend this event, meet the RE In-Pensioners and swap stories over a few pints. Branches are requested to give this event the very widest publicity. The event in 2009 was the best attendance for years; as a result, the catering facilities of the Royal Hospital were severely stretched. This year, catering must be limited to 50, and available only to those in possession of an "REA Curry Pass". So if you are attending Sapper Sunday and would like a curry, please advise the Deputy Controller REA so that he can issue tickets for catering. Branches attending Sapper Sunday as a branch event are most welcome, but those attending the Annual Dinner and Sapper Sunday will be given priority for "REA Curry Passes".

### **ITEM 5 - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

10. Remembrance Sunday will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2010. Branches requiring tickets for the Remembrance Sunday Parade at the Cenotaph, Whitehall, London, are to apply, in writing, to HQ REA stating the number of tickets required.

11. The Royal British Legion has requested that bids are only made through Regimental Association Headquarters and not direct to them. Bids are requested by **30<sup>th</sup> July 2010** to enable a consolidated bid to be submitted during August.

### **ITEM 6 – NATIONAL STANDARD BEARERS COMPETITION**

12. The National Standard Bearers' Competition is to be held at Brompton Barracks, Chatham, during the Veterans/Corps Memorial Weekend as part of the main IRSME event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The exact timings are not yet known.

13. All Groups are encouraged to enter the competition, particularly as entrants for the competition may claim travelling and reasonable overnight expenses.

14. Groups and Branches are reminded that:

- a. Competitors must be REA members and members of the REA branch for which they carry the Standard.
- b. Participation is limited to winners of the Group Competition or person nominated by the Group Director where no competition takes place.
- c. Only one Standard Bearer from each group can take part in the National Competition.
- d. The current National Standard Bearer does not get automatic entry to the National Competition. The criteria at 14.b above apply.

#### **ITEM 7 – VETERANS’ WEEKENDS**

15. The Veterans’ Weekend at Minley is to be held over the weekend 18 - 20 June 2010.

16. The Veterans’ Weekend at Chatham is to be held over the weekend 17 – 19 September 2010.

17. Due to circumstances beyond our control, there will be no further Ripon Weekends.

#### **ITEM 8 – REA SPRING REUNION, MUNDESLEY HOLIDAY VILLAGE**

18. The REA Spring Reunion will take place at Mundesley Holiday Village, Mundesley, Norfolk over the period 14 - 21 May 2010. This is a top quality event that offers not only superb value for money, but also the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new ones and have a thoroughly good time. All the hard work has been done for you, all you need to do is attend and enjoy yourself. There may still be some vacancies for this event and Branches are urged to give this event priority advertising. Enquiries should be addressed to the Chairman, National Organiser and Secretary at the following address:

Mr H Evans  
20 Cormorant Rise  
Lower Wick  
Worcester WR2 4BA

#### **ITEM 9 - GROUP AND BRANCH OFFICIALS CONTACT LIST**

19. In order that an up-to-date Contact List can be compiled, printed and distributed by mid 2010, branch secretaries are requested to complete and return the enclosed REA Form 4 (Branch Officials) **by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010**. The Form has been revised to include the title and known name of branch officials. Branches are requested to ensure this new information is included. Branches failing to return REA Form 4 will not have their up-to-date details published in the 2010 Group and Branch Officials Contact List.

## ITEM 10 – STANDARD BEARERS EXPENSES

20. REA Form 3 to enable Branch Standard Bearers to reclaim travelling expenses for attending a National Event has been amended. With effect January 2009, branch Standard Bearers are permitted to claim travel expenses for each National Event they attend. A copy of Form 3 is enclosed for branch use and should be photocopied as required. A copy of REA Form 3 is also available on the REA website.

## ITEM 11 – REA FORM 8 – NOTIFICATION OF DEATH - OLD COMRADE

21. Branches are requested to use REA Form 8 when notifying HQ REA of the death of old comrades. Form 8 requests certain essential information that notification by letter often fails to convey. A copy of Form 8 is enclosed and should be copied as needed. The Form is also available online at <http://reahq.org.uk/pages-and-navigation/>



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Deputy Controller

### Enclosures:

1. REA Form 4 – Branch Information Sheets (Branch Secretaries only)
2. REA Form 3 – Standard Bearers Expenses (Branch Secretaries only)
3. REA Form 8 – Notification of Death - Old Comrade

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