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From the Secretary – Maj (Retd) PA Raison



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## Regional and Branch Secretaries

Please see below the monthly news from RHQ PARA. If you have anything you would like to promote in this please send submissions by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to the Secretary at [secretary@prahq.com](mailto:secretary@prahq.com)

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## A. Online Membership Form

A new online membership form is now live on the website. This is a big step forward and will hopefully encourage people to join in the near future. The whole process is electronic, including payment and is designed to make the application process easier to access on computer and mobile devices. Proof of eligibility of all categories is still required and files and photographs can be uploaded simply and easily.

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## **B Parachute Regimental Association Diaries**

The Parachute Regimental Association Diaries are available for 2018. The style of the diary is the same as last year with a Red flash on the front and back cover with the Regimental Badge overlaying the Pegasus and Parachute Regimental Association printed in silver with an organiser diary and notepad.

The delivered price, per diary including postage and packing will be £2.75 with a minimum order to meet this price of 8 diaries. This is excellent value for money.

Can I please ask all Branches and individuals to promote this to their members as a priority? To order please contact: Michael Hurst Tel: 0151 547 4776 Email: [Michael.Hurst@totalglass.com](mailto:Michael.Hurst@totalglass.com)

## **C. Static Collections (Can Collections)**

Collections by members of the Association are vitally important to the support and assistance we can offer our Airborne Veterans. There are however some strict guidelines attached to this method of fundraising. Branch Secretaries are kindly requested to ensure that all those involved in such collections are made aware of the conditions prior to collections taking place. A detailed document is attached which provides the necessary information.

## **D. Collection Procedure and Accounting**

For accounting purposes Branches should ensure that they use a form similar to the attached version.

## **E. Charity Commission News**

The Charity Commission News is a quarterly newsletter, which provides essential information for charity trustees and their advisers. This is vital reading for any trustee within the Branches and provides a wealth of information on new ways in which to boost charity funds for organisations of all sizes. Further details can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/charity-commission-news>

## **F Calendar Events 2018**

The calendar events on the website have been updated with as much information as we have at the moment. If anyone has any other confirmed dates for events in 2018 that their Branch is organising, please let me know. Please provide dates and timings along with as much information as you can at the present time to enable people to plan ahead. It is important that we get the information regarding events out at the earliest opportunity to allow Branches and individuals to plan ahead. All event dates and information should be sent to: [secretary@prahq.com](mailto:secretary@prahq.com)

## **G. Active Member Survey**

The Branch survey continues and a big thank you to all those that have responded so far. Branches can supply their list of members in whatever form they wish, handwritten or electronic copies are most welcome. So far we have received 35 of the 79 Branches membership lists which has generated a total of 1281 'Active Members'. All returns to the Secretary at the earliest opportunity please.

## **H. Newsletter Articles**

The format and content of the monthly newsletter is aimed at all members and provides Branches with an opportunity to advertise or present events and information that would be of interest to all members. If you have any information that you would like to put forward to the newsletter please email the Secretary at: [secretary@prahq.com](mailto:secretary@prahq.com)

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### **I. Julia's Departure**

The time has come for Julia to depart on maternity leave. I would like you all to join me in wishing her all the very best for the forthcoming birth of her baby in November. Unfortunately, no short term replacement has been identified, so all enquiries should be directed to the Secretary from Fri 10 Nov 17.

### **EVENTS**

#### **J. Pass out Parades (POP)**

If you have not attended a modern day POP before then why not organise a Branch trip? The next parades are as follows:

794 Oudna Platoon	Friday 17 November 17
795 Normandy Platoon	Friday 15 December 17
796 Arnhem Platoon	Friday 23 February 18
797 Bruneval Platoon	Friday 27 April 18

The parades take place at Helles Barracks, Catterick. Please ensure that you make contact with ITC Catterick prior to attending as cancellations do occur with minimum notice given.

#### **K. Commemoration Dates for 2018/2019**

For planning purposes please note the future dates for Commemorations:

##### **Ardennes**

2018 23-26 Mar

##### **Normandy**

2018 5-7 Jun

##### **Regimental Commemoration Day - National Memorial Arboretum**

2018 23 Jun

##### **Arnhem**

74<sup>th</sup> 2018 21-23 Sep

75<sup>th</sup> 2019 20-22 Sep

#### **L. Remembrance Day Parade 2017**

Applications to march at this year's Cenotaph parade are now closed. The parade will be led by Major General (Retd) Dair Farrar-Hockley MC. The Association has been allocated Column 'A' which means we will be at the head of the parade. The outline timings for the event are as follows:

- 0800 Horse Guards open
- 1000 Contingents are to be Assembled ready to march into Whitehall
- 1005 Contingents step off from Horse Guards as directed by Parade Marshals
- 1050 All contingents to be formed up in Whitehall
- 1059 Her Majesty The Queen arrives at the Cenotaph
- 1100 Two Minute Silence

All those attending must bring photographic ID such as a passport or driving licence and proof of residence.

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Those who would like to march but have not applied for a ticket travel at their own risk. Security will be tight on the day

**M. Diary Dates**

4 Nov 17 El Gamil dinner Novotel, Bostock Lane, East Midlands, NG10 4EP

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Jim Feeney on: [james.feeney148@btinternet.com](mailto:james.feeney148@btinternet.com)

9 Nov 17	RBL Field of Remembrance	Westminster	
10 Nov 17	St Paul & St Lawrence Jewry	London	
12 Nov 17	Remembrance Day	London	Entry now closed
24 Nov 17	Annual Officers Dinner	London	

1-5 Mar 18 1 PARA Reunion Blackpool POC: Arthur Mullander  
[arthur1para@outlook.com](mailto:arthur1para@outlook.com) Mob: 07747 155261

2-5 Mar 18 2 PARA Reunion Blackpool POC: Dave Singletary  
[david.singletary@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.singletary@ntlworld.com) Mob: 07940 576977

16-19 Mar 18 3 PARA Reunion Blackpool  
[3parareunionclub.co.uk](http://3parareunionclub.co.uk)

Details of all these events and others are available on the Web Page at  
[www.theparachutereqimentalassociation.com](http://www.theparachutereqimentalassociation.com)

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