

Artillery Clerks' Association
89th Reunion Dinner

Royal Artillery
Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Mess
Larkhill



Saturday 22nd June 2024

GUEST LIST

Guest of Honour

Brigadier M N Pountain CBE
Royal Artillery Colonel Commandant for Veterans

Guests

WO1 (RASM) James Lightfoot
WO2 (BSM) R Zietsman – 34 (Seringapatam) Bty RA

Special Guests

Traceylee and Robyn Cowan
Janet Brown and Carol Drake





ENTERTAINMENT

The Wiltshire Police Band

Music

A selection of traditional and modern music
to accompany the meal

The National Anthem

The Post Horn Gallop

The Royal Artillery Slow March

MENU

Chicken and Asparagus Salad
served with Blue Cheese dressing

Chicken Balmoral
Chicken with Haggis and Bacon
served with Parmentier herbed potatoes,
green bean and carrot medley, whiskey sauce

Lemon and White Chocolate Posset
served with a homemade Shortbread Biscuit

Cheese Board
A selection of Cheeses with Biscuits

Coffee & Tea

The Loyal Toast

The following is the procedure for drinking the Loyal Toast in Messes of the Royal Artillery.

- After the port has been passed round and all glasses are charged, the President¹ will tap the table for silence, stands up and addressing Mr Vice, says, "***Mr Vice - The King – Our Captain General***".
- Everyone will then stand up **with glass in hand**.
- Mr Vice will say "***Ladies and Gentlemen - The King***".
- The band will play one verse of the National Anthem.
- When the band has finished playing, all present will respond with '***The King***' before drinking the Toast. **No other words will be added.**
- All present then sit down and conversation is resumed.



¹ The Association Reunion Secretary

MESSAGE BOARD



Apologies and messages have been received from:

Snowy Snowdon - I wish all members the very best for the year ahead and hope you all have a cracking weekend.

Andy Tibble – I am sorry that I am unable to be with you this evening – duty calls! I do hope that you have an enjoyable evening and look forward to seeing you all next year. Best wishes.

John Reynolds – John has contributed £70 to the Port and sends his best wishes.

Chris Shuter – Sorry Julie and I cannot be with you this year as we are attending the biennial reunion of 16 Fd Bty RA. We hope you have a great weekend, and we look forward to meeting up again in Germany in December.

Ted Hall – As I am now an Octogenarian, I look back with pride at my military career which spanned from 1959 to 1984. I fondly remember the reunions in Woolwich and wish everyone my best wishes for the future.

Dennis Crawford - I regret to inform you that I will be unable to attend the 89th Dinner due to a lengthy medical condition. I do hope the reunion will continue to be a splendid affair and I wish all my fellow ACs prosperity and good health.

Harry Lomax – I am sorry and very much regret having to say I am unable to attend the Reunion this year. My best wishes and apologies to all that attend. I do hate missing meeting my fellow ACs, and this will be for the second time, I can only hope that 2025 will be OK.

Stephen Beard – I wish all members attending an enjoyable weekend and am looking forward to attending next year.

Alf Alvin – Apologies that I cannot be with you this evening celebrating the 89th reunion. I have made a humble promise to the Secretary to be there for the 90th. All I can simply add is to convey to everyone seated happiness, health and best wishes for the next year and all your endeavours – Ubique.

David Stotan – Sadly I will not be able to make this year's dinner. I wish you and all members a wonderful night. I have made a suitable donation to the port – enjoy.

Paddy Butler - I do wish that everyone attending has a wonderful dinner night and an amazing weekend. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2025.

Mark Testi - Good evening honoured guests and my fellow Artillery Clerks. Regrettably I will not be attending the reunion this year, as for a few years, I have not been in the UK at that time/and or family commitments have kept me away. That, combined with the tyranny of distance, is frustrating. My health has also not been what I would wish. I retire from the Australian Army Reserves on 2 July on medical grounds after nearly 49 years service in two armies, regular and reserve (I only went out for a pint of milk!). Joan and I have recently moved from Sydney to Lake Macquaire (a couple of hours to the North). We moved into our new house on 27 April and are starting to understand what retirement means and what it costs!! I have a plan to attend next year's Dinner but, like all plans, it may not survive contact with the enemy! Fingers crossed, please pass on my best wishes to all attending this year's Dinner for an enjoyable evening.

Mike Regan – Sadly for a few problems, unable to attend the Association Reunion Dinner this year and hope the event is successful and hopefully I will be able to attend next year. Kind regards to all members and guests.

Grant Peggie – It was a real honour to attend last year's dinner and represent my late father SSgt (AC) James Peggie. He was very proud of being a member of the Artillery Clerks' Association and would have attended if he could. I hope you all have a wonderful evening and please raise a glass to absent friends.

Phil Headford – My apologies but I shall be in Africa, not up the Nile but alongside a pool with a G&T in hand, toasting you all plus remembering fallen comrades.

Steve Seymour – I do hope you have a wonderful reunion. Writing this from my hospital bed. I have a problem with my heart, thankfully not heart attack. Should be up and hopefully walking and stick dancing again soon!!

Mick and Mary Johnston – Wishing you all a super weekend in Larkhill.

