

Dear All,

Herewith my latest update to keep you all informed of the REME Association Reform Project progress. Sara and I are back from hols now. We visited all our old haunts in Germany. It was fantastic. Detmold has not changed a great deal with much of Hobart Barracks as it was apart from the road being fully open at both ends. I was surprised to see the site of 4 Armd Wksp is now a housing estate, many of the buildings in the heart of camp are unoccupied and the 4 Armd Sgts' Mess building has been demolished. Also the parade square at my first posting, 7 Signal Regt in Herford is a communal gardens. Soest town was looking beautiful and I have to say we did not appreciate it as perhaps we should have done 30 odd years ago. It was terrific to go back to Germany and it was pleasing how familiar everything seemed. We can thoroughly recommend it if you get the chance. On with the update.

August Craftsman Magazine

Delighted to say the Association has been allocated the centre page spread in the August Craftsman magazine. This will feature a review of the Reunion held in Huddersfield in April and an update on the Reform Project.

Annual Voluntary Charitable Donations. Forms are being received – thank you. Grateful you continue to drive the need for all to complete a form within your branches and areas. GDPR means we need your permission to keep in touch so please encourage all to complete the permissions form as a minimum. The donation forms are for those that choose to do so. All forms are attached and if you need a supply of hard copies please let Hayley know and she will send them in the post to you. You will see these are in 3 x stages:

1. Description and GDPR permissions.
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There is no pressure to donate but please, I urge you all to consider this carefully. The Corps is shrinking and as a direct consequence income via the Day's Pay Scheme from those currently serving to The REME Charity and Association is dwindling. With your help we can do more, so any commitments to donate will be greatly appreciated. The suggested amount is £15 per year but anything you are able to promise will be gratefully received. Thank you for your consideration and please spread the word.

REME Museum. Thanks for your help with tracking down the history regarding the Canadian Coin. John Edwards was in touch with Jen at the Museum and the mystery is solved – thanks John.

Roadshows. Dates are now set. North – Catterick on Wed 19 Sep 18 and South – Tidworth on Tue 30 Oct 18. Both events will be during working hours and I will provide details nearer the time. Hope to see many of you there.

Professional Linkages. I am delighted to say we have 2 volunteers so far to help form a network of volunteer ambassadors to offer advice on professional matters and links to professional institutions. David Naylor and Chris Emmett have stepped forward – sincere thanks to both. The vision is for Dave White, SO2 Personal

Development and Matt Chapman the raja in RHQ REME, to have a network of mentors throughout the UK and world if possible, they can call on to help our former servicemen and women with their careers in civilian life, in particular advice on Professional Institution memberships and applications. Please let me know if you or you know of others that may be able to help in a similar manner.

Summary. I hope you agree we are getting there. Your continued assistance and support is greatly appreciated and will ensure The REME Association survives and thrives. We cannot do it without you. Please forward this email widely within your branches and areas to ensure as many as possible are receiving it directly. Have a great summer and look out for the August Craftsman magazine.